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With the Western New York community experiencing countless struggles and horrific, tragic events in 2022, we look forward to 2023 with hope. We remain optimistic that our community's exceptional resilience will drive meaningful recovery and progress in 2023 and beyond.

We are grateful to our nonprofit partners whose persistence and innovation make possible the high-quality programming and services utilized by thousands of Western New Yorkers. Their leadership and ability to deliver on their missions is remarkable.

Our plans in 2023 include further investments in Erie County's performing arts and Pre-K through grade 12 education sectors. We'll implement new elements of our strategic plan, including refreshes to both our Human Capital and Charter Schools investment plans, and continue the execution of our Supplemental Academic Program strategy, Cullen Scholars Scholarship Program, and Performing Arts sector grant programs.

Cullen Foundation aspires to be approachable, accessible, supportive and customer focused. Please reach out to our team with questions and comments as we move on with hope and optimism into 2023.



2022 Grantee Highlights

- Initial funding of new *Buffalo Urban Teaching Fellows with TNTP* (stay tuned for more details!)
- Common assessments project launched for Supplemental Academic
 Programs through *Data to Support Youth Development* initiative
- Horizons National opens summer program in Buffalo in partnership with Resources Council of WNY
- Second *Cullen Fellows* cohort launches for emerging leaders in performing arts
- Cullen expands grantee participation in *Network for Good's* "Jumpstart program" to a total of 29 grantee organizations
- 31 local middle and high school students receive tuition assistance in SY '22-23 to attend local private schools through the *Cullen Scholars* scholarship program
- Performing Arts Grantees return to full seasons of live, in-person
 programming
- Cullen NYSCA partnership awards \$279,959 to 65 WNY nonprofits for arts programming through special *Expanding Access to Arts Funding* program



