

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

**GOAL: CREATE AN EQUITABLE COMMUNITY**  
***Poverty / Upward Mobility Action Area***

Recommendations are supported by:

- *Community Impact Fund*: Unrestricted fund for general charitable and educational purposes.
- *Greater Rochester Women's Fund*: To support programs which encourage advancement and opportunities for economic, educational, physical, emotional, social, artistic, and personal growth of women and girls, which advocate policy and systems change, increase awareness and support for interests of women and girls, increase range of options.
- *Joan and Harold Feinbloom Fund*: A local family converted a supporting foundation to this type of fund to carry on their philanthropic legacy of supporting youth and families, including arts and culture programming and violence prevention initiatives.
- *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.
- *Thomas P. Ryan Jr. Youth in Action Fund*: Community leaders honored Rochester's longest-serving mayor by creating this fund to help young people develop character and responsibility through volunteer service.
- *Woman's Education and Industrial Union Fund*: Continues the community concerns of a group established in 1893 by promoting the educational, economic, legal, and social advancement of children and families.

**Alianza Agricola, Inc.: \$50,000**

The project aims to provide transportation for its members to various events and activities to increase participation and engagement as part of Alianza Agricola's goal to empower farmworker families.

**First Presbyterian Church Albion: \$3,500**

The First Presbyterian Church of Albion provides free English as a Second Language (ESL) classes and high school equivalency exam preparation to serve the Spanish-speaking migrant agricultural worker community in Orleans County.

**Hillside Children's Foundation: \$50,000**

Hillside Children's Foundation's Community Service program uplifts at-risk Livingston County youth ages 7-18 at-risk behaviors that may cause out-of-home placement or further involvement with the Juvenile Justice System. By teaching personal accountability, impulse control, and goal setting in a collaborative strengths-based approach, the program aims to divert recidivism and adverse pathways while providing treatment in a cost-efficient manner.

**Orleans County Adult Learning Services (OCALS): \$3,000**

Orleans County Adult Learning Services is requesting support to fund advertising and outreach materials to increase community awareness of their free adult and childhood literacy tutoring services in Orleans County.

**United Way of Orleans County: \$10,000**

The United Way of Orleans County will commission a Housing Action Strategy in coordination with the key stakeholders with the goal of increasing the availability of affordable housing over 3 years, focusing on low-to-moderate income residents.

**VIA: Visually Impaired Advancement: \$20,000**

VIA (Visually Impaired Advancement) will provide a part-time outreach staff position to provide 211 navigational services and outreach in Orleans and Genesee counties.

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***Racial Equity Action Area***

Recommendations are supported by:

- *Edward R. Lane Fund*: A bequest from a retired assistant director of the former Finger Lakes Health Systems Agency (now Common Ground Health) established this fund to support health, social services, and educational needs of underserved populations.

**Cancer Support Community at Gilda's Club: \$5,000**

The "Mapping My Journey in Rural Communities" outreach program will provide cancer screening and support services to underserved groups in Livingston, Genesee, and Orleans counties.

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**GOAL: STRENGTHEN REGIONAL VITALITY**  
***Promoting Successful Aging Action Area***

Recommendations are supported by:

- *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.

**Monroe County Aging Alliance: \$4,000**

Provides mini grants to Monroe County Aging Alliance (MCAA) partners to use for updating their websites or revising collateral materials with more age-friendly language and images.

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***Cross-Cutting***

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

Recommendations supported by:

- *Housing Education Fund*: For housing programs in the city of Rochester.
- *Plumb-Miller Fund*: To benefit youth and preserve the dignity of the elderly.

**Genesee County Village & Museum: \$7,500**

The Rural School Admission Support program provides subsidized educational field trips to Genesee County schools serving economically disadvantaged students.

**Rochester ENergy Efficiency and Weatherization (RENEW): \$50,000**

RENEW is a collective impact initiative that braids resources and works cooperatively to make the homes of low-to-moderate income area homeowners more energy-efficient, healthier, and safer. This new funding request will supplement investments in home improvements and will help approximately 10-15 additional households receive assistance.