



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Antoine M. Thompson

## State Senator Antoine Thompson Releases Grant Funds to 34 Community Organizations

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**Buffalo, NY** – Various Buffalo neighborhoods and community groups will see sweeping improvements thanks to state grant money secured by NYS Senator Antoine M. Thompson (D-parts of Erie & Niagara counties). Distributed by the North West Buffalo Community Center, \$181,000 was released today to help aid in furthering the mission of the recipients.

“So many groups do great works in the community, and this financial boost will help fund cultural projects, non-violence advocacy, health initiatives, economic revitalization and youth outreach,” said Senator Thompson. These organizations deposit great contributions into the City of Buffalo, and I am pleased to be able to assist them in building better neighborhoods, block by block.”

“The North West Buffalo Community Center steps in to help community organizations with breaking through the red tape when trying to secure needed funds,” explained Larry Pernick, Jr., executive director, North West Buffalo Community Center. “Some of the smaller entities

may not know how to navigate the system, so we might help with grant writing, contacting officials for them and distributing funds once it's secured. On behalf of all the recipients benefiting from the state grant, we are grateful to Senator Thompson for his generosity, and for delivering for his district."

Grant money was released to the following organizations:

Asarese-Matters Community Center

Buffalo Film Festival

Buffalo State College, Office of College and Community Partnerships

East Side Redevelopment Taskforce

Greater Niagara Ballet Company

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HEAL International

International Institute of Buffalo

Iron Island Preservation Society of Lovejoy, Inc.

Jewish Community Center of Greater Buffalo, Inc.

Jewish Family Services

League of Muslim Women

MAD DADs

Masten Jazz Festival

Muhammad's School of Music

Naomi Chapter #10 OESPHA

NICYO: Buffalo Funk Fest

North West Buffalo Community Center

North West Buffalo Community Health Care Center

Our Loving Arms

Parkside Community Association

Peace of the City Ministries

Planned Parenthood

Playback Theatre of Buffalo

Pratt Willert Community Center

Sorrento Cheese Buffalo Italian Heritage Festival

Taking It To The Streets

The African Educational Alliance of WNY

The Jazzy Steppers, Inc.

Tonawanda Football Clinic

Ujima Theatre Co.

Uncrowned Queens Institute for Research & Education on Women

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