

**PROGRAM/DISTRIBUTIONS COMMITTEE
MAY 2024 GRANT RECOMMENDATIONS**

GOAL: CREATE AN EQUITABLE COMMUNITY
Education Action Area

Recommendations are supported by:

- *Joan and Harold Feinbloom Fund*: Supporting youth and families, including arts and culture programming and violence prevention initiatives.
- *Plumb-Miller Fund*: To benefit youth and preserve the dignity of the elderly.
- *Youth Impact Grants Fund*: Pooled fund to support and impact youth.

Genesee-Orleans Regional Arts Council: \$55,000

GO ART! will further develop the Explore Art! arts education program, providing diverse and inclusive workshops, classes, events, and opportunities for kids of Genesee and Orleans counties aged 2-18 while providing scholarships for participants with financial needs.

Rochester Ecology Partners: \$20,000

The proposed Middle School Navigators: Summer Bridge Program will provide a unique, nature-based learning experience to help incoming middle school students in the Rochester City School District build community, explore identity, and develop the skills and habits of mind needed to be successful in the coming school year.

Rochester Education Foundation: \$20,000

The Smile Program provides cherished once-in-a-lifetime experiential scientific opportunities for students in the Rochester City School District. This grant will enable 500 fifth graders to participate in an exciting Genesee River Science Cruise as part of the program's efforts to address trauma presented by violence, poor teacher retention, and poor overall attendance through enriching learning experiences.

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

Recommendations are supported by:

- *Children's Fund*: Established with a gift from the Brighton High School Student Council, this fund supports the needs of young people.
- *Community Impact Fund*: Unrestricted fund for general charitable and educational purposes.
- *Winona E. Moore Fund*: An estate bequest for the benefit of area children, this fund honors one of the Community Foundation's earliest volunteers, a gifted writer who taught at Monroe High School.

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Yates County (CCE-Yates): \$5,000

CCE-Yates will expand their family life skills programming to approximately 24 individuals and continue youth outreach efforts to an estimated 100 young people in Yates County. The project will provide financial literacy education, budgeting tools, and youth development activities in partnership with local libraries, recreation programs, and community organizations.

Keuka Housing Council, Inc: \$3,000

Keuka Housing Council is seeking seed funding for phase 1 predevelopment activities of its affordable housing expansion project in Yates County. The grant will help fund crucial initial

steps including environmental studies, land assessments, permitting, and community engagement. This targeted funding will allow the project to launch with solid legal, environmental, and community-supported due diligence before moving into the construction phase to develop 150 affordable housing units.

Our Town Rocks: \$2,000

Our Town Rocks is seeking operational support for their continued activities in the Dundee community of Yates County. The grant will help fund crucial support to residents in need around combatting food insecurity and creating a sense of pride in their community.

GOAL: CREATE AN EQUITABLE COMMUNITY
Racial Equity Action Area

Recommendations are supported by:

- *Community Impact Fund*: Unrestricted fund for general charitable and educational purposes.

Rochester Procurement Equity Project: \$14,000

Funding to support the operations of the Rochester Procurement Equity Project (RPEP), an initiative aimed at increasing purchasing from local Black-, Latino-, and Indigenous-owned businesses by large employers in the Rochester region.

Urban League of Rochester: \$44,091

The Urban League's 12-month Interrupt Racism Cohort Program guides employers through an intensive anti-racism curriculum to foster institutional change, disrupt inequitable practices, and create inclusive workplaces that support employee growth and serve as community models.

GOAL: STRENGTHEN REGIONAL VITALITY
Promoting Successful Aging Action Area

Recommendations are supported by:

- *Community Impact Fund*: Unrestricted fund for general charitable and educational purposes.

Lifespan of Greater Rochester: \$4,000

Lifespan of Greater Rochester seeks funding to sponsor an employee's participation in the American Society on Aging's RISE fellowship program. RISE is a six-month program that provides training, mentorship, and networking opportunities to prepare BIPOC leaders to address inequities in aging. Fellows gain skills in advocacy, social justice, and leadership while completing a project that contributes to innovative practices in the field.

GOAL: STRENGTHEN REGIONAL VITALITY
Arts and Culture Action Area

Recommendations are supported by:

- *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.

- *Community Impact Fund*: Unrestricted fund for general charitable and educational purposes.

WXXI: \$25,000

WXXI seeks to develop the most effective, accessible, and thorough Community Cultural Calendar. A robust online calendar that's supported by weekly curated arts and life newsletters can cultivate a strong arts community and improve life in the region.

CROSS CUTTING

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

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- *Community Impact Fund*: Unrestricted fund for general charitable and educational purposes

President's Office: \$7,500

Renewal of the Council on Foundations membership to enhance our organization's ability to serve and support our community by leveraging best practices, resources, and networking opportunities in the philanthropic sector.