

The Buhl Foundation



Annual Report by the President
July 1, 2024 To June 30, 2025



HENRY BUHL, JR.
1848-1927



By his will Henry Buhl Jr. created The Buhl Foundation
and dedicated it to “charitable, educational,
and public uses and purposes,” as a memorial
To his beloved wife, Louise C. Buhl.

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

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From the Desk of the President **July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025**

Dear Friends and Partners,

As we close the 2024–2025 fiscal year, I am honored to share the progress, partnerships, and collective impact made possible through your trust and collaboration. Guided by the vision of Henry Buhl, Jr., we remain committed to strengthening the well-being of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County—with a strategic focus on the Northside, where he called home.

This year, The Buhl Foundation awarded \$4,690,921.00 in grants across the Buhl Fund, the Henry C. Frick Educational Fund, and the William and Elizabeth Rodgers McCreery Memorial Fund. These investments reflect a shared belief that when communities are resourced, respected, and supported to lead from within, transformative and lasting change follows.

Our work on the Northside of Pittsburgh continues to be grounded in the pillars of **Education, Employment, Place, Health, and Safety**, and shaped by the residents and partners who bring the One Northside vision to life. This year we supported:

- **Affordable housing development and preservation**, including major investments in Rising Tide Partners, Charles Street Area Corporation, Fineview Citizens Council, and the Pittsburgh Housing Development Corporation.
- **Youth opportunity and education**, with strategic support for A+ Schools, Manchester Youth Development Center, Reading Ready Pittsburgh, Urban Impact Foundation, and many others advancing student leadership, literacy, mentoring, and out-of-school enrichment.
- **Community health and safety**, including North Side Christian Health Center, Project Destiny/Thrive18, and The Hear Foundation, all focused on strengthening systems that keep families safe, supported, and connected.
- **Creative and cultural growth**, through support for the August Wilson African American Cultural Center, Artists Image Resource, the Carnegie Museums, City of Asylum, and neighborhood-based arts initiatives that deepen cultural identity and community pride.
- **Economic and workforce development**, including NorthsideWorks!, Partner4Work, and the Allegheny Conference on Community Development and regional partnerships preparing Pittsburgh for its next era of growth.
- **Quality of place**, with investments in Riverlife, the Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy, the Pittsburgh Walk of Fame, and community spaces that strengthen neighborhood belonging and improve daily life.

Our historic funds also advanced their long-standing missions:

The Frick Educational Fund invested in programs that uplift educators, expand creative learning, and support Northside public schools. The McCreery Fund continued its tradition of enriching youth through music education with an investment in the Pittsburgh Symphony.

Each grant—large or small—represents a relationship, a vision, and a step toward a more equitable and vibrant future for the Northside and our region. We are privileged to walk alongside leaders, organizations, and residents who remind us daily that community change is both possible and happening.

As we look toward 2025–2026, our commitment remains steadfast: to leverage our resources, convene partners, and catalyze innovation in ways that honor the legacy of Henry Buhl, Jr. and amplify the strengths of our neighborhoods.

Thank you for your partnership, your leadership, and your dedication to building a stronger Pittsburgh.

With gratitude,

Diana A. Bucco

President

MISSION

It is the mission of the Buhl Foundation *To create community legacies by leveraging its resources to encourage people and organizations to dream, to innovate and to take action.*

VISION

It was Mr. Buhl's desire that the Foundation be especially concerned with the "well-being of the citizens of the City of Pittsburgh, and the County of Allegheny." He gave the Board the freedom to distribute the Foundation resources in a way that was "responsive To the needs of the time" with particular focus on the community of Pittsburgh, creating the first multipurpose foundation in the city. These values remain constant in our vision for the Foundation.

Leverage

We invest our human capital and financial resources with innovative methods and in strategic places.

Catalyze

We embrace Henry Buhl, Jr.'s entrepreneurial mindset to develop transformational ideas and enact positive change.

Connect

We are an effective convener of people and organizations, connecting ideas, opportunities and resources to inspire our community.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

The Buhl Foundation's current aspirations are integrated into our long-standing mission, making it relevant to contemporary times.

