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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 ten years, UCIAF has provided educational awards for graduating seniors from all our Ulster County High Schools. Seven years ago, we instituted a Community Grants Program to support other NFP local organizations.

Two years ago, we increased the grant amount to $1,000 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, 2026, and the grants will be awarded at our Annual Awards Dinner scheduled for Tuesday, June 17th at Novellas in New Paltz.

Awards will be selected by our Grants Committee based upon how the grant award will support your program while promoting our UCIAF Mission 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 2025 recipients were Ulster County S.P.C.A, Rip Van Wikle Scouts, Hudson Valley Hospice, The Children's Home of Kingston, and Friends of Historic Kingston. To date our UCIAF Community Care Program has awarded $26,500 in grants and approximately $37,000 in donations for those with immediate needs.

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,

Les Lombardi

Jeremy Pugliese

Committee Co-chairs