

2024 Community Foundation Competitive Grants

For 2024, the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo awarded funding totaling \$645,231 to 27 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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| • Housing Opportunities Made Equal | General Operations | \$30,000 |
| • International Institute of Buffalo | General Operations | \$20,000 |
| • Journey's End Refugee Services | General Operations | \$30,000 |

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

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| • National Federation for Just Communities of WNY | General Operations | \$20,000 |
| • Niagara Organizing Alliance for Hope | General Operations | \$20,000 |
| • VOICE Buffalo | General Operations | \$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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| • Buffalo Prenatal Perinatal Network | Community Health Worker Enhancement Program | \$20,000 |
| • Learning Disabilities Association of WNY | LEAD716 Program | \$25,000 |
| • Reach Out and Read | WNY Rx for Success | \$20,000 |
| • Say Yes Buffalo Scholarship | Say Yes Buffalo Little Scholars Program | \$50,000 |

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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| • Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Erie, Niagara and the Southern Tier | Mentoring Program | \$20,000 |
| • Economic Development Group | Northland Workforce Training Center | \$50,000 |
| • Francis Center | Children's After School Program | \$20,000 |
| • Tru-Way Community Center | Children's After School Program | \$20,000 |

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

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

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| • Friends of Reinstein Nature Preserve | Pathways to Environmental Learning | \$25,435 |
| • Grassroots Gardens of WNY | General Operations: Year 2 of 3 | \$15,000 |
| • University at Buffalo Foundation | Community as Classroom: Sustaining a Neighborhood through Gardening Education and Environmental Stewardship | \$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

- Arts for Learning WNY Artworks: Hired to Create. Inspired to Succeed: Year 1 of 3 \$20,000
- Buffalo String Works General Operations \$25,000

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)

- Assembly House 150 General Operations \$20,000
- Buffalo Lighthouse Association Lighthouse Lens Repair \$25,000
- Genesee-Orleans Regional Arts Council Seymour Place Elevator Installation \$20,000
- Graycliff Conservancy Visitor Center Expansion Project \$50,000
- Holland Purchase Historical Society Consultant Fees for Capital Improvements to Increase Public Accessibility to the Holland Land Office Museum \$25,000

Field of Interest Funding

- Erie County SPCA Wildlife Diets/Care \$11,312
- Hawk Creek Wildlife Center Wildlife Care \$11,313
- Vision Beyond Sight Foundation Children’s Eye Exams/Glasses \$12,171