

## 2023 Community Foundation Competitive Grants

For 2023, the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo awarded funding totaling \$710,795 to 31 organizations through its annual competitive grants process.

Below are the organizations, the specific program, and grant amounts. Grants are listed alphabetically under the Community Goal and corresponding Solution

### Community Goal I: Achieve Racial/Ethnic Equity

*Solution I1: Increase interaction and bridge racial/ethnic divides between residents and organizations throughout WNY*

- Cornell Cooperative Extension of Erie County                      4H Youth Community Action Network                      \$23,000

*Solution I2: Promote civic engagement and leadership in communities of color*

- The Advocacy Institute, a Project of the Tides Institute                      Tech Tools for Advancing Racial Justice in Buffalo                      \$10,000

### Community Goal II: Promote economic mobility through educational achievement for residents living in low-income households

*Solution II1: Improve the school readiness of children (ages 5 and under) living in communities of poverty*

- Ardent Solutions                      Enhancing Early Literacy in Allegany County for School Readiness                      \$18,000
- Jericho Road Community Health Center                      Early Childhood Development                      \$20,000
- King Urban Life Center                      Support Children/Caregivers Enrolled in the ParentChild+ Program                      \$30,000
- Mental Health Advocates of WNY                      BEST Mental Health for Children                      \$30,000
- Project Stork                      The First 24                      \$18,000

*Solution II2: Improve the academic achievement and postsecondary completion of students living in low-income households with a preference for systems change*

- 716 Squash                      General Operations                      \$18,000
- Boys and Girls Clubs of Buffalo                      Bridging the Gap 2023                      \$25,000
- Buffalo-Area Engineering Awareness for Minorities                      Summer Engineering Camp and Saturday Academy                      \$18,000
- Buffalo Prep                      Pipeline of Programs                      \$50,000
- MCC-DC dba West Side Community Services                      Expanding Youth Programs to Improve Academic Outcomes                      \$20,000
- Seneca Street Community Development Corporation                      Youth Programs                      \$20,000
- WNY Women’s Foundation                      MOMs, From Education to Employment Program                      \$50,000

### Community Goal III: Steward significant environmental resources in context of climate resilience

*Solution III1: Protect and restore the region’s waterways*

- Buffalo Niagara Waterkeeper                      General Operations                      \$25,000

*Solution III2: Strengthen individual environmental organizations and support a more racially inclusive and collaborative environmental community*

• Clean Air Coalition of WNY	General Operations	\$20,000
• Grassroots Gardens of WNY	General Operations: Year 1 of 3	\$15,000
• Massachusetts Avenue Project	General Operations	\$20,000

**Community Goal IV: Promote regional vibrancy through architecture, arts and culture**

*Solution IV1: Increase access to long term arts instruction for children and youth living in low-income households*

• Buffalo Center for Arts and Technology	General Operations	\$22,000
• Peace of the City	Theater for All	\$20,000
• Squeaky Wheel/Buffalo Media Resources	Operating Support for Youth Education	\$20,000
• Ujima Company	Dubar Youth Theatre Arts Program	\$30,000

*Solution IV2: Strengthen race equity through the arts*

• Just Buffalo Literary Center	General Operations	\$25,000
• Nusantara Arts	Grassroots Gamelan	\$20,000
• Roger Tory Peterson Institute	Seneca-Iroquois Artist-in-Residence	\$10,000

*Solution IV3: Restore and leverage significant historic buildings and architectural landmarks, with a preference for sites that promote cultural tourism (Defining historic as official recognition by State/National Register of Historic Places or local preservation ordinance)*

• Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens Society	Operational Support	\$20,000
• Buffalo and Erie County Naval and Military Park	Shipboard Security and Alarm Systems	\$29,100
• Martin House Restoration Corporation	General Operations	\$24,000
• Michigan Street African American Heritage Corridor Commission	Michigan Street Baptist Church and Nash House	\$25,000
• Roycroft Campus Corporation	Appian Way Restoration	\$20,000

**Field of Interest Funding**

• Lions SEE	Children's Vision Screening	\$15,695
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