

**PROGRAM/DISTRIBUTIONS COMMITTEE
MAY 2025 GRANT RECOMMENDATIONS**

GOAL: CREATE AN EQUITABLE COMMUNITY
Upward Mobility Action Area

Recommendations are supported by:

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

Rochester Procurement Equity Project (RPEP): \$139,493

Funding to support the operations of 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.

GOAL: STRENGTHEN REGIONAL VITALITY
Environmental Justice & Sustainability Action Area

Recommendations are supported by:

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Rochester ENergy Efficiency and Weatherization (RENEW): \$156,357

RENEW collaborates with community partners to improve the homes of income-eligible residents by making their places more energy-efficient, healthier, and safer from environmental hazards while also reducing residential greenhouse gas emissions. Plans for this year include an expansion pilot program in Genesee and Orleans counties, development of a Board of Advisors, and a data analysis project to measure healthcare savings' impact.

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.
- *Chester and Dorris Carlson Charitable Fund*: To meet the changing needs of Greater Rochester, with particular emphasis on education and libraries.
- *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.
- *Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Legacy Fund for Smart Strategy*: Fund to strengthen the Foundation's ability to deliver data, analyses, and information leading to positive change in Greater Rochester.
- *President's Office Fund*: To be used at the discretion of the President & CEO with grants over \$15,000 requiring approval by the Program/Distributions Committee and Board.

ACT Rochester (Achieving Community Targets Rochester): \$47,201

Achieving Community Targets Rochester (ACT Rochester) uses community indicators, research expertise, and narrative to improve the culture of decision-making and establish a more equitable, inclusive, and vital Rochester region.

Coordinated Care Services, Inc.: \$85,000

Our Local History seeks to expand educational programming on local civil rights history across Wayne and Ontario counties, develop new curriculum materials including LGBTQ+ and Seneca Nation content, and strengthen financial sustainability through a diversified funding model combining grants with fee-for-service consulting contracts.

President's Office: \$133,000

This proposal seeks funding to support Community and Foundation Analytics initiatives that will leverage data infrastructure and evaluation systems to enhance evidence-based grantmaking and measurably improve upward mobility outcomes across our eight-county region.

President's Office: \$17,000

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.