

## **NeighborWorks Community Partners Receives KeyBank Foundation Bicentennial Grant to Advance Affordable Housing in Western New York**

**NeighborWorks Community Partners (NCP)** is proud to announce it has been selected as a recipient of the **KeyBank Foundation's Bicentennial CDFI Grant**, a prestigious national initiative celebrating KeyBank's 200th anniversary. NCP joins a distinguished group of Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs) across the country recognized for their bold, community-rooted solutions in affordable housing, economic inclusion, and neighborhood revitalization.

The **\$200,000 grant** will support NCP's mission to expand access to safe, affordable housing and financial empowerment services in **Buffalo, Rochester, and Niagara Falls**. A portion of the funding will support the expansion of the **Comprehensive Homeownership Program (CHP)**, which removes barriers to homeownership for low-to-moderate income families.

"We are honored and grateful to receive KeyBank's Bicentennial CDFI Grant," said Clay Simmons, CEO of NCP, "We are glad that in this historic moment KeyBank is joining NCP as we work to change the trajectory of homeownership in our region. These funds will support our new Comprehensive Homeownership Program and will provide down payment and closing assistance to first-time home buyers who otherwise would be shut out of the housing market."

KeyBank Foundation's **\$5.4 million Bicentennial Grant initiative** supports CDFIs in 27 markets nationwide. "These awards are more than a financial investment; they are a statement of partnership and belief in what is possible when we work together to uplift communities," said Chris Gorman, Chairman and CEO of KeyCorp.

As part of the celebration, KeyBank senior leaders visited Rochester to recognize awardees and highlight their local impact.

NeighborWorks Community Partners is deeply grateful to KeyBank Foundation for this partnership and looks forward to continuing its work to revitalize neighborhoods.