Dream

- Because Today's dreams become the realities of Tomorrow, Mr. Buhl hoped the Foundation would be curious, accessible, unencumbered in vision and purpose, and structurally capable of adaptability and usefulness. We welcome discussion of wide ranging ideas and opportunities to make a difference.
- To advance its mission, the Foundation must do more than simply make grants. Acknowledging the finiteness of our resources, we seek to be informed by the community in order to best leverage our efforts and to be an active participant in finding solutions. We appreciate the need to give of our time and energy to help make dreams happen.

Innovate

- With a history of funding creative endeavors for over 90 years, the Foundation recognizes that any success is dependent on the vision and dedication of the many organizations that it is privileged to assist.
- The Foundation has been fortunate that great ideas and the leaders to implement them have emerged. We seek to partner with such leaders to stimulate and strengthen our community's ability to survive, adapt and thrive in a fast-changing world. Our resources are focused on inventive and entrepreneurial solutions to expand Tomorrow's possibilities.

Act

- The Foundation is often the first funder of a new idea, willing to venture when the possible benefits outweigh the attendant risks. We look for opportunities where a small amount of money wisely invested can lead to strategic action and improvements.
- In carrying out its mission the Foundation tries to find the balance between visibility and self-effacement; leadership and enablement.

APPROPRIATIONS

July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025

BUHL FOUNDATION GRANTS

It is the mission of the Buhl Foundation to create community legacies by leveraging its resources to encourage people and organizations to dream, to innovate and to take action.

A+ Schools \$175,000

To support the Reimagine Perry process and additional Northside schools as the One Northside “Education Anchor”

African American Chamber of Commerce Western PA \$35,000

To expand organizational capacity and continued growth

Allegheny Conference on Community Development \$50,000

To support their new 2024-2026 “Driving Pittsburgh Region’s Next Era” agenda

Allegheny Partners for Out-of-School Time \$75,000

To support on-going operations as the lead out-of-school time intermediary in the region

Allegheny Youth Development \$25,000

To support expanded youth programming for social and emotional learning on Pittsburgh’s Northside

August Wilson African American Cultural Center \$50,000

To support the general operations of the center while they continue to explore options for generating revenue

Carnegie Institute \$25,000

To support a series of murals along the Northside’s Virgin Way, beautifying the area while creating a safer environment for residents and business owners

Carnegie Institute \$3,500

To support community participation at the annual Geek Out Gala

Carnegie Institute \$22,500

To support Warhol Creative, a content creation studio, designed to produce media showcasing stories of Pittsburgh’s Northside community

City of Asylum \$10,000

To support the Bridges: Pittsburgh Creative Summit, presented in collaboration with the International Cities of Refuge Network

Community College of Allegheny County - CCAC Educational Foundation \$20,000

To support administrators, faculty and staff attendance at the Odessa College Leadership Institute

East Allegheny Community Council \$9,000
To support a planning process for a One Northside Community Hub at 620 East Ohio Street

Eradicate Hate Global Summit \$25,000
To support the Eradicate Hate Global Summit 2024

Fineview Citizens Council \$75,000
To support their on-going real estate efforts in collaboration with One Northside “Place” anchor Rising Tide Partners

Greenwood Plan \$5,000
To support the participation of Northside residents and entrepreneurs in Greenwood Week Conference 2025

Iota Phi Foundation \$25,000
To support the Omega Mentoring Program and Historically Black Colleges and Universities Tours in 2025

Kidcelerate \$25,000
To support the purchase of laptops and support technology for the Learning Hub at Northview Heights, after losing the historic “hub” building in a February 2025 fire

Manchester Citizens Corporation \$75,000
To support crucial staff expansion for resident engagement around the Route 65 and Esplanade projects

Manchester Craftsmen's Guild \$25,000
To support regional expansion through the new Connellsville Cultural Crossroads program in collaboration with the Fayette County Cultural Trust

North Side Christian Health Center \$25,000
To support the purchase of “no show” prediction software and food boxes for food insecure patients

Northside Chronicle Community Media \$12,000
To support a partnership with One Northside and the “Power of One” campaign in 2025

