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PROJECT PLAY WNY

2025 Winter Free Play Series

Grant Information and Schedule

* This grant is specifically for joining the Project Play WNY Winter Free Play Series for 2025. The goal for the series is providing youth in all 8 counties of Western New York opportunities to play, have fun, and enjoy Free Play!
* Applications MUST be submitted electronically online. No paper, emailed, or pdf applications will be accepted. Outcome reporting will also be online when closing the grant.

Eligibility

* Applicants must be in the 8 counties of Western New York:
  + Allegany
  + Cattaraugus
  + Chautauqua
  + Erie
  + Genesee
  + Niagara
  + Orleans
  + Wyoming
* Applicants must be serving youth (especially ages 5-14.)
* Applicants should fall into one of the following categories:
  + Qualified non-profit 501(c)(3)
  + Schools
  + Local governments and agencies

### Other Matters

* PPWNY requires that all programming take place during the week the school district in your region is closed for Mid-Winter (February) Break 2025
* PPWNY requires that all grants be closed out within one year of the receipt of funds
* The failure of an applicant to properly close out a grant in a timely manner will be a factor when considering new grant applications.

**Timeline**

Application opens online: December 2, 2024

Application deadline: December 20, 2024, at 4PM

*NOTE: Applications in draft form after the deadline will be considered abandoned and will not be eligible to be considered for funding.*

Decision notification: Week of Jan 10, 2025

For grant-related and technical questions, please contact James Ballin at 716-852-2857,

x 253 or [jamesb@cfgb.org](mailto:jamesb@cfgb.org)

**Grant Application Questions**

* Project name
* Amount requested
* Description of organization
* Date grant required
* Five-year history of prior grant requests to the Community Foundation
  + Previous requests, date submitted, and action (approved or denied) taken on each
* Financial background of organization including:
  + Annual operating expenses
  + Last fiscal year surplus/deficit
  + Accumulated surplus/deficit
  + Endowment market value

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

1. **Current Grantee of Ralph C Wilson Jr Foundation?**
2. **Weeklong Programming**
   * Will there be a consistent time each day of February Break week?
3. **Open Access**
   * Indicate the number of individuals to be served by the proposed project.
4. **Non-Traditional Sport Offerings**
   * Will there be options for youth to engage with non-traditional sport offering as an individual or as part of a group?
5. **Multi-generational Engagement**
   * Will there be opportunity for family members, care takers and guardians to engage with youth during free play?
6. **Accessibility**
   * Will the space and activities be accessible for youth of any ability?
7. **What will be done**?
   * What actions/activities are proposed to meet this need?
   * What are the distinctive features of your approach/program?
   * Is collaboration a part of this application? If yes, please detail.
   * What is the timetable?

**PROJECT BUDGET**

* Provide a very specific complete budget breakdown, identifying costs of the individual items that constitute your funding request to the Foundation
* Budget narrative (optional)
* If PPWNY were only able to partially fund your request, can you proceed?
  + If yes, how would your programming be affected? Please detail.
* What investment is your organization making in this project?
* Other funding sources from whom funds have been requested and the status of these requests
* If ongoing, what are your plans for continuing funding?

**CERTIFICATION OF GRANT ELIGIBILITY**

* Certification that the executive director and a board officer have approved submittal of the grant request and that all information provided is accurate
* Confirmation that organization has a Conflict of Interest policy in accordance with New York State Law
* List of all board members

**ATTACHMENTS**

* Resumes or CVs of project personnel – required