



## **Blue Fund Grant Summary: Western New York**

2018-2024

### **2018 (\$2.7 million)**

#### **Community Connections of New York, Inc.**

##### **PEDALS: Southern Tier Expansion**

\$224,699

To support expansion of Positive Emotional Development and Learning Skills (PEDALS) in the Southern Tier. This project will bring a proven model for improving social and emotional development in preschool-age children to an additional population in the region and will benefit approximately 380 children over the two-year funding period.

#### **The Horizon Corporations**

##### **Training and Family Center**

\$500,000

To support construction of the Training and Family Center, a new multi-purpose building that will provide a venue for advanced training for behavioral health workers, provide expanded and innovative programming for family members whose loved ones are in residential addiction treatment facilities, and develop a more robust after-care program for people successfully completing residential addiction treatment.

#### **Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences**

##### **Emergency medication-assisted treatment for opioid-use disorder**

\$200,000

To support the expansion of emergency access to medication-assisted treatment (MAT) and rapid referral to long-term community treatment for patients with opioid-use disorder. With this project, Emergency Department staff can call a 24/7 hotline and schedule follow-up appointments at participating MAT clinics, and patients can choose from 64 weekly appointment slots at one of 27 Western New York substance-abuse treatment clinics. Clinics have agreed to reserve spots for patients in the program regardless of ability to pay.

#### **Jericho Road Ministries**

##### **Medically oriented gym**

\$303,279

To support the Medically Oriented Gym program in Jericho Road Ministries Community Fitness Center. The gym will address the lack of affordable, safe access to fitness facilities in Buffalo's East Side neighborhoods, work to decrease the effects of chronic disease, and aim to decrease health-care expenditures related to obesity, diabetes, hypertension, and cardiovascular conditions.

### **KaBOOM!**

#### **Great new places for active play**

\$300,000

To support a community-built playground to give children equitable access to great play spaces. Two economically challenged Western New York communities, comprised of 5,000 children, will be playing more often and more actively. Volunteers, including Highmark employees, will assemble play components, build decks, add landscaping, and create murals — making the playgrounds beautiful community gathering spaces.

### **Save the Michaels of the World, Inc.**

#### **Court to Treatment Transportation Program**

\$100,000

To support the Court to Treatment Transportation Program, which transports individuals who are being sentenced to inpatient rehabilitation facilities — resulting in long-term recovery, reduced recidivism, and saved lives. In partnership with the New York State court system, Save the Michaels of the World will expand its work to 44 courts in Western New York.

### **Say Yes Buffalo**

#### **School-Based Health Home Care Management Program**

\$298,848

To support a school-based health home-care management program that places Say Yes health home care managers in Buffalo Public schools to address the vast health needs of children. The pilot program will provide school-based comprehensive care coordination, health promotion, patient and family supports, and service referrals to the neediest students. These interventions will take a holistic view of children's health.

### **Visiting Nursing Association of Western New York**

#### **Nurse Residency Program**

\$500,000

To launch a Nurse Residency Program that addresses the growing need for home-care nurses in Western New York. The VNA will hire from a pool of more than 500 local graduate nurses each year and effectively train and prepare them for a career in home care. Funds will also be used for skilled nurse mentor preceptors and upgrades to training equipment.

### **Western New York Land Conservancy, Inc.**

#### **DL&W multiuse trail and linear park**

\$246,000

To support the design and implementation of the DL&W multi-use trail and linear park. The project will transform the abandoned DL&W rail corridor into a safe and accessible recreational asset connecting downtown Buffalo near Canalside to the Buffalo River at Riverbend, through the Old First Ward, Perry, and Valley neighborhoods. The inspiring community gathering place will be the focal point of a revitalized, healthy community and restored natural ecosystem. As a welcoming space for people of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds, it will improve the physical and mental health for youth, residents, and visitors.

## **2019 (\$2.5 million)**

### **Boys & Girls Clubs Collaborative of Western New York**

#### **Fearless Fridays**

\$300,000

To support Fearless Fridays. The Healthy Kids Program will offer classroom and physical activities throughout the day. Each club will learn indoor farming through building and maintaining a tower garden — a vertical growing system that grows herbs, vegetables, and flowers in less than three square feet. Children will also take part in food prep, proper handling of produce, and healthy cooking.

### **Compeer Buffalo**

#### **Compeer Maryvale Leaders**

\$210,000

To support Compeer Maryvale Leaders. AmeriCorps members will provide mental wellness mentoring in the Maryvale School District. In one-on-one sessions, students will develop an action plan using the Casey Life Skills Assessment. This approach leads to increased confidence and trust, fostering talk about mental health, and ways to improve well-being. Compeer will also provide trainings to parents and offer mental health first-aid training to district teachers and staff.