Northside Cultural Collaborative \$75,000
To support the NorthsideWorks! workforce development initiative

Northside Cultural Collaborative \$5,000
To support the Northside Pumpkinfest

Northside Leadership Conference \$35,000
To support the Friends of Riverview Park “RP Day” and additional events in Riverview Park throughout the 2024-25 season

Partner4Work \$25,000

To support pre-development work on the Horace Mann Elementary affordable housing and workforce development center in Marshall-Shadeland

Perry Hilltop Citizens Council \$60,000

To support the completion of pre-development fundraising for a proposed state-of-the-art childcare center for up to 100 children at 2610 Perrysville Avenue -

Pittsburgh Community Reinvestment Group \$25,000

To support bringing the Grow America training series To the Pittsburgh area in partnership with the URA

Pittsburgh Housing Development Corporation \$100,000

To support the full redevelopment of four affordable single-family homes on Woodland Avenue in Marshall-Shadeland

Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy \$125,000

To support a design process for a wellness park at the football field and surrounding amenities in Fowler Park

Pittsburgh Walk of Fame \$50,000

To support the start-up phase and initial launch of the Walk in 2025

Poise Foundation \$25,000

To support coaching and organizational capacity building for new organization Operation Amani

Project Destiny, Inc \$250,000

To support the next phase of the ambitious Thrive18 program in partnership with Highmark Health

Reading Ready Pittsburgh \$25,000

To support expanded, free access To Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library for Northside youth

Reimagine Reentry, Inc. \$25,000

To support a Mental Health Program pilot for individuals who have been released from incarceration within the last 3 years

Rising Tide Partners \$150,000

To support property acquisition through ONS Homes LLC and serve as the One Northside “Place Anchor”

Rising Tide Partners \$80,000

To support early-stage pre-development for a One Northside Community Hub at 620,624, and 628 East Ohio Street

Riverlife \$1,000,000

To support the completion of a fully restored Allegheny Landing Park on Pittsburgh’s North Shore

Tech25 (aka 25 Carrick Ave Project) \$17,000

To support the activation of Smithfield United & Strawberry Way in Downtown Pittsburgh on Light Up Night

The Advanced Leadership Institute \$50,000

To support a new emphasis on TALI alumni with support beyond their time in the classroom, as they face new challenges in their advancing careers

The Grantmakers of Western Pennsylvania \$5,171

To support annual dues to this important professional organization for Western PA Grantmakers

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The Hear Foundation \$75,000

To support continued organizational expansion, as well as the new Pittsburgh Police Cares initiative based on One Northside's Zone 1 Cares

The New Sun Rising \$30,000

To support the administration of the One Northside "Community Chest" mini-grants supporting eight community projects across the Northside

The Pittsburgh Promise Foundation \$750,000

To support the critical last mile of the \$265 million Promise scholarship capital campaign

The Pittsburgh Trust for Cultural Resources \$500,000

To support the transformational 8th Street Block project, one of three planned capital projects planned to revitalize Downtown Pittsburgh

HENRY C. FRICK EDUCATIONAL FUND

Henry C. Frick established the fund in 1909 for the support of "sound education and useful training...in connection with the public schools and for the improvement of work done therein." Today, the Frick Fund continues to provide funding for programs serving public schools from kindergarten to high school, especially with regard To schools serving disadvantaged and at-risk populations in Pittsburgh's Northside.

A+ Schools \$25,000

To support their Circle Our Schools program to align a network of community supports in PPS Morrow during the 2024-25 school year

A+ Schools \$30,000

To support the One Northside Education Committee's work to raise awareness of Northside PPS school restructuring and kindergarten readiness

A+ Schools \$25,000

To support eight scholarships for PPS educators to participate in the Ignite the Classroom initiative with Huntington Bank and Ron Clark Academy

Amachi Pittsburgh \$10,000

To support continuation of their youth-focused Sanctuary® Model on their 20th Anniversary

Artists Image Resource \$25,000

To support a combination of one-time and semester-long artmaking sessions, field trips, out-of-school activities and drop-in sessions with Perry High School Students

