

PROGRAM/DISTRIBUTIONS COMMITTEE
April 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.
- *Louis P. and Betty A. Iacona Youth Success Fund*: Supports after-school and summer enrichment programs for low-income youth.
- *Plumb-Miller Fund*: To benefit youth and preserve the dignity of the elderly.
- *The Elizabeth and Pierce Webb Education Fund*: Support urban education programs.
- *Rogerson Fund for Handicapped Children*: Addresses the needs of physically, mentally, socially, and economically disadvantaged children.
- *Youth Impact Grants Fund*

Allendale Columbia School: \$30,000

AC Summer LEAP is a five-week summer enrichment program which aims to provide engaging and accessible evidence-based summer learning for Rochester students from low-income families in grades K through 8.

Best Buddies New York: \$20,000

Best Buddies New York's Friendship, Inclusion, and Pre-Employment Transitions project fosters one-to-one friendships between students with and without intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD), provides leadership opportunities, delivers support in gaining vital job skills, and educates participants on career options available after graduation in schools across Western New York.

Black Men Achieve of Greater Rochester, Inc.: \$20,000

Black Men Achieve of Greater Rochester's Extracurricular Clubs program empowers boys and young men of color aged 8-17 through a diverse range of enrichment activities designed to build confidence, strengthen leadership abilities, and foster personal growth.

Boys & Girls Club of Geneva: \$35,000

The Boys & Girls Club of Geneva seeks funding to expand its Summer University program, a six-week, full-day program aimed at improving the academic performance and socio-emotional development of Geneva's youth, increasing enrollment from 140 to 180 participants.

Flower City Arts Center: \$10,000

Studio 678 Youth Photography and Writing Program engages a diverse group of RCSD middle school students to learn photography and creative writing through a project-based curriculum. Students learn film photography, take field trips, make prints, write poems and stories, create a printed book, and exhibit their work.

Hobart and William Smith Colleges: \$45,090

Geneva 2030, in partnership with Moodie's Children's Hours School and Finger Lakes Forest School, seeks funding for "S.O.S. - Students Outside all Summer," a free, seven-week summer program combining outdoor exploration, creativity, and academic support for economically disadvantaged families in Geneva, NY.

Jewish Family Service of Rochester: \$20,000

Jewish Family Service of Rochester requests funding to support their Pencils & Paper program, which provides free school supplies to teachers at high-poverty schools across Monroe County. This initiative expands access to crucial educational resources for over 34,000 students annually.

Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra: \$15,000

OPUS | Orchestral Program for Urban Students provides enrichment opportunities that positively influence the lives of local students through music education. Through partnerships for all age levels from Pre-K through high school, the RPO contributes to the region's vitality and fosters students' musicianship.

The Children's Agenda: \$15,000

The Children's Agenda advocates for policies, public funding, and regulations to improve the well-being of children, strengthen families, and build equitable systems. They aim to eliminate exclusionary discipline practices in schools to remove an entry point to systems involvement for children, especially children of color.

The Research Foundation for SUNY, The College at Brockport: \$20,000

Brockport Summer Learning is a five-week enrichment program focused on equitable educational experiences and the development of the whole child through project-based learning, social-emotional development, and nature-based learning. The program uses holistic approaches for restorative practices based on relationship building.

GOAL: STRENGTHEN REGIONAL VITALITY
Arts Action Area

Recommendations are supported by:

- *Community Impact Fund*: Unrestricted fund for general charitable and educational purposes.
- *Christine Mertz Dear Arts Fund*: Provides support for local arts organizations.
- *Jazz Street Fund*: Support free public jazz performances during the Rochester International Jazz Festival.
- *Rodney Hatch Family Fund*: To support the arts.

Jewish Federation: \$25,000

The "Mapping My Journey in Rural Communities" outreach program will provide cancer screening and support services to underserved groups in Livingston, Genesee, and Orleans counties.

Rochester International Jazz Festival, LLC: \$40,000

The Rochester International Jazz Festival will provide free performances for additional artists and student musical groups from school districts around the region programmed at the outdoor stage on Gibbs/Jazz Street in June 2024.

Cross-Cutting

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

Recommendations supported by:

- *Joan and Harold Feinbloom Fund*: Supporting youth and families, including arts and culture programming and violence prevention initiatives.
- *Maxion Family Charitable Fund*: To support programs that provide access to technology for the underserved, encourage conflict resolution, or promote world peace.
- *NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services Fund*: For services and expenses of community safety and restorative justice programs, managed by local governments and/or community-based not-for-profits service providers.
- *Vincent and Marjorie Olney Fund*: To support programs in Orleans County.
- *Youth Impact Grants Fund*

Center for Teen Empowerment: \$10,000

The Neighborhood-based Youth Organizing program will employ and train 24 youth from under resourced neighborhoods as community organizers giving them skills, income, and a leadership voice in addressing issues impacting their communities – a powerful model for increasing youth empowerment and upward mobility.

Garth Fagan Dance: \$10,000

Summer Movement Institute is an intensive three-week program that provides high-quality dance training and cultural enrichment to 40 low-income youth of color annually, with a focus on sharing knowledge, building a sense of power, and fostering relationships.

PUSH Physical Theatre, Inc.: \$15,000

The PUSH Artist-in-Residence program teaches skills to youth involved with the juvenile justice system at Villa of Hope with complex emotional, behavioral, and educational needs to identify and cope with emotions, control their bodies, understand limitations and strengths, manage stress, and make positive choices.

Spiritus Christi Prison Outreach, Inc.: \$12,000

The Family Reunification program helps justice-involved parents rebuild relationships and reconnect with their children after periods of incarceration. Through case management, support groups, visitation, and enrichment activities, the program aims to strengthen family bonds and prevent cycles of violence and trauma.

Victor Association of Cultural Performing Arts: \$10,000

The Celebration of Youth Work Program employs 60 youth ages 13-19 from Monroe, Ontario, Seneca, and Wayne counties, including at-risk youth, justice involved youth, and individuals with disabilities to work together creating music, dance, theater, and visual arts pieces over an eight-week summer program.

Wayne County Action Program, Inc: \$20,000

STEADY Work Youth Program provides paid pre-apprenticeship opportunities and comprehensive wraparound services to re-engage at-risk youth ages 14-24 and help them develop career skills, earn credentials, and achieve personal goals.