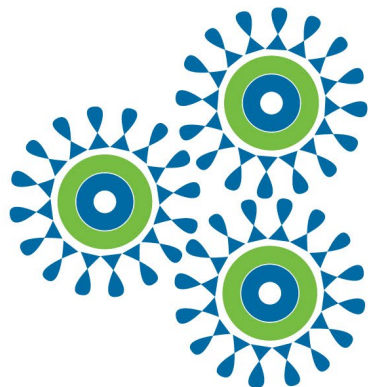


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**April 2022 – March 2023**



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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

### OVERVIEW

The Greater Rochester Community Transportation Foundation (GRCTF) provides the necessary link to transportation for community organizations and the people they serve. Many of these organizations have the capacity to obtain funding to support their services, which are vital for those they serve. However, as we, all work collaboratively to connect services to meet the multiple needs of individuals and families, often organizations find the expense of transportation beyond the scope of their budget. This is where GRCTF can provide financial assistance. Since February 2000, GRCTF has provided grants for more than 55,000 rides. The money raised at the Foundation's Annual Golf Tournament supports these grants and serves as the only funding source for the Foundation.

### OUR MISSION

To provide financial assistance for transportation to groups or organizations to enable them to provide activities with an educational, cultural or athletic focus, or that contributes to the health, well-being or personal growth of people that would otherwise not be possible due to the lack of transportation.

### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Justin Feasel

### GRCTF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

#### OFFICERS

Bill McDonald, *Chairperson* (until 8/17/2022) / Shannon Ealy (8/18/2022 - present)  
Shannon Ealy, *Vice Chairperson* (until 8/17/2022) / Bill Kalish (8/18/2022 - present)  
Bill Carpenter, *Treasurer*

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Scott Benjamin  
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## Greater Rochester Community Transportation Foundation

### Grant Request Detail

April 2022 - March 2023

## GRANT REQUESTS APPROVED

### **World Relief Western New York**

World Relief is an international humanitarian organization that helps to resettle and support recently arrived refugees and other immigrants in vulnerable situations. Over the next calendar year, World Relief's Western New York office plans to receive (and for provide housing, integration, and case management supports to) approximately 100 individuals and families through the Reception & Placement and Afghan Placement & Assistance programs. During their first weeks and months here in the U.S., these individuals and families often need assistance accessing transportation services necessary to get to and from medical appointments, employment training, legal assistance clinics, school, language classes, stores, and work.

Date Requested: April 2022  
Funding Request: \$2,450  
Funding Approved: \$3,000  
Transportation Provider: Regional Transit Service

### **Family Counseling Services of the Finger Lakes, Inc.**

Family Counseling Service of the Finger Lakes is a non-profit single service provider of general counseling serving children, individuals and families. Today, FCSFL has multiple programs including Domestic Violence, Child Sexual Abuse Assessment and Treatment, Trauma Therapy and General Counseling, LGBTQ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer/questioning) Support and Advocacy, Employee Assistance, Hispanic Bilingual Family Services and Domestic Violence Accountability.

Date Requested: April 2022  
Funding Request: \$1,000  
Funding Approved: \$1,000  
Transportation Provider: Regional Transit Service

### **Saving Grace Ministries**

Saving Grace Ministries of Rochester, Inc. is a non-profit organization which helps parolees and homeless individuals transition back into community life. SGMR assists with case management to help get medical, Social Security, Disability, and counseling appointments for the individuals who are in the 'Grace House Program'. One of the many needs of these clients is transportation to get to these appointments.

Date Requested: June 2022  
Funding Request: \$500  
Funding Approved: \$500  
Transportation Provider: Regional Transit Service

### **House of Mercy**

The House of Mercy is a homeless shelter that provides hope, healing, compassionate care, unconditional love, and a sense of community. It serves the poorest of the poor and the most vulnerable among us - the mentally ill, the alcohol and drug addicted, the lonely, the broken, the imprisoned, and the unwanted. They run a full-service kitchen that provides hundreds of daily meals. They also have a social services team that refers clients to housing opportunities, job opportunities, and medical/mental health care services.

Date Requested: June 2022  
Funding Request: \$3,000  
Funding Approved: \$3,000  
Transportation Provider: Regional Transit Service

### **The Salvation Army**

The Salvation Army provides sheltered services for youth, women, and men, as well as emergency services for family. In addition to a wide array of programs within the community, the Salvation Army also provides an overnight youth camp and after school programs. The Salvation Army receives financial assistance for insurance and healthcare only. They meet all other financial needs through fundraising. Bus passes were provided to 537 households comprised of 930 individuals through the Emergency and Family Services Programs the last fiscal year. Bus passes are provided for medical appointments for clients waiting for Medicaid or who do not have Medicaid. Bus passes are also provided for DHS appointments, for clients with disabilities and no transportation, and for those with new jobs.