### **Cornell Cooperative Extension of Erie County**

#### **Buffalo Healthy Corner Store Initiative**

\$300,000

To support the Buffalo Healthy Corner Store Initiative. The Buffalo Healthy Corner Store Initiative will address limited healthy food access in underserved communities and neighborhoods in the City of Buffalo by working with corner store owners and consumers to improve diet-related behaviors and outcomes. A youth program in partnership with Say Yes Buffalo will create messaging around healthy snacking and the importance of breakfast.

### **Council on Addiction Recovery Services, Inc.**

#### **Recovery Coach Expansion Project**

\$150,000

To support the Recovery Coach Expansion Project. This program will expand the reach of recovery coaches to more strongly address substance-use disorder. Participants will begin their journey as a paid intern and transition to a peer recovery coach through a training and certification process. The initiative will result in an increase in peer recovery coaches that can transport clients to appointments or court dates.

### **Directions in Independent Living, Inc.**

#### **Mobile Behavioral Health Project**

\$287,000

To support a behavioral health van that will provide supportive services to youth, young adults, and families living in isolated rural communities and underserved urban neighborhoods in Cattaraugus and Allegany counties. The program will provide direct services, workshops, peer support, and highly focused social and recreational activities to these communities with the goal of connecting youth and families facing behavioral health challenges.

### Gateway Longview

#### School Mental Health Outpatient Clinic & Training

\$150,000

Gateway Longview, in collaboration with UBMD Psychiatry and Niagara Falls City School District, will open satellite outpatient mental health clinics embedded within four Niagara Falls elementary schools. These clinics will eliminate the transportation barrier to treatment while providing therapy to individuals, groups, and families. Administrators and teachers will also have access to behavioral health training.

### Gerard Place

#### Gerard Place Workforce Development Collaborative

\$274,000

This program will recruit and train qualified candidates for jobs in health care careers including certified nurse assistants, home health aides, and licensed practical nurses. The goal is to reduce the impact of poverty and unemployment in the Bailey-Delavan neighborhood. Support services for early childhood education, high school equivalency certification, soft skill development, and financial management will be offered as well.

### Kids Escaping Drugs

#### Face2Face Program Expansion

\$156,000

This initiative will focus on expanding the scope and reach of vaping education for area middle and high school students, as well as parents. Other resources will include webinars and virtual programming focused on vaping. Curriculum for Face2Face Summer Camp will also be developed. Funding will be used to hire new staff, create promotional materials, and purchase equipment.

### Massachusetts Avenue Project

#### Growing Green

\$100,000

This program will expand access to healthy food in the City of Buffalo through growing, cooking, and nutrition education opportunities. Food sold at market sites will be equipped to take food stamps; Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) benefits; and Double Up Food Bucks. The program will continue to work with the Buffalo Public School District to support increased local food procurement in schools.

### Mental Health Advocates of Western New York

#### Youth Peer Advocates

\$240,000

This initiative will expand the current Youth Peer Advocates Program to assist middle and high school students in recognizing and addressing mental health challenges. Youth peer advocates will facilitate presentations on mental health in schools, provide various resources, identify student mental health champions at each school, facilitate peer-led support groups in high schools, and more.

## **Population Health Collaborative**

### **Live Well WNY**

\$273,000

The 3-4-50 model explains that three behaviors (lack of exercise, poor diet, and tobacco use) lead to four diseases (cancer, heart disease, type 2 diabetes, and lung disease) that contribute to over 50% of all deaths. Funding for this program will strengthen partnerships, enhance collaboration, and increase visibility to drive change. Specific activities will include community engagement, facilitated conversations, and research.

## **Willie Hutch Jones Educational & Sports Programs**

### **Team Hutch ESL Education & Sports Initiative**

\$100,000

English as a second language (ESL) professionals will educate students on the benefits of proper health and fitness lifestyles in their native languages. The initiative will develop student recruitment aids and replicate successful current programming including Math Club, STEAM Camp for Girls, STEAM activities, soccer, chess, dance, tennis, golf, basketball, swimming, volleyball, football, and crew.

## **2020 (\$1.7 million)**

### **WNY COVID-19 Community Response Fund**

#### **Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo**

\$1,000,000

The WNY COVID-19 Community Response Fund supports nonprofits addressing immediate in the areas of food, housing, healthcare, childcare, mental health, transportation, and other emergency services. As of December 2020, the Fund has awarded a total of \$7.8 million in grants to 400+ nonprofit organizations serving all eight counties of Western New York.

### **Blue Fund Regional Microgrant Program**

\$100,000

To rapidly deploy resources to small organizations that provide hands-on assistance to community members in all eight counties of WNY. Intermediary organizations in each county, recognized as trusted voices and partners, identified 75 microgrant recipients for awards that ranged from \$500 - \$2,500.

