



2025 ANNUAL REPORT

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Message From The Board Chairperson.....

It is both a privilege and a profound honor to once again serve as Chair of the Niagara Community Action Program, Inc. Our mission remains unwavering: to collaborate, initiate, and deliver programs of self-sufficiency that empower individuals and families to achieve their fullest potential.

Every day, countless residents of Niagara County turn to us as their first step toward stability and independence. To witness the joy and relief on the faces of those we serve is the greatest affirmation that we are making a real difference.

This work is possible because of the extraordinary dedication of our people. Our employees, with their professionalism and compassion, provide steady support that transforms lives. Our volunteers give generously of their time and energy, embodying the spirit of community. Our Board of Directors ensures strong oversight and strategic guidance, directing resources where they are most needed. And at the helm, our exceptional CEO, Suzanne Shears, ties all these efforts together with vision and leadership. Together, we are making a difference!

We are deeply grateful for the steadfast commitment of our federal and state partners, as well as Niagara County, its cities, and towns. Their financial support sustains our programs and allows us to stand beside families during their most challenging times. To our community partners and the public who collaborate with us, we extend heartfelt thanks—you are vital allies in this mission.

When asked what the Niagara Community Action Program does, my answer is simple yet profound: we help people in need. And we do it with excellence, compassion, and determination. I am proud to say that our entire team is united for this purpose, committed to giving their very best every single day.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert E. Pecoraro
Board Chairperson
NIAGARA COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM, INC.

Message From The CEO

I am pleased to present to you Niagara Community Action Program, Inc.'s annual report for the fiscal year of November 1, 2024 to October 31, 2025.

This report highlights the agency's history, programs and services, funding sources, amounts from grantors and the public and private sectors over the past 59 years. It is through the combined and collaborative efforts of these resources that our agency has been able to provide services to Niagara County residents.

The programs and services offered by Niagara Community Action Program, Inc. continued to bring temporary relief and assistance to our County's struggling families especially during these unprecedented times.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to federal, state, and local grantors who have provided guidance and financial resources to facilitate the delivery of services to our families. A special thanks goes to the Board of Directors for their time, dedication, and support in setting policy and providing direction; to the employees who dedicate their efforts in providing the delivery of services; and to the many contributors, volunteers and organizations who have unselfishly provided their resources because they believe in the agency's mission. Your continued support over the past 58 years has been greatly appreciated.

If you have a question on the contents of this document or any program administered by Niagara Community Action Program, Inc., please contact me at 716-285-9681 x 103.

Respectfully submitted,



Suzanne Shears,
CEO

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

2024 - 2025

Robert Pecoraro, Chairperson

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BOARD CHAIRPERSONS

1966-1967	Mr. Wendell Oliver
1967-1968	Mrs. Dorothy Shank
1968-1969	Mrs. Dorothy Shank
1969-1970	Mrs. Bloneva Bond
1970-1971	Mrs. Bloneva Bond
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1972-1973	Mrs. Bloneva Bond
1973-1974	Mrs. Bloneva Bond
1974-1975	Mr. John Crawford
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1977-1978	Mr. Edward Ivy
1978-1979	Mr. Edward Ivy
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1980-1981	Rev. Pierre Tangent
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1983-1984	Mr. Anthony Rendina
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1986-1987	Mr. Edward Ivy
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1990-1991	Mr. George F. Brierley
1991-1992	Ms. Barbara Meeks
1992-1993	Ms. Barbara Meeks
1993-1994	Mr. Carl Filbert
1994-1995	Mr. Carl Filbert
1995-1996	Ms. Ella Perry
1996-1997	Mr. Neil Gruppo
1997-1998	Mr. Neil Gruppo
1998-1999	Mr. Lauren Coleman
1999-2000	Mr. Lauren Coleman
2000-2001	Mr. Carmen Morreale
2001-2002	Mr. Carmen Morreale
2002-2003	Mr. Frank Andrews
	Mr. Frank Andrews

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2003-2004	Mr. Neil Gruppo
2004-2005	Mr. Neil Gruppo
2005-2006	Mr. Gerald Meal
2006-2007	Mr. Gerald Meal
2007-2008	Mr. Clyde Burmaster
2008-2009	Mr. Clyde Burmaster
2009-2010	Mr. Neil Gruppo
2010-2011	Mr. Neil Gruppo
2011-2012	Mr. Thomas Beachy
2012-2013	Mr. Thomas Beachy
2013-2014	Ms. Sharon Highfield
2014-2015	Ms. Sharon Highfield
2015-2016	Mr. John Lombardi III
2016-2017	Mr. John Lombardi III
2017-2018	Mr. Thomas Beachy
2018-2019	Mr. Thomas Beachy
2019-2020	Mr. Owen Steed
2020-2021	Mr. Owen Steed
2021-2022	Mr. Robert Pecoraro
2022-2023	Mr. Robert Pecoraro
2023-2024	Mr. John Lombardi III
2024-2025	Mr. John Lombardi III
2025-2026	Mr. Robert Pecoraro

NIAGARA COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM, INC.
CURRENT EMPLOYEE LISTING BY PROGRAM

-ADMINISTRATION-

SUZANNE SHEARS
PAUL WILSON
SUSAN PENNINGTON-BURNS
JASMINE MILES

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
FISCAL DIRECTOR
EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
BOOKKEEPER

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MILO QUARANTILLO
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THOMAS WACHT

WEATHERIZATION PROGRAM SUPERVISOR III
HEATING SPECIALIST/TECHNICAL ASSISTANT III
PROGRAM COMPLIANCE MONITOR II
CREW FOREMAN III
CREW FOREMAN II
AUDITOR/QCI ASSISTANT
FIELD ASSISTANT II
FIELD ASSISTANT II
CARPENTER/ENERGY CONSERVATION SPECIALIST

-RURAL PRESERVATION-

PAUL CRAWFORD

HOUSING SUPERVISOR

-NEIGHBORHOOD CENTERS-

JAQUINDA SMITH
LINDA HARRINGTON
CAROL OWENS
MIRANDA BENINGO-PT
AMBER LESTER
CHARLES BYRD

FAMILY DEVELOPMENT & NUTRITION SUPERVISOR II
OUTREACH WORKER II- NORTH TONAWANDA
OUTREACH WORKER II-LOCKPORT
OUTREACH WORKER II-19TH ST.
SNAP COORDINATOR
COMMUNITY DELIVERY PROGRAM ASSISTANT

-CHILD CARE RESOURCE & REFERRAL-

Community
Child Care
Clearinghouse
OF NIAGARA

ANGELA BURNS - CHILD CARE SUPERVISOR/INFANT TODDLER/CHILD CARE /DEPUTY DIRECTOR
MARY VANCE
ERIN CRUMP
DONNA STRIFFLER
DEBRA PERRICELLI
NICHOLE JEFFORDS
CYNTHIA DUGAN
KIMMARIE BROWN
KRISTINA CLARK
STEPHANIE LONG
CHRISSEY PARFINSKI
REFERRAL SPECIALIST
INFANT & TODDLER MENTAL HEALTH CONSULTANT
CHILD CARE BUSINESS SPECIALIST
LEGALLY EXEMPT PROGRAM MONITOR
LEGALLY EXEMPT PROGRAM ASSISTANT
REGISTRATION SPECIALIST
LEAD REGISTRATION SPECIALIST
REGISTRATION SPECIALIST
INFANT & TODDLER SPECIALIST
CHILD DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST/STAFFED
FAMILY CHILD CARE COACH

Niagara Community Action Program, Inc.