Date Requested: June 2022  
Funding Request: \$2,500  
Funding Approved: \$2,500  
Transportation Provider: Regional Transit Service

### **Rochester Rams Football Club Inc.**

The Rams serve about 300 kids, ages 5 to 16 in an athletic/academic program and travel throughout the year to competitive events. Transportation for the group has been self-funded since 2012. Club members work to raise the needed funds, and in the past, parents and volunteers made-up any shortfalls. Seventy-five percent of the kids in this program are at or below the poverty level, have never been outside of Rochester and are being raised by grandparents or a single parent. This request is to supplement the cost of charter service to compete in New Jersey for Regional Cheer & Dance Competition.

Date Requested: September 2022  
Funding Request: \$3,000  
Funding Approved: \$3,000  
Transportation Provider: Niagara Scenic Tours, Inc.

### **St. Joseph's Neighborhood Center, Inc.**

St. Joseph's Neighborhood Center provides comprehensive health care, counseling, and social work to individuals and families who lack access to health insurance. Established in 1993 as a ministry of the Sisters of St. Joseph, the Center is committed to raising the health status and quality of life of individuals and families. The Center serves approximately 3,000 individuals (15,000 visits) per year.

Date Requested: September 2022  
Funding Request: \$1,200  
Funding Approved: \$1,500  
Transportation Provider: Regional Transit Service

### **Student Arts Foundation**

The Student Arts Foundation provides students with opportunities and resources to empower their creative goals. To accomplish this, the Student Arts Foundation gives local youths an outlet for creative self-expression and access to the tools and providers to develop and showcase their talents. Since its inception in 2014, they have worked to fill in the gaps in Rochester communities where arts education and immersion are lacking or unavailable.

Date Requested: September 2022  
Funding Request: \$3,000  
Funding Approved: \$300  
Transportation Provider: Regional Transit Service

### **Flower City Arts Center**

The Flower City Arts Center is a long -standing Photo Club program serving 6th, 7th and 8th grade economically disadvantaged students who attend the Rochester City School District. The GRCTF grant helps ensure that students who attend the Studio 678 Photo Club have safe and reliable transportation from school to programming during its 24-week experience. Studio 678 students explore the community by partaking in field trips to local historical sites, museums, colleges, neighborhoods, businesses, and cultural destinations. They learn about the art of photography and written expression, and as a result enhance their ability to express themselves in constructive ways, build life and problem -solving skills, establish positive relationships, and give back to their community in meaningful ways.

Date Requested: September 2022  
Funding Request: \$3,000  
Funding Approved: \$3,000  
Transportation Provider: Aenon Baptist Church

### **Community Resource Collaborative**

Community Resource Collaborative (CRC) exists to uplift young people between the ages of 18 and 24 who are directly and indirectly effected by all forms of violence, including gun violence, domestic violence and trafficking. Since its inception in September of 2021, CRC has successfully relocated 8 families to safety. It provides those it serves with education and employment supports, life skills training and workshops, group and individual mentoring, financial literacy, digital literacy, and triaging to existing community programs and supports based on the individual needs of the client. CRC shares adjacent space to Imprintable Solutions, creating a unique system to Rochester that allows youth to be submerged in an employment environment that also offers the support of a nonprofit for case management and personal development/skill-building opportunities with the goal of youth being empowered to move to self-sufficiency.

Date Requested: September 2022  
Funding Request: \$1,080  
Funding Approved: \$1,080  
Transportation Provider: Regional Transit Service

### **Mary's Place Refugee Outreach**

Mary's Place provides outreach services and programs for refugees living in the Rochester area. Services include food and clothing distribution, caseworker services, English-as-a-second language and Pre-K classes, green card and citizenship application assistance, and a summer youth program. To access these services, area refugees need safe and reliable transportation.

Date Requested: September 2022  
Funding Request: \$2,500  
Funding Approved: \$2,500  
Transportation Provider: Regional Transit Service

### **Bethany House**

Bethany House provides temporary housing, assistance and support to women and children in Rochester, NY afflicted with homelessness and instability from domestic violence, incarceration, addiction, mental health, physical illness, or poverty. Their services are free and open to all women in the community. Bethany House receives no aid from government or other public funders and relies solely on private donations and grants.

Date Requested: December 2022  
Funding Request: \$2,900  
Funding Approved: \$1,450  
Transportation Provider: Regional Transit Service

### **Family Promise of Greater Rochester**

Family Promise of Greater Rochester (formerly known as RAIHN) seeks bus passes for families in their Shelter Program and Aftercare & Stabilization Program, which follows up with families for 1 year after transitioning from the shelter into permanent housing. Bus passes are a constant need for these two core programs, as most families rely solely on public buses for transportation to medical appointments, meet with landlords, apply for jobs, and for appointments at the Department of Human Services. Staff members also distribute monthly bus passes to individuals who have secured employment or are attending educational or vocational training.

