

**PROGRAM/DISTRIBUTIONS COMMITTEE**  
**September 2023 GRANT RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

Recommendations are supported by:

- *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.

**The Children's Agenda: \$30,000**

The Children's Agenda plans to enhance our community's capacity to win policy changes that reduce inequities for children through successful parent advocacy with parents of Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC) children ages 0-8 in Rochester and the inner ring suburbs.

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

Recommendations are supported by:

- *Plumb-Miller Fund*: To benefit youth and preserve the dignity of the elderly

**Wayne County Department of Aging & Youth: \$52,000**

There has been a growing waitlist for the Home Delivered Meal program in Wayne County since November 2022. This is due to a lower level of state and county funding for the program. With co-investment from our partners ESL and Greater Rochester Health Foundation, this grant will carry the county office through until the amended and approved budget for next fiscal year and will immediately take citizens in need off the waitlist.

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

Recommendations supported by:

- *Joseph E. Brown Environmental Education Fund*: Established with an IRA distribution to improve our community.

**Greentopia: \$5,000**

Rochester Ecofest is designed to be an engaging, participatory event geared towards the themes of sustainability, renewable energy, ecology, the natural environment, and environmental justice for our community.

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***Cross-Cutting***

***Cross-cutting grants*** support our work in more than one Goal or Action Area.

Recommendations supported by:

- *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.

**Visual Studies Workshop: \$10,000**

In This Moment is a publication project profiling Black leaders from Rochester through “chapbooks,” created by teams of Black writers, photographers, and a curator. The project has been in existence for two years with documented success. Feedback points to ITM's success in fostering cultural awareness, representation, and inclusion in Rochester. This second phase will result in a series of 10 new chapbooks that are created and distributed for free to local students and community members through Rochester Public Libraries (10,000 copies in total).