



ERIE WOMEN'S FUND

EMPOWERING WOMEN & FAMILIES

SELF-SUFFICIENCY **HELPING WOMEN AND FAMILIES REACH SELF-SUFFICIENCY**

The Erie Women's Fund (EWF) is a women-lead donor advised fund of The Erie Community Foundation that is devoted to Empowering Women and Families. The EWF seeks proposals to help women and families reach self-sufficiency. Families are considered "self-sufficient" if they have access to basic needs and resources. The Self-Sufficiency Standard is published by Pathways PA, a nonprofit advocacy group for women and children, and measures how much income is needed for a family of a certain composition in a given county to adequately meet their minimum basic needs without public or private assistance.

We are seeking proposals for projects that address the self-sufficiency gap, by addressing basic minimum needs in any of the following areas:

- ❖ Transportation
- ❖ Health
- ❖ Work Force Training/Education
- ❖ Housing
- ❖ Child Care
- ❖ Food
- ❖ Healthcare

The grant will be as much as \$60,000 in 2018. Multi-year grants applications will also be considered.

Eligible Organizations: Applications may be submitted by any Erie County 501(c)3 organization. Collaborative efforts are encouraged, but not required.

Ineligible Organizations: For-profit, sectarian religious activities, fund-raising solely or hospitality projects

Deadline: Applications must be submitted to www.eriecommunityfoundation.org/grant-seekers/apply-for-a-grant by end of day **March 22, 2018**.

Other Important Dates: Finalists will be selected on **April 19, 2018**; Site Visits and Interviews will be conducted in **April and May of 2018**, the Grant will be awarded at The Erie Women Fund's Summer Event in **July 2018**.

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