

Community Foundation for the Greater Capital Region
2026 Community Impact Grants

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1	Agricultural Stewardship Association	Argyle Community Forest - Phase 2 (Universal Access Trail & Bridge)	Phase two of the Argyle Community Forest trail construction and infrastructure project includes hiring a professional trail builder to construct a universal access loop trail so people of all abilities can enjoy the property, along with the purchase and installation of a pedestrian bridge over Gavette's Brook, a small stream located on the property.	\$15,000.00
2	Albany Fund for Education	A Taste of Home: Supporting Newcomer Families with Culturally Specific Foods	A unique feature of AFE's food pantry program is a debit card provided to School Food Pantry coordinators (SFPCs) to purchase culturally specific foods (CSFs) not available from the Regional Food Bank (e.g. spices, halal meats, pulses and flours) from local ethnic markets. Offering CSFs through school pantries also strengthens family-school connections, helping school staff keep at-risk students on track, and provide students with services they need to thrive.	\$10,000.00
3	Anderson Center for Autism, Inc.	Little Learners Preschool Literacy Program	Our Academy provides developmentally appropriate education for special needs students ages 3-5. Special needs students often fall behind peers in reading and comprehension, so we will purchase appropriate books and reading supplies to support our school day reading program by participating teachers, staff, and volunteers.	\$2,000.00
4	Berkshire Bird Paradise Inc	General Operating	Founded in 1975, we have grown into one of the largest bird rescue centers in the Northeast, providing year-round care to over 300 ill, injured, and displaced birds providing a welcoming atmosphere for upwards of 1,000 visitors to explore 28 acres in rural Rensselaer County dedicated to the preservation and protection of wildlife.	\$15,000.00
5	Bindlestiff Family Variety Arts, Inc.	BFVA Coarc Cirkus Program	Bindlestiff Family Variety Arts, Inc. is working collaboratively with the organizational leadership and program staff at COARC, the Columbia County Chapter of The Arc New York, to provide circus skills residencies which will bring person-centered movement exploration, creative collaboration, and public performance to developmentally and intellectually disabled adults, who participate in Coarc's programs.	\$7,500.00

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6	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.	\$15,000.00
7	Camp Abilities Saratoga, Inc	Camp Abilities Saratoga Week 2026	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
8	CanCode Communities	General Operating Support: Digital Equity & Workforce Pathways for New Americans	In 2025, we served low-income, New Americans, people of color, women, and residents of urban and rural communities. Through partnerships with the NYS Office for New Americans and community-based organizations, hundreds of participants each year receive culturally responsive, bilingual instruction designed to reduce barriers to technology access, education, and employment.	\$10,000.00
9	Capital City Gospel/Rescue Mission	Healthcare for Homeless	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
10	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.	\$15,000.00
11	Catholic Charities of Fulton and Montgomery Counties	Sustaining Emergency Food Assistance for Inner-City Amsterdam	This project expands CCFMC's Food Pantry of Montgomery County on Kimball Street, Amsterdam, allowing clients that temporarily lack resources to buy food, 95% of whom live in the City, can visit 1x/month for 3 days of emergency food for a household. Many clients present with mental illness, substance abuse, domestic abuse or homelessness. To address need, CCFMC will add a 2nd day/month.	\$12,382.89

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12	CEK RN Consulting, Inc.	CEK Community Health Worker Training Program	CEK RN Consulting started in response to a recognized need for health care navigation. Since its inception, CEK expanded this program to include a Community Health Worker (CHW) training program to address the shortage of CHWs in low-income City of Albany neighborhoods.	\$13,850.00
13	Center for Disability Services, Inc.	MOVE via Education program at Langan School	CFDS is requesting grant funds to purchase a Rifton Stander, a piece of specialized medical equipment for the children in our MOVE (Mobility Opportunities via Education) program at Langan School in Albany. This equipment will assist our students to become more mobile and independent making a remarkable change in their quality of life.	\$6,457.50
14	Columbia County Recovery Kitchen	Refrigerator Program expansion for homeless population in Columbia County	CCRK has been working in the community with a several organizations, such as Columbia County DSS, Columbia County Mental Health, Sanctuary, and the Hudson Mission, along with a number of towns in an effort to coordinate access to food for those facing homelessness. Our goal is to add an additional 100 meals a week or 5200 meals a year.	\$10,000.00
15	Columbia County Sanctuary Movement	Deportation Defense: Preparedness, Legal Services and Post Raid Support	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
16	Community Hospice Foundation	Community Hospice Complementary Therapy	Community Hospice provides complementary therapy program that insurance does not cover; however, we offer them at no cost to patients when funding is available. The program provides massage and music therapy that help relieve symptoms, preserve quality of life, and offer meaningful comfort—always free to the patient.	\$6,000.00
17	CREATE Community Studios	Open Studio Expansion	We seek programming support to expand our Open Studio programs in our Tory studio, located on the ground floor of a subsidized apartment building where 90% of residents qualify as extremely low income and/or have experienced housing instability. Several residents have identified physical disabilities, and many more live with cognitive disabilities, neurodiversity, or mental health diagnoses that may not be formally tracked.	\$10,000.00