MISSION: THE NIAGARA COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM, INC. IS A COUNTYWIDE AGENCY DEDICATED TO REDUCING POVERTY THROUGH A COLLABORATE EFFORT BY INITIATING AND CONDUCTING PROGRAMS OF SELF-SUFFICIENCY. OUR ULTIMATE GOAL IS TO EMPOWER INDIVIDUALS/FAMILIES TO REACH THEIR FULLEST POTENTIAL.

The Niagara Community Action Program, Inc. is a private not-for-profit corporation organized under the membership Corporation Law of the State of New York with its original mission to serve the county of Niagara in developing, conducting, and administering a community action program as authorized by the Coates Human Services Reauthorization Act of 1998, PL105-285 superceded PL97-35 as amended and more specifically set in its certificate of incorporation.

The purpose of this organization is to effectuate within Niagara County the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964, as amended, and the Community Services Act of 1974 and the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981 in order to initiate, strengthen, supplement, and coordinate efforts to eliminate poverty by making available to the poor opportunities for education and training, employment, and other services designed to aid them in their struggle against poverty.

In furtherance thereof, this agency shall:

- A. Encourage the development of programs designed to eliminate poverty by proposing and conducting such programs in Niagara County.
- B. Develop research and evaluation procedures in connection with the anti-poverty programs conducted or funded by the agency.
- C. Contract with other agencies for the conduct and administration of community programs.

NIAGARA COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM, INC.
1966 - 2025

Milestones in the Agency's History

1960s

- Incorporated October 31, 1966.
- Operated Head Start Program in Niagara County.
- Niagara County Legal Aid Society was a delegate agency (through May 1, 1973 when it became directly funded by O.E.O.).
- Niagara Community Action Program, Inc. Social Service staff provided Social Services counseling.
- Credit unions established as area centers.
- Falls Products, Inc.--Economic Development Project--1968.

1970s

- Youth Development Program
- Family Planning Program funded under HEW--this program was transferred to the Planned Parenthood Association in April 1974.
- Community Alcoholism Program
- Emergency Food and Medical Services
- Head Start--1966--operated through March 1976.
- Manpower Program for Niagara County youth under age 25
- February 1973--three bus loads from Niagara Falls participated in the Mobilization at Washington, D.C.--the purpose of which was to bring to the attention of the President and Congress the need for the continuation of the Poverty Program.
- Summer Food Program for children provided through grants from the U.S. Department of Agriculture--- 1974-1981.
- Multi-Purpose Centers: *LaSalle, Lockport, *East Side, *Niagara Street, and *North Ends (all located in Niagara Falls)--advisory council at each center--basic services: nutrition, cooking classes, consumer education, sewing, consumer homemaking and health care classes--outreach and referral is central to the centers' activities.
- Each center's programs:
East Side Multi-Purpose: parent skill workshop, prenatal health care, summer youth programs at Artpark.
LaSalle Center: utilized LaSalle Recreation Facilities for programming--baton classes and parent/child playroom which allowed parents to participate in programming who otherwise would be unable to attend because of child care needs.
Lockport Center: transportation from rural areas to hospitals, health care facilities, and other agencies for services--upholstery classes, first aid classes, and youth field trips.

1970s (continued)

Niagara Street Center: adult education and high school equivalency classes, English and citizenship classes.

North End Center: dealt with employment and neighborhood improvement projects--senior citizen programming.

- Under C.E.T.A. (Comprehensive Employment and Training Act 1973), Niagara Community Action Program, Inc. created: Community Health Education Program, Senior Citizens Transportation Program, Publicity Program, and Human Services Research Program.
- Youth Bureau funding provided for Drop-Out Counseling Program.
- Office for the Aging (Niagara County)--three day care centers for elderly.
- Mobilization Day in Washington (CSA) to replace the Office of Economic Opportunity under which Niagara Community Action Program, Inc. originally operated.
- Countywide Human Services Directory was completed in July 1975.
- During Blizzard of 1977, Niagara Community Action Program, Inc. operated: Special Crisis Intervention Program--provided special assistance for fuel bills to nearly 1,500 eligible persons, and the Energy Crisis Intervention was conducted for families suffering undue hardship due to excessive heat bills, frozen pipes, lack of food and blankets, etc.--1,672 persons received services which included emergency fuel, repairs, blankets (100 senior citizens), and food (395 families).
- 1977/1978--opened new neighborhood center--Evershed Center on 56th Street in Niagara Falls.
- 1977/1978--Emergency Energy Assistance Program--provided fuel payments (operated through 1981).
- 1977/1978--Niagara Community Action Program, Inc. entered into delegate agency contracts with the following: Cooperative Extension Association to develop and organize urban 4-14 clubs in the City of Niagara Falls; Niagara Falls Boy's Club to provide an informal drop-in center, formal group activities, and special interest groups for youth; and the 13th Street Multi-Purpose Center to provide educational, social, and recreational activities for East Side youth.

1980s

- Continuation of Neighborhood Center Program, Alcoholism Program, Weatherization Program, Senior Citizen, and Youth Program in 1980s.
- WIC (Women, Infant, and Children Program) 1980-1985--provided nutrition education and supplemental food for eligible women, infants, and children.
- HEAP (Home Energy Assistance Program) 1980-1981.
- Countywide recreational youth programming (1981-1986) focusing on fun and learning trips and individual and career development through Project Pathfinding, Open Horizons, and Self-Imaging programs.
- ECIP (Emergency Crisis Intervention Program) provided furnaces for eligible clients--1982-1983.
- TAP (Telephone Assurance Program) provided special "linkages" to homebound senior citizens through prearranged phone outreach.
- Emergency Food and Shelter Program 1983-present--provided food and shelter vouchers on a one-time-only basis to persons in an emergency situation.
- 1985--Niagara Community Action Program, Inc.'s Board and agency participated in extensive letter-writing campaign to elected officials at national level which led to allocation of CSBG funds in 1985 and approval of the Human Service Reauthorization Act of 1986 which provides for four more years of community action, low-income energy assistance, Head Start, and other essential programs.
- Dislocated Worker Program 1983-1987--provided employability skills training, vocational counseling, remedial education, human service assistance, and job placement to certified dislocated workers.
- Rural Preservation Program 1986-present--provides housing preservation and community renewal to low-income homeowners and renters in rural Niagara County.
- In 1987, awarded Affordable Housing Grant--to provide home improvements to ten qualified residents in the Town of Porter to be implemented in 1988/89.
- Niagara Community Action Program, Inc. received (1987) \$10,000 grant from the Town of Porter to target special projects in that town and/or be used in conjunction with the Affordable Housing Grant.
- 1987--received an additional \$100,000 from the N.Y.S. Department of State/Division of Economic Opportunity/Department of Energy for Niagara Community Action Program, Inc.'s Weatherization budget up to approximately \$550,000--the largest amount of money in the program's history.
- Opened neighborhood center (1987) at the Rainbow Senior Citizen Center at 2818 Highland Avenue, Niagara Falls, New York.
- Countywide Niagara Community Action Program, Inc.'s Human Services Directory published in August 1987.