Attack Theatre Incorporated \$25,000

To support in-school dance and movement offerings at Spring Garden, King, Schiller, Morrow Pre-K and Perry High School

Carnegie Institute \$15,000

To support a May 2025 celebration marking the 100th anniversary of the first public planetarium

Children's Museum of Pittsburgh \$5,000

To support the Great Friend of Children Award honoring the Broadhurst Family

Children's Museum of Pittsburgh \$15,000

To support Northside-based Remake Learning Days event series in spring 2025

Consortium for Public Education \$25,000

To support 50 educators serving Northside youth in Pittsburgh Public Schools through Project-Based Learning training and supports

Imani Christian Academy \$22,000

To support the piloting of their new “Emulating the Masters” arts program

Kidcelerate \$15,000

To support a Northside-wide resident engagement effort focused on the proposed Pittsburgh Public Schools changes

Manchester Craftsmen's Guild \$25,000

To support the growth of the After-School Program To include greater youth attendance from across the Northside

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Mentoring Partnership of Southwestern PA \$25,000

To support the 30th Anniversary “Reflect, Reassess and Celebrate” strategy in 2025

SLB Radio Productions, Inc. \$25,000

To support the Classroom Connections program, emphasizing student engagement through media creation in Perry High School additional Northside 5-8 classrooms

Student Conservation Association \$25,000

To support the employment of youth from Perry Traditional Academy and other Northside schools in a six-week program focused on hands-on conservation projects in Riverview Park

Tickets for Kids \$2,750

To provide a matching grant supporting free attendance for kids to the new women’s Pittsburgh Riveters Soccer Club at Highmark Stadium

Urban Impact Foundation \$60,000

To support a suite of programs within Perry High School delivered in collaboration with One Northside, A+ Schools, and PPS

**WILLIAM AND ELIZABETH RODGERS McCREERY
MEMORIAL FUND**

The McCreery Fund was established by Emilie McCreery in honor of her parents and joined the Buhl family of funds in 1955. Grants are available to nonprofits that focus on furthering musical education and music awareness for young people in the Pittsburgh region.

Pittsburgh Symphony Inc. \$25,000

To support a pilot Music Learning intervention focusing on grades 4-9 in the Northside’s PPS schools

**CUMULATIVE SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS
Ninety-eight Year Period
To June 30, 2025**

APPROPRIATIONS FROM 1927 TO JUNE 30, 2025 \$151,077,812

Appropriations from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025

Buhl Fund

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African American Chamber of Commerce Western PA	\$35,000
Allegheny Conference on Community Development	\$50,000
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Pittsburgh Housing Development Corporation	\$100,000
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The Grantmakers of Western Pennsylvania	\$7,000
The Hear Foundation	\$75,000
The New Sun Rising	\$30,000
The Pittsburgh Promise Foundation	\$750,000
The Pittsburgh Trust for Cultural Resources	\$500,000
Total Buhl Appropriations	\$4,241,171

Henry C. Frick Educational Fund

A+ Schools	\$25,000
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Amachi Pittsburgh	\$10,000
Artists Image Resource	\$25,000
Attack Theatre Incorporated	\$25,000

Carnegie Institute	\$15,000
Children's Museum of Pittsburgh	\$15,000
Children’s Museum of Pittsburgh	\$5,000
Consortium for Public Education	\$25,000
Imani Christian Academy	\$22,000
Kidcelerate	\$15,000
Manchester Craftsmen's Guild	\$25,000
Manchester Youth Development Center	\$25,000
Mentoring Partnership of Southwestern PA	\$25,000
SLB Radio Productions, Inc.	\$25,000
Student Conservation Association	\$25,000
Tickets for Kids	\$2,750
Urban Impact Foundation	\$60,000
Total Frick Appropriations	\$424,750

William and Elizabeth Rodgers McCreery Memorial Fund

Pittsburgh Symphony Inc.	\$25,000
Total McCreery Appropriations	\$25,000
TOTAL FROM JULY 1, 2024 TO JUNE 30, 2025	\$4,690,921
<u>TOTAL OVER THE NINETY-EIGHT YEAR PERIOD</u>	\$151,077,812

