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**SMALL DOLLARS MAKING A BIG DIFFERENCE TO HELP MEET
IMPORTANT LOCAL HEALTH NEEDS**

Community Health Grant Applications Being Accepted for Funding with Focus on Smaller Organizations

ROCHESTER, N.Y., [February 1, 2016]–Greater Rochester Health Foundation is excited to announce the third year of funding for Community Health Grants. Applications for the first cycle are being accepted now through March 14, 2016.

Community Health Grants range between \$5,000 and \$50,000 and are an opportunity for smaller organizations whose good works may not qualify for a larger, longer-term grant to receive funding.

501(c)(3) small, non-profit organizations, such as health, religious or educational organizations and government departments that provide health services or health-benefitting activities in Genesee, Livingston, Monroe, Ontario, Orleans, Seneca, Wayne, Wyoming, and Yates counties may apply.

The Health Foundation purposely makes the application process simple. For the second time, the Health Foundation is hosting three grant writing workshops to help agencies which are new in applying, have limited grant writing experience, or little grant writing support, since the workshops received such positive feedback from potential grantees.

In just the first two years of Community Health Grant funding, \$1.1 million has been distributed through small grants to help smaller agencies fulfill their mission and impact the health in the Greater Rochester area.

“There are many smaller organizations doing good work, and smaller grants will help them be more effective,” said John Urban, President and CEO of Greater Rochester Health Foundation. “A small hospice home was able to replace worn, 15-year old mattresses so patients are comfortable, hundreds of homes in rural towns now have proper numbering so emergency vehicles can easily find them and families now have regular opportunities where they can exercise together all because of Community Health Grant funding.”

Community Health Grants will be available in 2016 to use over a 12-month period. Application information is available at www.thegrhf.org.

A Community Health Grantee Committee of the Greater Rochester Health Foundation will review applications and decide what will be funded based on the merit of the proposal and available funds. For more information, please visit www.thegrhf.org.

About Greater Rochester Health Foundation:

The mission of Greater Rochester Health Foundation is to improve the health status of residents of the Greater Rochester community, including people whose unique health care needs have not been met because of race, ethnicity, or income.

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