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Dear Partners,

We've been hearing from many of you, and we know these are incredibly difficult times. Sudden funding cuts, unexpected contract changes, and other disruptions are making it harder to continue the vital work communities count on.

At Greater Rochester Health Foundation, we recognize how urgent this moment is—and we're stepping up to help by opening a new, **Rapid Response Fund**.

This fund provides short-term relief grants—up to \$75,000—to help nonprofits continue their work in the face of immediate funding disruptions and is designed to swiftly address the critical needs of our community by supporting the organizations that serve our most vulnerable neighbors.

Funding can support:

- Temporary bridge funding
- Costs related to service closures or staff reductions
- Strategic community defense or legal actions
- Transitioning clients to new service providers
- Expenses tied to mergers or collaborations to sustain services

Who is eligible:

- Nonprofits that have received Health Foundation support in the past 3 years (grant/sponsorship/donation)
- Tax-exempt and operating within our 9-county service area (Genesee, Livingston, Monroe, Ontario, Orleans, Seneca, Wayne, Wyoming, and Yates counties)
- Able to provide documentation of recent funding loss

What to expect:

- Rolling application process
- Decisions within 5 business days

- Support available for 1 to 6 months, with potential extensions

We encourage you to apply as soon as possible. To review full eligibility criteria, application requirements, and what to expect from the review process, visit our Rapid Response Fund webpage, linked in the button below.

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If you have any questions or need assistance, please reach out to us at rapidresponse@thegrhf.org. We're here to support you!

With gratitude and in partnership,

The Greater Rochester Health Foundation Team

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.



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