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City of Ithaca	Multicultural Resource Center (MRC)	2014 First Peoples' Festival	2,000	9/27/14 or 10/4/14	The First Peoples' Festival is a celebration of Indigenous peoples of New York State with traditional music, crafts, displays and foods. We provide an educational opportunity for the public to learn more about the traditions and unlearn the stereotypes connected with Indigenous cultures. The First Peoples' Festival is located in downtown Ithaca.	\$2,000	\$1,000	<i>An important cultural celebration. May benefit from additional collaboration with the Tompkins Festivals Program to reduce expenses. The application lacks detail about specifically how the cultural aspects will be conveyed.</i>
City of Ithaca	GreenStar Community Projects	2014 Food Justice Summit	1,000	Early September 2014	The Food Justice Summit is an educational and multicultural event that brings the community together to foster a sustainable, equitable and effective local food system by highlighting the unique agriculture and cultural identity of the people in Tompkins County. The 2014 event will include an emphasis on education and dialogue, with community panels, educational "break-out" sessions, and special speakers. This will be in addition to staple Food Justice Summit activities, including music by local performers, the Junior Iron Chef demonstration, and affordable local food options from area vendors.	\$2,000	\$1,000	<i>Demonstrated success and growth over time. Good fit with culinary tourism focus of Strategic Tourism Plan.</i>
City of Ithaca	Greater Ithaca Activities Center (GIAC)	2014 The GIAC Festival	500	6/14/14	This is a one-day street festival hosted by GIAC that provides a multicultural, educational, and recreational opportunity focused on promoting positive social interactions, community connections, and on improving the quality of life for the people living in our community. It's primary objective is to celebrate the culture of family and community unity -- bridging the gap between neighborhoods, residents and services.	\$2,000	\$1,500	<i>Strong history of success. Integration of community resources. Reasonable budget.</i>
City of Ithaca	Ithaca Children's Garden	2014 International MUD DAY!	600	6/28/14	International Mud Day is a family-fun celebration of play, art, community, and getting muddy. Children and families are invited to join in a variety of mud-related fun activities at the Hands-on-Nature "Anarchy Zone" at the Ithaca Children's Garden. Following in the successful muddy footsteps of our first two International Mud Days, we will be offering folks opportunities to make mud cloth paintings, mud pies in a "mud kitchen" and do mud experiments in a "mud lab."	\$2,000	\$1,500	<i>Appeals to families. Good outreach. Innovative use of resources.</i>
City of Ithaca	Latino Civic Association of Tompkins County	2014 Latino Heritage Month	700	9/15/14 - 10/15/14	The Latino Heritage Month Celebration consists of a series of events that seek to highlight the contributions of Latino culture in the United States. Cultural, social, educational and artistic events will be held at different venues in the City of Ithaca. In the past events have included art exhibits, music concerts, dance concerts, dance performances, theatre, book readings and food demonstrations. We even published a Tompkins County Latino Community Cookbook as part of these celebrations. We pride ourselves on presenting and displaying our local musical, dance and other artistic talents.	\$2,000	\$1,500	<i>Important ethnic celebration. Month-long celebration allows multiple opportunities to celebrate latino culture.</i>

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City of Ithaca	Way2GO, CCETC	2014 Streets Alive! Ithaca	2,500	5/4/14 and September TBD	This will be the 3rd year of Streets Alive! Ithaca. Streets Alive! is an active transportation event that encourages people to walk, bike and roll and to learn in a safe and supportive setting how easy and effective this is as a way to get around in their city. The previous Streets Alive! events featured to activities to educate and encourage youth and adult audiences to use active transportation.	\$1,960	\$1,000	<i>Professionally run and managed, with strong organizational capacity and growth. Large budget; good matching funds. Encourage additional focus on architectural and cultural heritage along the route.</i>