### **Back to Basics Outreach Ministries, Inc.**

#### **Buffalo Peacemakers HEAT Program**

\$50,000

To support the Buffalo Peacemakers HEAT Program (Health, Empowerment, Altitude, and Teamwork). The program will use exercise and restorative learning circles to improve physical and mental health in the vulnerable, hard to reach population of at-risk minority youth by building habits of physical activity, healthy eating, and attaining positive goals.

### **Buffalo Center for Health Equity**

#### **Improving Community Health through Healthy Eating**

\$125,000

The program aims to shift the health curve of pre-diabetics and early diabetics through a dietary intervention that will transform the eating habits of the participants and their families living in Buffalo's least healthiest zip codes.

### **Buffalo Prenatal Perinatal Network**

#### **Healthy Families Buffalo**

\$100,000

The program is an evidence based voluntary home visiting model designed to provide services to families that begins prenatally or at birth and continues through age 5. While pregnant, clients receive education on prenatal care. After the baby's birth, home visits center around promoting parent-child attachment to achieve the program's mission of preventing child abuse, neglect and other adverse childhood outcomes.

### **Harmonia Collaborative Care**

#### **TeleMental Health Services**

\$100,000

The program will assess community assets and needs, identify partners and collaborators, and initiate a program which increases access to mental health and telemental health services for rural and Native Americans ages 13 and up.

Harmonia will also link clients in need to Health Home and other support services.

### **Project Play Western New York**

#### **PlayPacks for Buffalo Public School Students**

\$25,000

BlueCross BlueShield partnered with the Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Foundation, Project Play WNY and The Teachers Desk to distribute 12,100 PlayPacks to Buffalo Public Schools to help keep students active as they adapt to remote learning.

### **Say Yes Buffalo**

#### **Expansion of Health Home Care Coordination Program**

\$100,000

To expand and enhance the organization's successful Health Home Care Coordination program, launched in 2018 with support from Blue Fund. The program provides school-based comprehensive care coordination, health promotion, patient and family support and service referrals to local students in need.

### **YMCA Buffalo Niagara**

#### **Y on the Fly**

\$100,000

The program is a mobile YMCA that will deliver fun physical fitness activities, enrichment experiences including STEM and literacy, and nutritious meals to families living in neighborhoods where food insecurity and a lack of youth development and wellness resources are most prevalent. This year-round program will be offered at indoor and outdoor sites in Buffalo, Niagara Falls, and Lackawanna.

## **2021 (\$4,820,000)**

### **Bitwise Impact**

#### **Comprehensive workforce training and apprenticeship program**

\$500,000

To bring a national workforce training program to Buffalo. The unique program will support a comprehensive workforce training and apprenticeship program in tech related fields while removing barriers to entry caused by poverty and bias.

### **Buffalo Center for Health Equity**

#### **Organizational capacity building and targeted pilot projects**

\$1.5 million

To support organizational capacity building and programs targeting communities with the greatest health disparities, including a blood- pressure control pilot project in partnership with the American Medical Association.

### **Buffalo Go Green**

#### **Fresh Take Healthy Churches, Healthy Communities Program**

\$370,000

To deliver healthy, culturally appropriate meals and offer cooking demonstrations to Buffalo residents who reside in underserved areas through a new mobile-unit. The initiative also includes health and wellness programming to be piloted at select Buffalo East Side churches and throughout the community.

### **Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus**

#### **Food as Medicine for Clinicians and Community Members Research Study**

\$240,000

The project will create a replicable model of clinical-community partnerships that deliver medically tailored meals with hands-on nutrition education and social supports to clinicians and patients in the Medical Campus neighborhood, resulting in significantly improved health indicators, enhanced quality of life, and reduced health care utilization.

### **Cornell Cooperative Extension of Niagara County**

#### **Farmacy Veggie Rx Program and Mobile Market**

\$264,000

The program will grow and develop Cornell Cooperative Extension's current Farmacy Veggie Prescription program, along with the Veggie Van mobile farmers market to increase food access and equity in Niagara County.



## **The Children's Hospital of Buffalo Foundation**

### **Racial equity in health care at John R. Oishei Children's Hospital**

\$175,000

The program will develop and implement diversity, equity, and inclusion workforce development to provide more equitable care that improves maternity patient outcomes, addresses social determinants of health, and creates a more inclusive and equitable workplace.

## **Crisis Services**

### **Crisis Hotline Text and Chat Expansion**

\$290,000

The program will expand the 24-hour Crisis Hotline Program to include chat and text functionality, which provides a cost-free option for receiving crisis intervention that is accessible and ensures user privacy. This functionality will increase access to direct services for individuals in crisis.

## **FeedMore WNY**

### **Food for Kids Initiative**

\$200,000

The project encompasses four programs that provide emergency assistance and food access services: Baby Need Program, Back Pack Program, School Pantry Program, and the Kids in the Kitchen Program to meet the food needs of children from infancy through young adulthood.

