

PROGRAM/DISTRIBUTIONS COMMITTEE
December 2024 GRANT RECOMMENDATIONS

GOAL: CREATE AN EQUITABLE COMMUNITY
Education Action Area

Recommendations are supported by:

- *Children's Fund*: supports the needs of young people.
- *Community Impact Fund*: Unrestricted fund for general charitable and educational purposes.
- *Education Fund*: supports projects, programs, and initiatives throughout our eight-county region that address the factors that create gaps both in educational systems and individual pathways to achievement.

Literacy Volunteers of Rochester, Inc.: \$20,000

Literacy Rochester's "Literacy Without Barriers" program provides a comprehensive and innovative approach to improving adult literacy, English language skills, and life skills for underserved populations in Monroe County.

Center for Teen Empowerment: \$60,000

Teen Empowerment's Youth Organizing program employs and trains youth leaders to drive social change while implementing Impowr, a new evaluation platform that will systematically track participant outcomes, measure program impact, and strengthen data-driven decision making across their expanding Rochester sites.

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.

Community Programs: \$70,000

A reimagined neighborhood engagement initiative, that builds on the successful 1993 Neighbors Building Neighborhoods (NBN) model and the Foundation's NeighborGood Grant Program, updated for current community needs through a partnership between the City of Rochester, Rochester Area Community Foundation, and ESL Foundation.