1980s (continued)

- Implemented blow-in insulation into brick homes in the Weatherization Program (1987). Niagara Community Action Program, Inc. was the first agency in Western New York to implement this procedure.
- In October 1987, Niagara Community Action Program, Inc. purchased the former M & T Bank building at 1521 Main Street, Niagara Falls with intentions to remodel it and house its administrative offices and headquarter its programs.
- Received a \$50,000 Community Development Block Grant from the City of Niagara Falls/Office of Community Development as one-third of the total purchase and renovation cost for the bank building (1987).
- Received a funding reservation from the Division of Housing and Community Renewal for \$99,217 toward the renovation for Niagara Community Action Program, Inc.'s new administrative office building.
- Began implementation of a countywide needs assessment targeting the poor. Niagara Community Action Program, Inc. held 15 community meetings throughout the county that provided the county's poor an opportunity to express their concern. Areas of need were defined in child care, transportation, and employment.
- Administered a countywide free smoke detector and light timer program.
- Organized a Minority Area Council/Consortium of local area businesses/churches, etc. in Highland Avenue community.
- Administered a Job Training Program and Area I Neighborhood Preservation Corporation targeting minorities in the Highland Avenue community. The success rate has been high enough to continue the program in 1989.
- In 1988, opened two new neighborhood centers in the northeastern areas of the county; Barker and Olcott, New York.
- Received an entitlement grant from CSBG under the Stewart B. McKinney Act funds to administer a housing assistance program for the homeless in the county.
- In 1988, Niagara Community Action Program, Inc. was designated by the Legislature as the County's Fair Housing Advocate. Designed and developed a program and trained staff in the areas of fair and equal housing.
- 1989 Grants applied for and obtained:
 - *Federal Emergency Management Agency - \$2,458
 - *Rural Homeownership Assistance Program - \$29,746
 - *Public Service Commission
 - SAVINGPOWER Program - \$4,900
 - *NYS Office for the Aging - \$20,000
 - *Town of Porter - \$10,000
 - *Rural Area Revitalization Program - \$65,065
 - *Emergency Homeless Program - \$20,529

1980s (continued)

- *Niagara Council of the Arts - Video Grant - \$1,000
- *Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program - \$1,895
- In 1989 obtained sponsorship from USDA to administer meal reimbursement to licensed Home Day Care Providers.
- Subcontracted with National Fuel Gas Corp. to: 1) insulate 25 homes of HEAP-vouchered recipients and 2) perform 309 energy audits under the SAVINGPOWER program.
- Wrote a \$5.7 million grant to the Affordable Housing Corp. to build over 200 new homes in scattered sites throughout Niagara County. Grant approval is expected in the early part of 1990.

1990s

- 1990 Grants Applied for and Obtained:
 - *Federal Emergency Management Agency - \$3,418
 - *Public Service Commission
 - SAVINGPOWER audits - \$4,950
 - *NYS Office for the Aging - \$20,000
 - *Town of Porter - \$10,000
 - *Emergency Homeless Program - \$15,954
 - *Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program - \$4,781
 - *Rural Homeownership Assistance Program - \$12,310
- Received approval from AHC to build 79 homes in rural Niagara County. Total grant award is \$1.975 million.
- Coordinated a countywide Job Fair with 70 employers. Total number of job seekers at the fair was 2,827. Of those, 41 were hired in full-time positions and 27 were hired for part-time employment.
- Implemented a countywide furniture donation program.
- 1991 Grants Obtained and Programs Developed:
 - *Federal Emergency Management Agency - \$2,532
 - *Public Service Commission
 - SAVINGPOWER surveys - \$4,950
 - *NYS Office for the Aging - \$20,000
 - *Town of Porter - \$10,000
 - *Emergency Homeless Program - \$22,219
 - *Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program - \$3,108
 - *Continuation of Affordable Housing - building 100 new homes in rural Niagara County
 - *Coordinated another countywide Job Fair
 - *Conducted the first community action agency telethon - raised \$1,000 for the Lockport Food Pantry
 - *Opened a small food pantry in North Tonawanda

1990s (continued)

*Coordinated the opening of a Professional Clothes Closet

- 1992 Grants Obtained and Projects Developed:
 - *Federal Emergency Management Agency - \$3,186
 - *Public Service Commission
 - SAVINGPOWER surveys - \$4,980
 - *NYS Office for the Aging - \$20,000
 - *Town of Porter - \$10,000
 - *Emergency Homeless Program - \$12,409
 - *Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program - \$1,350
 - *Continuation of Affordable Housing - building 100 new homes in rural Niagara County
 - *Coordinated another countywide Job Fair
 - *Distributing agency in Niagara County for the United States Marine Corps Reserve "Toys for Tots"
 - *Participated in the City of Niagara Falls Centennial Celebration by sponsoring an Antique Car/Craft Festival
 - *Launched the "FRIENDS" campaign. The letters in the word "FRIENDS" represent the many services that Niagara Community Action Program, Inc. offers.
These services include:

Furniture - used furniture for emergencies
Repair - home repair and new construction
Information - info on available county services
Energy - home energy conservation assistance
Nutrition - food pantry and home day care meals
Dress - new, used, and professional clothing
Shelter - homeless, fair housing, rent assistance

*Held 1st annual "FRIENDS" Community Awards Dinner

- 1993 Grants Obtained and Projects Developed:
 - *Federal Emergency Management Agency - \$3,512
 - *National Fuel Gas audits - \$7,000
 - *NYS Office for the Aging - \$15,000
 - *Town of Porter - \$10,000
 - *Emergency Homeless Program - \$10,059
 - *Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program - \$2,998
 - *Emergency Assistance for Native American Infants - \$3,000

1990s (continued)

- *Continuation of Affordable Housing - 91 homes in rural Niagara County completed
- *Coordinated another countywide Job Fair
- *Distributing agency in Niagara County for the United States Marine Corps Reserve "Toys for Tots"
- *Continuation of the "FRIENDS" campaign
- *Coordinated New York State Department of State Regional Community Action Program Conference
- *Conducted client needs assessment
- *2nd annual "FRIENDS" Community Awards Dinner
- *Charity Gift Wrap fund raiser

- 1994 Grants Obtained and Projects Developed:

- *New York State Department of Social Services Child Care Resource and Referral Program - \$65,000
- *MENTOR Program for At-Risk Youth (Meeting Educational/Employment Needs Through Organizational Role Models) - \$3,000 (grant from Gannett Communities Fund)
- *Federal Emergency Management Agency - \$1,718
- *National Fuel Gas audits - \$7,500
- *Town of Porter - \$10,000
- *NYS Affordable Housing Corp. Home Repair Program - \$80,000
- *NYS Department of State - Weatherization Program - additional funding - \$293,930
- *NYS Public Service Commission - \$4,985
- *SUNY Early Childhood Education and Training Program - \$5,701
- *Continuation of affordable housing - 94 homes complete - Niagara County
- *Charity Gift Wrap fund raiser

- 1995 Grants Obtained and Projects Developed:

- *Member Initiative - Senator Anthony Nanula - \$10,000
- *Early Intervention Program - \$11,936
- *NYS Public Service Commission - \$11,500
- *SUNY Early Childhood Education & Training Program - \$5,480
- *Town of Porter - \$10,000
- *Occidental Women's League - \$1,500
- *National Fuel Gas audits - \$7,500
- *Federal Emergency Management Agency - \$3,902
- *Supplemental Nutrition Program - \$2,750
- *Child & Adult Care Food Program - Start-up & Expansion- \$3,726
- *Emergency Homeless Program - \$10,020
- *Crime Prevention Program - \$25,000

1990s (continued)

