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West Side Bazaar gets nearly \$1 million investment for new site

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The Westminster Economic Development Initiative received \$925,000 from Erie County to expand its West Side Bazaar project.

The agency is among 36 grantees tapped by the Erie County Cultural Capital Grant Program projects committee to receive \$8.6 million in the first year of the initiative, which eventually will total \$25 million.

Other major grants include:

Alleyway Theater, \$482,377

Hispanic Heritage Cultural Institute, \$500,000

Buffalo Irish Center, \$383,341

Juneteenth Festival Building, \$316,400

Lancaster Opera House, \$293,590

Springville Center for the Arts, \$500,000

Roycroft Print Shop, \$350,000

Torn Space Theater, \$500,000



Small business wares at the West Side Bazaar.

The WEDI grant supports a \$7.5 million capital campaign launched last year to build the new facility at 1432 Niagara St. The new bazaar is five times bigger than the existing space and large enough to house 24 businesses, up from 12. The site will include classrooms, event space with seating for more than 200 and test and rental kitchens for independent chefs.

The West Side Bazaar is the organization's small business incubator for retail and restaurant businesses, serving women, minorities, refugees, immigrants and others not typically served by traditional banking and financing institutions.

In other nonprofit funding news:

- The **Child Advocacy Center of Niagara**, a program of Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center, received a three-year, \$1.1 million state grant to provide services to victims of crime. Funds from the Victims of Crime Act come through the State Office of Victim Services. Services will include community-based criminal/civil justice services, forensic, medical, mental health and victim advocacy services.
- UnitedHealthcare provided \$1 million in grant funding to six New York nonprofits, including three in Western New York. The Empowering Health program awarded \$11 million in grants nationwide to expand access to care and address social determinants of health. Funds will go to: **Boys & Girls Clubs of Buffalo**, \$115,000 to expand a summer nutrition program; **Resource Council of Western New York**, \$65,000 to establish a children's food pantry and demonstration kitchen; and **Buffalo State College Foundation**, \$30,000 to purchase a freezer for a food pantry and expand programming and services for students.
- Delaware North awarded \$250,000 to the **Boys & Girls Clubs of Buffalo** to support Nourishing Our Future, a nutrition program addressing food insecurity for children in the City of Buffalo. The money will be used to purchase a catering van to deliver meals from a central commissary to six clubhouses and a school-based site that collectively serve 500 children in summer camps and 2,000 in after-school programs.

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