AREAS OF GIVING

Henry Buhl, Jr. built his fortune in the retail industry and created the Buhl Foundation, the first multi-purpose foundation in Pittsburgh, as a memorial to his beloved wife, Louise C. Buhl. Mr. Buhl directed the Foundation To be especially concerned with the “well-being of the citizens of the City of Pittsburgh, and the County of Allegheny.” Remembering that Henry Buhl, Jr. lived and worked on the Northside of Pittsburgh, and knowing his love for Pittsburgh and its people, the Buhl Foundation has historically focused on four major areas: Education, Youth Development, Human Services, and Economic and Community Development. Although the Foundation has embarked on a place-based strategy on the Northside of Pittsburgh, it continues to find historic grantees focused on these priority areas and Buhl continues to look for opportunities to maintain this regional presence.

More recently, the Board of the Buhl Foundation has committed to a place-based strategy on Pittsburgh's Northside where the majority of funding will be directed for at least the next decade. One Northside is a resident driven initiative that catalyzes and supports long-term sustainable change for Pittsburgh's eighteen Northside neighborhoods that some 40,000 residents call home. Begun in 2014, One Northside is a long-term commitment to invest in the lives and futures of Northside residents and with particular emphasis on resourcing community members, young and old, to lead from within. In this strategy, Buhl is dedicated to working with and for the Northside community to improve upon and build the structure needed to connect residents and businesses to the resources that will create a thriving community. Working with thousands of Northside residents and community members, the One Northside strategy is grounded in five key pillars: Education, Employment, Place, Health and Safety. Learn more about this undertaking by visiting www.onenorthsidepgh.org

Henry C. Frick Educational Fund

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William and Elizabeth Rodger McCreery Memorial Fund

Grants are made from the McCreery Fund To nonprofits that focus on furthering musical education and music awareness for young people in the Pittsburgh region. Application procedures for the McCreery Fund are the same as the Buhl Foundation.

GRANT PROCEDURES

The Buhl Foundation has transitioned to a digital grantmaking process with the launch of new online grants software in 2019 and a new website in 2020. Interested applicants can review the steps of the application process, confirm eligibility, complete Letters of Inquiry (LOI), and submit proposals online. Interested organizations have the ability to first review Buhl grant priority areas followed by eligibility requirements. Prospective grantees may create an account and compose a LOI online. Staff meet regularly to review submissions and will reach out to organizations informally to discuss when additional information is required. Applicants receive a formal declination or invitation into the full grant application process within six to twelve weeks of the submission.

Buhl staff meet with potential applicants to discuss feasibility and work with prospective grantees to develop a proposal that has the potential for community impact that is consistent with giving priorities. Expression of interest in a proposal, or work with an applicant to assure best possible presentation is not a guarantee of forthcoming grant approval. If a proposal is invited, staff will work with the applicant to establish a specific timeframe for submission of the proposal and consideration by the Board.

The Buhl Foundation Board of Directors convenes five to six times a year to act on grant proposals. Once approved by the Board, the grantee and Buhl staff agree upon a schedule for grant payments. A final report on program achievements, including accounting for dollars spent, is required at the conclusion of the program, and, in some cases, grantees are asked to provide quarterly or interim reports for data collection and communications purposes.

The Buhl Foundation Board of Directors are presented with all LOIs and grant proposals.

PROPOSAL GUIDELINES

An electronic grant proposal submission must include all of the following:

- Organization Information:
 - Mission of the Organization
 - History of the Organization
 - History of Buhl Funding

- Project Information:
 - Purpose of Grant
 - Neighborhood/Geographic Area
 - Alignment To Buhl Strategic Priorities
 - Project Outcomes
 - Project Start / End Date

- Financial Information:
 - Amount of Grant Request
 - Total Project Budget
 - Annual Operating Budget
 - Most Recent Financial Audit

- Leadership/Board of Directors

- IRS Determination Letter

Applicants may access The Buhl Foundation's online grants portal To create an account here:
[Logon Page - Grant Lifecycle Manager \(grantinterface.com\)](http://grantinterface.com)