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# Western New York

Downtown Revitalization Initiative:

City of Buffalo

Broadway-Fillmore Awards

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Project Name	Project Description	Award
Enhance the Broadway Market	Transform the market into a more inviting space, aligning with the historic character of this diverse neighborhood while maximizing square footage. Includes interior and exterior improvements to the structure, improving accessibility for circulation, reorganizing vendor locations, and installing public art.	\$ 2,500,000
Improve the Pedestrian Experience	Improve walkability by repaving Paderewski, a Memorial Drive thoroughfare, potentially including bike lanes, and replacing weathered sidewalks on Fillmore Avenue. This will address residents' concerns regarding safety and transform city streets into a more inviting space.	\$ 1,776,850
Construct Buffalo Central Terminal Great Lawn	Transform the under-designed, grassy lawn to a green space for sharing civic experiences. The lawn will be a park-like amenity for residents as well as being available for concerts, festivals, and other community events.	\$ 1,000,000
Renovate 239 Lombard to Provide Childcare and Train Childcare Workers	Renovate two floors of the existing building to create space for a childcare facility. The area is currently a childcare desert, and the renovation addresses local needs by providing care for up to 90 children as well as creating at least 20 childcare jobs.	\$ 1,000,000
Create an Innovative Organic Container Farm	Repurpose an abandoned building and its adjacent parking lot into a 1-acre container farm. The solar-powered facility will support packaging and include office space. This will serve an area designated a food desert with locally grown, organic produce.	\$ 664,000
Revitalize Sears Paderewski Park	Rebuild the park to create a multipurpose gathering space with tree plantings, new hardscape, and amenities, as well as playground equipment, a new pavilion, and civic space. The pavilion will act as a gathering space for small performances, outdoor markets, and a shaded accessible play area.	\$ 630,000
Create Affordable Housing at Playter Gardens at the Market	Transform vacant parcels into a corridor of 62 affordable units, including family rentals constructed in the stacked, three-story garden style. The project includes streetscape improvements and low-maintenance landscaping.	\$ 550,000
Renovate Historic Schreiber Brewery	Preserve an historic industry while transforming the brewery through an adaptive reuse. The multi-use commercial and artisanal industrial space will accommodate renewed brewing production while selling the product locally. The brewery will create a community space and hub for future economic activity.	\$ 500,000
Renovate 950 Broadway for Affordable Daycare Center	Increase accessible childcare options in the DRI area through a renovation of 10,259 sq. ft. of indoor space into classrooms, a kitchen, office, and play space. Outdoor amenities will include a 4,200 sq. ft. outdoor playground spaces suitable for children ages 0-3 and 2-5 respectively.	\$ 427,150
Expand an Established Neighborhood Bakery	Expand facilities on the adjacent 185 Sweet Avenue parcel for a neighborhood staple and one of the largest employers in Broadway-Fillmore. This project includes industrial renovation of a vacant structure to increase production capacity while restoring the historic structure with façade renovation.	\$ 362,000
Improve Matt Urban Center for Afterschool and Performance Space	Upgrade and provide needed maintenance to help the Center reach its licensing requirements for an after-school program. This will provide a great relief for local working parents. The Matt Urban Center, a community anchor, has functioned both as an ethnic-cultural hub and headquarters of a comprehensive human services organization.	\$ 290,000