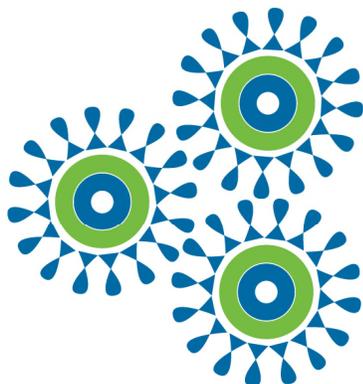


ANNUAL REPORT

2018 - 2019



GREATER
ROCHESTER
COMMUNITY
TRANSPORTATION
FOUNDATION



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April 2018 – March 2019

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



*Joy Pacheco,
Executive
Director*

As we watch the evolution of mobility options and public transportation in our region, we also see a region with changing demographics and population trends. Now in our 19th year, the Foundation is serving a more diverse population with greater and more diverse transportation needs.

The Foundation recognizes and embraces the many mobility options that are becoming available to those dependent on public transit. As mobility options increase, the Foundation continues to assist community organizations in meeting the various transportation needs for those they serve.

Through community outreach, we work to inform organizations of alternative and potentially more efficient mobility options available in the community. We continue to take advantage of opportunities to connect with these organizations to help ensure an awareness of the Foundation as well as other resources that are available to help meet transportation needs.

Number of grants awarded this reporting period:	16
Grants requested receiving partial awards:	3
Grants requested receiving full awards:	13
Grants requested receiving more than request:	0
Grants requested that were denied:	4

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 within our community, organizations often 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 for individuals served by community organizations. 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.

GRCTF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Greater Rochester Community Transportation Foundation
Grant Request Detail
April 2018 – March 2019

GRANT REQUESTS APPROVED

Center for Youth Services

The Center's workforce programs focus on education and support for employment. Bus passes provide participants with transportation they otherwise would not have and enable them to fully participate in program activities. The program staff are confident that these programs result in successful outcomes, which are made possible when participants have access to transportation that enables them to attend.

Date Requested:	December 2018
Funding Request:	\$1,440
Funding Approved:	\$1,440
Amount Spent:	\$1,440
Transportation Provided By:	Regional Transit Service

East House

East House provides a residential treatment program for recovery from chemical dependency and mental illness, and has partnered with RIT for the last 20 years to provide clients with a two-week college experience. As the majority of clients are at or below the poverty level and unemployed, transportation is needed to get them to and from RIT during the program. This funding request is to help pay for chartered pick-up and drop-off services.

Date Requested:	April 2018
Funding Request:	\$2,500
Funding Approved:	\$1,000
Amount Spent:	\$1,000
Transportation Provided By:	LINQ (Golden Memories Transportation, Inc.)

Flower City Arts Center

The Flower City Arts Center operates a 24-week after-school photography and writing program that allows Wilson Foundation Academy students to take photos within the community and then use the Center's darkroom and facilities to develop their photos and write. The program requires transporting students into the community to take photos and enables the students to go to a wide variety of places, including colleges, so they can see a campus and start to think about going to college. The requested funding is for transporting students using Aenon Baptist Church's three vans, which has proven to be a cost-effective transportation solution for both the program and the Church.

Date Requested: September 2018
Funding Request: \$2,500
Funding Approved: \$2,500
Amount Spent: \$2,500
Transportation
Provided By: Aenon Baptist Church

Genesee Land Trust

The Genesee Land Trust protects over 5,000 acres of land along with major preserves in 15 communities. The Trust also operates a six-week summer Youth Environmental Ambassadors program in conjunction with the City of Rochester, the goal of which is to inform and impact urban communities. This funding request is to supplement chartered transportation to Albany so that students can meet with lobbyists about environmental programs.

Date Requested: December 2018
Funding Request: \$2,000
Funding Approved: \$1,000
Amount Spent: \$1,000
Transportation
Provided By: Amtrak Train

Legal Aid Society of Rochester, NY

The Legal Aid Society of Rochester provides civil legal services to low income residents in matters that include custody and visitation, orders of protection, divorce, immigration, housing and the representation of children in Family Court. For many clients, getting to court is both a challenge and barrier to justice and failing to appear can result in negative consequences such as dismissing an order of protection, losing custody of a child or an immediate eviction. This funding request is to help pay for bus passes that are provided based on need as assessed by the client's Legal Aid attorney.