City of Ithaca	Juana Benites	2014 Taste of Peru!	300	7/1/14	The Taste of Peru is a family-led community event that brings fun educational opportunities and awareness about the vibrant Peruvian cultural traditions and values as well as the amazing contributions and visions that our growing peruvian community members bring and share within our community. This event will provide a platform for collaboration among our local community cultural organizations, artists, schools, colleges and families in the Tompkins County community.	\$1,000	\$0	<i>Eligible and encouraged use of funds, but needs further development of logistics and partnerships. Limited partnerships described in application; would benefit from partnerships with additional community organizations which also have Peruvian communities.</i>
City of Ithaca	Tompkins County Public Library	2014 - TCPL's 150 Years and Counting	850	9/26/14 - 9/28/14	Throughout 2014, the Tompkins County Public Library will be celebrating the sesquicentennial (150th) anniversary of our founding by Ezra Cornell as the Cornell Public Library. The September weekend festivities are meant to close out the year with a bang, to bring the community together before the year closes. Community celebrants are invited to participate in art and cultural activities through three fantastic and diverse exhibits, to hear from community leaders and scholars at free public programs, and to steep themselves in historical exploration.	\$2,500	\$2,000	<i>One-time celebration with strong community value and important historical components. \$2,000 is typically the maximum award.</i>
City of Ithaca	Tompkins County Veterans Day Committee	2014 Tompkins County Veterans Day Parade and Ceremony	1,000	11/9/14 and 11/11/14	The parade and ceremony are to honor and support our military veterans of all wars and those who have served during peace time. This will be the 95th annual parade and ceremony. Participants include Sons of Union Soldiers and the "DoughBoys".	\$2,000	\$1,500	<i>Traditional community celebration.</i>
City of Ithaca	Creating Dreams Movement	2014 TeamUnity Project	100	5/30/14 and 6/27/14	The TeamUnity Project: focus of 2014 is to help support the movement of the Friends of Stewart Park in the reimagining of the park and the We The People Series where we will be focusing on Collective Impact in our community. Through the TeamUnity Project: we have been able to connect many people together and look forward to spreading the Project and inviting members of TeamUnity from all over the US to join us in Ithaca for the TeamUnity Project: Stewart Park.	\$2,000	\$0	<i>Small number of participants for the requested funding. The application lacks specific, clear information about the historical and cultural elements which are being celebrated. It is also not clear how the event will be promoted.</i>

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Town of Danby	Danby Fun Day Committee	2014 Danby Fun Day Committee	1100	7/12/14	This is the 31st anniversary of Danby Fun Day. Fun Day is the event of the year in Danby. Residents and visitors from surrounding towns gather at the Danby firehouse for exhibits of local history, live music by local groups, a parade, barbecue, games, prizes, and exhibits by local and non-local crafters. It is being put on jointly by the Danby and West Danby Fire Departments.	\$1,375	\$1,375	<i>Traditional rural community celebration.</i>
Town of Enfield	Enfield Community Council	2014 Enfield Harvest Festival	550	10/4/14	The Enfield Harvest Festival is a daylong community celebration which has become an anticipated community gathering. The event features a chicken BBQ, a silent auction featuring many local goods and services, a book fair, children's games, a quilt which is made by local residents and a ping pong drop from a light plane flown by a local pilot. Children race to claim a ball, which earns them a prize of their choice. This event is a common recollection of our children and young adults.	\$2,000	\$2,000	<i>Traditional rural community celebration.</i>
Town of Groton	Town of Groton	2014 - 6th Annual Verne Morton Memorial Photography Show and Contest	300	8/15/14 - 8/16/14	The Town of Groton will sponsor the 6th Annual Verne Morton Memorial Photography Show & Contest during Groton Olde Home Days on Friday, August 15, 2014, from 6pm - 9pm and Saturday, August 16, 2014, from 10am - 5pm at the Town Hall located at 101 Conger Boulevard, Groton, NY. This will be our 6th year. Originally we wanted to create a new event for Groton Olde Home Days that would compliment the annual art show at the First National Bank, the annual Crafts and Collectable Show, and various other arts and crafts exhibits taking place during the weekend.	\$770	\$770	<i>Traditional rural community celebration. Wide community appeal. Strong community historical component.</i>
