

*BOARD-APPROVED GRANTS: February 2023*

**GOAL: CREATE AN EQUITABLE COMMUNITY**  
***Poverty Action Area***

Recommendations are supported by:

- *Community Impact Fund*: Unrestricted fund for general charitable and educational purposes.
- *Elmer Schwittek Free Enterprise Fund*: Established by a donor who cared deeply about promoting understanding of free enterprise.
- *Fund for Self Esteem*: Created after the sale of a local business, this fund supports projects that increase self-worth.
- *Racial Equity and Social Justice Fund*: This Foundation Fund supports projects, programs, and initiatives that address and remedy inequities and injustices and build common ground throughout our eight-county region.
- *Woman's Education and Industrial Union*: Continues the community concerns of a group established in 1893 by promoting the educational, economic, legal, and social advancement of children and families.

**Empire Justice Center: \$75,000**

CASH (Creating Assets, Savings and Hope) is an initiative that provides free income tax preparation services that make tax filing easier. It targets consumers in Monroe County and offers them free income tax preparation, asset building opportunities, and referrals to community resources.

**Greater Rochester Enterprise Foundation: \$40,000**

Economic Gardening is an economic development strategy and program that accelerates the growth of second stage businesses and the creation of new jobs by providing assistance to companies that are poised for expansion.

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***Racial Equity Action Area***

Recommendations are supported by:

- *Lorma E. Gardner Endowment Fund II*: A bequest created this endowment fund to provide ongoing support to programs and organizations that support children.
- *The Sarah Collins Fund*: An estate gift from this retired Rochester Institute of Technology professor and community organization volunteer addresses the needs of oppressed and marginalized people.

**Center for Teen Empowerment: \$60,000**

The Center for Teen Empowerment (TE) will hire 24 Youth Organizers to work where they live and create change in their own neighborhoods; this cohort is focused on two Rochester quadrants: the south-Westside and north-Eastside. The YOs will join with peers and other neighborhood adults in the organization's unique youth-led initiatives focused on the arts, dialogue, policy and collaboration to build community resiliency and catalyze individual, community, and systemic levels of change.



**GOAL: STRENGTHEN REGIONAL VITALITY**  
***Arts Action Area***

Recommendations supported by:

- *Anne McQuay Arts and Cultural Fund II*: A bequest from the unofficial "Mayor of Gibbs Street" benefits Rochester's music, dance, and cultural institutions.
- *Arts Prevail Fund*: Established by the Community Foundation to promote racial equity in the arts and provide adaptive equipment that arts organizations need, such as personal protective equipment and technological support, to continue with virtual programming.
- *Castle Fund for Music Education*: This was created through the will of John W. Castle, Jr. to support music education programs in Monroe County.
- *Christine Mertz Dear Fund*: Provides support for local arts organizations.
- *Community Arts Fund*: Supports small and emerging arts organizations.
- *Community Impact Fund*: Unrestricted fund for general charitable and educational purposes.
- *Dolores and Philip Neivert Ages and Stages Fund*: Established by longtime supporters of the Community Foundation to improve quality of life for the community's residents.
- *Dorothy Kitzing and Elizabeth Kitzing Fund*: These sisters made the Community Foundation one of five beneficiaries of a Charitable Remainder Trust to establish this fund for development of the performing arts and literacy training.
- *Esther Usdane Memorial Fund*: For community theater in memory of a woman who loved it.
- *Fund for the Fine and Performing Arts*: To promote the growth and development of arts organizations.
- *Helen Gladys Ritter Mohr Fund*: A bequest created this fund to benefit children.
- *Loma Moyer Allen Arts for Youth Fund*: A bequest by this community volunteer, arts enthusiast and co-founder of the Urban League of Rochester enables financially needy youth to participate in local arts and cultural programs.
- *Rodney Hatch Family Fund*: A charitable remainder trust established this fund to support the arts. To distribute \$10,000 to Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra for its Sustainability Initiative
- *Sarah Collins Fund*: To address the needs of oppressed and marginalized people.

**A Magical Journey Thru Stages: \$5,000**

A Magical Journey Thru Stages is requesting a \$10,000 grant to support Summer Youth Theater Programs in 2023 where up to 200 Rochester area youth, ages 6-18, will benefit from high-quality, out-of-school, community theater programs.

**BIODANCE, Inc.: \$5,000**

BIODANCE will create an evening of new dance works in collaboration with Mount Hope World Singers and carry out eight public performances, six of which will be free of charge and held in theaters, community centers, hospitals, outdoor spaces, and gallery spaces in Rochester. BIODANCE will teach at least 10 free limited mobility dance classes for senior citizens at the Community Place of Greater Rochester Senior Center, which is also one of the venues for a free performance.