Date Requested: April 2018
Funding Request: \$500
Funding Approved: \$500
Amount Spent: \$500
Transportation
Provided By: Regional Transit Service

Monroe County Wolverines

The Monroe County Wolverines is a dance/cheerleading team that provides girls from 5 to 18 years of age with a structured program based on competition, teamwork, and acquiring life skills. All of the girls are from low-income households, so there is no cost associated with becoming a team member. To compete, members need to maintain at least a “C” average and be willing to fully participate in fundraising events to cover the cost of travel to tournaments. This funding request is to cover a shortfall in funding for charter bus service to attend a regional competition in Trenton, New Jersey.

Date Requested: June 2018
Funding Request: \$2,500
Funding Approved: \$2,500
Amount Spent: \$2,500
Transportation
Provided By: Regional Transit Service

Pittsford Food Cupboard

Approximately 300 families receive food from the Pittsford Food Cupboard monthly from six Foodlink designated zip codes, the two largest of which are City of Rochester zip codes 14607 and 14620. Clients who walk, ride a bike or receive a ride to the food cupboard typically need a way to return home with their food. This funding request helps to pay for the approximately 20 bus passes that are provided each month to clients who are able to demonstrate a need.

Date Approved: September 2018
Funding Requested: \$ 300
Funding Approved: \$ 300
Amount Spent: \$ 300
Transportation
Provided By: Regional Transit Service

Rochester Rams Football Club

The Rochester Rams serve approximately 300 kids, ages 5 to 16, in an athletic/academic program and travel throughout the year to competitive events. Transportation for the group is self-funded and club members work to raise the needed funds, with shortfalls historically made up by parents and volunteers. 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 funding request is to supplement the cost of charter service to compete in New Jersey to qualify for a trip to Disneyland.

Date Approved: September 2018
Funding Requested: \$2,500
Funding Approved: \$2,500
Amount Spent: \$2,500
Transportation
Provided By: Niagara Scenic Tours

ROCovery Fitness

ROCovery provides peer support through fitness and wellness for individuals in recovery from addiction to drugs and alcohol and serves more than 200 unique individuals per month. They help individuals achieve and maintain long-term recovery from addiction by providing peer based recovery support through fitness, advocating for recovery focus policies and programs and working to reduce the stigma associated with drug and alcohol addiction. This funding request will help meet the program-related transportation needs of ROCovery participants.

Date Requested: April 2019
Funding Request: \$150
Funding Approved: \$150
Amount Spent: \$150
Transportation
Provided By: Regional Transit Service

St. Peter's Kitchen

While the primary function of St. Peter's Kitchen is to provide a daily lunch program, they also work to address the needs of program participants, many of whom suffer from substance addiction, mental disorders, homelessness and lack of transportation. This funding request will help to pay for bus passes for participants to travel to medical appointments, court appearances, job interviews and meetings to secure and retain government assistance.

Date Requested: April 2019
Funding Request: \$720
Funding Approved: \$720
Amount Spent: \$720
Transportation
Provided By: Regional Transit Service

Salvation Army of Greater Rochester

Salvation Army is the largest human service provider in Rochester, helping over 21,000 families with homeless shelters and other programs. Among those that Salvation Army serves, the request for help with transportation is constant. Transportation needs are carefully assessed and transportation assistance is provided to consumers once those assessments are completed. Assistance with funding for transportation is vital given that United Way and fundraisers only provide approximately 80% of Salvation Army's program funding.

Date Requested: September 2018
Funding Request: \$2,500
Funding Approved: \$2,500
Amount Spent: \$2,500
Transportation
Provided By: Regional Transit Service

Sojourner Home

Sojourner Home is a three to six month transitional program for women and children that focuses on issues that lead to homelessness. Those coming to Sojourner Home often have no source of income, do not have all needed support services in place, including transportation, and generally need to attend medical appointments and mental health sessions for both themselves and their children. This funding request will help to pay for bus passes for program participants.

