

Beyond the Report: Using Real-Time Data to Drive Community-Focused Decisions



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MEET OUR PRESENTERS



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Current and Upcoming Grant Opportunities

GRANT TYPE

GRANT DESCRIPTION

RECENT GRANTEES

TRANSFORMATIONAL GRANTS

More than \$250,000

Application by invitation only

Transformational Grants support collaborative programs that create meaningful changes in the lives of the people being served.

- Minority Community Investment Coalition
- East Side Renaissance
- Hamot Health Foundation

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SHAPING TOMORROW GRANTS

\$50,000 – \$250,000

Deadlines: May 2, Aug. 1, Oct. 15

The Shaping Tomorrow Program is strategically focused to support nonprofits in Erie County through projects that foster inclusive, equitable, and collective impact approaches.

- Corry Higher Education Council
- Erie Downtown Development Corporation
- Sarah A. Reed Children's Center
- Erie Regional Chamber & Growth Partnership
- Mercyhurst University

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HELPING TODAY GRANTS

Up to \$50,000

Deadlines: May 2, Aug. 1, Oct. 15

The Foundation's Helping Today grant program seeks to strengthen nonprofits that are addressing key issues in Erie County that align with ECF's grantmaking priorities.

- Ronald McDonald House Charities of Pittsburgh and Girl Scouts Western Pennsylvania
- Greater Erie Area Habitat for Humanity
- Historical Institute of Culture and the African Am
- Operation Warm

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ACORN GRANTS

Up to \$10,000

Application by invitation only

Deadlines: May 2, Aug. 1, Oct. 15

The Acorn Grants program is designed to empower emerging nonprofits in Erie County, enabling them to advance to the next stage of growth and establish sustainable financial frameworks.

- Men Of The Community
- Destiny Of Our Daughters

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URGENT GRANTS

Up to \$15,000

Applications accepted on a rolling basis

The Urgent Grant program provides emergency assistance to nonprofit organizations experiencing an unanticipated and unbudgeted crisis.

- Youth Leadership Institute of Erie
- Perseus House
- Bethany Outreach Center
- Early Connections, Inc.
- John F Kennedy Center, Inc.

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Helping Today – 2024 Process Improvements



Pre-Application Meeting



Review of Applications



Committee Meeting



Board Meeting



*Outputs Discussion



*Post Grant Meeting

Helping Today – 2024 Process Improvements



Pre-Application Meeting

- Project Basics
- *Review Priorities and Considerations
- Gather Context



Review of Applications

- Contact Organizations for clarity if necessary
- *Staff evaluation (Impact Priorities and Success Indicators)

Application | Reviewer Comments

Submitted Application

Total Project Expenses
Enter the total cost of the project.
415625.00

Amount Requested from ECF
Enter the total amount being requested. (MAX=\$50,000)
50000.00

Will this project serve your organization's entire service area? *
See "Organizational Service Area" in your Organization Profile
☒ No ☐ Yes

Service area of the project by Zip Code.*

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Type of Funding Request
Please select the type of funding you are requesting. Choose ONE that best represents what the grant money will be used for.

☐ Advocacy
☐ Capital Purchase (excluding vehicles or technology hardware)
☐ Community Awareness/Marketing

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Review Criteria

THE ERIE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION 2025 Helping Today - Cycle 1
Scoring based on revised rubric, as of 12/01/2024.

Total Score (Maximum: 15 points)

0-5 points: The application is not recommended for funding.
6-8 points: The application is weak and needs substantial improvement. Likely not recommended for funding.
9-11 points: The application is good but still poses questions about capacity, outcomes, and/or sustainability. Potential for funding with additional follow-up.
12-15 points: The application is strong, demonstrating alignment with priorities, a clear scope, realistic outputs/outcomes and potential for impact, necessary capacity for success, and a healthy organization set up for sustainability. Recommended for funding.

Category 1 Description: Project Development (Community Engagement/Data)

0 points: Doesn't reference the target population informing this project or provide data supporting the need for the project.
1 point: Applicant demonstrates limited interaction with target population or stakeholders in the development of the project.
2 points: Applicant demonstrates community engagement efforts with target population to inform the development of the project and uses some data (national/state statistics).
3 points: Applicant demonstrates strong input from target population in the development and implementation of the project and cites local data or data collected from the organization to support the need for the project.

