

Grant Programs



Community Foundation
for Greater Buffalo

OVERVIEW

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Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo	One-year grants, with limited opportunity for multiyear, focused on racial/ethnic equity; educational achievement; environment; and arts, culture, and architecture. Unrestricted program funding.	Application opens early February; Awards by late June	Average grant \$18,000 to \$20,000. Maximum grant \$50,000. Anticipate 35 grants will be awarded in 2026	Eight counties of Western New York
Daniel C. and Beatrice M. Fisher Fund	One year grants for organizations located in or providing services to the Town of Clarence, Erie County, New York. Priority given to requests addressing senior citizens, special needs students, and the environment.	Application opens mid-August; Awards by mid-November	\$90,000 available per year. Anticipate ten grants will be awarded in 2026	Town of Clarence, Erie County
Garman Family Foundation	One-year grants focused on mental health, food security, and housing	Twice yearly with deadlines in February and August; Awards in December and June	Maximum grant is \$50,000	Eight counties of Western New York
Josephine Goodyear Foundation	One-year grants focused on indigent woman and children, particularly with their physical needs	Twice yearly applications accepted with deadline dates of April 15 and August 15	\$300,000 available per year. Anticipate 50 grants made annually	Greater Buffalo area
Niagara Area Foundation	One-year grants focused on youth enrichment and environment	Application opens mid-September; Awards by mid-December	Average grant \$6,000. Maximum grant \$10,000. Anticipate ten grants will be awarded in 2026	Niagara County

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Oliver G. and Sarah Sloan Bauman Fund for the Arts	One-year grants focused on traditional, classical ballet and opera on the living stage	Application opens mid-March; Awards by late May	Average grant \$6,000. Anticipate seven grants will be awarded in 2026	Eight counties of Western New York
Project Play WNY Summer/Winter Free Play Series	Support Summer and mid-Winter school break programming focused on free play for youth ages 5-14	Contact Project Play WNY Staff for more information	Contact Project Play WNY Staff for more information	Eight counties of Western New York
Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Arts & Culture Initiative: Capacity-Building Grant	Two-year grant of \$15,000 per year for general operating and capacity-building purposes; for arts & culture organizations that are led by at least 1 full-time staff member.	Applications opens in August; Awards by November	\$15,000/year No grants will be awarded in 2026	Eight counties of Western New York plus Monroe County
Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Arts & Culture Initiative: Micro Grant	One-year grant of up to \$2,500 for general operating purposes; for arts & culture organizations that are volunteer- or part-time-led.	Applications opens in August; Awards by December	Up to \$2,500 Anticipate 44 grants will be awarded in 2026	Eight counties of Western New York, and Monroe County
Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Legacy Funds	One-year grants focused on caregivers; community assets (arts, culture, and architecture); design and access (outdoor recreational spaces and improvement of walkability/bikeability of local communities); and youth sports	Application opens November; Awards by mid-April	\$10,000 to \$25,000 for caregivers, community assets, and youth sports; \$10,000 to \$50,000 for design and access	Eight counties of Western New York for caregivers, design and access, and youth sports; Erie County for community assets
Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Trails Maintenance Fund for Western New York	Construction, essential amenity, and/or restoration costs for Western New York trails	Contact team member listed on the website for more information	Awards will range from \$51,000 to \$450,000	Eight counties of Western New York plus Monroe County

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William F. Thiel Trust	One-year grants, with limited opportunity for multiyear, focused on healthcare for the residents of Wyoming County	Application opens mid-November; Awards by mid-February	\$300,000 available per year. Anticipate 10 grants made annually	Wyoming County
WNY Forward Fund	Grants to support strategic alliances and non-profit resiliency; civic health and building common ground; and impact data and storytelling	Cycles will vary. Please see the website for more information	A total of \$2.3M has been contributed by 14 WNY Funders; Grants will be up to \$25,000	Eight counties of Western New York
Wyoming Foundation	One-year grants focused on educational opportunities for youth and adults; arts and cultural opportunities; open to requests that address a need/create an opportunity for positive impact in Wyoming County	Application opens mid-April; Awards by mid-June	\$30,000 available per year. Anticipate ten grants made annually	Wyoming County
21st Century Fund	One-year grant of \$100,000 decided by fund membership. Historically, membership consistently supports sustainable capital projects	Application opens every other year in Fall; Awards by April the following year	One single grant of \$100,000	Eight counties of Western New York

For further information, please visit:
www.cfgb.org/nonprofits/grants/
 Contact information is listed with each grant on the website.
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