- 1996 Grants Obtained and Projects Developed:
 - *Member Initiative - Senator Anthony Nanula - \$10,000
 - *Crime Prevention Program - \$25,000
 - *Completed affordable housing project - 100 new homes
 - *Town of Porter - \$10,000
 - *Town of Lewiston - \$2,000
 - *Federal Emergency Management Agency - \$1,748
 - *Start-up Funds for family and group family day care providers - \$34,128
 - *SUNY Early Childhood Education & Training Program - \$9,280
 - *Supplemental Nutrition Program - \$1,430
 - *Niagara County Food Distribution Center
 - *NYS Public Service Commission - \$11,500
 - *National Fuel Gas audits - \$2,100
- 1997 Grants Obtained and Projects Developed:
 - *Home Repair - \$200,000
 - *City of Lockport - \$2,500
 - *Town of Niagara - \$5,000
 - *Town of Cambria - \$1,000
 - *Town of Lewiston - \$5,000
 - *Town of Porter - \$10,000
 - *CSBG increase - \$50,793
 - *Early Intervention Program (toy lending library) - \$11,936
 - *Start-up funds for family/group family day care providers - \$20,238
 - *Child & Adult Care Food Program (Implementation Grant) - \$2,350
 - *Child & Adult Care Food Program (Expansion Grant) - \$2,250
 - *Martha H. Beeman Foundation
 - (grant for additional toy purchases) - \$1,000
 - *Neighborhood Crime Prevention - \$30,000
 - *Bank Funding:
 - M & T - \$2,000
 - Marine Midland - \$5,000
 - Fleet - \$5,000
 - *Member Initiative Grant--Senator Maziarz - \$5,000
 - *Emergency Food & Shelter - \$1,764
 - *Supplemental Nutrition Program - \$1,500
 - *City of Niagara Falls Community Development Dept. - \$60,000
- 1998 Grants Obtained and Projects Developed:
 - *Grant Award for New Home Construction - \$140,000
 - *Grant Award for Food Stamp Outreach and Education - \$38,500
 - *Increase in Child Care Resource & Referral Program - \$16,000

1990s (continued)

- *Funding:
 - Town of Wheatfield - \$5,000
 - Town of Wilson - \$1,000
 - Town of Pendleton - \$1,000
 - Town of Niagara - \$10,000
 - Town of Porter - \$10,000
 - Town of Lewiston - \$5,000
 - Town of Cambria - \$1,000
- *Bank Funding: Key Bank - \$1,500
- *3% Administration from the Affordable Housing Corp. - \$6,000
- *Hunger Prevention Nutrition Assistance Prog. (HPNAP) - \$9,000
- *Operations Support Grant - \$3,000
- *United Way/Emergency Food & Shelter - \$5,649
- *Martha H. Beeman Foundation - \$1,000
- *Niagara Educational Foundation - \$1,500
- *Neighborhood Crime Prevention Grant - \$20,000

- 1999 Grants Obtained and Projects Developed:
 - *Grant award from New York State Affordable Housing Corp. for home repair - eastern Niagara County - \$200,000
 - *Grant award from Federal Home Loan Bank for home repair - eastern Niagara County - \$125,000
 - *Increase in Child Care Resource & Referral Program - \$33,000
 - *Weatherization Cooling Program - \$29,150
 - *3% Administration grant from the Affordable Housing Corp. - \$4,200
 - *Hunger Prevention Nutrition Assistance Program (HPNAP) - *\$9,000
 - *Operations Support Grant - \$6,000
 - *United Way/Emergency Food & Shelter - \$3,956
 - *Neighborhood Crime Prevention Grant - \$20,000
 - *Kids Cafe - \$5,000
 - *Rural Preservation Program Technology Grant - \$1,310
 - *Lockport Savings Bank - \$2,500
 - *Key Bank - \$1,500
 - *Fleetbank - \$2,500

2000s

- 2000 Grants Obtained and Projects Developed:
 - *Increases in the following grants:
 - Community Services Block Grant - \$26,000
 - Rural Preservation Program - \$4,900
 - Child Care Resource & Referral - \$72,700
 - Weatherization - \$73,000

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- *Rural Home Ownership Assistance Program - \$17,000
- *City of Niagara Falls Crime Prevention Program - \$20,000
- *Niagara County Crime Prevention Program - \$15,000
- *Citibank - \$2,000
- *M & T Charitable Foundation - \$2,500
- *Town of Somerset - \$2,000
- *Town of Royalton - \$1,500
- *Hunger Prevention Nutrition Assistance Program - \$13,360
- 2001 Grants Obtained and Projects Developed:
 - *Grant from Federal Home Loan Bank to repair homes in Town of Niagara - \$200,000
 - *Countywide grant from Housing Trust Fund Corp. to provide emergency home repair to homeowners 60 years or older - \$50,000
 - *Grant to subcontract with Niagara County Department of Social Services to become the registrar for family day care and school-age programs in Niagara County. Funding provided by the New York State Office of Family & Children's Services - \$92,781
 - *Increase in the Rural Preservation Program funded by the New York State Division of Housing & Community Renewal - \$9,500
 - *Increase in Nutrition Outreach & Education Program funded by the Nutrition Consortium of New York State - \$5,500
 - *Increase in the Weatherization Assistance Program funded by the New York State Division of Housing & Community Renewal - \$190,560
 - *Increase in the Community Services Block Grant funded by the New York State Department of State - \$61,488
 - *Conducted a countywide needs assessment surveying customers, community organizations and town/village/county government to determine the greatest needs in the County
 - *Distributed over 1 million pounds of food to needy Niagara County residents from the Niagara County Food Distribution Center. This is the largest amount of food distributed by the County's food pantries, soup kitchens, and shelters.
 - *Charter One Bank - \$1,000
 - *Town of Lockport - \$1,000
 - *City of Niagara Falls Crime Prevention Program - \$20,000
 - *Niagara County Crime Prevention Program - \$15,000

2000s (continued)

- 2002 Grants Obtained and Projects Developed:
 - *Weatherization Assistance Program Increase - \$79,183
 - *Weatherization Assistance Program – Special Projects - \$95,000
 - *Child Care Resource & Referral Increase - \$6,200
 - *Distributed 1.2 million pounds of food to needy Niagara County residents from the Niagara County Food Distribution Center
 - *Town of Newfane - \$2,000
- 2003 Grants Obtained and Projects Developed:
 - *12 Towns of Niagara County - \$33,800
 - *3 cities of Niagara Falls, North Tonawanda, and Lockport
 - *Federal Home Loan Bank - \$400,000 for countywide home repair
 - *RESTORE - \$50,000 for emergency home repair for elderly
 - *Additional grant funding from the New York State Department of State - \$22,651
 - *Nutrition Outreach and Education - \$45,000 funded by the Nutrition Consortium of New York State
 - *New York State Energy Research and Development Authority - \$42,630
 - *Consolidation of three programs, housing, nutrition, and emergency services in one location at 160 Washburn Street, Lockport, New York
 - *Funding from Niagara County to administer a Crime Prevention Program - \$10,000
 - *Funding from Housing Trust Fund Corp. in the amount of \$145,837 for home repair
- 2004 Grants Obtained and Projects Developed:
 - *12 Towns of Niagara County – \$34,000
 - *Niagara County and the 3 cities of Lockport, Niagara Falls, and North Tonawanda
 - *New York State Affordable Housing Corp. - \$80,000 for county-wide home repair
 - *RESTORE - \$30,000 for emergency home repair for the elderly
 - *Additional funding from the New York State, Department of State – \$22,327
 - *Additional funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency for utility assistance - \$7,100
 - *Distributed 1.3 million pounds of food to needy Niagara County residents from the Niagara County Food Distribution Center

2000s (continued)