Date Requested: December 2022  
Funding Request: \$2,260  
Funding Approved: \$1,450  
Transportation Provider: Regional Transit Service

### **Grace of God Recovery House, Inc**

Grace of God Recovery House is an outreach program of Spiritus Christi Church that provides a safe home for men recovering from drug and alcohol addictions. Referrals for the program come from Norris Alcoholism Treatment Center, Unity Health Addiction Services, Huther-Doyle Addiction Services & other treatment centers in the area. This program serves men who have received treatment for their addictions but are homeless and on waiting lists for their next transition. They also admit those who are homeless, in outpatient treatment and need a supportive living situation until they can successfully transition to independent living.

Date Requested: December 2022  
Funding Request: \$1,500  
Funding Approved: \$1,425  
Transportation Provider: Regional Transit Service

### **Refugees Helping Refugees**

Refugees Helping Refugees (RHR) seeks to foster the growth and self-reliance of Rochester's refugee community by making them agents of their own advancement. RHR was initially founded in 2002 as the Somali Community of Western New York. As the population of refugees in Rochester expanded and diversified, RHR committed to serving refugees of all backgrounds and changed its name to Refugees Helping Refugees to express this inclusive vision. They are the only refugee-led program in the area and they serve close to 400 community members annually.

Date Requested: December 2022  
Funding Request: \$2,472  
Funding Approved: \$1,450  
Transportation Provider: Regional Transit Service

## Spiritus Christi Prison Outreach

Spiritus Christi Prison Outreach is Monroe County's only program that provides residential wraparound support to people that are homeless and reentering the community from institutions such as jails and prisons. Participants progress from incarceration to transitional housing (Jennifer and Nielsen House) and then to community-based permanent housing, including SCPO managed permanent supportive housing. Support from the GRCTF is needed for them to travel to mental and physical healthcare appointments, legal obligations, family visits, cultural enrichment, and community agencies.

Date Requested:	December 2022
Funding Request:	\$2,500
Funding Approved:	\$1,425
Transportation Provider:	Regional Transit Service

## SUMMARY OF 202-23 GRANTING ACTIVITY

Number of grants awarded this period:	16
Grants requested receiving partial awards:	6
Grants requested receiving more than request:	2
Grants requested and denied:	0

## APPLICATION FOR TRANSPORTATION FUNDING

Groups or organizations interested in applying for transportation funding are required to complete the Transportation Foundation Application for Funding. To qualify, applicants must be recognized as a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit by the Internal Revenue Service. Applications are reviewed and grants are awarded by the GRCTF Board on a quarterly basis.

- Applications submitted **November through February** are reviewed and considered at the **April** meeting.
- Applications submitted **March through April** are reviewed and considered at the **June** meeting.
- Applications submitted **May through July** are reviewed and considered at the **September** meeting.
- Applications submitted **August through October** are reviewed and considered at the **December** meeting.

### ***For more information, please contact:***

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**Download an Application: [myRTS.com/GRCTF](https://myRTS.com/GRCTF)**

**Greater Rochester Community Transportation Foundation**  
**Statement of Position**  
**March 31, 2023**

<u>Assets</u>	
Current Assets-	
Cash	\$ 129,482
Total Assets	<u>\$ 129,482</u>
<u>Liabilities and Net Assets</u>	
Current Liabilities-	
Accounts payable	\$ 20,415
Deferred revenue	340
Total current liabilities	<u>\$ 20,755</u>
Net Assets-	
Without donor restrictions	\$ 108,727
With donor restrictions	-
Total net assets	<u>\$ 108,727</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u>\$ 129,482</u>

**Greater Rochester Community Transportation Foundation**  
**Statement of Activities**  
**For the Year Ended March 31, 2023**

<u>Revenue and support</u>	<u>Without Donor Restrictions</u>	<u>With Donor Restrictions</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Contributions	\$ 34,459	\$ -	\$ 34,459
Interest income	2,309	-	2,309
In-kind contributions	-	-	-
Total revenue and support	<u>\$ 36,768</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 36,768</u>
Net assets released from restrictions	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
<u>Expenses</u>			
Program services	\$ 23,415	\$ -	\$ 23,415
Supporting services-			
Management and general	3,245	-	3,245
Fundraiser	18,520	-	18,520
Total expenses	<u>\$ 45,180</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 45,180</u>
Changes in net assets	\$ (8,412)	\$ -	\$ (8,412)
Net assets, beginning of year	117,139	-	117,139
Net assets, end of year	<u><u>\$ 108,727</u></u>	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 108,727</u></u>