

## Anti-poverty funding

Since its inception in 2015, the Rochester-Monroe Anti-Poverty Initiative has received \$3.25 million in direct support from New York state to establish the RMAPI office and lead efforts to bring the community together around common goals of breaking the cycle of poverty and attacking the root causes of this poverty.

The state of New York has also committed significant funding for anti-poverty efforts that implement RMAPI's priorities of adult mentoring, child care, summer learning programs for children and home visitation services for young and expectant mothers.

The state has also given funding for anti-poverty efforts beyond the direct implementation strategies outlined by RMAPI. In 2015, the Finger Lakes Regional Economic Development Council was awarded \$500 million in economic development support through the Upstate Revitalization Initiative (URI) competition. The council identified poverty reduction as a key goal for the region, and the URI funding administered by the council has already gone toward several projects that address the community's poverty-reduction goals. This funding includes matching support from private donations.

New York has funded other anti-poverty efforts through the annual state budget, and the city of Rochester and Monroe County have also made investments into anti-poverty efforts aligning with the goals of RMAPI.

Total state funding directly to RMAPI: **\$3.25 million**  
Total state funding for RMAPI projects: **\$6.25 million**

## Rochester-Monroe Anti-Poverty Initiative

The Rochester-Monroe Anti-Poverty Initiative serves as the backbone for the community's anti-poverty work, bringing together stakeholders from the non-profit, business and government sectors to address the root causes of poverty and work toward common poverty-reduction goals. RMAPI aims to create better coordination of services and advocates for effective anti-poverty policies to address these factors.

### Direct funding for RMAPI

**Amount:** \$500,000

**Source:** New York State 2015-16 budget

**Lead Agency:** United Way of Greater Rochester

**Purpose:** To fund the RMAPI backbone office and staff, as well as oversight for work groups and initial research into root causes of poverty.

**Timeframe:** April 2015-March 2016

**Amount:** \$2.75 million

**Source:** New York State's Empire State Poverty Reduction Initiative

**Lead Agency:** RMAPI

**Purpose:** To support RMAPI's transition from planning to implementation. These funds are coordinated by RMAPI and targeted to create system integration in concert with implementation of pilot projects around adult mentoring and early childhood supports.

**Timeframe:** April 2016-March 2019

Total funding: **\$3.25 million for four years**

## **Funding to advance RMAPI-proposed projects**

### **Adult mentoring**

Two programs—Bridges to Success and the Family Independence Initiative—work with individuals and families to identify the roadblocks to self-sufficiency, set personal goals and connect to the resources needed to achieve those goals. The program focuses on the RMAPI target neighborhoods of EMMA, Beechwood, Marketview Heights and part of CONEA.

**Amount:** \$1.5 million (state funding portion)

**Source:** Finger Lakes Regional Economic Development Council—Upstate Revitalization Initiative

**Lead Agency:** Catholic Family Center

**Purpose:** To support the creation and expansion of the program within the initial target neighborhoods

**Timeframe:** November 2016-October 2018

### **Child care**

The expansion of the child care plan will target 300 more children across Monroe County and offer 18 months of child care support for working parents, which in turn will help these parents retain employment. This effort will also focus on supporting parents through mentoring and other navigating projects.

**Amount:** \$3 million (state funding portion)

**Source:** Finger Lakes Regional Economic Development Council—Upstate Revitalization Initiative

**Lead Agency:** Monroe County

**Purpose:** To support the program's implementation and expansion

**Timeframe:** July 2017-June 2019

### **Home visitation**

This effort will expand the Nurse-Family Partnership, Building Healthy Children and Parents as Teachers initiatives, which are focused on low-income, young, new families. Through proven, effective income-related health and education support programs, this new effort will assist an additional 116 families in Monroe County.

**Amount:** \$675,000 (state funding portion)

**Source:** Finger Lakes Regional Economic Development Council—Upstate Revitalization Initiative

**Lead Agency:** United Way of Greater Rochester

**Purpose:** To support the program's implementation and expansion

**Timeframe:** July 2017-June 2019

### **Summer learning**

The summerLEAP program will be expanded to target 305 more pre-K children in the city of Rochester in summer 2017 than in 2016, and 407 more in summer 2018. The initiative is an intensive, six-week, classroom-based summer learning program proven to be effective at improving kindergarten readiness, while preventing the so-called 'summer slide.'

**Amount:** \$1.075 million (state funding portion)

**Source:** Finger Lakes Regional Economic Development Council—Upstate Revitalization Initiative

**Lead Agency:** United Way of Greater Rochester

**Purpose:** To support the program's implementation and expansion

**Timeframe:** July 2017-June 2019