- 2005 Grants Obtained and Projects and Programs Developed:
 - *12 Towns of Niagara County (includes village of Youngstown) - \$34,250
 - *Niagara County and the 3 cities of Lockport, Niagara Falls, and North Tonawanda
 - *RESTORE - \$40,000 for emergency repairs for the elderly
 - *Additional funding from NYS Division of Housing Community Renewal for the Weatherization Program - \$27,359
 - *Additional funding from the New York State Department of State - \$5,000
 - *Keybank - \$1,500
 - *Key Foundation - \$500
 - *New York State Electric and Gas Corp. - \$1,000
 - *Western New York Assembly Majority Delegation - \$12,500
 - *Senator George Maziarz - \$15,000
 - *Child and Adult Care Food Program Expansion Grant - \$8,800
 - *Additional funding from the Nutrition Consortium of New York State - \$2,250
 - *Distributed 1.4 million pounds of food to impoverished Niagara County residents through the Niagara County Food Distribution Center

- 2006 Grants Obtained and Programs Developed:
 - *12 Towns of Niagara County (includes Villages of Lewiston and Youngstown) - \$35,000
 - *Niagara County and the 3 cities of Lockport, Niagara Falls, and North Tonawanda - \$103,000
 - *RESTORE - \$36,250 – emergency repairs for the elderly
 - *Access to Home - \$200,000 – home repairs for the disabled
 - *M & T Charitable Foundation - \$2,500
 - *Additional funding from the Nutrition Consortium of NYS - \$3,150
 - *Disaster Relief funding from the New York State Department of State - \$2,000
 - *Distributed 1.43 million pounds of food to impoverished Niagara County residents through the Niagara County Distribution Center
 - *Key Foundation - \$500

2000s (continued)

2007 Grants Obtained and Programs Developed:

- *12 Towns of Niagara County (includes Villages of Lewiston and Youngstown) - \$35,000
- *Niagara County and 3 cities of Lockport, Niagara Falls, and North Tonawanda - \$105,400
- *New York State Affordable Housing Corp. - \$80,000 – home repairs
- *Federal Home Loan Bank - \$400,000 – home repairs
- *Key Foundation - \$500
- *M&T Charitable Foundation - \$3,000
- *Additional funding from the New York State Division of Housing and Community Renewal - \$22,000
- *Additional funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency for utility assistance – \$14,751
- *Distributed 1.5 million pounds of food to Niagara County residents through the Niagara County Food Distribution Center
- *Senator George Maziarz - \$10,000
- *Assemblywoman Francine Del Monte - \$5,000
- *Assemblyperson Stephen Hawley - \$1,000

2008 Grants Obtained and Programs Developed:

- *12 towns of Niagara County - \$34,700
- *Niagara County and 3 cities of Lockport, Niagara Falls and North Tonawanda - \$105,400
- *Access to Home - \$200,000 – home repairs for the disabled
- *Additional funding from the New York State Department of State- \$31,275
- *Additional funding from the New York State Division of Housing & Community Renewal – Energy Service's Bureau - \$68,000
- *Key Foundation - \$500
- *Distributed 1.41 million pounds of food to Niagara County residents through the Niagara County Food Distribution Center

2000s (continued)

2009 Grants Obtained and Programs Developed:

- *Additional funding from the New York State Division of Housing and Community Renewal-Energy Services Bureau \$2,506,026
- *Additional funding from the New York State Department of State- Community Services - \$525,782
- *Additional funding from the Federal Energy Management Agency (FEMA) \$43,575
- *Funding from the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services - \$222,000
- *Additional funding from the New York State Assembly's Housing Committee for the Rural Preservation Program- \$12,410
- *12 towns of Niagara County - \$34,700
- *Niagara County and cities of Lockport, Niagara Falls, and North Tonawanda - \$110,222
- *John R. Oishei Foundation - \$25,000
- *Evans Devereux Trust Fund - \$4,000
- *Key Foundation - \$500
- *M & T Bank Charitable Foundation - \$2,500
- *First Niagara Charitable Contribution Fund - \$1,000
- *Great Lake Machinery - \$2,500
- *Restore - \$30,000 emergency home repairs for the elderly
- *Collected over 2,700 pairs of socks to be distributed to needy children
- *Distributed over 1.42 million pounds of food to Niagara County residents through the Niagara County Food Distribution Center

2010 Grants Obtained and Programs Developed:

- *Additional funding from the New York State Department of State – Community Services Bureau - \$30,000
- *Additional funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) - \$29,889
- *12 towns of Niagara County - \$34,700
- *Niagara County and cities of Niagara Falls, Lockport, and North Tonawanda - \$144,316
- *John R. Oishei Foundation - \$20,000
- *Evans Devereux Trust Fund – \$2,000
- *M & T Charitable Foundation - \$2,500
- *Grigg-Lewis Foundation - \$7,500
- *RESTORE (Emergency home repairs for the elderly) - \$75,000
- *New York State Affordable Housing Corporation - \$80,00
- *Key Foundation - \$500
- *Town of Niagara/Fashion Outlets of Niagara Falls - \$1,000
- *Great Lakes Machinery - \$2,000

2000s (continued)

*Distributed 1.5 million pounds of food to Niagara County residents through the Niagara County Food Distribution Center

2011 Grants Obtained and Programs Developed:

- *12 Towns of Niagara County - \$33,700
- *Niagara County and cities of Niagara Falls, Lockport, and North Tonawanda - \$117,690
- *John R. Oishei Foundation - \$20,000
- *M & T Charitable Foundation - \$2,500
- *Evans Devereux Trust Fund -\$3,000
- *Key Foundation - \$500
- *New York State Office of Children & Family Services - \$6,000
- *Town of Niagara/Fashion Outlets of Niagara Falls - \$1,000
- *Payless Shoe Source - \$3,000
- *Key Bank - \$1,000
- *New York State Office of Temporary & Disability Assistance -\$50,000
- *RESTORE – (Emergency Home Repair for the Elderly) -\$75,000
- *Great Lakes Machinery - \$2,000
- *Distributed 1.75 million pounds of food to Niagara County residents through the Niagara County Food Distribution Center

2012 Grants Obtained and Programs Developed:

- *12 Towns of Niagara County - \$33,200
- *Niagara County and cities of Niagara Falls, Lockport, and North Tonawanda - \$111,096
- *John R. Oishei Foundation - \$20,000
- *Evans Devereux Trust Fund - \$3,000
- *Key Foundation - \$500
- *Town of Niagara/Fashion Outlets of Niagara Falls - \$1,000
- *New York State Affordable Housing Corporation - \$80,000
- *City of Niagara Falls Community Development Department - \$25,000 (emergency solutions grant)
- *City of Niagara Falls Community Development Department - \$20,000 (building renovation)
- *Great Lakes Machinery – \$2,000
- *M & T Charitable Foundation – \$2,500
- *Payless Shoe Source - \$2,000
- *Grigg – Lewis Foundation, Inc. - \$7,500
- *WalMart Foundation (North Tonawanda) - \$1,000
- *United Way of Greater Niagara - \$14,000
- *Distribution close to 1.9 million pounds of food to Niagara County residents through the Niagara County Food Distribution Center

2000s (continued)