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**Blackfriars Theatre: \$5,000**

Blackfriars Theatre is partnering with Borinquen Dance Theatre and School of the Arts to produce "Once On This Island" at Blackfriars Theatre in March/April 2023. The production will serve as a professional shadowing experience for SOTA students in areas of performance, design, and production, and Borinquen staff will serve as cultural consultants and the production's choreographer.

**Center for Teen Empowerment: \$5,000**

Clarissa Uprooted's Pythodd Tribute Mural will engage youth artists and elders to create a vibrant and visible mural that unearths the role of this legendary Black-owned jazz club (1940-60s) lost to highway construction and urban renewal, recognize young Rochester musicians who got their start there, and promote musicianship and pride to youth through the Black community once dubbed Rochester's Broadway.

**DEEP Arts, Inc.: \$5,000**

In partnership with Blue Sky Project Films, DEEP Arts is completing a documentary film "Finding Home," which explores the intersection of art-making and real life. "Finding Home" documents the development of "Moses Man," a musical about a Holocaust survivor's story and how it collides with contemporary refugees linking them across generations by discrimination, persecution, genocide, displacement, and the current rise of antisemitism.

**Finger Lakes Opera Inc: \$10,000**

Finger Lakes Opera (FLO) requests support for the workshopping of a newly commissioned, one-act opera called "Two Corners," composed by B.E. Boykin with libretto by Jarrod Lee.

**Fivebyfive: \$4,500**

In this project fivebyfive will partner with Rochester Museum and Science Center's (RMSC) Strassenburgh Planetarium and The Memorial Art Gallery (MAG) to present two free, engaging public events (January and April, 2024) that will build awareness and excitement for the April 8, 2024 total solar eclipse with Rochester in the path of totality.

**Friendly Senior Living: \$5,000**

To address the needs of an increasing number of individuals suffering from Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, The Friendly Home is committed to offering enhanced programming for these residents including music therapy, which is proven to be a most positive experience that encourages engagement, interaction, and creative expression as well as positive health outcomes.

**Garth Fagan Dance: \$5,000**

Garth Fagan Dance (GFD) will pilot a new program that introduces StageCraft Careers to youth and young adults of color. This program is in response to the lack of representation of Black craftspeople in the StageCraft field in Greater Rochester and throughout the US.

**Gateways Music Festival: \$50,000**

The 2023 chamber music-focused Gateways Music Festival— featuring performances, public programs, and youth activities— will take place from Monday, October 16 through Sunday, October 22, 2023, in Rochester, NY and New York City.

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**Genesee-Orleans Regional Arts Council: \$5,000**

GO ART! will further develop the Explore Art! program to provide diverse and inclusive workshops, classes, events, and opportunities for the residents of Genesee and Orleans Counties to experience and interact with the arts in a meaningful, enriching, and positive way.

**Genesee Valley Council on the Arts: \$5,000**

The Genesee Valley Council on the Arts project will support a varied series of workshops that promotes arts engagement with farmworkers in our predominantly rural region through CAMPS' ongoing successful program that reaches this underserved, minority demographic.

**Geneva Music Festival: \$7,500**

Geneva Music Festival presents a series of eight chamber, jazz, and crossover music concerts performed by nationally recognized professional musicians, plus a week of six free community concerts and outreach programs for children and seniors.

**George Eastman Museum: \$5,000**

The Art of Movie Music will present a series of eight curated films, each highlighting a different composer from the history of film, in the George Eastman Museum's Dryden Theatre, in a collaboration between the museum, the Beal Institute for Film Music and Contemporary Media, and Hobart and William Smith Colleges, introduced by guest presenters and followed by a question and answer.

**Grupo Cultural Latinos en Rochester: \$5,000**

Los del Mambo is a multi-component program that will offer a bilingual educational and cultural program that focuses on the culture, art, and history of different dances from Latin America and other regions.

**Jazz90.1 WGMC (Greece Community Broadcasting): \$5,000**

Jazz90.1 live programming focused on Black History Month and Women's History Month.

**Livingston County Historical Society: \$5,000**

The Anti-slavery Society Digital Display project seeks to capture the original minutes of the Livingston County Anti-Slavery Society and related historical data in a digital kiosk as part of a new educational display at the Livingston County Historical Museum.

**Exhibition Programming at Main Street Arts: \$5,000**

Exhibition Programming at Main Street Arts in Clifton Springs offers a wide range of artwork and concepts by artists from our region and beyond, serving as the basis for many other educational arts programs to engage our local and regional community.

