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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

ERIE COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION 2024 COMMUNITY GRANTS AVAILABLE

Sandusky, Ohio, December 6, 2023 — The 2024 Erie County Community Foundation grants application portal is officially open. 2024 round 1 grant applications are due by 11:59 pm February 1, 2024. The application can be found at www.eriefoundation.org/community-grants along with a full description of the Foundation's grant priorities.

Erie County Community Foundation encourages proposals for projects that collaborate among Erie County organizations, build organizational capacity, leverage additional resources, demonstrate sustainability, and address community needs. The Foundation is excited to aid local non-profits in their missions to enhance the lives of those in Erie County. The minimum grant award is \$1,000, with a typical range of \$1,000 - \$20,000. Generally, each grant is awarded for one year only. Grant projects must serve Erie County residents.

In 2023, Erie County Community Foundation awarded grant dollars totaling more than \$378,000 to 54 organizations. You can find the full list of organizations awarded in 2023 below.

Organizations Awarded in 2023

American Red Cross North Central Ohio	Father's Heart Ministry
Animal House Sober Club	Firelands Habitat for Humanity
Anthony's Villa Inc	Firelands Symphony Orchestra
Bellevue City Schools	Harbourtown Fine Arts Center
Bowling Green State University	Hospice of the Western Reserve / Stein Hospice
Boys & Girls Clubs of Northeast Ohio	Humane Society of Erie County
Cancer Services of Erie County	Huron Public Library
Care and Share Inc. of Erie County	Kinship, Inc. dba Kinship House
Catholic Charities Diocese of Toledo	Law Enforcement Foundation
City of Sandusky Fire Department	Main Street Vermilion
City of Sandusky Parks & Recreation	Margaretta Local Schools
Downs on the Farm	Margaretta Township Firefighters Association
Erie County Agricultural Society (Erie County Fairboard)	Nehemiah Partners of Sandusky
Erie County Economic Development Corp.	New Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church
Erie County Family and Children First Council	OHgo
Erie County Health Department	OhioGuidestone
Erie County Public Defender's Office	Open Doors Academy
Erie Metropolitan Housing Authority	Peds on Wheels
Erie Shore Network, Inc.	Perkins Township
Family Health Services	Project Noelle



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Ritter Public Library
Sandusky City Schools
Sandusky Education Foundation
Sandusky State Theatre
Second Harvest Food Bank
St Peter Catholic Church and School
Spirit & Truth Ministries of Sandusky

The Road to Hope Inc.
The Salvation Army
United Church Homes
United Way of Erie County, Inc
Vermilion History Museum
Volunteers of America Ohio & Indiana
Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

Grant cycles occur twice each year, with applications due February 1 and August 1. Visit www.eriefoundation.org or call (419) 621-9690 for more information.

About Erie County Community Foundation

Erie County Community Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit dedicated to building a thriving and vibrant Erie County, Ohio by addressing community needs, providing leadership, and cultivating resources for a lasting impact. The organization's primary purpose is to provide a means for people to make permanent gifts of assets to enhance the quality of life in Erie County, Ohio—today, tomorrow, and forever.

Erie County Community Foundation is governed by an independent Board of Directors and Officers comprised of Erie County business, civic, and non-profit leaders. The Board of Directors employs Foundation staff, establishes policies and priorities, and directs final grantmaking decisions. The Board's strength lies in the diverse range of knowledge and expertise of its members, and in their shared commitment to improving the quality of life in Erie County, Ohio.

Since the Erie County Community Foundation's founding in 1995, the Foundation has grown from assets totaling \$1.8 million to more than \$37.9 million in 2023. During this time, the Foundation has distributed over \$20.5 million to area non-profits for local projects, programs, scholarships, services, and initiatives to improve the quality of life in Erie County, Ohio.

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