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**SECOND YEAR OF FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY HEALTH GRANTS NOW AVAILABLE**

*Greater Rochester Health Foundation Offers Funding with a Focus on Smaller Organizations*

**ROCHESTER, N.Y., March 9, 2015** – Greater Rochester Health Foundation is excited to announce the second year of funding for Community Health Grants. Applications for the first cycle are being accepted now through March 23, 2015.

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. Projects that will be considered for funding include start-up costs for a new program, short-term or pilot programs, training for staff on a specific skill development, and even program related facility or equipment repair.

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.

“This area of funding is helping small organizations make a meaningful difference to the health of our community,” said Diane Larter, program consultant, Greater Rochester Health Foundation. “A very 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 2015 to use over a 12-month period. Application information is available at [www.thegrhf.org](http://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](http://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.