## **Healthy Community Alliance**

### **Strong Starts Chautauqua**

\$240,000

The program will advance the health and development of Chautauqua children aged birth to age five, particularly the high percentage who experience early life trauma, poverty, and prenatal substance exposure through an evidence-based Screening, Assessment, Referral & Treatment (SART) model.

## **Neighborhood Health Center**

### **Population Health Care Management at NHC Riverway**

\$250,000

The project will co-locate the Behavioral Health Department, Community Health Workers, and Wellness Department in a new location at 1569 Niagara Street in Buffalo to expand the population health care management model and better serve high-risk patients.

### **Niagara Falls Housing Authority**

#### **Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) Training**

\$226,000

The Niagara Falls Housing Authority will develop and implement a CNA Training class with wraparound social supports that provides opportunities for residents and creates more health care workers in the Buffalo-Niagara region.

### **Project Stork**

#### **Happy Moms, Healthy Babies**

\$100,000

The program provides direct support for low-income families with maternal mental health concerns, prenatal and postpartum transportation barriers, and supplemental basic needs that positively impact the wellbeing of infants and toddlers with the household.

### **Spectrum Health & Human Services**

#### **Improving Social Determinants of Health Through Crisis Stabilization Services**

\$165,000

The project will provide Crisis Stabilization Services to individuals needing behavioral health services including medication assisted treatment, psychiatric services, ancillary withdrawal services, and substance use disorder outpatient services integrated with Recovery Options Made Easy's respite services.

### **United Memorial Medical Center**

#### **Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) Training**

\$200,000

The project will provide Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) training to low-income and rural residents of Genesee County. This initiative has the potential to lift families out of poverty and fill nursing workforce gaps at United Memorial Medical Center and across Western New York.

### **WNY Women's Foundation**

#### **Buffalo Women's Economic Mobility Hub**

\$100,000

The program moves single mothers and their children out of poverty into high-demand, high-wage family-sustaining healthcare jobs by introducing supports for single moms' unique needs into healthcare workforce training programs.

## **2022 (\$5,245,000)**

### **BestSelf Behavioral Health**

#### **Child Advocacy Center**

\$200,000

BestSelf Behavioral Health, the largest community behavioral health provider in Western New York, will renovate 899 Main Street on the Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus. The centrally located facility will allow the Child Advocacy Center at BestSelf to relocate and expand, enabling it to provide services to all children in the area. The facility will also house a community training center that will help with workforce development efforts.

### **Buffalo Center for Arts and Technology**

#### **Serving the Community: BCAT's Adult Workforce Training in High-Demand Allied Health Professions**

\$150,000

Buffalo Center for Arts and Technology (BCAT) will train 70-75 unemployed or underemployed adults to secure careers with family-sustaining wages in six tuition-free allied health classes that include rigorous curriculum, textbooks/study modules, certification exams, workforce readiness, wraparound retention, and employment services.

### **Buffalo Federation of Neighborhood Centers**

#### **Healthy Kids Program**

\$125,000

Buffalo Federation of Neighborhood Centers will implement an after-school and summer program targeting inner city, low-income youth by providing nutrition instruction and health & fitness options to help children embark upon a healthy lifestyle.

### **Buffalo Prenatal Perinatal Network, Inc.**

#### **Community Health Worker Program**

\$150,000

The enhancement of the Community Health Worker Program will reduce risk factors and empower families by creating a timeline that will incorporate preventive measures & education, implementing utilization of early detection curricula, and a long-term plan to address environmental instability.

### **Community Action of Orleans and Genesee**

#### **Fresh Food Rx: Stone Soup Success**

\$250,000

Community Action Orleans Genesee, in collaboration with the Orleans County Cornell Cooperative Extension, will implement a county-wide nutritional health program providing low-income families with kitchen kits, nutritional education, and vouchers to redeem on locally grown produce.

### **Cornell Cooperative Extension of Erie County**

#### **Healthy Community Store Initiative**

\$100,000

Broadening the focus of the successful Healthy Corner Store Initiative to include the surrounding community, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Erie County will empower and educate youth, adults, and families in under-resourced neighborhoods about healthier food options and elevate healthy food access in designated local Healthy Community Store Initiative stores and communities.

### **Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo**

#### **Katherine Massey Memorial Scholarship**

\$105,000

To establish an endowment for the Katherine “Kat” Massey Memorial Scholarship which will be awarded annually to a graduating Buffalo Public School high student from East Buffalo enrolled in undergraduate studies.

### **Community Health Center of Buffalo, Inc.**

#### **Community Health Center of Lockport**

\$250,000

The project will expand access to comprehensive, affordable health care, with a focus on integrating behavioral health services to address the unmet needs of 6,000 children and adults annually, targeting outreach to the low-income population in the city of Lockport.

