**Hear Erie’s Youth (H.E.Y.!)**

**This funding opportunity aims to support organizations and projects that address priority issues of youth in Erie County**

Hear Erie's Youth! (H.E.Y!) a youth-led program of The Erie Community Foundation, is a diverse, youth-driven committee that stands to study, promote and practice philanthropy, raise awareness of important issues facing youth and the greater community, encourage change and empower young people to raise their voices.  
  
**H.E.Y! members recognize that many of the issues facing young people today are complicated and intersect with one another. Our youth committee is now accepting applications for projects that address the many needs of youth in the community. While any project serving youth will be considered, the committee has dedicated itself to learning more about several youth-related issues over the last year including substance abuse, mental health, bullying, and youth violence.**  
  
**Requests can be for up to $10,000, but partial funding of projects may be a potential outcome. All grant funds are required to be expended within 12 months of the award date.**  
  
**Eligibility**: Nonprofit must be defined as tax-exempt under Section 501(c)3 of the IRS code and the nonprofit must be located within Erie County or demonstrate serving a sizable population within Erie County.   
**Ineligibility**: Grants are not issued to: individuals, scholarship funds, fundraising events, deficit reduction, endowment campaigns, for-profit entities, sectarian religious activities, or reimbursement for expenses already incurred.  
  
**Deadline: Beginning, February 14th, the application can be accessed on the Foundation’s grant portal by** [clicking here](https://goapply2.akoyago.com/eriecommunityfoundation)**. All applications must be submitted by March 19, 2025.**

**Important Dates:**  
**March 23rd -**Finalists Selected  
**April 6th -**Finalists Interview with H.E.Y! members  
                              **Grant recipients will be notified in mid-April.**  
  
**Questions?**  
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