

21st Century Fund 2018 Semi-Finalist Organizations



Aquarium of Niagara

Project Name: Aquarium of Niagara - Jellyfish Exhibit

The Aquarium of Niagara's master plan for development began with the new Humboldt Penguin Habitat, a dynamic and fascinating exhibit that brings visitors up close and personal with an endangered and engaging species. The Aquarium's progress continues with the Jellyfish Exhibit, a new project that will install five interactive tanks on the Aquarium's second floor, filled with jellyfish illuminated with multicolored lights, inviting visitors to learn more about this fascinating species.

These new exhibits provide critical impact by establishing the Aquarium as a site of interest for both recurring and new visitors. The Aquarium anticipates a 10% increase over this year's 270,000 visitor count, representing local, regional, and international visitors coming to see exciting new attractions at WNY's only site featuring live marine exhibits. Long-term impact includes visitors who expand their stays to visit other Niagara Falls venues, hotels and attractions.



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF THE NORTHTOWNS

Boys & Girls Clubs of the Northtowns

Project Name: Town Club Outdoor Pavilion

The Boys & Girls Clubs of the Northtowns (BGCNT) proposes construction of an outdoor pavilion at its Town Club, 54 Riverdale Avenue, in the Riverside neighborhood of Buffalo. The 3-season structure will provide a setting for daily educational and recreational programming for more than 500 youth annually from Buffalo, Kenmore and the Tonawandas. While the Town Club has an outdoor play space, there is no sheltered space, and there is no tree/shade coverage at all. The proposed pavilion will provide an ideal site for outdoor programs from mid Spring through late Autumn. In addition, it will provide an outdoor option for children participating in summer programming at Camp TeBeCe and Camp Spirit; during inclement weather these BGCNT-operated camps move their children indoors because there is no sheltered outdoor space available.



THE BUFFALO
HISTORY MUSEUM

The Buffalo History Museum

Project Name: Restore, Reactivate, Reconnect: Mural Reinstallation/Portico Ceiling Repair

The Buffalo History Museum is reclaiming 6,000 sq. ft. of underused space- one-third of our total footprint- inside our National Historic Landmark Building. Restored space affords more opportunities for exhibitions, education, collaboration, and community events to happen.

One of our top comments from users is increased access to our collections and to provide more ways to experience our region's history. A project that both meets this request and rejuvenates our Landmark building is the conservation and re-installation of five paintings that were created for the lunettes on our Mezzanine, and the repair and repainting of our iconic portico's ceiling.

Restoration improves the aesthetics of our Landmark building, and meets the expectations of our community. The direct beneficiaries of this project are the 53,000 multigenerational, culturally diverse people who visit us annually. On a larger scale, this project advances our region as a leading destination for cultural tourism.



Buffalo City Mission

Project Name: Medical Discharge Quad in the New Buffalo City Mission

The Buffalo City Mission (BCM) is building a new 75,000 square foot facility to help the homeless and impoverished of Buffalo. One part of this new building will be a staffed thirteen-bed Medical Discharge Quad for homeless people leaving the hospital. Hospital administrators cannot discharge a homeless person to the streets; therefore patients stay longer than necessary, costing hospitals \$1,000-\$3,000/day. The 21st Century funding would build ten of the thirteen medical beds in the quad.

The Medical Discharge Quad project will have a significant long-term positive impact on the health care network in Western New York. Because the new building will have minimum lifespan of 25 years, the savings to Buffalo's healthcare network will exceed \$50 million during this period. Long-term, this will help thousands of people and save at least \$2.3 million dollars per year. Aside from cost savings, it will offer peace of mind to homeless people and hospital staff.



Jericho Road Community Health Center

Project Name: Expanding Access to Health Care, Community Services, and Economic Opportunity on Buffalo's East Side

In 2018, Jericho Road Community Health Center (JRCHC) will expand health care access, social supports, and economic opportunity through a new, collaborative community services and programming hub in the historic Broadway-Fillmore neighborhood. The project will include:

- Medical care and pharmacy
- Community programming
- Interpretation services
- Fitness center
- Café/community kitchen
- Commercial business development
- Housing

Critical impact: The immediate impact is health care and services to 3,600 new low-income patients. At least 26 new jobs will be created.

Scope: The project targets 27,000 residents in 4 surrounding zip codes with high rates of poverty and poor health statistics.

Long-term impact: After 10 years, we project serving more than 15,000 patients. Key health indicators will have improved; unnecessary hospital visits will have decreased. A minimum 70 healthcare jobs and new commercial opportunities will have been created. Affordable housing options will have expanded.



Meals on Wheels for Western New York, Inc.

Project Name: Meals on Wheels for WNY (MOW) Commissary Meal Preparation Cold Room Humidity Eradication Project

MOW proposes the Cold Room Humidity Eradication Project to rectify noticeable issues with moisture and humidity control in our commissary's three cold rooms. Our commissary is used on a daily basis to prepare meals for nearly 5,000 individuals served through our home-delivered meal program, congregate dining program, and other outside business contracts. It is a disaster ready facility, serving as a first responder in providing meals to shelters, emergency personnel and other high-risk populations throughout the region.

Solving the present humidity issues is vital to our ability to safely prepare food for our community. If we do not make these changes, the humidity issues could become dangerous to our vulnerable community members. In addition, the moisture load is incredibly taxing on commissary equipment. By implementing physical changes to the cold rooms, MOW will benefit from significant energy cost savings, thus freeing up precious dollars to serve our clients and community.



**Boys & Girls Club
of Niagara**

Niagara Falls Boys & Girls Club

Project Name: 17th Street Clubhouse Revitalization Project

The Niagara Falls Boys & Girls Club 17th Street Clubhouse Revitalization Project is an investment in our youth and a means to strengthen the City of Niagara Falls. This 60 year old Clubhouse will be transformed into a multi-use center that will serve over 750 children & families, will be fully utilized all day & year round and will offer a vast array of activities to help create a healthy, sustainable community. Recently, many other agencies have been reducing their services or closing completely, leaving the youth of Niagara Falls, especially teens, with nowhere to go for positive, safe enriching activities. By investing in the upgrades and revitalization of the 17th Street Clubhouse, NFBGC will be able to expand our reach and service hundreds more youth and teens in a wide variety of activities giving these kids a chance to be somewhere and do something positive.