

PROGRAM/DISTRIBUTIONS COMMITTEE
August 2024 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.
- *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.

Geneva Light Opera: \$5,000

The project supplements arts education programs in the Geneva Public Schools by organizing and underwriting in-school performances of comic opera and subsidizing student attendance at their main stage performances by providing free tickets to school-age children and discounted general admission tickets for parents and caregivers.

Partnership for Ontario: \$15,000

Ontario County Youth Court is a peer-led diversion program offering restorative justice alternatives for first-time youth offenders. The program empowers young people through engagement in the judicial process while fostering community responsibility and personal growth.

The Salvation Army: \$10,000

The Salvation Army's Comprehensive Youth Programs in Ontario County provide affordable, accessible childcare and youth programming for ages 5-12. These services support families' stability and create avenues for economic and social mobility through educational support, recreation, and character-building activities.

GOAL: STRENGTHEN REGIONAL VITALITY
Environmental Justice & Sustainability Action Area

Recommendations are supported by:

- *H Fund*: To support environmental programs and organizations that assist abused and homeless women.

Climate Solutions Accelerator: \$15,000

The Climate Solutions Accelerator seeks funding to work with Causewave Community Partners to facilitate the development of an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) grant proposal and subsequent grant writing and submission.

GOAL: STRENGTHEN REGIONAL VITALITY
Historic Preservation Action Area

Recommendations are supported by:

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

- *Elizabeth Gibson Holahan Fund for Historic Preservation I*: A prominent decorator and preservationist bequeathed her historic East Boulevard home and residual estate to the Community Foundation, creating this fund for historic preservation.
- *Gonsenhauser Family Fund*: Created in memory of a Brighton dairy farmer to support farm animal welfare and agricultural education, particularly about dairy, urban and/or sustainable farming.
- *Lloyd E. Klos Historical Fund*: To support historical preservation, education, and information.
- *Plumb-Miller Fund*: To benefit youth and preserve the dignity of the elderly.

Avon Free Library: \$10,000

This project aims to preserve the Barber Memorial Building by replacing the original, deteriorating slate roof with a new slate roof that is period correct and respects the building's listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

Christ Church: \$15,000

This project aims to repair and restore the floor of historic Wilder Hall in Christ Church Rochester's parish house. The current flooring has developed holes that pose a safety risk to the homeless and marginalized individuals who are served meals there twice weekly.

Church of God and Saints of Christ: \$15,000

The project seeks to restore and preserve a historic 1886 Romanesque Revival synagogue, which now serves as a church and community center in the City of Rochester.

Clarissa Street Legacy: \$22,155

The Clarissa Uprooted Exhibit (CUE) is transitioning from a temporary installation to a permanent, widely accessible community resource. This phase aims to bridge the Clarissa Street story to permanence, acting as a catalyst for community pride, racial equity, and revitalization in Rochester.

East Pembroke Grange: \$15,000

The East Pembroke Grange seeks to repair and restore its historic 115-year-old hall's damaged floor, eliminating insect infestation and reinforcing the stage to revitalize the building as a community meeting place in Genesee County.

First Baptist Church: \$5,000

This project to repair the ceiling of one of the rooms is one of a series of restorative efforts to maintain the building and support its congregation that also serves the entire community.

Flower City Arts Center: \$20,000

Flower City Arts Center will restore the exterior of its historic firehouse building located in the upper Monroe Avenue neighborhood through repairing/re-glazing windows and painting/repairing decaying window trim in a manner that preserves the original work while enhancing its aesthetic appeal and functionality.

Friends & Foundation of the Rochester Public Library: \$18,370

The Rochester Public Library seeks support for a project to diversify the existing Shoulders to Stand On LGBTQIA2+ Archive by documenting underrepresented aspects of LGBTQIA2+ history and experience, including those of BIPOC, trans/non-binary, and/or differently abled persons.

Friends of Ganondagan: \$14,900

The Haudenosaunee Roots, Culture, and Traditions programming consists of a series of cultural programs (offered between September 2024 and August 2025), which provide authentic engagement and experiential learning through an Indigenous lens with the focus on cultural teachings, living traditions, and contemporary life while connecting to the natural world.

