Earlier this week we announced that we're accepting Idea Proposals via our Call for Ideas grant opportunity. This Responsive Grant funding is a resource centered in innovative, partnered work that reimagines systems, programs, and services to disrupt inequities and rebuild stronger, healthier communities.

At the Health Foundation, we define health inequities as differences or disparities in health status between socially advantaged and disadvantaged or marginalized groups resulting from systematic and unfair access and availability of resources and opportunities. Factors driving health inequities include, but are not limited to structural racism, discrimination, generational poverty, neighborhood segregation, and unequal access to economic opportunities, high quality education, nutritious food, and culturally responsive care.

A key focus of Call for Ideas is to respond to community needs and inequities central to or worsened by COVID-19, coupled with the public health and social justice crisis of racism. We seek to support the path to rebuilding and reimagining systems in more equitable ways.
We understand that only 20% of health occurs in the medical setting. The other 80% is influenced—often negatively—by systems and policies that create inequities, neighborhoods that lack needed resources, and power imbalances that prevent communities from having control of their own health. We also know that there are leaders and community members working on the ground to achieve change in these areas, but many are untapped and/or under-resourced. Together, we can change that!

Proposals are due by 6 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 3, 2021

Click the button below to learn more about this grant opportunity, browse resources, register for a workshop, and find information on how to submit an Idea Proposal.

LEARN MORE

COVID-19 RESOURCES

COVID-19 Pediatric Information

From the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](https://www.cdc.gov):

Everyone 12 years and older is eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccine, yet vaccination coverage among children ages 12-17 years is lower than in older groups. CDC recommends that everyone 12 years and older get a COVID-19 vaccine.

In addition to the [steps everyone should take to slow the spread of COVID-19](https://www.cdc.gov), people can help protect themselves and their families by eating a healthy diet, being active, getting enough sleep, and learning to cope with stress in a healthy way.

Parents and caregivers can further protect their children by maintaining [well-child visits and recommended vaccines](https://www.cdc.gov), including [COVID-19 vaccines for children ages 12 years and older](https://www.cdc.gov). If you have questions about childhood vaccines, talk with your child’s pediatrician or healthcare provider.
Vaccinations Available


Recommended Resource: CDC COVID weekly review

LEARNING & ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Critical Race Theory: How a Legal Framework Became a Political Flashpoint

All of a sudden, Critical Race Theory (CRT) is making headlines and turning school board meetings and tenure discussions into battlefields. A concept previously relegated to debate amongst public policy academics and legal scholars has become daily vernacular. With new legislation being introduced at the state and federal levels, it’s important to understand what Critical Race Theory is (and is not), the questions the legislation raises over teaching race and racism in schools, and how these laws will hinder our social environment.

Join the University of Rochester Office of Alumni Relations and Constituent Engagement in partnership with the Office of Equity and Inclusion, Diversity Advisory Council, and the Frederick Douglass Institute for African and African-American Studies for a virtual panel event and discussion from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 26.

Panelists work with Critical Race Theory in a variety of disciplines – from visual and cultural arts to education to public policy. Hear how their professional work intersects with CRT, how the teaching of critical race theory can help dismantle systems of oppression, and how we as a Rochester community can move forward from here.

Register here.

PathStone Presents –Provoking Thought: The American Dream and the Devaluation of Black Homes
Join PathStone Foundation and the Greater Rochester Association of REALTORS® from noon to 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 9 for an examination the impact of racial bias on homeownership opportunities in America.

Keynote speaker Dr. Andre Perry is a native of Pittsburgh and a Senior Fellow at the Metropolitan Policy Program at Brookings. Dr. Perry is also a Scholar in Residence at American University and a Columnist for the Hechinger Report. His research focuses on race and structural inequity, education and economic inclusion.

In his latest book “Know Your Price: Valuing Black Lives and Property in America’s Black Cities,” Dr. Perry gives an overview of five Black-majority cities and provides detailed analysis of how the assets and strengths of these places have been devalued. Dr. Perry will share how his research has identified Rochester as one of the most devalued cities for Black homeownership and discuss the impact of racial bias on homeownership opportunities. Register here for this virtual event.

ROC the Future State of Our Children Event to be Held In-Person

ROC the Future invites stakeholders and community members to its 9th Annual State of Our Children event at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 17. This year’s theme is The Path to Educational Renewal.

From ROC the Future: Over the past year, we’ve experienced an inordinate amount of uncertainty. The phrase “learning loss” was used widely to describe the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on student learning. Despite a disrupted school year, there are countless stories of student learning, progress, and strength. While academic learning maybe unfinished, it is not lost.

Together, we remain committed to explore best practices for transforming systems within the Rochester community for the betterment of all students.
As we return to a one-day, in person event, we look forward to sharing our progress with you, co-developing systemic solutions for future success and ensuring equitable outcomes.

Register [here](#).

**FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**

- Visit the Greater Rochester Health Foundation [website](#) for funding resources
- Grant Opportunities from [Rochester Area Community Foundation](#)
- The [Robert Wood Johnson Foundation](#) People, Parks, and Power: A National Initiative for Green Space, Health Equity, and Racial Justice (P3) IS a joint effort of RWJF and the [Doris Duke Charitable Foundation](#), led and managed by [Prevention Institute](#). Click [here](#) to learn more about this grant opportunity. Application deadline: Thursday, Nov. 4.

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**COMMUNITY EVENTS**

**Navigating the Mental Health System**

*Seeing through the lens of and walking in the shoes of a parent simulator*

Who Should Attend:
- Parents, Caregivers, Mental Health Parent Advocates,
- Parent Voice and System Change Stakeholders

- Free snacks, lunch and gift card incentives for parents/caregivers

Thursday October 28, 2021
9:00am-12:00pm
The Salvation Army 100 West Ave
Rochester, NY 14611

**Social distancing and mask required**

Registration required for this in person planning session by October 20th by visiting [www.biopoarentvoice.org](http://www.biopoarentvoice.org) or email [wadevirginia@yahoo.com](mailto:wadevirginia@yahoo.com)

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**OMH Statewide Virtual Town Hall**

*Featuring Commissioner Ann Sullivan, M.D.*

Thursday, October 28, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

OMH is conducting a Statewide Virtual Town Hall with Commissioner Ann Sullivan, M.D., presenting and taking feedback on the future of New York State's public mental health system. OMH is dedicated to providing individuals and families access to quality, integrated services and supports that foster recovery and well-being. Public input is crucial in assisting the agency in meeting the needs of all of the people we serve. All comments will be reviewed and considered pursuant to Section 5:07 of the New York State Mental Hygiene Law.

**Accessible Online**

The town hall will be held online in order to maximize access for public participation. Registration will be available soon. If you have any special communication needs to participate in the event, please contact Ryan Kelley at ryan.kelley@omh.ny.gov no later than October 14, 2021.
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.