**2025 Erie Women’s Fund Major Grant**

**Empowering Erie’s Women and Families**

The Erie Women’s Fund (EWF) is a women-led Field of Interest fund of the Erie Community Foundation devoted to Empowering Women and Families.

We are seeking innovative proposals for projects that address the needs of women and families in any of the following areas:

* Economic Stability
* Education Access and Quality
* Health Care Access and Quality
* Neighborhood and Built Environment
* Social and Community Context

***The 2025 grant will be $100,000 and should be able to show significant, measurable outputs within a 12-month time frame. We are looking for bold ideas that will produce positive changes in the lives of women and families in Erie.***

**Eligible Organizations****/Projects:** Applications may be submitted by a Erie County 501(c)3 organization that serves women and children as part of its population. Collaborative efforts are encouraged, but not required. The funds awarded must be used for projects within Erie County that impact area women and families.

**Ineligible Organizations****/Projects:** Applications submitted by for-profit businesses, sectarian religious activities, fund-raising only purposes, or hospitality projects will not be considered.

As we strive to support financial support directly to grantees, these funds are not intended to fund third-party grantmaking (i.e. applications for projects that would create an additional grantmaking program).

Organizations who have received grants from the Erie Women’s Fund in the past twelve months - i.e. in the previous year’s Major Grant - are not eligible to apply for funding.

*\*Receipt of funding from other Erie Community Foundation grant opportunities within the past 12 months does NOT affect eligibility for Erie Women’s Fund’s grants.*

**Application Process:** Our grant portal will open on February 21. Please submit the application no later than April 18. Along with your written application, we are requesting a 2-5 minute video highlighting your nonprofit and your grant request. This video should be informal and can be filmed on your smartphone.

After submission of your grant, the 2025 process will be as follows:

* All applications will be reviewed by the Erie Women’s Fund Grants Committee, who will evaluate the following areas:
  + Alignment with EWF Mission (Empowering Women and Families)
  + Need Statement
  + Activities and Outputs
  + Organizational Health and Capacity
  + Project Budget and Sustainability
* June: Selected semifinalists will present to the Grants Committee, who will vote to determine finalists.
* June: Selected finalists will present to the general membership of the Erie Women’s Fund, who will vote to determine the recipient.
* July: The grant recipient is publicly announced at an EWF event.

***Questions?*** *Contact the Erie Women’s Fund at ewf@eriecommunityfoundation.org.*