

2019 Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Legacy Funds at the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo

Goals and Objectives

- I. **Caregivers – Improve support for caregivers – whether paid or voluntary – through efforts that provide needed skills, resources, education and respite. Caregivers are those who look after dependent individuals such as children with special needs, disabled adults and older adults who require caregiving. Projects supported through this fund should have a direct impact on caregivers. Requests must address one of the following objectives:**
 1. Provide respite to caregivers.
 2. Increase opportunities for caregivers to learn new skills and take advantage of resources.
 3. Provide emotional care and supportive services to cancer patients and their caregivers.

- II. **Community Assets – Support significant cultural and historic assets and/or increase access to long-term arts instruction for youth. Requests must address one of the following objectives:**
 1. Increase access to long-term arts instruction for children and youth living in under-resourced communities.
 2. Restore and leverage significant historic buildings and architectural landmarks, with a preference for sites that promote cultural tourism.

- III. **Design and Access – Increase the health and quality of life of WNY residents of all ages by enhancing access to outdoor activities within the region. Requests must address the following objective:**
 1. Support for pre-planning, development and/or construction costs. This may include projects related to increasing the walkability and bikeability of local communities, and improving waterways, greenways and recreation corridors.

It is a preference but not a requirement that these projects:

- Incorporate green design to be environmentally sustainable
- Incorporate universal access design to serve people of all abilities

Please note: Large sports facilities are not of interest.

- IV. **Youth Sports – Provide opportunities for all children to be active through sport. Requests must address one of the following objectives:**
 1. Ask kids what they want.
 2. Reintroduce free play.

3. Encourage sportsampling.
4. Revitalize in-town leagues.
5. Think small.
6. Design for development.
7. Train all coaches.
8. Emphasize prevention.

To download a copy of the State of Play Western New York report, please visit:
http://www.ralphwilsonjrfoundation.org/wpcontent/uploads/2017/06/State_Of_Play_WNY_RWJF.pdf.

Eligibility

- Grant requests should range between \$10,000 and \$25,000 for Caregivers, Community Assets and Youth Sports. Design and Access requests should range between \$10,000 and \$50,000. Funds will be released after grant requirements and obligations have been signed and returned.
- Requests may be for capital and programming. For Youth Sports, this may also include equipment requests. For Design and Access, this also may include planning requests.
- For Caregivers, Design and Access and Youth Sports, 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations that meet the guidelines described above and reside in Western New York may apply for a grant. Western New York is defined as Allegany, Chautauqua, Cattaraugus, Erie, Genesee, Niagara, Orleans and Wyoming counties.
- For Caregivers and Design and Access, government agencies also may apply. The intent is not to replace public funding but to augment and leverage it.
- For Community Assets, only 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations that reside in Erie County may apply.
- There is a limit to one application per organization per funding category.
- Multi-year requests will not be accepted.
- Requests for endowments, religious purposes, attendance at or sponsorship of events, and for schools not registered with the NYS Education Department will not be accepted.