

HUMAN SERVICES FUND OF ERIE COUNTY

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

PURPOSE

The Erie Community Foundation is proud to partner with a generous donor to launch The Human Services Fund of Erie County Grant Program, a new funding opportunity dedicated to strengthening the systems and services that help Erie County residents meet their most essential needs.

This fund reflects the donor's commitment to supporting individuals and families facing barriers, as well as the Foundation's broader mission to invest in impactful, sustainable solutions across the community.

This program encourages organizations working in the following areas to apply:

Food Access | Housing Stability | Healthcare Access | Childcare

In 2026, the Human Services Fund of Erie County will grant one award in the amount of \$40,000. The applicant will have the opportunity to receive funding for a 2nd and 3rd year based on meeting reporting requirements and progress.

ELIGIBILITY

Eligible Organizations & Projects:

Applications must be submitted by a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that is located in Erie County or serving a substantial number of Erie County residents. All projects must address at least one of the focus areas listed above. Collaborative efforts are always encouraged, but not required.

Ineligible Organizations & Projects:

Applications submitted by for-profit organizations, support sectarian religious activities, or whose purpose is for fundraising only or projects falling outside the identified focus areas will not be considered. Organizations should ensure they are current on all Foundation grant reporting requirements.

**Receipt of funding from other Erie Community Foundation grant opportunities within the past 12 months does NOT affect eligibility for the Human Services Fund.*

APPLICATION TIMELINE

The grant will be available for application through the GOapply portal on July 1st.



For more information, please visit <https://eriecommunityfoundation.org/grant-opportunities/human-services-fund-of-erie-county/>.

