

## 2025 Community Foundation Competitive Grants

For 2025, the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo awarded funding totaling \$633,891 to 32 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*

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| • Cornell Cooperative Extension<br>Of Erie County | 4H Youth Community Action Network | \$22,650 |
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*Solution I2: Promote civic engagement and leadership in communities of color*

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| • Advocacy Institute                                | General Operations in WNY   | \$15,000 |
| • Create a Healthier Niagara Falls<br>Collaborative | Champion of Change Training | \$10,500 |
| • Open Buffalo                                      | Emerging Leaders Program    | \$20,000 |

### 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*

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| • King Urban Life Center         | Parent Child PLUS Program              | \$30,000 |
| • Mental Health Advocates of WNY | Basic Emotional Skills Training (BEST) | \$30,000 |
| • Service Collaborative of WNY   | General Operations                     | \$15,000 |

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

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| • 716 Squash  | Educational Achievement to Low-Income<br>Students          | \$15,000 |
| • Buffalo-Area Engineering Awareness<br>for Minorities (BEAM) | School Year and Summer Engineering<br>Exploration Programs | \$18,000 |
| • Buffalo Prep  | General Operations   | \$38,000 |
| • Buffalo Urban League  | YOLO-Your Life Changing Opportunity                        | \$20,000 |
| • MCC-DC dba West Side Community<br>Services                  | General Operations   | \$15,000 |
| • Seneca Street Community<br>Development Corporation          | Youth Programs   | \$20,000 |
| • WNY Women's Foundation                                      | MOMs: From Education to Employment<br>Program              | \$36,000 |
| • Youth Mentoring Services                                    | LINKS  | \$18,500 |

### Community Goal III: Steward significant environmental resources

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

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| • WNY Land Conservancy | Re-treeing for Rural Community Water Quality | \$17,000 |
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*Solution III2: Strengthen individual environmental organizations and support a more racially inclusive and collaborative environmental community*

• Grassroots Gardens of WNY	General Operations: Year 3 of 3	\$15,000
• Green Options Buffalo aka GObike Buffalo	City-Wide Equitable Advocacy Committee Development	\$19,508
• Natural Heritage Trust	Restoring Freedom Park's Gardens	\$18,000

**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*

• Arts for Learning WNY	Artworks: Hired to Create. Inspired to Succeed: Year 2 of 3	\$20,000
• Buffalo Arts Studio	General Operations	\$15,000
• Buffalo Center for Arts and Technology	Expanded Arts and Career Readiness Programming	\$36,000
• Infinity Visual and Performing Arts	Rooted in Creativity: Equitable Arts Access	\$20,000
• Peace of the City	All of the Arts	\$20,000

*Solution IV2: Strengthen race equity through the arts*

• African American Cultural Center of Buffalo	Long Layover, A New Theatrical Production	\$14,000
• Just Buffalo Literary Center	General Operations	\$15,000

*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 Olmsted Parks Conservancy	General Operations: Year 1 of 3	\$20,000
• Cobblestone Society	General Operations	\$10,000
• Martin House Restoration Corporation	General Operations	\$15,000
• Roycroft Campus Corporation	Illuminating the Roycroft Campus for Accessibility and Tourism	\$20,000
• Springville Center for the Arts	Theater Stained Glass Curtains	\$19,362

**Field of Interest Funding**

• Niagara Frontier Radio Reading Service	Urban Outreach Initiative	\$16,371
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