### **D’Youville University**

#### **Pathways Program: Building Opportunity through Healthcare Workforce Training**

\$250,000

The Pathways Program is a healthcare workforce training initiative offered to BIPOC and/or economically disadvantaged populations, who have historically been excluded from educational and financial opportunity, which may have an impact on overall health and well-being.

### **Honoring the victims and supporting East Buffalo**

#### **Various organizations and initiatives**

\$325,000

To honor the victims of the tragic shootings at the Tops supermarket in Buffalo and support those impacted; including a scholarship to a Buffalo Public School student in honor of Katherine Massey, victim and former Highmark employee; a grant to We Are Warriors; support to BestSelf, Endeavor, Spectrum, and Crisis Services for community mental health services and recruitment and retention of Black mental health workers; investing in Buffalo Together Community Response Fund to support the most immediate and long-term needs in the community; donation and distribution of essential items through FeedMore WNY to those impacted; donation of a refrigerator to First Fruits Food Pantry at the Lincoln Memorial United Methodist Church.

### **Endeavor Health Services**

#### **Expanding Access to Mental Health and Substance Use Treatment in East Buffalo**

\$250,000

Endeavor Health Services will renovate space to provide outpatient behavioral health services for mental health and substance use at the Jesse Nash Health Center at 608 William Street in East Buffalo.

### **Genesee/Orleans Council on Alcoholism and Substance Abuse, Inc.**

#### **Case Management= Better Substance Use Disorder Care in Genesee and Orleans Counties**

\$200,000

The project will expand case management and extend transportation coordination and housing for people with substance use disorder in Genesee and Orleans Counties, prioritizing those with co-occurring disorders, justice system involvement, low income, children, and the historically marginalized.

### **Gerard Place**

#### **Healthy Mom and Baby Club**

\$150,000

Gerard Place will implement the Healthy Mom and Baby Club, which provides education and support to pregnant women of color in Buffalo. The program will help mothers-to-be and new mothers living in under-resourced communities to care for themselves and, as a result, increasing the likelihood that their babies will be born at healthy weights.

### **Groundwork Buffalo, Inc.**

#### **East Side Rising**

\$100,000

This project will combat food insecurity, vacant lots, and brownfields in East Buffalo through education and community garden events.

### **Holiday Helpers Fund**

#### **End of year grants to various organizations**

\$40,000

Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield employees selected eight nonprofits that align with Blue Fund strategic health focus areas to receive a \$5,000 donation. They are: Cradle Beach, Down Syndrome Parents Group of WNY, Friends of Night People, Make-A-Wish WNY, Niagara Hospice, Save the Michaels, St Luke's Mission of Mercy, and WNY Heroes Inc.

### **Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center**

#### **Every Woman and Child Counts**

\$200,000

Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center will establish the first community-based doula program in the City of Niagara Falls that provides doula services in combination with social determinant of health strategies to combat disparities and improve birth outcomes and maternal health.

### **Open Space Institute Land Trust**

#### **Getting Kids Moving: The Greening of Roosevelt Park with Healthy Outdoor Recreational Opportunities**

\$250,000

The project will create, design, and build much-needed green play spaces in Buffalo's Roosevelt Park providing healthy recreation, exercise, and relaxation, to children and community residents who currently do not have access to the benefits of a well-designed, community-focused green and open space.

### **Ralph Wilson Park Conservancy**

#### **The Play Garden at Ralph Wilson Park: Active Imaginative Play on Buffalo's Waterfront**

\$250,000

The Play Garden is a community-driven initiative integral to the transformation of Ralph Wilson Park. The project will create a destination playground for active-imaginative play while promoting a strong connection with Buffalo.

### **Say Yes Buffalo**

#### **Say Yes Buffalo Endowment**

\$1,000,000

Funds will be used to grow Say Yes Buffalo's endowment to be used toward scholarships and other student supports, furthering the education opportunities of Buffalo Public School students.

### **St. Bonaventure University**

#### **School of Health Professions**

\$250,000

Support for the renovation of Francis Hall to house the School of Health Professions. Includes a 3,000-square-foot physical diagnosis lab with three exam rooms, 20 clinic exam tables, and inpatient, hospital-style beds. Occupational therapy and physical therapy labs will offer care-based learning opportunities in varied settings.

### **The Jacobs Institute Inc.**

#### **WNY Health Disparities in Stroke Outcomes: Investigating Root Cause to Tailor Innovative Solutions**

\$150,000

With collaborators from UB and Kaleida Health, the Jacobs Institute is investigating health disparities surrounding stroke intervention and outcomes. The project will research this line of inquiry and engage with the community based on the results.

### **Western New York Land Conservancy, Inc.**

#### **Increasing Healthy Food Access for Immigrant, Refugee, and BIPOC Children in Western New York**

\$300,000

WNY Land Conservancy and Providence Farm Collective will collaborate to purchase a 37-acre farm where nearly 300 refugee, immigrant, and Black farmers grow healthy food for their communities; make the farm sustainable; and increase access to healthy food and employment for youth.

