



Community Foundation
for Greater Buffalo

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Garman Family Foundation Fall 2025 Grant Information and Schedule

- *The Garman Family Foundation (GFF) will consider requests that address mental health, physical wellness, and education of individuals with a preference for women and children.*
- 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. For your convenience, an outline of the questions you will be required to address when completing your electronic application starts on p. 2.

Eligibility

- Applicants must be located in or serving one of the eight counties of Western New York: Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie, Genesee, Niagara, Orleans, and Wyoming.
- Grants are awarded only to organizations that have current Section 501(c) (3) status as determined by the Internal Revenue Service.
- Organizations with a current open Garman Family Foundation grant are not eligible to apply for this cycle. Your final report must be submitted, and all funds spent down before applying for another grant.
- On a very limited basis, the Foundation will offer the opportunity for two-year support, with second-year support contingent upon year-one outcomes.

Other Matters

- The maximum amount of funding that can be requested is \$50,000. Should an organization intend to request more than \$50,000, they ***must*** contact Jean McKeown, Special Advisor to President/CEO, at jeanm@cfgb.org in advance to discuss this request.
- The GFF will ***not*** consider funding for:
 - ❑ Higher education scholarships (Please see <https://www.cfgb.org/community-change/initiatives/scholarships/> for separate application, deadlines, and process)
 - ❑ Religious purposes
 - ❑ Projects outside Western New York (Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie, Genesee, Niagara, Orleans, and Wyoming counties)
 - ❑ Schools not registered with the New York State Education Department
 - ❑ Attendance at or sponsorship of fundraising events for organizations
 - ❑ Annual events or festivals
 - ❑ Any partisan political activity. Funds from the foundation cannot be used to support or oppose a candidate for political office.
 - ❑ Projects and activities that have occurred. The GFF will not, except in extraordinary cases, provide payment or reimbursement for expenses incurred before the funding decision is communicated to the applicant.
 - ❑ Organizations that engage, participate, and/or are evidenced to participate in discriminatory practices
- The GFF will consider allowing up to 10% of the grant amount for indirect costs.
- The GFF reserves the right to pay grants in a single installment or in “draws” at its sole discretion.
- The GFF requires that all successful applicants obtain three bids for any equipment purchase.
- The GFF requires that all grants be closed out within one year of receiving funds, except for very limited two-year awards.

- At any given time, organizations can only have one open grant with the GFF.
- The GFF reserves the right to independently evaluate grant expenditures for up to four years. The grantee agrees to provide the information necessary to complete such an evaluation. Failure to submit requested information in a timely fashion may obligate the grantee to refund the grant.
- The use of grant funds for purposes not pre-approved by the GFF or not supported through required documentation will result in a request that those grant funds be returned to the GFF.
- 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: July 28, 2025

Application deadline: August 25, 2025 at 4 PM

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

Decision notification: Late November/Early December 2025

Grant-related questions may be directed to Jean McKeown at 716-852-2857, x 204 or jeanm@cfgb.org

For general information and technical questions, please contact Cara Reynolds at 716-852-2857, x 238 or <mailto:carar@cfgb.org>

Grant Application Questions

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

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

- 1. Define need - why should this be done?**
 - What specific need does the proposal address?
 - Who will benefit?
- 2. Describe how this request aligns with the Garman Family Foundation's funding interests**
- 3. Focus Areas**

Which focus areas will your project address? Select all that apply.

 - Mental Health
 - Physical Wellness
 - Education
- 4. Population**

Which populations will the program focus on specifically? Select all that apply

 - Women
 - Children
 - Neither
- 5. Project Type**

How will grant funds be used? Select all that apply.

 - Program
 - Capital

6. Geographic Area

Which county/counties of Western New York will your project serve? Select all that apply.

- ☐ Allegany
- ☐ Cattaraugus
- ☐ Chautauqua
- ☐ Erie
- ☐ Genesee
- ☐ Niagara
- ☐ Orleans
- ☐ Wyoming

7. Number to be served

- ☐ Indicate the number of unduplicated individuals to be served by the proposed project.

8. 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?

9. Who will be involved?

- ☐ What are the qualifications of the people proposed for the project?
- ☐ What other area providers deliver similar services?
- ☐ What coordination has been/could be achieved with these providers? If none, explain why not

10. Impacts and Outcomes

- ☐ Clearly identify the intended impacts and outcomes of the proposed project and how they will be measured. Quantifiable changes are preferred.

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 (required)
- 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?
- If the Garman Family Foundation were only able to partially fund your request, can you proceed?
 - If yes, how would your programming be affected? Please detail.

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 the 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
- Memoranda of Understanding or letters in support of your project from collaborators or letters from other funding sources who may have expressed interest in supporting the project – strongly advised
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