

Community Foundation for the Greater Capital Region
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	Organization Name	Project Name	Grant Description	Recommend Amount
1	Adaptive Sports Foundation	General Operating	In addition to supporting the ASF's general operating expenses, a portion of the grant will support the launch of a new program for female veterans with disabilities this summer in Windham, NY.	\$ 7,500.00
2	Agricultural Stewardship Association	Preparing for Public Access at the Argyle Community Forest	The grant funds would be used to hire professional trail builders to construct 2.25 miles of machine-built trails on the interior of the newly acquired Argyle Community Forest property.	\$ 15,000.00
3	Albany County Historical Association Ten Broeck Mansion	Ten Broeck Mansion: East Slope Conservation & Sustainability Project	The project remediates severe erosion issues & removes invasive plant species for ~17,000 s.f. of the historic 1764 landscape of the Ten Broeck Mansion, implementing recommendations from the 2021 Cultural Landscape Report.	\$ 12,575.00
4	Albany Institute of History & Art	Museum Accessibility Project	While all public spaces in the museum are accessible by elevator, interior doors do not currently feature automatic door openers for those with mobility needs. The museum will install openers for the main gallery entrance doors and the front door entrance doors, which will allow visitors to more easily access the museum from the street.	\$ 14,890.00
5	Bring on the Spectrum, Inc.	Bring on the Spectrum General Operating	Bring on the Spectrum Community Space & Sensory Gym is a warm and welcoming space for individuals of all ages, all abilities. We offer social, recreational and lifestyle activities to enable individuals to access their community.	\$ 10,000.00
6	Camp Abilities Saratoga, Inc	Camp Abilities Saratoga	Camp Abilities Saratoga is weeklong overnight camp in Saratoga Springs for children and teens that are blind, visually impaired or deaf/blind.	\$ 4,000.00
7	Capital City Gospel/Rescue Mission	Healthcare for the Homeless and Poor	Capital City Rescue Mission's free medical clinic provides essential primary care for people who are struggling with poverty or homelessness and have little or no insurance.	\$ 15,000.00
8	CAPTAIN Community Human Services	Street Outreach Project	Our Street Outreach Staff work on the streets to locate, identify and engage youth. Working in teams of two or three, staff develop rapport with youth they encounter, and offer assistance with basic needs items, referrals to support services, transportation, access to age-appropriate emergency shelters, and to secure safe, stable housing.	\$ 10,000.00

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9	Catholic Charities Tri-County Services	Catholic Charities Tri-County Services Emergency Assistance for the Capital Region	Our emergency program provides Emergency Assistance, (non-reoccurring) material and financial resources, part of Community Navigation for persons and families at different stages of need.	\$ 7,500.00
10	Columbia County Sanctuary Movement	Deportation Defense: Know Your Rights, Family Preparedness and Rapid Response	Deportation Defense mitigates the number of individuals detained, deported and separated from their family. Our deportation defense programming consists of Know Your Rights, Family Preparedness Planning, and Rapid Response.	\$ 15,000.00
11	Creative Living Solutions, Inc.	Transitioning Individuals into the CLS Self-Direction Program	Creative Living Solutions Inc. targets individuals who are, for the most part, ambulatory and can walk unaided or with minimal assistance; and they have cognitive, fine and gross motor skills necessary to live at home with families or independently. Grant funds will be assist CLS successfully enroll to receive OPWDD funding.	\$ 2,000.00
12	Empire State Youth Orchestra	ESYO CHIME: Amplify Our Voice Project	This program offers youth from historically marginalized communities a powerful vehicle to process deep emotion, explore shared life experiences and “amplify” their voices to the world through the creation of original, collective compositions.	\$ 5,925.80
13	Epilepsy Foundation of Northeastern New York	Transportation Fund	This fund would be available for individuals with epilepsy to go to doctor’s appointments, attend our support group meetings and art therapy programs, come to our office for counseling, and also for social needs like grocery shopping, going to the mall or visiting a friend or relative.	\$ 10,000.00
14	Equinox, Inc.	Transitional Living Program for Homeless Youth	This program is designed for youth and young adults ages 16-21 to provide safe, stable housing and supportive services to homeless youth. TLP offers an 8-bed, supervised apartment setting where participants can escape the instability of homelessness and begin building a foundation for long-term self-sufficiency.	\$ 10,000.00