## **WNY COVID-19 Community Response Fund: Moving Forward Together Phase 2**

**Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo**

\$200,000

The WNY COVID-19 Community Response Fund supports nonprofits addressing immediate in food, housing, healthcare, childcare, mental health, transportation, and other emergency services.

## **2023 (\$5,750,000)**

### **Ardent Solutions, Inc.**

#### **Allegany County First Step Resource Center**

\$100,000

This project will support the creation of Allegany County First Step Family Resource Center, a family-focused and culturally sensitive hub of support and resources that provide programs and targeted services based on need.

### **Back to Basics Outreach Ministries, Inc.**

#### **Buffalo HEAT (Health, Empowerment, Attitude, and Teamwork)**

\$100,000

The Buffalo Heat program will use mentoring, nutrition, exercise, and restorative practices to empower at-risk youth to learn to resolve conflicts nonviolently, form habits that lead to health, develop life skills and self-confidence, and build a positive life purpose.

### **Buffalo Center for Health Equity**

#### **Organizational capacity building and targeted pilot projects**

\$1,000,000

To support organizational capacity building and programs targeting communities with the greatest health disparities, including a blood- pressure control pilot project in partnership with the American Medical Association.

### **Buffalo Urban League**

#### **Empowering and educating minority women to improve their maternal health outcomes**

\$250,000

The Buffalo Urban League will enhance minority women's sense of empowerment through increased knowledge and advocacy for self and baby, as well as access to all aspects of maternal health to increase positive outcomes throughout their pre-, peri-, and post-natal journey.

### **Cattaraugus County Health Department**

#### **Veggie Wheels: Rolling into Rural Communities**

\$250,000

This project will support a mobile unit that will provide people, residing in the most rural areas in Cattaraugus County, access to fresh and healthy food options, nutrition education, and experiential learning opportunities.



**Erie County Medical Center Corporation**  
**ECMC Outpatient Behavioral Health Initiatives**  
\$2,000,000

This project will support the launch and expansion of new and existing behavioral health programs at Erie County Medical Center Corporation to include the IOP/Help Center, Sensory Room, and One on One Patient Observations.

**Foodlink, Inc.**  
**Rural Health Initiatives Gap Analysis Phase 2: Implementation**  
\$100,000

Foodlink will increase access to nutritious food and other health resources for low-income students and their families who reside in rural food deserts.

**Iota Eta Eta, Inc.**  
**Nurse-led breastfeeding educational intervention to improve maternal and child health**  
\$100,000

The project will improve maternal and child health outcomes in Erie County through a nurse-led community-based breastfeeding educational intervention program for young, low-income people.

**Resurrection Life Food Pantry**  
**Food Pantry Expansion: Building Additions and Outdoor Work**  
\$200,000

The project will support the addition of a warehouse, drive-thru and other sitework as part of an expansion to increase Resurrection Life Food Pantry's capacity to provide healthy food to low-income children and families.

**Literacy New York Buffalo-Niagara**  
**Healthy Literacy Pilot Project: A Family-Centered Approach**  
\$100,000

The project will increase health literacy of low-income Erie and Niagara County residents, through free tutoring services at select hospitals and facilities, the creation of easy-to-understand health materials, and digital skill-training.

**Massachusetts Avenue Project**  
**Buffalo Food Justice Project**  
\$200,000

The Buffalo Food Justice Project aims to improve food and health equity for children and families by increasing access to affordable, nutritious, and culturally relevant food and opportunities to learn to grow, cook and preserve healthy food.

### **Niagara River Greenway**

#### **Niagara River Greenway Friends of Parks and Trails**

\$100,000

The Niagara River Greenway will expand local community group capacity to promote wellness via: healthy outdoor recreation activities, sponsoring active recreation events, and increasing awareness of new and improved greenspaces and recreational infrastructure, especially the WNY greenway trail network.

### **Olean General Hospital Foundation**

#### **Behavior Health Safe Zone**

\$200,000

Olean General Hospital will construct a private space within the emergency department dedicated to mental health patients and update the in-patient Mental Health Unit with safe furniture to suit the needs of these patients.

### **Reach Out and Read, Inc.**

#### **Rx for Early Literacy in Western New York**

\$100,000

Rx for Early Literacy in Western New York is a program that aims to transform the patient- clinician experience and gives parents the tools to engage with their children in a meaningful way to support improved long-term health for children in the highest need communities in Western New York.

### **Resource Council of Western New York**

#### **Youth Programming**

\$100,000

Resource Council's youth programming project is aimed at improving service delivery with additional managerial staffing, equipment and supplies to administer afterschool/summer enrichment programs, Lighthouse on weekday evenings and KidZone programming on weekends.

