

EMERGING  
**ERIE**  
FUND

OF THE ERIE COMMUNITY  
FOUNDATION

# WE ENVISION A COMMUNITY WHERE **ALL CAN** *thrive* **TODAY & TOMORROW**

The Emerging Erie Fund, a field of interest fund of The Erie Community Foundation, was created to champion local initiatives that will significantly benefit the Erie community both now and in the future. As part of our mission, we are issuing this **'Request for Proposals'** to solicit innovative and ambitious project ideas.

## GRANTMAKING AREAS



### PEOPLE


Providing training and/or career support for Erie community members striving to access living wage jobs




### PLACES


Creating safe and healthy neighborhoods, homes, and public spaces that strengthen community connections


The Emerging Erie Fund has committed to awarding a single **\$100,000** grant for the 2026 cycle. Applicants should request the full **\$100,000**, and all awarded funds must be spent within **18 months** of receiving the grant. Applicants must submit a **1-3 minute** video as part of their application.

 **ELIGIBILITY:** Any Erie County 501(c)3 nonprofit with a project that is primarily serving the city of Erie and that has a total project budget of \$2,500,000 or less

 **INELIGIBILITY:** For-profit, sectarian religious activities, fundraising solely, or hospitality projects

 **DEADLINE:** Applications and video must be submitted by May 29, 2026, through this link: <https://goapply2.akoyago.com/eriecommunityfoundation>

 **IMPORTANT DATES:** Finalists will be selected by July 31, 2026, and the grant recipient will be announced by September 9, 2026

 **QUESTIONS?** Contact Olivia Burgess, Director of Collective Giving, Erie Community Foundation, via email: [OBurgess@eriecommunityfoundation.org](mailto:OBurgess@eriecommunityfoundation.org) or phone at 814-454-0843