Dear Partners,

We wanted to share some additional resources for those interested in responding to our Call for Ideas to further support your efforts. The deadline to submit an Idea Proposal for this grant opportunity is 6 p.m., Friday, June 11.

Through this grant opportunity, we are looking to advance our investment in innovative, partnered work that reimagines systems, programs, and services to disrupt inequities and rebuild stronger, healthier communities. These grants allow flexibility to test new ideas and approaches to challenges driven by community voice and to share related learning.

Visit our website to learn more about this funding opportunity and to access the following new resources:

- **Call for Idea Proposals Toolkit:** This toolkit provides guidance in developing your Idea Proposal, explanations of the information we are requesting, and example responses, definitions of key terms and concepts and more.

- **Question & Answer Video:** In this recorded virtual Q&A session, Health Foundation staff answer questions from prospective grantees about the Call for Idea Proposals process.

- **Question & Answer Sheet:** Created from the virtual Q&A session, questions and answers are transcribed for quick reference.

- **Human-Centered Design Resources:** (coming soon) Recorded webinar on Human-Centered Design with additional resources to help with crafting an Idea Proposal.

As always, Health Foundation staff are available to answer any questions you may have and/or provide guidance on your idea and how it may align with our goals. Please feel free to contact Senior Program Officer Monica Brown at (585) 258-1710, Associate Program Officer Hannah Stark at (585) 258-1703, or send an email to ideas@thegrhf.org.

**COVID-19 RESOURCES**

**What You Need to Know**

- COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective.
All individuals 12 years of age and older that reside in the United States are eligible to receive the vaccine.

New York State has adopted the CDC’s Interim Public Health Recommendations for Fully Vaccinated People for most businesses and public settings. See New York’s guidance for implementing the new CDC recommendations.

In accordance with the CDC’s new guidance on mask use, fully vaccinated people no longer need to wear masks outdoors, except in certain crowded settings and venues.

The Open Enrollment Period for uninsured New Yorkers has been extended through December 31, 2021. New Yorkers can apply for coverage through NY State of Health or directly through insurers.

Health care workers may text NYFRONTLINE to 741-741 to access 24/7 emotional support services.

Any New Yorker may call the COVID-19 Emotional Support Hotline at 1-844-863-9314 for mental health counseling.

The COVID-19 Vaccine Tracker Dashboard updates New Yorkers on the distribution of the vaccine including the number of doses received by the state, a breakdown of first or second doses, and the number of persons vaccinated with the first and second doses in each region.

Vaccinations Available

**NEW:** Vaccinations are available to any U.S. resident arriving or departing from seven New York airports across the state.


Eligible New Yorkers may reserve appointments for COVID-19 vaccines via phone (New York State COVID-19 Hotline: 1-833-NYS-4-VAX (1-833-697-4829) or on the Am I Eligible app. Community members calling from within Rochester city limits may dial 311 for assistance in making appointments.

The FEMA and state-run vaccination site at the former Kodak Hawkeye location, 1345 St. Paul St. in Rochester offers vaccinations on a walk-in basis.

**NEW: Vaccination Clinics for Teens**

The City of Rochester is offering teen vaccination clinics this weekend at the Ryan and Edgerton R-Centers.

The first dose of the Pfizer vaccine will be available to everyone ages 12 and over.

Walk-ins are accepted at both sites. To make an appointment, click on the links below:

May 22 (Ryan R-Center)
May 23 (Edgerton R-Center)
Residents may also call (585) 753-5555 for assistance.

Ways to Help

Apply to be a part of the Vaccine Volunteer Force and be a part of the largest public health effort in our nation’s history to vaccinate the public against COVID-19! Learn more here.

Questions?

Visit the Finger Lakes COVID-19 Vaccine Hub’s Things to Know webpage for answers to frequently asked questions or call 1-833-NYS-4-VAX.

LEARNING & ENGAGEMENT

Recognizing Our Asian, Asian American, and Pacific Islander Communities

As Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month draws to a close, join the University of Rochester Office of Alumni Relations and Constituent Engagement in partnership with the Diversity Advisory Council, and the Office of Equity and Inclusion in giving voice to the lived experiences of members of the Asian, Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) communities at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, May 26.

Explore the complexities of the model minority myth; the intertwined nature of racism and other forms of discrimination; and the erasure of histories and contributions due to xenophobia.

In this poignant conversation, panelists will share their personal and professional journeys in the face of anti-Asian and anti-Asian American hate in the United States. A moderated question and answer session with attendees will follow the discussion. Register for this virtual event here.

