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The Ulster County Italian American Foundation (UCIAF) is dedicated to preserving and promoting our rich Italian Culture throughout Ulster County. For seven years, UCIAF has provided educational grants to graduating seniors from all our Ulster County high schools. Four years ago, we instituted a Community Grants Program to support other local organizations.

We have increased the grant amount to \$750 and are offering five individual grants this year. Complete information is on the application form and on our website www.uciaf.org. The application is **due May 1, 2023** and the grants will be awarded at our Annual Educational and Awards Dinner scheduled for June.

Awards will be selected by our Grants Committee based upon how the grant award will support your program while promoting our UCIAF goals and how your program will directly benefit our local community. Our committee has decided not to award Grants to the same organization in consecutive years. This will allow us to spread our contributions to the many worthy organizations throughout Ulster County. Our 2022 recipients were: The Reher Center for Immigrant Culture and History, J.FC.Breathe Free Foundation Inc., People's Place, Christmas Wishes Ulster County Inc, and Ulster County Community Action. Through the outstanding generosity of Bob Siracusano our grants were matched and each recipient received \$1000. To date our UCIAF Community Care Program has awarded \$12,500 in grants and approximately \$20,000 in donations for the needy.

We sincerely hope you will participate in our grant program to foster a true spirit of community. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at lombardiles@gmail.com or call 914-388-9652. We look forward to your application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Les Lombardi".

LesLombardi/C.C. Committee