### **Rural Outreach Center**

#### **Breaking the Cycle of Rural Poverty by Addressing Social Determinants of Health**

\$150,000

Rural Outreach Center provides a comprehensive, holistic, wrap-around approach to breaking the cycle of rural poverty, recognizing that the antecedents and consequences of poverty greatly overlap with the social determinants of health.

### **Snowstorm Response and Support- Various Organizations**

\$100,000

Funding to nonprofit organizations responding to immediate community needs from the snowstorms that impacted the City of Buffalo

## **The Foundations of Catholic Health**

### **Food Farmacy**

\$250,000

Food Farmacy is a program that will connect food-insecure patients at risk for chronic heart disease with a clinically focused Registered Dietician, healthy food, and educational supports to improve health and reduce risk for disease.

## **Trocaire College**

### **Blue Fund Scholars LPN Workforce Training Program**

\$150,000

Trocaire College will launch the Blue Fund Scholars workforce training program for marginalized populations that will focus on developing career pathways to Licensed Practical Nursing certification and employment.

## **Western New York Independent Living**

### **Renewal Center Expanded Hours**

\$200,000

WNY Independent Living will extend daily service hours at the Renewal Center at the new Kirsten Vincent Respite & Recovery Center, adding an additional four hours of support each day.

## **2024 (\$5,708,000)**

### **Back to Basics Outreach Ministries, Inc.**

#### **Buffalo HEAT (Health, Empowerment, Attitude, and Teamwork)**

\$100,000

The Buffalo Heat program will use mentoring, nutrition, exercise, and restorative practices to empower at-risk youth to learn to resolve conflicts nonviolently, form habits that lead to health, develop life skills and self-confidence, and build a positive life purpose.

### **Boys & Girls Clubs of Buffalo**

#### **Addressing Behavioral Health in Buffalo Youth**

\$150,000

Boys & Girls Clubs of Buffalo will partner with Daemen University to provide Behavioral Therapists at each of the five Club sites, who will engage members in year-round activities mediate negative behaviors & grow socio-emotional development and establish helpful patterns of thought and behavior.

### **Buffalo Center for Health Equity**

#### **Organizational capacity building and targeted pilot projects**

\$1,000,000

To support organizational capacity building and programs targeting communities with the greatest health disparities, including a blood- pressure control pilot project in partnership with the American Medical Association.

### **Buffalo Prep**

#### **Community Wellness Program**

\$175,000

This project will support a Director of Community Wellness and an organization-wide trauma-informed model focused on DEI and integrating a restorative justice approach.

### **Build Promise, Inc.**

#### **Build Promise by Improving Racial and Health Equity Through Access to Services in East Buffalo**

\$175,000

Build Promise will purchase equipment and furnishings for the Build Promise Community Access Center, a new facility in an East Buffalo community struggling with poor social determinants of health and in dire need of access to behavioral health and other services.

### **Cattaraugus Community Action**

#### **Healthy Cattaraugus Partnership, Social Determinants of Health Accelerator Plan Implementation**

\$275,000

Cattaraugus Community Action will implement the Social Determinants of Health Accelerator Plan compiled through a grant from the Center for Disease Control, throughout Cattaraugus County, NY.

### **Create a Healthier Niagara Falls Collaborative**

#### **Fatima's Heart: Mommy Meals and Miles**

\$150,000

This project will support a pre and postnatal nutrition, physical activity, and health support program for new mothers in the city of Niagara Falls.

### **Every Bottom Covered, Inc.**

#### **Expansion of EBC's Rural Diaper Distribution Program**

\$200,000

Every Bottom Covered will help improve maternal and child health in Western New York by expanding our network of agencies, supplying wrap-around support through advocacy, education, referral services, free diapers and diapering supplies, and personal care products for families living in poverty.

### **Gigi's Playhouse**

#### **Gigi's Playhouse Down Syndrome Achievement Center Program Expansion**

\$135,000

GiGi's Playhouse Buffalo will expand and enhance our programs for people with Down syndrome through a full-time Program Coordinator who will build staff capacity to improve programming for people with Down syndrome and their families.

### **Go Bike**

#### **Pedal Power: Empowering Tomorrow's Leaders through Bicycling**

\$250,000

The Pedal Power program for children aged 6-14 promotes bicycling and bolsters our vision for nurturing young minds, promoting health and safety, and strengthening the social fabric of our community.

### **Habitat for Humanity Buffalo**

#### **East Buffalo New Home Construction**

\$100,000

To support the construction of a new home for a low-income family in East Buffalo. This will cover material costs, skilled labor, and community outreach for one home build, directly benefitting a local family in need. Over 200 employees will have the opportunity to participate.

### Harvest House Buffalo

#### **Building SDOH Initiatives on Buffalo's East Side**

\$200,000

Harvest House will build a holistic care model using SDOH and Trauma-Informed leadership models to address and eliminate health disparities in Buffalo's most marginalized community.