Infant/Early Childhood Basics

From the New York State Association for Infant Mental Health: NYS-AIMH is very pleased to announce an expansion of the Infant/Early Childhood (IECMH) Basics courses being offered free of charge in 2021.

U of R alumni panelists, left to right: Chunkit Fung, MD, Adria Bhattacharjee ’24, Simon Chiew ’02, Andrew Datu ’21S (MBA), Tanatchaya Chanphanitpornkit ’15E
Three additional course dates have been added along with an increase in course capacity. NYS-AIMH is glad to respond to the overwhelming response from across New York State. New courses are scheduled for July 29/30, Sept. 13/14 and Nov. 8/9. Click here to register.

In addition, registration is now open for NYS-AIMH’s “Breakfast for Babies” event on July 23. This year’s theme is “Self-Awareness and Liberating Infant Mental Health” – A reflective conversation about THE TENETS: Diversity-Informed Tenets for Work with Infants, Children, and their Families. Learn more and Register here.

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**RECOMMENDED READING**

The Illusion of Inclusive Workspaces and the Psychological Safety of BIPOC Colleagues

The Health Foundation is proud to share an essay written by Associate Program Officer Chiara Smith, featured by Grantmakers in Health (GIH).

Each year, GIH asks health funders to share their thoughts on their annual conference theme. This year, leaders offer reflections on the 2021 conference theme, Building a Just and Equitable Future.

“When thinking about equity and justice, funders should ask themselves if we are operating from an authentically inclusive space—or under the illusion of inclusion. I would argue that when funders fail to engage in authentic practices, we act as pillars that uphold the very systems that we fight so hard to dismantle.” - Chiara Smith

Read Chiara's full essay: The Illusion of Inclusive Workspaces and the Psychological Safety of BIPOC Colleagues.

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**FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**

Two Rochester Economic Development Corp., (REDCO) workshops remain to discuss opportunities around the Revitalize Rochester Fund (RRF). The fund provides grants and loans to entrepreneurs and business owners seeking to start or expand businesses in targeted city corridors. REDCO approves RRF funding to entrepreneurs and businesses who present a viable model to establish or expand a business in these areas.
Virtual RRF Workshops will detail all the information about the program, and the requirements needed to qualify for this initiative. Click on the links below to register:

**Tuesday, May 25 at noon**  
**Thursday, May 27 at 6 p.m.**

**Mother Cabrini Health Foundation** is on a mission to improve the health and well-being of New York’s poor, disadvantaged, and underserved populations. With so many across New York State impacted by the social determinants of health and the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, efforts to improve the health and well-being of those in need are more urgent than ever. Letters of Inquiry for eligible applicants for their Statewide Grants Program will be received through **June 4**. Click [here](#) to learn more.

**Robert Wood Johnson Foundation**’s new Health Equity Scholars for Action program provides support to help you thrive professionally and personally, and contribute to evidence that can help build a Culture of Health. Grants, up to $250,000 each, are available for research projects about health, well-being, and equity; the award includes mentorship and coaching as well as a community of support to help build your network and develop career opportunities. Learn more about eligibility and selection criteria [here](#). Deadline is **June 16**. Explore additional funding opportunities [here](#).

**Rochester Area Community Foundation** has launched its **Community Vaccine Education Grant** seeking innovative ideas from neighborhood groups and community-based organizations in select Rochester ZIP codes on how best to encourage neighbors to get the COVID-19 vaccine. There is a **rolling due date** for grant applications. Groups interested in applying for grants up to $3,000 may watch a Community Foundation-hosted webinar [here](#) for more information.

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**COMMUNITY EVENTS**

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**PlayROCs: Maximizing the Power of Play in Education**  
Join resident advocates in partnership with multiple organizations as we create a vision for playful learning in the Rochester City School District.  
Sessions are on May 25, June 3 & June 10 from 5:30 - 8:00 PM.  
To learn more visit: [HealthKids.org](#)

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**PlayROCs: Maximizar el poder del juego en la educación**  
Únase a los residentes de la comunidad en asociación con múltiples organizaciones mientras creamos una visión para el aprendizaje lúdico en el Distrito Escolar de la Ciudad de Rochester.  
Sesiones online el 25 de mayo, 3 de junio y 10 de junio de 5:30 a 8:30 de la tarde.  
Para obtener más información, visite: [HealthKids.org](#)

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**Greater Rochester Parent Leadership Training Institute Presents...**

**Taste of PLTI**  
Get a taste of what it’s like to be part of our parent leadership training program, meet alumni, and interview for a spot in our next cohort.
Centered in equity, the mission of the Greater Rochester Health Foundation is to pursue and invest in solutions that build a healthier region where all people can thrive.