



## **REQUEST FOR ACTION**

**Economic Mobility Updates (5:45 - 6:30 p.m.)**

**MEETING DATE:**

**August 24, 2026**

**ORIGINATING DEPT:**

**City Administration**

**AGENDA SECTION:**

**Presentation Items**

**PRESENTER:**

**Amanda Leightner**

### **Report Narrative:**

City teammates will provide an update on the City's ongoing efforts to support inclusive economic growth through economic mobility and will seek Council feedback on the emerging direction of this work.

Over the past six months, City teammates have worked to better understand economic mobility challenges in Rochester, identify priority areas, and define the City's role and scope for pilot work supported through a grant from ICMA. This work has included internal and external stakeholder engagement, preliminary ecosystem mapping and systems assessment, technical assistance and peer learning through national networks, and data analysis to better understand barriers and opportunities affecting residents' economic mobility.

The presentation will highlight key findings and lessons from this initial phase of work, emerging areas of focus, and next steps as the City moves from assessment toward action. The update will also describe how economic mobility complements the City's broader economic development efforts by focusing on residents' ability to access and benefit from Rochester's economic growth.

Council feedback will help inform the continued development of this work, including further stakeholder engagement and the design of potential pilot initiatives.

### **Priorities & Foundational Principles:**

Inclusive Growth Management

### **Prepared By:**

Amanda Leightner

### **Attachments:**

[Presentation - Economic Mobility Study Session](#)