Town of Lansing	Lansing Community Council	2014 Celebrate Lansing!	3,000	8/9/2014	Celebrate Lansing! is a community event involving the entire community. Village and town, community businesses, social organizations, service organizations, churches, schools, and corporations all play a role in the success of the event. The celebration itself will take place in Myers Park, although we hope to extend the celebration to local businesses who would offer a discount on that day to anyone who attends the festival. Since our bi-centennial takes place in 2017, we want to showcase the history of our town and focus on its growth and how our history has led to our current existence. This is a replacement for the Lansing Harbor Festival that ran for 7 years.	\$2,000	\$2,000	<i>Traditional rural community celebration, newly cast.</i>
Town of Lansing	East Shore Festival of The Arts	2014 East Shore Festival of the Arts (ESFOTA)	1,450	5/2/14 - 6/21/14	The East Shore Festival of The Arts (ESFOTA) is a juried art and music festival held each spring in the Town of Lansing New York. We celebrate the arts in an exuberant and family friendly atmosphere. There are a variety of music styles varying from jazz, to classical, and rock. Each year 25+ artists from the Finger Lakes area display an astounding variety of art. We also encourage the public to participate in some hands on art projects. This year visitors to the opening night will help create clay sculptures. This year the Lansing Historical Association will open the Archives Building and will feature Lansing military personnel in the Revolution, War of 1812, Spanish American, WW 1 and WW 11.	\$1,239	\$1,239	<i>Well organized event and clear, detailed application.</i>

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Town of Newfield	Finger Lakes Finns	2014 Finishing Touches	200	11/15/14 - 11/16/14	Finishing Touches" is a hands-on craft event for all ages. Finnish handicrafts/arts are displayed, and visitors are invited to try their hand at various traditional Finnish crafts. A few locally crafted Finnish items will also be for sale. Finger Lakes Finns 2014 Finishing Touches"	\$523	\$523	<i>Traditional ethnic community celebration with history of progressive success in carrying out the event.</i>
Town of Newfield	Newfield Old Home Days Committee	2014 Newfield Old Home Days	2,000	9/12/14 - 9/13/14	The Newfield Old Home Days (OHD) celebration is Newfield's largest event of the year and brings the entire community together to enjoy a parade, local entertainment, local craft and food vendors, and more. Free and open to the public, OHD is organized by community members and centers around a new theme every year that is based on an aspect of Newfield's history and includes a free souvenir booklet with articles and photos. The event also represents the biggest fund raising opportunity for many local organizations and school classes.	\$2,000	\$2,000	<i>Traditional rural community celebration.</i>
Village of Lansing	Cornell Lab of Ornithology	2014 Migration Celebration	1,400	10/18/14	The proposed project, Migration Celebration, offers visitors from Tompkins County and beyond a chance to celebrate the migratory birds of Sapsucker Woods and green spaces throughout the region. As the largest one-day public event at the world-renowned Cornell Lab of Ornithology, Migration Celebration offers more than 1,000 visitors a hands-on look at our diverse research, conservation, and outreach projects. Through displays and activities, visitors learn about birds and connect with the natural world—all in a fun, festival atmosphere.	\$2,000	\$950	<i>Well organized event and clear, detailed application. Recommended award makes event accessible to underserved communities through transportation from partner agencies in the City of Ithaca and raptor programming.</i>
Village of Trumansburg	Village of Trumansburg	2014 Tru-Ulysses Winter Festival	1,300	12/5/14	The first weekend in December every year is the Tru-Ulysses Winterfest. This event is to share the start of the winter holiday season "small-town style". Highlights are watching old fashioned fireworks, delicious food, talented performers, lighting of the holiday tree and a visit from Mr. and Mrs. Claus. All to renew the holiday spirit and provide fine holiday memories.	\$2,000	\$2,000	<i>Traditional community celebration.</i>

TOTAL REQUESTED / RECOMMENDED	\$33,367	\$23,857
2014 TOTAL AVAILABLE	\$32,548	\$32,548
BALANCE TO RETAIN FOR FALL ROUND	(\$819)	\$8,691