2013 Grants Obtained and Programs Developed:

- *12 towns of Niagara County - \$33,700
- *Niagara County and cities of Niagara Falls, Lockport, and North Tonawanda - \$110,077
- *John R. Oishei Foundation - \$20,000
- *Evans Devereux Trust Fund - \$3,000
- *Key Foundation - \$500
- *Town of Niagara/Fashion Outlets of Niagara Falls - \$1,000
- *City of Niagara Falls Community Development - \$20,000 (emergency solutions grant)
- *Great Lakes Machinery - \$2,000
- *M & T Charitable Foundation - \$2,500
- *United Way of Greater Niagara (FEMA) - \$14,269
- *Macerich Corporation - \$5,000
- *East Hill Foundation - \$10,000
- *Child & Adult Care Food Program Expansion Grant - \$10,700
- *Hunger Prevention Nutrition & Assistance Program - \$5,530
- *Increase in Weatherization Program (NYS Homes & Community Renewal - \$191,334
- *United Way of Greater Niagara - \$8,000

2014 Grants Obtained and Programs Developed:

- *12 towns of Niagara County - \$33,700
- *Niagara County and cities of Niagara Falls, Lockport, and North Tonawanda - \$110,077
- *John R. Oishei Foundation - \$20,000
- *Evans Devereux Trust Fund - \$6,000
- *Key Foundation - \$500
- *Town of Niagara/Fashion Outlets of Niagara Falls - \$1,000
- *City of Niagara Falls Community Development Department - \$21,735
- *Great Lakes Machinery - \$2,000
- *M & T Charitable Foundation - \$2,500
- *United Way of Greater Niagara (FEMA) - \$14,050
- *Hunger Prevention Nutrition & Assistance Program - \$6,716
- *United Way of Greater Niagara - \$10,700
- *Federal Home Loan Bank - \$163,800
- *Health Foundation for Western & Central New York - \$20,000

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2015 Grants Obtained and Programs Developed:

- *12 towns of Niagara County - \$33,700
- *Niagara County and cities of Niagara Falls, Lockport, and North Tonawanda - \$110,077
- *John R. Oishei Foundation - \$20,000
- *Evans Devereux Trust Fund - \$3,000
- *Key Foundation - \$500
- *Town of Niagara/Fashion Outlets of Niagara Falls - \$1,000
- *City of Niagara Falls Community Development Department - \$10,000
- *Great Lakes Machinery - \$2,000
- *M & T Charitable Foundation - \$2,500
- *United Way of Greater Niagara (FEMA) - \$12,152
- *United Way of Greater Niagara - \$14,330
- *NYS Affordable Housing Corporation - \$110,000
- *NYS Housing Trust Fund Corporation - \$50,000
- *Hunger Prevention Nutrition & Assistance Program - \$7,360
- *Snowflake Ball - \$6,078

2016 Grants Obtained and Programs Developed:

- *12 towns of Niagara County - \$35,000
- *Niagara County and cities of Niagara Falls, Lockport, and North Tonawanda - \$110,077
- *John R. Oishei Foundation - \$18,000
- *Evans Devereux Trust Fund - \$6,000
- *Key Foundation - \$500
- *Town of Niagara/Fashion Outlets of Niagara Falls - \$1,000
- *City of Niagara Falls Community Development Department - \$10,000
- *Great Lakes Machinery - \$2,000
- *M & T Charitable Foundation - \$2,500
- *United Way of Greater Niagara (FEMA) - \$12,152
- *United Way of Greater Niagara - \$14,938
- *NYS Housing Trust Fund Corporation - \$50,000
- *Hunger Prevention Nutrition & Assistance Program - \$8,386
- *Community Action Angels Golf Challenge - \$4,170
- *Blankets Spread the Warmth Program - \$2,315
- *Back to School Initiative - \$10,000
- * Increase in Weatherization Program Funding - \$59,559

2000s (continued)

2017 Grants Obtained and Programs Developed:

- *12 towns of Niagara County - \$34,600
- *Niagara County and cities of Niagara Falls, Lockport, and North Tonawanda - \$110,077
- *John R. Oishei Foundation - \$15,000
- *Evans Devereux Trust Fund - \$6,000
- *Key Foundation - \$500
- *Town of Niagara/Fashion Outlets of Niagara Falls - \$1,000
- *City of Niagara Falls Community Development Department - \$10,000
- *Great Lakes Machinery - \$2,000
- *M & T Charitable Foundation - \$2,500
- *United Way of Greater Niagara (FEMA) - \$11,126
- *United Way of Greater Niagara - \$13,648
- *NYS Housing Trust Fund Corporation - \$50,000
- *Hunger Prevention Nutrition & Assistance Program - \$8,386
- *Community Action Angels Golf Challenge - \$5,000
- *New York Connects Grant - \$12,953
- *Cavity Free Kids - \$5,000
- * Increase in Weatherization Program Funding - \$128,283

2018 Grants Obtained and Programs Developed:

- *12 towns of Niagara County - \$33,600
- *Niagara County and cities of Niagara Falls, Lockport, and North Tonawanda - \$110,077
- *John R. Oishei Foundation - \$15,000
- *Evans Devereux Trust Fund - \$6,000
- *Town of Niagara/Fashion Outlets of Niagara Falls - \$1,000
- *M & T Charitable Foundation - \$3,000
- *United Way of Greater Niagara (FEMA) - \$8,408
- *United Way of Greater Niagara - \$13,649
- *New York State Affordable Housing Corp. - \$110,000
- *Hunger Prevention Nutrition & Assistance Program - \$42,841
- *Community Action Angels Golf Challenge - \$7,000
- *Sertoma Club - \$750
- *Amerigroup of Blue Cross/Blue Shield - \$2,500
- *Food Bank of WNY Operation Support - \$12,000
- *City of Niagara Falls Emergency Solution Grant - \$10,000

2019 Grants Obtained and Programs Developed:

- *12 Towns of Niagara County - \$32,600
- *Niagara County and cities of North Tonawanda and Lockport -\$82,577
- *John R Oishei Foundation - \$15,500

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- *Evans Devereux Trust Fund - \$6,000
- *M & T Charitable Foundation - \$3,000
- *United Way of Greater Niagara (FEMA) - \$11,748
- *United Way of Greater Niagara - \$13,646
- *New York State Housing Trust Fund Corp. - \$90,000
- *Food Bank of WNY Operation Support - \$12,000
- *Sertoma Club - \$750
- *Community Action Golf Challenge - \$7,419
- *Hunger Prevention Nutrition and Assistance Program - \$3,800
- *Increase in Weatherization Program - \$36,392
- *Infant and Toddler Program - \$41,000
- *Erie Niagara Sunrise Exchange Club - \$500
- *Increase in Community Services Block Grant Funding - \$43,037

2020 Grants Obtained and Programs Developed:

- *Community Services Block Grant CARES Funding - \$477,984
- *Community Services Block Grant Discretionary Funding - \$50,000
- *12 Towns of Niagara County - \$32,600
- *Niagara County and cities of North Tonawanda and Lockport - \$82,577
- *John R Oishei Foundation - \$51,000
- *Evans Devereux Trust Fund - \$3,000
- *M & T Charitable Foundation - \$3,000
- *United Way of Greater Niagara - \$12,999
- *United Way of Greater Niagara (FEMA) - \$13,566
- *United Way – COVID Grant - \$2,000
- *Community Action Golf Challenge - \$3,300
- *Operation Support – Food Bank of WNY - \$8,040
- *Community Foundation of Buffalo - \$108,000
- *Essential Workers CARES Act Scholarship - \$247,309
- *Sertoma Club - \$1,000
- *Cornerstone Federal Credit Union - \$665