Date Requested: December 2018
Funding Request: \$360
Funding Approved: \$360
Amount Spent: \$360
Transportation
Provided By: Regional Transit Service

SummerLEAP

The Greater Rochester Summer Learning Association, also known as SummerLEAP, provides high quality, tuition-free summer learning programs to low income pre-K students throughout the City of Rochester. These programs reduce summer learning loss and increase kindergarten readiness by engaging students for six weeks in literacy, science and math. One of the greatest barriers to program participation is the lack of transportation, and this funding request is to provide transportation for up to 16 families for the duration of the program and 30 two-ride bus passes to assist families with last-minute transportation emergencies.

Date Requested: April 2018
Funding Request: \$1,500
Funding Approved: \$1,500
Amount Spent: \$1,500
Transportation
Provided By: Regional Transit Service

Veterans Outreach Center (VOC)

Veterans Outreach Center offers a myriad of programs to veterans covering occupational training, transitioning from homelessness, emergency services, support services and assistance with age-related disabilities. This funding request will help to pay for bus passes for veterans to attend medical appointments, treatment programs, employment training, credit counseling and numerous other appointments connected with accessing services.

Date Approved: December 2018
Funding Requested: \$2,450
Funding Approved: \$2,450
Amount Spent: \$2,450
Transportation
Provided By: Regional Transit Service

Villa of Hope

Villa of Hope focuses on families to rebuild relationships. The Villa offers residential, community-based and educational programs and operates outpatient chemical dependency and mental health clinics. The ability of clients to have successful outcomes is largely dependent upon their ability to keep appointments, which is a challenge for those who do not have reliable transportation. This funding request is to help pay for bus passes for clients who have a transportation need.

Date Requested:	December 2018
Funding Request:	\$1,500
Funding Approved:	\$1,500
Amount Spent:	\$1,500
Transportation Provided By:	Regional Transit Service

Wayne County Action Program (CAP)

The Wayne County Action Program is a private 14-bed facility that works with homeless community members to provide temporary transportation to and from work until they can transition to other resources or become self-sufficient. They also provide transportation for individuals who have newly secured living arrangements to get to and from the program and to community clothing closets, food pantries and other services. This funding request is to support program-related transportation needs.

Date Requested:	April 2018
Funding Request:	\$2,500
Funding Approved:	\$1,250
Amount Spent:	\$1,250
Transportation Provided By:	RTS Wayne

Greater Rochester Community Transportation Foundation
Statement of Position
March 31, 2019

<u>Assets</u>	
Current Assets-	
Cash	\$ 121,274
Total Assets	<u><u>\$ 121,274</u></u>
<u>Liabilities and Net Assets</u>	
Current Liabilities-	
Accounts payable	\$ -
Deferred revenue	340
Total current liabilities	<u>\$ 340</u>
Net Assets-	
Unrestricted	\$ -
Temporarily restricted	120,934
Total net assets	<u>\$ 120,934</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u><u>\$ 121,274</u></u>

Greater Rochester Community Transportation Foundation
Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended March 31, 2019

<u>Revenue and support</u>	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Temporarily Restricted</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Contributions	\$ -	\$ 41,300	\$ 41,300
Interest income	-	104	104
In-kind contributions	-	-	-
Total revenue and support	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 41,403</u>	<u>\$ 41,403</u>
Net assets released from restrictions	<u>\$ 41,834</u>	<u>\$ (41,834)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
<u>Expenses</u>			
Program services	\$ 22,170	\$ -	\$ 22,170
Supporting services-			
Management and general	2,040	-	2,040
Fundraiser	17,623	-	17,623
Total expenses	<u>\$ 41,834</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 41,834</u>
Changes in net assets	\$ -	\$ (430)	\$ (430)
Net assets, beginning of year	-	121,364	121,364
Net assets, end of year	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 120,934</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 120,934</u></u>

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 consideration at the **December** meeting.

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