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15	Family Promise of the Capital Region	Program Services Project - Family Assistance/Emergency Assistance	Our mission is to help homeless families in the Capital Region by developing partnerships and resources. Adding Emergency Assistance under the Prevention/Diversion/Stability initiative allows us the flexibility to help families and individuals that need a quick solution to their homelessness or very temporary shelter when an emergency occurs.	\$ 6,000.00
16	Friends of Thacher State Park	Reimagining the Emma Treadwell Thacher Nature Center	As we improve nature exhibits to be more inclusive, interactive and accommodate people with disabilities, we also have to improve access to the building. Currently, there is no handicapped accessible entrances to the Nature Center, so grant funds will pay for handicapped accessible doors.	\$ 15,000.00
17	Grassland Bird Trust	General Operating	We protect critical and vanishing grassland habitat for endangered and threatened grassland birds with a focus on 102,000 acres in the NYSDEC Washington County Grassland Bird Conservation Center (GBCC) that extends from southern Washington County north to the Adirondack Mountains.	\$ 12,000.00
18	Grassroot Givers	Grassroot Givers Home Essentials Program Expansion	We consistently support the homeless population, families living in poverty, and those living on a fixed income with basic home essentials such as linens, comforters to stay warm during the harsh winter season, as well as pots, pans, dishes, and basic food prep tools to support family dinners.	\$ 6,000.00
19	Homeless and Travelers Aid Society (HATAS)	Capital Region Furniture Bank	The Capital Region Furniture Bank distributes new and gently used furnishings to low-income households. The majority of those served are exiting a homeless or domestic violence shelter. We also serve victims of fire, flooding, etc.	\$ 5,000.00
20	Hudson Taconic Lands	General Operating	Grant funds will help increase our capacity to conserve important land in Rensselaer County and increase the overall pace of land conservation in the region. This year we are working on exciting projects that protect important habitat in rural areas of the county as well as increase access to nature in the City of Troy.	\$ 15,000.00

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21	Independent Living Center of the Hudson Valley, Inc.	General Operating	Funds would be utilized to cover costs associated with our accessible van, including insurance and gasoline costs. Having an accessible van allows us to provide transportation to our consumers, as well as transport durable medical equipment to and from our loan closet.	\$ 10,000.00
22	IPHNY, Inc.	IPH Danielle's House & Expanded Services in Montgomery County	Located in the heart of Amsterdam, Danielle's House is Montgomery County's only program offering a unique blend of emergency, transitional, and permanent housing for adults experiencing homelessness. From November through April, Danielle's House operates a seasonal emergency shelter, providing a safe and supportive environment for up to seven unhoused adults each night on the first floor.	\$ 10,000.00
23	Joseph's House and Shelter	2025 Administrative Expenses for Homelessness Prevention	Our agency is responsible for three programs that provide services to counteract life-threatening effects of homelessness and ensure safe, permanent housing: Homelessness diversion, prison re-entry, emergency shelter for single adults and families, rapid re-housing and resettlement, and Code Blue temporary emergency shelter.	\$ 10,000.00
24	Literacy Volunteers of Rensselaer County	General Operating	Funds will enable us to create easy-to-read promotional materials to recruit tutors and inform potential learners about our programs, including creating printed brochures and flyers to post and distribute in libraries, Stewart's bulletin boards, bodegas, churches, signage in and outside of CDTA buses, and social media. Materials to attract students will be created in the six most common languages in the region including English.	\$ 15,000.00

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25	New York Council of Nonprofits, Inc.	Targeted Support for Capital Region Nonprofits	This funding will allow us to support nonprofits in the areas of governance, legal, marketing, fiscal, human resources, fundraising and more. Established 501c3 organizations in the Capital Region will be able to request support through an electronic form; NYCON staff will review the request and direct the nonprofit to the appropriate NYCON expert for support. As part of an initial intake conversation, the NYCON expert and nonprofit organization seeking support will determine next steps, including applicable timelines for delivery of personalized training, documents, etc.	\$ 15,000.00
26	Northern Rivers Family of Services	Schenectady Short-Term Services Program	Funds will support this critical intervention program designed to rapidly address and resolve the needs of families engaged with Child Protective Services. Family Support Workers provide essential resources such as public assistance navigation, Medicaid enrollment, child care referrals, employment assistance, and emergency food access.	\$ 7,500.00
27	Pitney Meadows Community Farm	General Operating	We celebrate and explore agricultural education, healthy food production and recreation on this preserved working farm. We also aim to support the development of new farm enterprises and encourage the growth of a strong local food system in Saratoga Springs.	\$ 10,000.00
28	Playhouse Stage Company	Accessible Seating at Free Outdoor Productions	Requested grant funding would be used entirely to offset the cost of paid seating in our reserved seating area being offered to patrons with disabilities and those of advanced age at no cost for our summer production of OKLAHOMA at Albany's Park Playhouse and Guilderland's Tawasentha Park.	\$ 10,000.00
29	Professor Edouard Tite Alliance for Language and Learning, Inc.	Language Legacy Initiative	We bridge cultures, empower communities, and create pathways to success through comprehensive language and financial education services through our Intergenerational Language Legacy. We provide story documentation, cultural materials and live interpretation.	\$ 7,500.00