2021 Grants Obtained and Programs Developed:

- *Community Services Block Grant - \$354,835
- *12 Towns of Niagara County - \$32,600
- *Niagara County and cities of North Tonawanda and Lockport - \$82,577
- *John R Oishei Foundation - \$25,000
- *Evans-Devereux Trust Fund - \$7,500
- *M & T Charitable Foundation - \$3,000
- *United Way of Greater Niagara - \$13,135

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- *Golf Challenge - \$3,025
- *Child Care Resource & Referral CARES 3 Grant - \$470,656
- *Child Care Resource & Referral Stabilization Grant - \$100,000
- *Child Care Resource & Referral CORE Business Training Series - \$9,500
- *Child Care Resource & Referral Grant - \$187,521
- *Child Care Legally-Exempt Grant - \$237,150
- *Child Care Registrar Grant - \$174,084
- *Western New York Infant Toddler Network - \$116,000
- *Family Day Care - \$262,280
- *New York State Affordable Housing Corporation - \$110,000

2022 Grants Obtained and Programs Developed:

- *Community Services Block Grant – CARES - \$477,984
- *12 Towns of Niagara County - \$32,600
- *Niagara County and Cities of North Tonawanda and Lockport - \$82,577
- *John R. Oishei Foundation - \$25,000
- *Evan-Devereux Trust Fund - \$6,750
- *United Way of Greater Niagara - \$12,690
- *Golf Challenge - \$3,250
- *Feed More WNY - \$12,000
- *Child Care Resource & Referral Desert Grant - \$58,594
- *Child Care Training - \$9,300
- * Energy Rebate - \$312
- *St. Bartholomew's Christian Church - \$500
- *Great Lakes Machinery - \$1,500
- *Town of Niagara Lions Club - \$200

2023 Grants Obtained and Programs Developed:

- *Community Services Block Grant – \$370,213
- *12 Towns of Niagara County - \$32,700
- *Niagara County and Cities of North Tonawanda and Lockport - \$82,577
- *John R. Oishei Foundation - \$25,000
- *Evan-Devereux Trust Fund - \$8,000
- *United Way of Greater Niagara - \$2,467
- *Golf Challenge - \$2,500
- *Feed More WNY - \$12,000
- *Child Care Resource & Referral Desert Grant - \$62,500
- *Child Care Training - \$5,800

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- *Great Lakes Machinery - \$1,500
- *Town of Niagara Lions Club - \$200
- *Child Care Resource & Referral Stabilization Grant - \$100,000
- *Child Care Resource & Referral Grant - \$187,521
- *Child Care Legally-Exempt Grant - \$237,150
- *Child Care Registrar Grant - \$180,824
- *Western New York Infant Toddler Network - \$121,800
- *New York State Affordable Housing Corporation - \$110,000
- *Fair Housing - \$5,000
- *Rural Preservation Program - \$121,783
- *810 Richfield Property LLC/Lombardi Overhead Door -\$600
- *Great Lakes Asset Solutions - \$500
- *M & T Charitable Foundation - \$3,000
- *Weatherization Grant - \$1,074,113
- *Weatherization-Bipartisan Infrastructure Legislation \$1,216,766
- *Workers Retention Grant - \$100,000

2024 Grants Obtained and Programs Developed:

- *Community Services Block Grant – \$370,068
- *12 Towns of Niagara County - \$32,750
- *Niagara County and Cities of North Tonawanda and Lockport - \$82,577
- *John R. Oishei Foundation - \$30,000
- *Evans-Devereux Trust Fund - \$3,000
- *Golf Challenge - \$3,325
- *Feed More WNY - \$12,000
- *Child Care Resource & Referral Desert Grant - \$62,500
- *Child Care Training - \$3,450
- *Niagara Sheets LLC - \$1,500
- *Community Services Block Grant (Discretionary) - \$15,000
- *Community Development Block Grant - \$22,400
- *Great Lakes Machinery - \$1,500
- *Town of Niagara Lions Club - \$200
- *Child Care Resource & Referral Grant - \$210,024
- *Child Care Legally-Exempt Grant - \$237,150
- *Child Care Registrar Grant - \$218,984
- *Western New York Infant Toddler Network - \$121,800
- *Fair Housing - \$5,000
- *Rural Preservation Program - \$121,783
- *810 Richfield Property LLC/Lombardi Overhead Door - \$256
- *Great Lakes Asset Solutions - \$600
- *M & T Charitable Foundation - \$3,000
- *Weatherization Grant - \$1,074,113

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- *Weatherization-Bipartisan Infrastructure Legislation - \$1,216,766
- *Workers Retention Grant - \$94,212
- *St. Bartholomew's Christian Church - \$540
- *Monday Night Optimist Club - \$200
- *Superior Lubricants Company - \$250

2025 Grants Obtained and Programs Developed:

- *Community Services Block Grant – \$366,618
- *12 Towns of Niagara County - \$34,800
- *Niagara County and Cities of North Tonawanda and Lockport - \$82,577
- *John R. Oishei Foundation - \$15,000
- *Evans-Devereux Trust Fund - \$3,000
- *Golf Challenge - \$2,725
- *Feed More WNY - \$6,000
- *Child Care Training - \$5,600
- *Community Services Block Grant (Discretionary) - \$15,000
- *Child Care Resource & Referral Grant - \$382,697
- *Child Care Legally-Exempt Grant - \$237,150
- *Child Care Registrar Grant - \$218,984
- *Community Partnership Funding - \$1,200
- *Cornerstone CFCU - \$1,000
- *Western New York Infant Toddler Network - \$123,736
- *Fair Housing - \$5,000
- *FCA Custom Packaging Solutions, LLC - \$500
- *Hunger Nutrition Assistance Program - \$6,000
- *Katz America - \$1,000
- *Rural Preservation Program - \$130,000
- *Weatherization HEAP Grant - \$550,739
- *St. Bartholomew's Christian Church - \$405
- *New York State Electric & Gas - \$4,000
- *Department of Energy - \$239,517
- *M & T Charitable Foundation - \$3,000

PROGRAMES

November 1, 2024 - October 31, 2025

OVERVIEW

The Niagara Community Action Program, Inc. is part of a nationwide network of private, not-for-profit, human-service agencies which address the needs of the poor. It is part of a statewide network of community action program (CAP) agencies and regionally is one of the seven CAPs located in Western New York and the Southern Tier. Indeed, it is difficult to find an area of the country that has not been touched by the efforts of community action.

The community action agency in Niagara County was incorporated October 31, 1966. At that time, it was designated by the Niagara County Legislature as the county's official anti-poverty agency. As such, the agency serves the entire county from its neighborhood centers in North Tonawanda, Lockport, and Niagara Falls. The administrative offices and the programs are headquartered at the 1521 Main Street location in Niagara Falls.

The agency currently operates with a 31-member staff, supplemented by volunteers. Members of the senior administrative team have exceptional credentials and track records. Sole responsibility for governing the agency rests with its 15-member Board of Directors.

Niagara Community Action Program, Inc.'s income level for clients ranges from the middle income to the indigent poor. Niagara Community Action Program, Inc. provides services to a needy population that includes the working poor, the elderly, the disabled, minorities, veterans, single heads-of-households and their dependent children, adolescents, youth, disabled, etc.

Niagara Community Action Program, Inc. is an integral part of the human-service network in the county--going far beyond, but not duplicating, the efforts of any other human-service agency.

The agency is federally funded through the New York State Department of State, Community Services Division, Community Services Block Grant Program. A large portion of the remaining funding is additional federal funding and state funding from various funded agencies (i.e., Homes and Community Renewal, Office of Children and Family Services, Hunger Solutions New York, New York State Affordable Housing Corporation, etc.). The balance is local municipality, county, and town funding.

