



Lions Club of Buffalo, Inc., Host Club.

Community Betterment Grant: Request for Proposals

The Lions Club of Buffalo, Inc., is offering one or more small grants up to \$10,000 for community betterment project(s), submitted by community neighborhoods/organizations. A betterment project is an activity that can include any or all of the following:

1. **Capital expense**-An activity that purchases something or the supplies for something that will enhance, improve, or replace a neighborhood and/or community fixture that all members of the neighborhood/community can have access or use of.
2. **Wages**-Funds that are used to pay for employees, whose labor is needed to repair, replace, develop, construct, and clean up a neighborhood/community owned facility and/or property that all members of the community can utilize or participate in.
3. **Matching funds** for a project that the neighborhood/community organization needs additional funding that will improve enhance or create a new or existing service program or project into the neighborhood/community in which all members of the neighborhood/community can utilize or participate in.
4. A request by a non-for-profit (501c3)-requesting funds for any **capital campaign** or to be part of or use on a community/region-wide service/project, program that will support their stated mission.

Purpose:

The Lions Club of Buffalo, Inc. is a 99 year-old Buffalo Organization dedicated to provide service to the Greater Buffalo area:

- (a) To create and foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world.
- (b) To promote the principles of good government and good citizenship.
- (c) To take an active interest in the civic, cultural, social and moral welfare of the community.
- (d) To unite the members in the bonds of friendship, good fellowship and mutual understanding.
- (e) To provide a forum for the open discussion of all matters of public interest; provided, however, that partisan politics and sectarian religion shall not be debated by Club members.
- (f) To encourage service-minded people to serve their community without personal financial reward, and to encourage efficiency and promote high ethical standards in commerce, industry, professions, public works and private endeavors.

Through the Lions motto of “We Serve” the Buffalo Host Club has created this annual grant program to expand its ability to serve the community through the support of community partners who need small financial support to accomplish neighborhood/community activities to improve the quality of life for its residents and members.

Process:

The Lions Club of Buffalo, Inc. is requesting that the following is followed in order to qualify for the donation and reserves the right to reject any and all proposals for any reason. The decision to fund one or more proposals up to \$10,000 will be made by the Lions Club of Buffalo, Inc. members, and their decision is final and cannot be appealed.

The betterment project must serve the City of Buffalo and/or residents of the City of Buffalo, have a positive impact on the local community, but need not be physically located within the City limits, and be submitted by a local organization or group. The project must provide long-term benefit for the community it intends to serve.

Any recipient of the donation from the Lions Club of Buffalo, Inc. must, at the inception of the activity/project/program, issue a press release of the Lions Club of Buffalo, Inc.'s participation and support. At the end of the project, the Lions Club of Buffalo, Inc. must have permanent and prominent recognition of its support.

Provide:

The neighborhood/community group/organization name:

Address:

City, State zip:

Phone:

Email:

Website (if applicable)

Contact name:

Contact address:

Name of project, activity, or program that the funds are being requested for:

Project start date:

Project termination:

Budget of total project identifying where the Buffalo Lions Club funds would be used (please include estimates, invoices, and other relevant supporting documentation)

Specific plan for how the organization will recognize the Buffalo Host Lions Club

Agency/Organization/Group Mission Statement

Agency/Organization/Group Financial Report (i.e., 990 Form)

Description of activity/project for which the funds are being requested. (2 pages).

Submission:

Send three (3) copies of all proposals to:

Lions Club of Buffalo, Inc.

3108 Main St

Buffalo, NY 14214

The proposal must be postmarked by March 15th, 2020:

No phone calls will be taken by any member of the Lions Club of Buffalo, Inc. regarding this proposal. If there are any questions regarding this grant opportunity direct your inquiries to:

Name: Lion Lauren Petrocelli

Email: laurenpetrocelli@gmail.com

The Lions Club of Buffalo, Inc. will announce the recipient(s) of this award by May 29th, 2020 by mail.

Thank you for your interest in better serving the Greater Buffalo community!