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30	Refugee and Immigrant Support Services of Emmaus, Inc.	Capital Region Rapid Response Coalition	We are creating a regional Rapid Response Coalition to support and protect the many law-abiding, hard-working, tax-paying newcomer community members who may now be at risk of detention or deportation. Funds would be used to support aspects of this effort including: launching and marketing a regional hotline to report ICE activity; providing training to volunteers and community members; security upgrades; redirecting staff time to support rapid response efforts; and other needs as they arise.	\$ 12,000.00
31	Refugee Welcome Corporation	General Operating	Funds will be used to support our various programs that serve refugee and immigrant families arriving in Albany including: 1) Affordable Housing Program, 2) Educational Program (English, Civics, Etc), 3) Cultural Arts Program.	\$ 7,500.00
32	Ronald McDonald House Charities of the Capital Region	Helping Our Preemies Excel (HOPE)	About half of all the families we serve each year are families with premature babies in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at the Bernard & Millie Duker Children's Hospital at Albany Med. To help meet the unique needs of these families, we are pleased to offer Helping Our Preemies Excel (HOPE). Working in partnership with hospital staff, HOPE provides FREE tote bags to every family with a preemie in the NICU.	\$ 10,000.00
33	Safe Inc. of Schenectady	General Operating	Safe Inc of Schenectady has operated the only emergency shelter for homeless youth in Schenectady County for 40 years. We provide outreach, case management, and residential services to youth who otherwise would be homeless or engaging in activities to have a place to sleep that expose them to sexual trafficking, substance abuse, and involvement in the criminal justice system.	\$ 10,000.00
34	Saratoga Joinery	Assistance with serving people with disabilities	The Saratoga Joinery is a community woodworking shop with a mission to make woodworking accessible to all, including individuals with cognitive disabilities. Because of the nature of what we do, services to this population requires additional prep and staffing costs. Grant funds will assist in serving those with developmental disabilities in our regular classes and as members.	\$ 2,500.00

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35	Saratoga PLAN - Saratoga Springs, NY	General Operating	Saratoga PLAN will complete trail assessments using the Universal Trail Assessment Protocol to assess trail width, grade and ability level, giving PLAN more tools to effectively communicate trail types so all users can choose trails that meet their needs. PLAN staff already have the inclinometer that helps determine trail grade and are UTAP trained and plan to begin completing trail assessments on 3 trails on our preserves, collecting trail data and creating gradations to clearly communicate trail levels and challenges to the public.	\$ 15,000.00
36	Schenectady Community Action Program	Project LAUNCH	Project LAUNCH funding will help SCAP provide critical mental health and developmental support services to low-income Schenectady County families with children from birth to age 21 through mental health consultation, screenings, behavioral health services, and special education advocacy.	\$ 10,000.00
37	Servants of the Word, dba The Open Door	A Life Path for People Experiencing Homelessness	This program provides for basic needs of food, shelter and hygiene while equipping participants to make changes that will break the cycle of poverty. Classes include Financial Education, Conflict Management, Communicating Well, Life Skills, Employment Skills and mentorship, and weekly sessions with Life Path Coaches to progress through the 8 stages of the program: Safe, sober, stable, schooled, skilled, secure, settled and serving. Includes addiction recovery and mental health treatment options.	\$ 7,500.00
38	Sidewalk Warriors - Troy	2025 Sidewalk Warriors - Troy Thursday Distributions	Sidewalk Warriors – Troy serves as Rensselaer county's only after-hours, pop-up food pantry and is 100% supported by more than 80 dedicated volunteers. Every Thursday evening at 35 State Street, regardless of weather, SWT serves an average of 250 "friends" (children, families, and adults) suffering from food insecurity, low income, homelessness, and mental illness.	\$ 10,000.00