Friends of Parrott Hall, Inc.: \$20,000

The Friends of Parrott Hall and Coalition partners will work with a professional preservation architect to complete interior renovations and minor work on the veranda of Parrott Hall, a National Register-listed building on the Cornell AgriTech campus in Geneva.

Friends of the Schooner Lotus, Inc: \$10,000

The Friends of the Schooner Lotus seeks funding to fulfill a portion of the matching grant required to restore the historic wooden schooner Lotus to seaworthy condition, enabling it to pass US Coast Guard inspection as a class "T" public vessel for service in Sodus Bay and nearby coastal waters in the Northeast.

Genesee Country Village & Museum: \$15,000

The preservation of the exterior of Genesee Country Village & Museum's 1814 MacKay Homestead includes scraping and sanding all wood surfaces, repairing and sealing cracks, reglazing windows where necessary, and priming and painting the full exterior of the building.

Genesee Valley Council on the Arts: \$10,000

Genesee Valley Council on the Arts seeks support for The New Deal Museum Preservation Project. Housed in its building on the former Mount Morris Tuberculosis Sanatorium, GVCA offers viewings of this 220 piece collection of paintings on rotation to the public at no cost in the newly opened New Deal Museum. Artwork is set in historically accurate environments with trained staff to share the unique and rich history of the New Deal and Works Progress Administration (WPA) artists.

George Eastman Museum: \$20,000

The George Eastman Museum will restore the historic Grape Arbor—a key structure in the original Rock Garden design—and will make significant accessibility improvements to provide a welcoming, inclusive, and safe experience for all visitors and community members, resulting in the long-term preservation of this historic structure for the enjoyment of future generations.

Greater Rochester Area Branch American Association of University: \$10,000

The Greater Rochester Area Branch (GRAB) of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) and 1st Amendment 1st Vote will collaborate to produce an 8-10 minute short film, "Radical Rochester: The Second Women's Rights Convention," highlighting the little-known 1848 Rochester convention that expanded on the Seneca Falls convention. This film will become part of 1st Amendment-1st Vote's Virtual Video Series, which showcases women's rights sites and events along New York's Women's Rights Corridor.

Naples Historical Society: \$12,000

The Naples Red Mill Stabilization Project Phase I consists of stabilizing and fortifying a bulging basement stone wall and cleaning out the historically significant waterwheel pit before additional stabilization occurs to preserve and restore the Naples Red Mill and create a Naples History and Event Center in the 200+ year old building.

Rochester Broadway Theatre League: \$20,000

RBTL has undertaken the restoration of the historic West Herr Performing Arts Center, focusing on returning it to the grandeur of its original 1928 Art Deco design by replacing over 60 missing original light fixtures while making necessary upgrades and enhancements to this Rochester landmark.

Rochester Institute of Technology: \$20,000

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Seneca Falls Performing Arts Center: \$10,000

The project will support the restoration of the East facade, including the historic doors and stained glass windows, of the former First Congregational Church built in 1870 at 35 State Street in Seneca Falls.

St. John Fisher University: \$20,000

As part of a larger, multi-year project to preserve the legacy of prominent African American newspaperman Howard Wilson Coles, St. John Fisher University will bring Joan Coles Howard, Coles' surviving daughter, to Rochester to record an in-depth oral history and digitally preserve two of her father's unpublished monographs.

The Cobblestone Society: \$25,000

This project will restore six windows on the east-facing side of the 1834 Cobblestone Church, the oldest cobblestone church in the country and part of the National Historic Landmark Cobblestone District.

The Dove Block Project: \$10,000

The Dove Block Project plans to renovate the interior facade of the first floor of the historic Dove Block Building.

GOAL: STRENGTHEN REGIONAL VITALITY
Promoting Successful Aging Action Area

Recommendations supported by:

- *Dolores and Philip Nevert Ages and Stages Fund*: To improve quality of life for the community's residents.

Jewish Community Center of Greater Rochester: \$25,000

The Lifespan Program supports the older adult center at the Jewish Community Center and was created in collaboration with Lifespan of Greater Rochester in 2021. The center offers health and wellness activities and opportunities for socialization and community connections.