In generating programming for the target population, Niagara Community Action Program, Inc. is guided by two major objectives: (1) to improve the quality of life of low-income families, and (2) to provide them with opportunities that will lead to self-sufficiency and greater knowledge of self. In the sections that follow, a brief description of existing programs is provided.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Community Services Block Grant - funded by the New York State Department of State, Community Services Division

Niagara Community Action Program, Inc. operates local neighborhood centers throughout Niagara County. These centers provide all of the following services:

Application Assistance

-HEAP	-public assistance
-WIC	-SSI
-Food Stamps	-etc.

Assistance and Referrals to:

- Employment and Training Program
- Drug and Substance Abuse Programs
- Senior Citizen Services
- Emergency Services
- Child Care Services
- Medical Services
- Education Services: College/GED
- Budgeting and Financial Services
- Counseling Services
- Advocacy
- Mental Health Programs
- Developmental Disabilities Program
- Nutrition Education
- Immigration Services Library

Food Distribution Programs

- Food Pantry, three locations

Housing Assistance Programs

- Fair Housing Advocacy Program
(partial funding by Niagara County)
- Landlord/Tenant Advocacy
- Housing Location Services

NUTRITION

Nutrition Outreach & Education Program – funded by Hunger Solutions of New York State

- Information on food stamp application
- Assistance in food stamp qualification, referral, and outreach

ENERGY CONSERVATION SERVICES

Weatherization Program - funded by the New York State Homes & Community Renewal (Weatherization Assistance Program)

Niagara Community Action Program, Inc. provides an energy assistance program for low-income families in Niagara County. The program assists families in reducing heat loss in their homes and apartments. The weatherization techniques and repairs are based upon a professional energy audit and include:

- insulation
- installation and weather stripping of windows and doors
- furnace cleaning, tuning, repair
- glass replacement
- caulking and glazing
- pipe wrapping
- light bulbs
- carbon monoxide detectors
- minor roof repairs

CHILD CARE

Child Care Resource & Referral Program – funded by the New York State Office of Children & Family Services (Member of Child Care Aware of America and the New York State Early Care and Learning Council). This program is an initiative aimed at supporting high-quality child care:

- Information and Referral Services
- Child Care Training, Education, and Technical Assistance
- Advocacy
- Community Education
- Start-up funds for family and group family day care providers
- Registration for family day care & school-age programs
- Applications for legally – exempt child care providers
- Implementation of the New York State Child Care regulations
- Provides training and on-site advice and assistance

HOUSING SERVICES

Rural Preservation Program - funded by the New York State Homes and Community Renewal

Niagara Community Action Program, Inc.'s Rural Preservation Program has been developed to improve the housing conditions of economically disadvantaged rural residents in Niagara County. The aim of the program is to prevent a rural area from becoming a slum, thus enhancing and preserving the rural community. The rural area is defined as all areas of the county excluding the cities of Niagara Falls, Lockport, and North Tonawanda. Under this program, additional grants have been awarded:

- Grant monies to renovate homes in the towns and villages of Niagara County
- Counseling services regarding housing matters as needed

TOTAL CLIENT COUNT (DUPLICATED) FOR ALL PROGRAMS IN 2025: 38,600

DONATIONS 2025

KUDOS TO:

Aldi
American Glass & Mirror Co., Inc.
Mr. William Berard
Bill's Automotive
Blue Ox Roofing
Cataract Safe & Lock
Cataract Printing Service
City of Lockport
City of North Tonawanda
Community Partnership Fund
Cornerstone CFCU
Cristoforo Colombo
Drum Oil & Propane
Mrs. Sarah Dyl
Erie Energy Products, Inc.
Evans-Devereux Memorial Trust Fund
Fashion Outlets of Niagara Falls
Feed More of WNY
Ferrari Networks Inc.
Ms. Gail Foreman
GMA Properties, LLC
Joe Cecconi Chrysler Complex
John R. Oishei Foundation
Katz America
Kiwanis Club of Lewiston
Lockport Monday Night Cruise Optimist Club
Ms. Dolores Jackman
M & M Electric
M. D. S. Construction of WNY, Inc.
Mackenzie's Automotive Inc.
MH White Siding & Roofing Co.
Assemblyman Angelo Morinello
Mr. James Moses
Senator Robert Ortt
Rose Chiropractic
Shamus Restaurant
St. Bartholomew's Christian Church
Steve's Heating & Air Conditioning, Inc.
Stockton Roofing & Siding
Target
Town of Cambria

Town of Hartland
Town of Lewiston
Town of Lockport
Town of Newfane
Town of Niagara
Town of Pendleton
Town of Porter
Town of Royalton
Town of Somerset
Town of Wilson
Town of Wheatfield
Walmart – Lockport
Walmart – Niagara Falls

....AND THE MANY GENEROUS PEOPLE WHO SUPPORT OUR AGENCY'S PROGRAMS
AND SERVICES AND THOSE WHO MAY HAVE BEEN MISSED.

NIAGARA COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM, INC.
 CURRENT BUDGET
 (UNAUDITED)
 FISCAL YEAR 2025
 11/1/24 – 10/31/25

	GRANT AWARDS
Community Services Block Grant	
New York State Department of State <u>10/1/24 – 9/30/25</u>	366,618
New York State Department of State – Discretionary Funds <u>05/01/25 – 9/30/25</u>	15,000
Weatherization	
New York State Homes & Community Renewal	
Weatherization & Home Energy Assistance Program <u>8/1/25 – 9/30/25</u>	550,739
Weatherization – Department of Energy – <u>7/1/25 – 6/30/26</u>	239,517
Weatherization – Bipartisan Infrastructure Legislation – <u>7/1/23 – 3/31/25</u>	1,216,766
Rural Preservation Program	
New York State Homes & Community Renewal <u>7/1/25 – 6/30/26</u>	130,000
City of Lockport	2,500
City of North Tonawanda	3,000
Fair Housing Program – <u>1/25 – 12/25</u>	5,000
Feed More WNY – operational support – <u>7/1/25 – 08/26</u>	6,000
Child Care Resource & Referral – NYS – OCFS <u>7/24 – 6/25</u>	327,697
Child Care Resource & Referral – NYS – OCFS <u>7/25 – 6/26</u>	385,697
Legally Exempt	237,150
Child Care Registrar <u>1/25 – 12/25</u>	218,984
WNY Infant Toddler Network <u>2025</u>	123,736
CCRR Training Dollars <u>11/01/24 – 10/31/25</u>	5,600
Nutrition Outreach & Education – <u>7/1/25 – 6/30/26</u>	76,000
John R. Oishei Foundation	15,000
Evans Devereux Trust	3,000
Golf Challenge	2,725
Home Repairs (Town)	
Town of Porter	4,000
Town of Lewiston	3,600
Town of Niagara	5,000
Town of Wheatfield	5,000
Town of Wilson	1,000
Town of Pendleton	1,500
Town of Cambria	2,500
Town of Somerset	2,500
Town of Royalton	2,000
Town of Lockport	2,700
Town of Hartland	2,500
Town of Newfane	2,500
Local Share	
Niagara County, New York - 2025	77,077
Rent 564 19 th Street	6,960
M & T Charitable Foundation	3,000
Katz America	1,000
Other Donations	3,887
NYS Affordable Housing Corporation	110,000
New York State Electric & Gas -Donation	4,000
TOTAL BUDGET	\$4,173,953