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39	Special Olympics New York, Inc.	General Operating	Within the Capital Region, SONY offers robust program activity for individuals with intellectual disabilities (ID), in addition to Unified Sports opportunities that bring people with and without ID together on the same team. A highlight of our work in the region will be the 2025 SONY Fall State Games held in Glens Falls.	\$ 10,000.00
40	St. Mary's Healthcare	Enhancing the Delivery of Care Provided to Bariatric Patients Receiving Emergency Services	Grant funds will be used for the purchase of one Stryker Prime Electric Big Wheel Stretcher for our Emergency Department, located in the main hospital, at 427 Guy Park Ave in Amsterdam. This stretcher has a 700lb weight capacity and includes a number of features that enhance safety, mobility, and efficiency while providing care to bariatric patients.	\$ 15,000.00
41	Sunhee's Community Place, Inc.	Rights and Resources	This project aims to expand its referral services and 'Know Your Rights' workshops, equipping its immigrant and refugee population with the language skills and legal literacy needed to navigate civic and legal systems confidently. This project also supports pro se representation, ensuring individuals have the knowledge and confidence to self-advocate when legal representation is unaffordable or inaccessible.	\$ 10,000.00
42	The Corporation of Yaddo	Yaddo Unbound: Ramp to Creativity	Yaddo will enhance accessibility by improving access to the mansion, gathering spaces, and other key areas. Funds will be used for replacing the temporary side entrance ramp to the mansion with a permanent, front-facing, ADA-compliant 4-season ramp.	\$ 15,000.00
43	The Pine Hollow Arboretum	Monarch Mondays at the Pine Hollow Arboretum	Previous impact funding supported a Monarch Waystation at the Arboretum, and we raised over 20 monarchs and hosted 3 incredibly well attended Monarch Mondays. We would like to create an outdoor enclosure to rear monarchs , which helps them experience natural cues which leads to healthier and more resilient butterflies.	\$ 2,746.00

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44	The Red Bookshelf	Empowering Homeless Communities: The RED Bookshelf's Wellness Tour Expansion	We will expand our Wellness Program to two key shelters in the Capital Region: Schuyler Inn and Marillac Family Shelter. This initiative will provide wellness resources such as books, mindfulness practices, and health education to individuals experiencing homelessness.	\$ 10,000.00
45	Therapeutic Horses of Saratoga	Equine Assisted Psychotherapy for At-Risk Homeless Youth	Grant funds will provide the mental health benefits of Equine Assisted Psychotherapy to 50 homeless youth. This program addresses a critical missing link by providing a therapeutic activity for the well-being of the youth in the shelter and supporting them as individuals with emotional and mental health needs.	\$ 7,500.00
46	Trinity Alliance of the Capital Region	Family and Neighborhood Resource Center	Our Family & Neighborhood Resource Center provides unique, low-barrier solutions for individuals experiencing acute crises or in need of stabilization support. The local department of Social Services often sends individuals who have applied for housing assistance directly to Trinity as one of the first steps.	\$ 10,000.00
47	Trinity Lutheran Church	Comfort ZoneMission	The Comfort Zone Mission distributes personal hygiene and household cleaning products to low-income community members regardless of religious affiliation, including soap, toothpaste, toilet paper, feminine hygiene products, incontinence pads, diapers, laundry detergent, etc. in Amsterdam.	\$ 6,500.00
48	Upper Hudson Planned Parenthood, Inc.	Upper Hudson Planned Parenthood's General Operating Fund	General operating support is crucial for our organization due to the disparity between reimbursement rates and the true cost of delivering care, as Medicaid and private health insurance reimbursements often fall short. UHPP serves more than 15,000 individuals annually, many of whom face barriers such as income inequality, geographic isolation, or systemic discrimination.	\$ 10,000.00
49	Warriors on Wheels Inc.	General Operating	Warriors on Wheels serves a wide variety of people with various disabilities. All workouts are completely supervised and fees are minimal or free.	\$ 5,000.00

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50	Watervliet Civic Chest, Inc.	Food is Fuel Program	In addition to food distribution provided directly to students enrolled in Pre-K to 12th grade during the weekends and other school breaks, youth can now also obtain healthy and nutritious food and snacks throughout the entire year at our Children Food Pantry. The Food is Fuel program has been expanded to 52 weeks per year including the summer vacation months.	\$ 10,000.00
51	Wildwood Foundation	Wildwood Adult Education Program	Working collaboratively with individuals, families, and the community, Wildwood empowers and enables children and adults with neurologically-based learning disabilities, autism and other developmental disorders to lead independent, productive, and fulfilling lives in a way that is meaningful for them.	\$ 10,000.00
52	WMHT Educational Telecommunications Inc.	RISE Radio Purchase	RISE is WMHT's 24-hour radio information service for the blind and print disabled. Each week, our dedicated team of volunteers reads articles from local and national newspapers, popular periodicals and books to audiences who would otherwise be unable to access such information.	\$ 7,500.00
53	YWCA NorthEastern NY	Domestic Violence Shelter General Operating - Essential Down Payment	In 2022, we purchased a 20-bed domestic violence shelter building that provides survivors and their children with a trauma-informed environment to heal and prepare for a life safe from abuse. We are currently operating under a lease-to-own agreement for the building and are scheduled to make the second - and final - down payment of \$150,000 in summer of 2025, after which we will have full ownership of the building.	\$ 15,000.00
53	TOTAL =			\$ 522,136.80