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18	Creative Living Solutions, Inc.	"General Operating"	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
19	Empire State Youth Orchestra	CHIME Pathways to Carnegie Hall	CHIME (Creating Harmony Inspiring Musical Empowerment) is our tuition-free, community-based program serving 170 students in Schenectady. It removes financial and structural barriers by providing instruments, daily instruction, ensemble experiences, and mentorship for students. Across all programs, ESYO ensures that no qualified student is turned away due to financial need, providing more than \$40,000 annually in tuition assistance.	\$6,132.12
20	Epilepsy Foundation of Northeastern New York	Transportation Fund	This fund is 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
21	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.	\$12,500.00
22	Family Promise of the Capital Region	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.	\$10,000.00

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23	Franklin Community Center, Inc.	Rental & Mortgage Assistance to Individuals	Through our participation in FEASST (Federated Emergency Assistance for Saratoga Springs and Towns), we collaborate with local agencies to deliver rental and mortgage assistance efficiently and prevent eviction or foreclosure. Grant funds would help provide direct emergency assistance to families facing housing and utility crises.	\$5,000.00
24	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
25	Grassroot Givers	Restructuring Grassroot Givers' Home Essentials Program	Our Home Essentials Program supports people moving from crisis into stable housing, especially those impacted by homelessness, domestic violence, extreme poverty, and newly arrived Americans. We partner with shelters, resettlement organizations, schools, health and rehab facilities, and caseworkers to provide the basics needed to safely live in a home: linens for beds and showers, hygiene and household essentials, and kitchen tools that enable healthy meals (pots, pans, dishes, utensils).	\$14,600.00
26	Home Earth Alliance	IMAGINE Green Albany Summer Workforce Development Program	HEA mission is to educate, inspire, and empower people to cultivate outdoor spaces to support biodiversity, mitigate climate change, and promote environmental justice. Significant opportunity exists to regenerate developed land and urban lots into ecologically-balanced and productive habitats. HEA wishes to support this critical new agribusiness by hiring two summer interns (ages 18 and over) for 10 weeks.	\$14,080.00
27	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.	\$7,500.00

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28	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
29	IPHNY, Inc.	IPH Danielle's House	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
30	Jewish Family Services of Northeastern New York	General Operating	Each year JFS has nearly 28,000 service touchpoints through counseling services, care management, healthcare advocacy, rides to medical and essential appointments, and deliveries of meals, groceries and food gift cards, as well as providing social, educational, and wellness programs, information and referral connections, and trauma-informed support for Holocaust survivors.	\$15,000.00
31	Joseph's House and Shelter	General Operating	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

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32	Justice For Orphans, Inc.	General Operating: Expanding Support For Vulnerable Children In The Greater Capital Region	JFO addresses the needs of children in crisis due to parents faced with homelessness, housing instability, poverty, drug and alcohol addiction, mental illness, incarceration, etc. To address these needs, JFO became the only implementing partner for CarePortal in New York's Capital Region. CarePortal is care-sharing technology that drives action for local children and families in crisis. CarePortal connects caseworkers who know the needs of vulnerable children and families, with community responders who can provide the necessary resources.	\$10,000.00
33	Literacy Volunteers Capital Region	General Operating	LVCR serves adults in Albany, Rensselaer and Schenectady Counties whose reading, writing, and speaking are at the lowest levels. We bring our programs to organizations that serve similar populations: Refugee Welcome Center (tutoring for English Language Learners), City Mission (Basic English/Math), Young Parents United (Financial Literacy & English tutoring for parents aged 16 - 21), League of Women Voters (citizenship), Schenectady City Schools Adult Education, and BOCES.	\$8,011.04
34	Mom Starts Here	Baby Item Network	Grant funds will be used to launch and operationalize two new Baby Item Network (BIN) sites in Amsterdam, NY, expanding access to essential baby supplies and parenting support for low-income families. We have already successfully launched one site in Amsterdam in partnership with Comfort Zone, which has provided valuable insight into local needs.	\$12,793.88
35	Mountain Valley Hospice and Palliative Care	General Operating	MVHPC will use this general operating support to strength the infrastructure that allows us to deliver high-quality, compassionate end-of-life care to patients and families across Montgomery, Fulton, Hamilton, and Saratoga Counties. Flexible funding is critical to sustaining daily operations that are not easily supported through restricted program grants, yet directly impact the quality, accessibility, and continuity of care for our community.	\$5,000.00