**Mary Cariola Children's Center: \$5,000**

Art pottery therapy services for children and youth with developmental disabilities, to explore the sensations of working with clay through the different steps and forms it takes to become the completed piece for them to keep and take home to their families.

**Pegasus Early Music: \$5,000**

Pegasus Early Music will collaborate with local new music ensemble fivebyfive in a juxtaposed shared concert of Sephardic medieval and new music.



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**Pennsylvania Yankee Theatre Company: \$5,000**

The Pennsylvania Yankee Theatre Company (PYTCo) Youth Summer Camp plans to expand its operations to be a full day program for its 19th season, which will allow for development of the educational component and additional guest presenters about the components of theatre.

**Publick Musick: \$4,000**

Publick Musick will present repeat performances of two of its programs in Dansville, free of charge.

**PUSH Physical Theatre: \$8,000**

Through an engaging presentation and talkback, teens will learn both why and how to make healthy choices to protect their kidneys—and overall health—in the years to come, focusing on a few simple actions over which they have control.

**Rochester City Ballet: \$7,000**

Emerging choreographer and talented artist Jared Allan Brunson will create a new contemporary ballet piece on RCB dancers, to be debuted in March 2023 to a wide swath of community audiences.

**Rochester Fringe Festival: \$50,000**

The 2023 Rochester Fringe Festival will take place September 12-23, giving the community unique, thought-provoking, and awe-inspiring performances and providing platforms for artists which would be otherwise unavailable.

**Rochester Oratorio Society: \$7,200**

Rochester Oratorio Society (ROS) will contribute significantly to the cultural environment of Monroe County through a new series of hybrid performances/seminars titled “Arts Connexions,” exploring the intersection of BIPOC culture, vocal music and arts, especially classical vocals.

**Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra: \$5,000**

RPO education programs provide orchestral music experiences annually to 15,000 Rochester students, including 100 percent of Rochester City School District third and fifth graders; concerts are paired with pre-concert classroom curricula tied to NY State Education Department Learning Standards for the Arts.

**Spiritus Christi Prison Outreach, Inc.: \$5,000**

The Arts & Nature Project supplements the activities of the Family Reunification Program with alternative forms of healing and coping that support the re-entry community in their recovery from substance use disorders, pursuit of housing stability, prevention of recidivism, and breakaway from generational cycles of poverty.

**Student Arts Foundation: \$5,000**

Student Arts Foundation gives local youth an outlet for creative self-expression and access to the tools and providers to develop and showcase their artistic talents.

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**The Center for Youth: \$5,000**

Strings for Success (SFS) is an innovative, free, inclusive instrumental strings program fostering the whole child development of students in grades 3-8 at School 19 in Rochester, NY, providing lessons, ensembles, performance opportunities, and interaction with visiting artists, designed to create skilled musicians, strengthen social-emotional development, and create pathways for future academic success, career development, and personal transformation through music.

**The Dove Block Project: \$5,000**

The program consists of three parts: the annual Arthur Dove Lecture, a juried exhibition of Finger Lakes artists who work in the manner of Arthur Dove, the early American modernist, and a workshop translating these values into a new medium – photography.

**The Hochstein School: \$5,000**

Making Music, Making Strides is an early childhood music education program serving pre-K students ages 3-5 from underserved, low-income families in the city of Rochester, in partnership with urban childcare centers of the YMCA.

**Timothy M Draper Center for Dance Education: \$5,000**

Ballet Jump-Start! will provide free dance classes and is open to all three- and four-year-olds in Monroe County and the surrounding region.

**Versus Charter School: \$9,000**

With an expanded Music Education Program at Vertus High School, students will be able to take a greater variety and number of music classes as well as experience hands-on music production and instrumental learning opportunities.

**Visual Studies Workshop (Fiscal Sponsor for 7th Films): \$15,000**

The “Pressure Gradient” documentary seeks to showcase the grassroots movement for social justice by Black, Asian, and American Indian activists in Rochester and what their activism could achieve, from their firsthand perspective.

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**GOAL: STRENGTHEN REGIONAL VITALITY**  
*Environmental Justice & Sustainability*

Recommendations supported by:

- *Community Impact Fund*: Unrestricted fund for general charitable and educational purposes.
- *H Fund*: To support environmental programs

**Climate Solutions Accelerator: \$70,000**

The Climate Solutions Accelerator is continuing its work to build a climate-focused collective impact initiative and implement a regional climate action strategy to achieve the greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals of the New York State Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA), while maximizing the co-benefits of equitable climate action for our region.

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