

PROGRAM/DISTRIBUTIONS COMMITTEE
June 2024 GRANT RECOMMENDATIONS

GOAL: CREATE AN EQUITABLE COMMUNITY
Education Action Area

Recommendations are supported by:

- *Elizabeth Gibson Holahan Children's Fund*: To benefit city children.
- *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.
- *Youth Impact Grants Fund*

City of Rochester: \$50,000

The Youth Policy Pilot aims to empower youth by establishing a citywide Youth Policy Council and creating a Youth Advisory Task Force that will conduct community outreach and assessments to identify youth priorities, enable informed decision-making related to influencing policy, and establish a platform for youth involvement in the city planning process.

Community Programs: Up to \$75,000

Local funders and community stakeholders are collaborating to address transportation obstacles to attending vital summer enrichment activities for Rochester youth in the face of budget limitations and the end of COVID relief funds.

President's Office: \$20,000

The Children's Agenda is seeking sponsorship for their 20th anniversary celebration, "Power Up! Celebrating 20 Years of Wins for Children and Families," to be held on November 21, 2024, at the Strong National Museum of Play.

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.
- *Plumb-Miller Fund*: To benefit youth and preserve the dignity of the elderly.
- *The Snowball's Chance Fund*: to support effective organizations in the region that have a demonstrated positive impact on our community but do not have a large endowment or a leader earning a six-figure salary.
- *Youth Impact Grants Fund*

Causewave Community Partners: \$60,240

Causewave will provide grant capacity-building support to grassroots, small, and mid-sized organizations (\$5M or less annual budget), resulting in more federal, state, and national grant dollars flowing to Greater Rochester area nonprofits.

Lyons Community Center: \$25,000

The Lyons Community Center, in partnership with the Lyons Central School District, is expanding their programming to feed seniors, provide after-school care, increase health and wellness in the community, and address nutritional deficits in Wayne County.

Western New York Rural Area Health Education Center, Inc: \$5,000

Western New York Rural Area Health Education Center's MASH (Medical Academy of Science and Health) Camp which offers 7th-10th grade students an opportunity to be exposed to the many career opportunities available, including health-related options for their careers. The camp provides a hands-on experience and presentations are provided to spark interest from participants who might not have considered healthcare as a career for their future.

GOAL: STRENGTHEN REGIONAL VITALITY
Arts Action Area

Recommendation supported by:

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

Rochester Folk Art Guild: \$5,000

The Rochester Folk Art Guild's Cultivate Arts program will fund a Director of Programming and Community Outreach to oversee public lectures, arts events, workshops, and collaborations, strengthening cultural engagement in Yates County. Serving an estimated 1,400-1,700 individuals in its first year, the program aims to enrich the community's cultural landscape and support the Folk Art Guild's mission.

GOAL: STRENGTHEN REGIONAL VITALITY
Environmental Justice & Sustainability Action Area

Recommendations are supported by:

- *Environmental and Natural Resources Fund*: Supports projects, programs, and initiatives that address inclusive solutions to the impact of our actions on the region's natural resources and environment.
- *Olga Berg Memorial Fund*: For environmental education in memory of a woman active in that cause.
- *Sarah Collins Fund*: Addresses the needs of oppressed and marginalized people.
- *Youth Impact Grants*

Reconnect Rochester Inc.: \$14,700

The Transportation Impact Collective unites local efforts around equitable, systemic solutions that address transportation challenges in Monroe County, focusing on mobility justice and reducing the transportation burden for those with the least access.

Rochester Ecology Partners: \$22,000

Rochester Ecology Partners is developing a youth workforce program that engages ten city of Rochester youth ages 14-18 in activities that foster their leadership skills, environmental awareness, nature accessibility, and community involvement.