

OPPORTUNITY WITHIN REACH:

An East Side Expansion
368 Sycamore Street

July 31, 2025



BCAT BUFFALO
CENTER
FOR ARTS
& TECHNOLOGY

BCAT at a Glance

The background of the slide features a photograph of two Black women in a computer lab or classroom. The woman in the foreground is wearing glasses and a light-colored sweater, smiling broadly. The woman behind her is also smiling. In the background, other people and computer monitors are visible, though out of focus.

Mission:

To provide opportunities for careers through the arts, technology and workforce development.

Two Programs:

1. Workforce Development - Allied Health, IT, Landscaping
2. Afterschool Arts, Tech and Career Pathways

Impact:

1. 200+ Certified Graduates Annually (85% success rate)
2. 100% youth graduate high school on-time



Buffalo

61%

Cheektowaga

17%

Amherst

5.6%

Tonawanda

3.5%

**Hamburg/
Orchard Park**

2.5%

**Lancaster/
Depew**

2.0%

West Seneca

1.5%

Lackawanna

1.0%

BCAT Participants by Municipality

368 Sycamore Street



Phase I: 2024-25



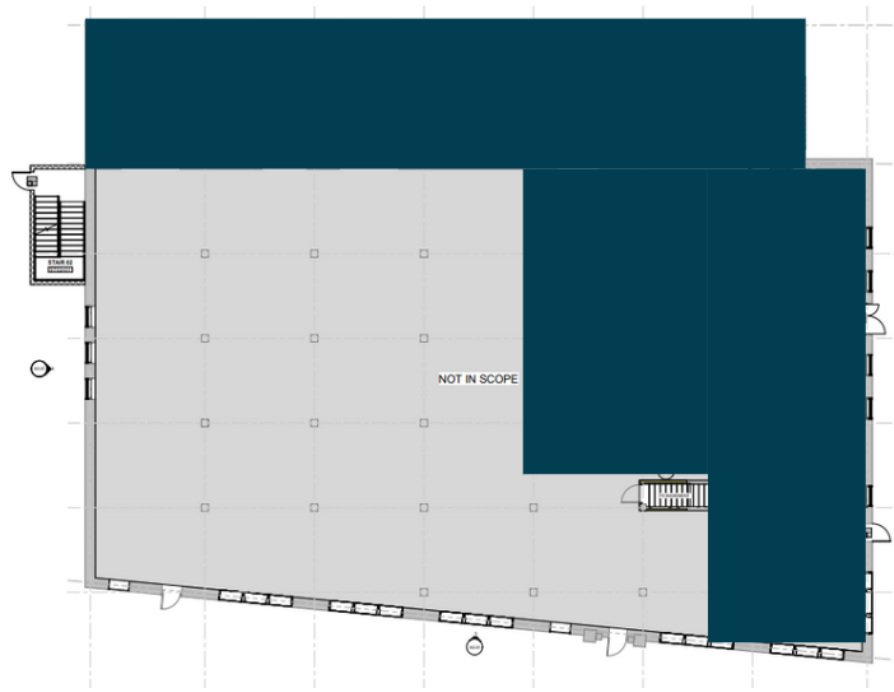
ADULT FLOOR



YOUTH FLOOR



Phase II: 2026-27



Total Project Budget

2024-2025 - Phase I - Floors 2 and 3

Buildout/Hard Construction Costs	\$4,000,000
Furniture, Fixtures, Equipment and Technology Infrastructure	\$400,000
10% Contingency	\$ 440,000
Architectural and Project Management Fees	\$45,000
Total	\$4,885,000

2026-2027 - Phase II - Floor 1

Buildout/Hard Construction Costs	\$825,000
Furniture, Fixtures, Equipment and Technology Infrastructure	\$150,000
10% Contingency	\$ 97,500
Architectural and Project Management Fees	\$42,500
Total	\$1,115,000
Phase I and Phase II	\$6,000,000

State		
DASNY CREST	Awarded	\$500,000
DASNY LoCAP	Awarded	\$264,000
Other	Anticipated	\$1,000,000
Other		
KeyBank Foundation	Awarded	\$1,000,000
John R. Oishei Foundation	Awarded	\$500,000
Peter C. Cornell Trust	Awarded	\$500,000
M&T Charitable Foundation	Awarded	\$250,000
Erie County Cultural (Phase 1)	Awarded	\$189,350
National Grid	Awarded	\$100,000
Individual Gifts	Awarded	\$696,650
	Total	\$5,000,000





Pharmacy

75%

Employment
Training

62.5%

Health Clinic

62.5%

Meeting
Spaces

50%

Senior
Supports

50%

Banking

37.5%

Respondents Requesting Services

ROI

National ROI for Workforce Programs:

- \$1 → \$3–5 return

At BCAT:

- \$6-7M in new wage earners
- Critical allied health roles filled
- 100% high school students graduate





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