

PROGRAM/DISTRIBUTIONS COMMITTEE
October 2025 GRANT RECOMMENDATIONS

GOAL: CREATE AN EQUITABLE COMMUNITY
Upward Mobility

Recommendations are supported by:

- *Edward R. Lane Fund*: To support health, social services, and educational needs of underserved populations.
- *Children's Fund*: To support the needs of young people.
- *Community Impact Fund*: Unrestricted fund for general charitable and educational purposes.

Livingston County Youth Bureau: \$25,000

The Livingston County Youth Bureau supports at-risk youth through workforce development programming and is seeking funding for the supportive payments needed to obtain and maintain employment, including but not limited to driving lessons, permit and license fees, and education and training exam costs.

Opening Doors Institute: \$15,000

Opening Doors Institute provides diversity, equity, and inclusion retreats that equip participants with frameworks and language to build partnerships across differences and take collective action for social justice. The organization seeks funding for scholarships for BIPOC and rural leaders, and improved assessment capacity to expand access and demonstrate program effectiveness.

Sodus Central School District (on behalf of Wayne Community Schools): \$42,500

The Wayne County Community Schools Expansion Project places Community School Coordinators in school buildings to bridge operational gaps between schools and community agencies, implementing a Multi-Tiered System of Supports approach. The project creates an ecosystem that connects students and families to wraparound services while maintaining a person-centered, place-based approach to education. This funding will support a Community School Coordinator position at Williamson Central School District, designed to move the position into a financially sustainable BOCES COSER platform.

GOAL: STRENGTHEN REGIONAL VITALITY
Advancing Environmental Justice & Sustainability

Recommendations are supported by:

- *David and Grace Strong Family Fund*: To support efforts to involve city youth in neighborhood projects that enhance the city's natural environment.
- *Walter A. and Shirley B. Fallon Fund*: To support open space and land preservation in our area.

Reconnect Rochester: \$14,635

The Transportation Impact Collective, established in April 2023 to unite local efforts around equitable, systemic solutions to address the region's ongoing transportation challenges, centers its efforts around mobility justice and creating a community where people can move around easily and safely, regardless of economic status or physical ability. Together, they identify and pursue solutions that will reduce the burden for those who have the least access to reliable and convenient transportation, as well as reduce carbon emissions in the sector.

Seneca Park Zoo Society: \$5,000

Seneca Park Zoo Society will provide the 2025 iteration of the One Cubic Foot project to at least 600 K-12 students across Monroe County through 60 Outreach Events for students at R-Centers and other locations across the City of Rochester. The project transforms a biodiversity study into an accessible, hands-on learning experience for youth.