### Heart Love & Soul, Inc.

#### **Expanding Programs to Improve Health Outcomes for Food-Insecure Families Facing Health Inequity**

\$250,000

This project will expand Heart Love & Soul's pantry and grow its related food and nutrition programs to meet the increasing need for fresh, nutritious food and wellness services in a person-centered and dignified setting, benefiting healthy families and children in Niagara Falls.

### Mental Health Advocates

#### **Mental Health Advocates of Western New York Rural Youth Outreach Program**

\$280,000

This Rural Youth Outreach project will expand access to comprehensive youth mental health education programs, services, supports, referrals and resources to at least four rural communities that currently lack consistent, peer-supported youth mental health care.

### Mercy Flight

#### **Reduce Health Inequities in Rural Areas by Creating a Pipeline of Emergency Medical Providers**

\$100,000

Mercy Flight will help reduce SDOH disparities in rural areas by providing education and job opportunities that create a pipeline of Emergency Medical Providers in Western New York.

### Niagara Falls Boys & Girls Club

#### **Food IRL**

\$125,000

The Food IRL (In Real Life) program consists of fun, interactive, and practical activities that will develop youth's skills, confidence, and motivation to make healthy nutrition choices now and throughout their lives.

### Northland Workforce Training Center

#### **Supporting Students and Lifting Up Families at Northland Workforce Training Center**

\$300,000

Northland Workforce Training Center supports students in programs with intensive wraparound services that ensure health and wellness as they work towards their degrees.

### **No Wound Untreated**

#### **Capacity Building and Program Expansion**

\$50,000

To support mental health needs in East Buffalo by engaging Black therapists. Working with Black doulas, we host guest speakers, group and individual therapy sessions, nutrition experts, education and healthcare professionals to enhance the lives of our pregnant and postpartum mothers and their young children.

### **Oak Orchard Community Health Center**

#### **Albion Wellness Center Adolescent Behavioral Health Expansion**

\$100,000

To substantially expand child and adolescent behavioral health services at the Oak Orchard Health Albion Wellness Center, which will include adding additional full time therapist positions that specialize in working with the youth population.

### **P.U.N.T. Pediatric Cancer Collaborative**

#### **Western New York Ultimate Compassion Family Grief Center**

\$200,000

The new Western New York Ultimate Compassion Family Grief Center will support grieving children and families in WNY by providing a safe place promoting health, wellbeing, and emotional/mental support and healing.

### **Per Scholas**

#### **Advancing Economic Mobility and the Healthcare Tech Workforce in WNY**

\$125,000

Per Scholas will train unemployed and underemployed adults in Western NY and support them to attain tech jobs earning \$5.6M in first year wages alone—earnings to invest in themselves and their families, while also meeting the healthcare industry’s tech workforce needs.

### **Providence Farm Collective Corp**

#### **Feeding Our Community: Empowering the Next Generation of Refugee, Immigrant, and Black Farmers**

\$228,000

Providence Farm will empower a new, more diverse generation of farmers in WNY through Incubator Farmer, Summer Youth Employment, and Farm Lunch programs that directly address racial health and economic disparities, especially pertaining to fresh food access, income earned through farming, and behavioral health.

### **Seneca Street Community Development Corporation**

#### **SSCDC Health Equity Project**

\$150,000

The Seneca Street Community Development Corporation's will hire a Health Equity Coordinator for 2 years to organize and bring critical health services to Seneca Babcock residents.

### **Southern Tier Health Care System, Inc.**

#### **Southern Tier Mobile Integrated Healthcare/Community Paramedicine Program**

\$300,000

This project will implement a MIH/CP program, which will enhance healthcare accessibility for older adults and low-income individuals in Allegany, Cattaraugus, and Chautauqua counties.

### **Spectrum Health and Human Services**

#### **Wyoming County Mental Health Care for Homebound Older Adults**

\$150,000

Spectrum Health will partner with the Office of Aging in Wyoming County to identify and link with seniors in rural communities without access to Behavioral Healthcare to provide high-quality, community-based counseling services for older adults directly in their home environment.

### **United Way of Orleans County**

#### **Orleans CHEFS (Connected, Healthy, Educated, Food Systems)**

\$200,000

The United Way of Orleans County in collaboration with the Orleans County Cornell Cooperative Extension, will implement a county-wide nutritional health program, which will provide LMI families with material resources, nutritional education, and vouchers to redeem for locally grown produce.

### **Veterans One-Stop Center of WNY, Inc.**

#### **Removing Barriers to Behavioral Health for Minority and Female Veterans**

\$140,000

Funding will be used to provide case management services and conduct targeted, culturally-sensitive outreach activities to connect underserved minority and female Veterans to behavioral health services and our comprehensive programs to address disparities in health care and treatments.