Community Mini Grants Available to Prevent Childhood Overweight and Obesity

The Greater Rochester Health Foundation (GRHF) announced today it will fund $200,000 in 2008 as part of some first-of-their-kind mini grants to organizations and groups throughout Monroe County involved with kids ages 2-10. These grants are part of the Foundation’s ten-year strategic plan to prevent childhood overweight and obesity in Monroe County. The strategy is to ensure kids are provided healthy foods and beverages and/or the physical activity levels of children are increased.

“We are very excited about these mini grants and the potential to reach deep into the community to small organizations and groups. We recognize that there are many small organizations, neighborhood associations and faith-based communities and neighborhood schools actively involved in the lives of young children. GRHF is investing up to $200,000 in 2008 for one-time-only, one-year community mini-grants. The grants will range from $500-$10,000 and will be awarded to community-based organizations and groups to increase physical activity and/or improve nutrition for Monroe County children ages 2-10 years. “GRHF is especially interested in applications that promote children’s active play in both structured and unstructured settings,” says Bonnie C. DeVinney, Vice President and Chief Program Officer of GRHF. The mini-grant application process has been streamlined to encourage small organizations to apply for funds.

The Request for Proposals including eligibility criteria may be found at www.thegrhf.org or by visiting GRHF at 150 State Street, Suite 100 weekdays between 8:30 am and 5 pm. Proposals will be accepted through April 25 with funds available beginning in July 2008.

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