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36	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
37	Operation At Ease	Real Heroes Carry Leashes	Our mission pairs veterans and first responders (many of whom struggle with PTSD) with highly trained service dogs (typically from rescue shelters) at no cost to the recipient. We operate a guided training model in which recipients train their own service dogs under the instruction of professional trainers, which empowers participants, strengthens the human-animal bond, and allows teams to progress together from the start.	\$10,000.00
38	Refugee and Immigrant Support Services of Emmaus	General Operating	Our vision at RISSE is for the Capital Region to be a model for how we welcome, support, and celebrate our newcomer neighbors. In these challenging times, we are seeing this vision become reality. To that end, grant funds will help us continue to respond quickly and effectively as immigration policies change, deportations of our neighbors continue to increase, and new needs emerge within the newcomer community.	\$15,000.00
39	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
40	Safe Inc. of Schenectady	Street Outreach Support	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.	\$15,000.00

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41	Saratoga P.L.A.N.	General Operating	Grant funds will help us continue protecting land. We anticipate closing five projects in the first six months of 2026, making it one of our largest acquisition years to date and meeting our goals to increase the pace of land conservation in the second fastest growing county in the state. We will continue our outdoor education programs, connecting people to nature while also creating the next generations of protectors of the natural world.	\$15,000.00
42	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.	\$15,000.00
43	Senior Citizens Service Center of Gloversville Inc	Gardening Club	We would like to host a Gardening Club at our center, an activity that our seniors enjoyed greatly. It is more than just gardening--it is getting seniors outside and moving and improving their physical health, it is mental wellness deepening our member's sense of belonging, having something to bond with others over.	\$950.00
44	Shaker Heritage Society	Safety and Accessibility Upgrades at the 1848 Shaker Meeting House	Grants will support a new ADA entrance on the east side of the 1848 Meeting House. A new earthen ramp and appropriate gutter above the door will correct known safety issues around our entrance and support greater accessibility for visitors of all abilities.	\$10,000.00
45	Sidewalk Warriors - Troy	2026 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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46	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 2026 SONY Fall State Games held in Glens Falls.	\$10,000.00
47	St. Catherine's Center for Children	Pathways to Stability- City of Albany	Pathways to Stability is a new initiative providing trauma-informed case management to households transitioning from homelessness to permanent housing. Funds will be used for wrap-around services addressing key barriers to stability—such as transportation, emergency supplies, behavioral health referrals, case management, and landlord-tenant mediation—focusing on meeting families' concrete needs to maintain stable housing.	\$5,000.00
48	Sunhee's Community Place, Inc.	Legal Navigation Services for Immigrants	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.	\$11,975.00
49	The Children's Museum at Saratoga	Everyone is Welcome - Sensory and Seating	We will make the Museum more accessible to children and adults with mobility impairments as well as those with sensory processing differences. Playing on the playground, enjoying a performance, interacting with exhibits are just some of the experiences that are available without limitations.	\$9,978.00
50	The Eden's Rose Foundation	Home Again 2026	We will complete renovations on one recently acquired vacant apartment through our Home Again initiative, bringing a currently vacant unit back into safe, habitable use. The renovated apartment will serve a dual purpose: first as a hands-on workforce training site for newly housed New American adults, and ultimately as permanent housing for a homeless New American family transitioning out of shelter or unstable living conditions.	\$7,500.00

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51	The Salvation Army	The Salvation Army Evangeline Booth Miracle Home - General Operating	The Booth Miracle Home is an emergency shelter serving homeless women and women with children. The Home serves an average of 500 unduplicated women each year, with an average length of stay of 39 days. Last year alone, the shelter provided more than 8,586 nights of care and served approximately 15,000 nourishing meals to women experiencing homelessness.	\$15,000.00
52	The Walter Elwood Museum	2026 Educational Programing for Children	The purpose of this grant is to provide four weeks of FREE educational quality camps for the children during the summer of 2026. Our camps will be focused on the arts, animals, nature, world exploration, and various other topics.	\$6,000.00
53	Trinity Lutheran Church	Comfort Zone Ministry	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
54	Troy Rehabilitation and Improvement Program, Inc.	General Operating	Funds will support to strengthen TRIP's homelessness prevention and housing stability efforts across Troy and Rensselaer County, with a particular emphasis on individuals with disabilities and households at greatest risk of eviction or foreclosure. Housing instability remains one of the most urgent drivers of homelessness in our region.	\$15,000.00
55	Unity House of Troy, Inc.	From Shelter to Home Fund	Unity House's 40-bed shelter provides a safe, confidential space for individuals and families fleeing abuse. Grant funds will provide financial assistance for security deposits and/or first month's rent to survivors who are ready to transition from shelter to permanent housing.	\$10,548.87
56	Upper Hudson Planned Parenthood, Inc.	General Operating	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

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57	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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