



Proudly Announces...

2012 Community Grants

NextGen requests proposals for its third round of Community Grants. These grants will assist organizations working to improve Greater Rochester.

NextGen Rochester was founded in 2009 and is a peer-led form of philanthropy. The members are an emerging generation of citizens who make “giving back” part of their lives through leadership, friendship, and philanthropy. NextGen members are typically ages 21-45 and comprise a cross-section of the community. Members find value in giving to local charitable causes and addressing community needs. It is the intention of NextGen Rochester not only to build assets, but also compassion, knowledge, and community engagement by giving a greater philanthropic voice to young professionals.

Each NextGen Rochester member contributes to a fund that makes grants to nonprofits selected by the members. By pooling their contributions together, emerging leaders are given a seat of influence in greater Rochester and are able to make a greater impact than they could make individually.

Community Grants Goal

To support organizations and activities that advance important work in the following issue areas:

1. Education (pre-school through high school)
2. Youth or Community Engagement
3. Addressing Poverty
4. Revitalization of the Greater Rochester community

Community Grant projects must also accomplish some, if not all, of the following:

- Keep the grant money in the community and support the local economy
- Involve a diverse group of participants including, but not limited to, people of different races, ages, geographical residences in the organization’s programs or projects
- Encourage communication and cooperation among organizations, associations, agencies, and institutions in the community

Who’s eligible to apply for NextGen Community Grants?

Organizations classified by the Internal Revenue Service as 501(c) organizations or described in 170(c)(1) serving Monroe, Ontario, Wayne, Genesee, Livingston, Seneca, Yates and Orleans Counties. This can include service, charitable, faith-based, educational, and government organizations and institutions, as well as other 501(c)(3) organizations.

Grant awards and amounts will be determined by the members of NextGen. Typical grants range between \$500-\$2,500.



How do I apply?

Eligible organizations must submit the attached pre-application form, completing all sections. Please do not submit supplementary materials. Applicants may subsequently be asked to submit a more comprehensive application and attend a meeting of the NextGen membership. Each organization may make **one** submission.

Pre-applications must be received electronically (Word or pdf files only and formatted ready to print with organization name/acronym in the file name) or in hard-copy by **Friday September 21, 2012** and submitted to:

NextGenRoc@racf.org – (emails only to this address will be accepted)

or

NextGen Rochester
C/o The Community Foundation
500 East Avenue
Rochester, NY 14607

Awards will be made in November 2012.

***** PLEASE DO NOT:**

- Submit a copy of this RFP back to NextGen (only submit the Pre-Application form).
- Submit an itemized budget.
- Submit more than 2 pages – Anything beyond two pages will be declined.
- Submit a cover letter/page.

Additional Requirements:

- All grantees must submit a final report to the NextGen within 60 days of the conclusion of the funded project(s)/program(s).
- Significant changes to the funded project(s)/program(s) must be approved by the NextGen advisory committee.
- Applicants and grantees may be visited by NextGen members. Grantees may also be invited to attend NextGen meetings or events.
- The following are excluded from consideration:
 - 1) Organizations that promote a particular religious or political ideology;
 - 2) Endowment campaigns; and
 - 3) Gala events and other special fundraising events.

Please also make sure the contact information listed, especially the email address, is for the person primarily responsible for this application.