Category 1 Score: Alignment with Priorities *

☐ 0 points
☒ 1 point

Category 1: Notes

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Committee Meeting



Board Meeting



***Outputs (Outcomes) Discussion**

- Review Outputs, making necessary adjustments
- Catalogue Outputs in akoyaGO

Number of Patients Receiving Exam at Low-Vision Clinic - Saved

Output

Summary Timeline Goal & Result Internal & Calculation Related ▾

Output	* Number of Patients Receiving Exam at Low-Vision Clinic
Project Funding Area	Health ▾
Interest Category	♥ Health × 🔍
Output Measure	+ 📊 Patients Served × 🔍
Request #	+ 🧑 20240061 × 🔍
Output Score	7.90
Requirement	+ --- 🔍
Unit	🧑 People
People Served	38

Output Value

Manual Data Entry?

Yes ▾

Manual Output Value (USD)

17,990.00

Output Value (USD) 🏷️

17,990.00

Output Weight (Auto) 🏷️

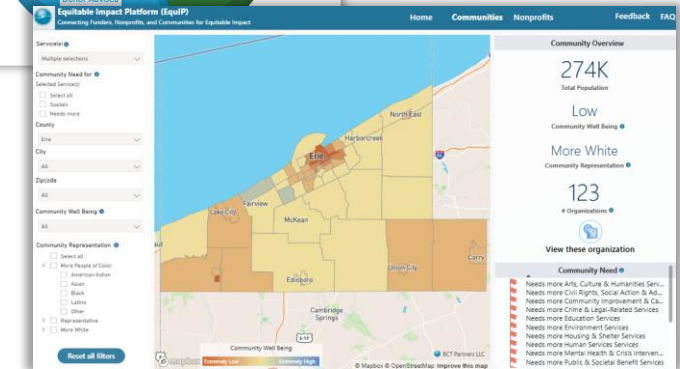
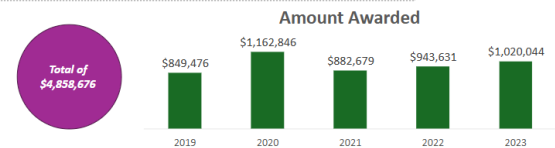
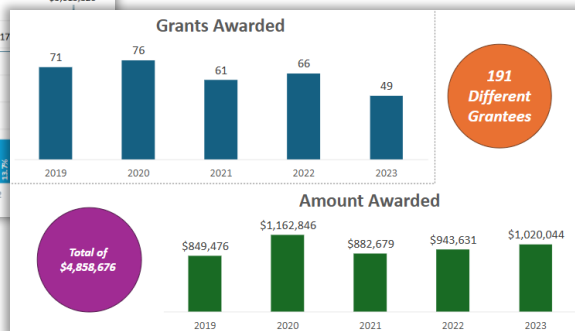
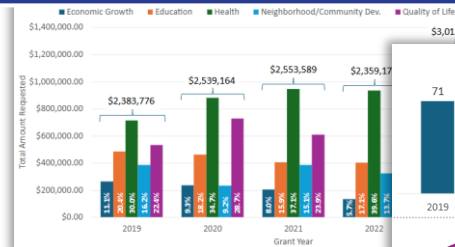
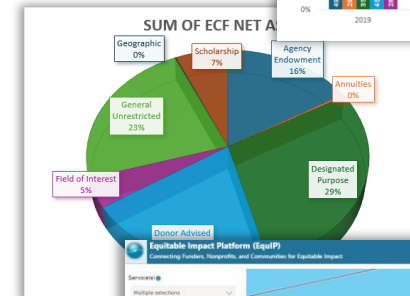
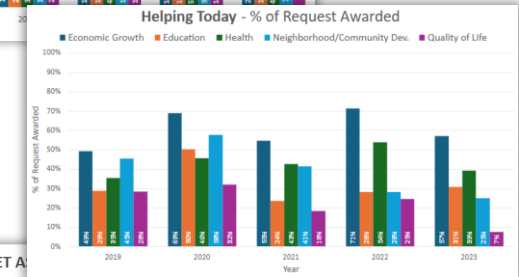
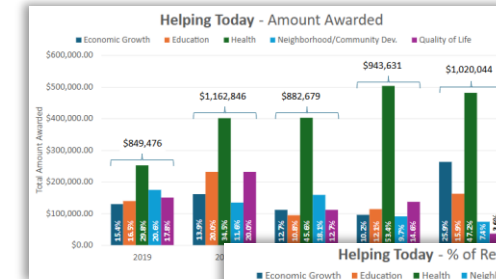
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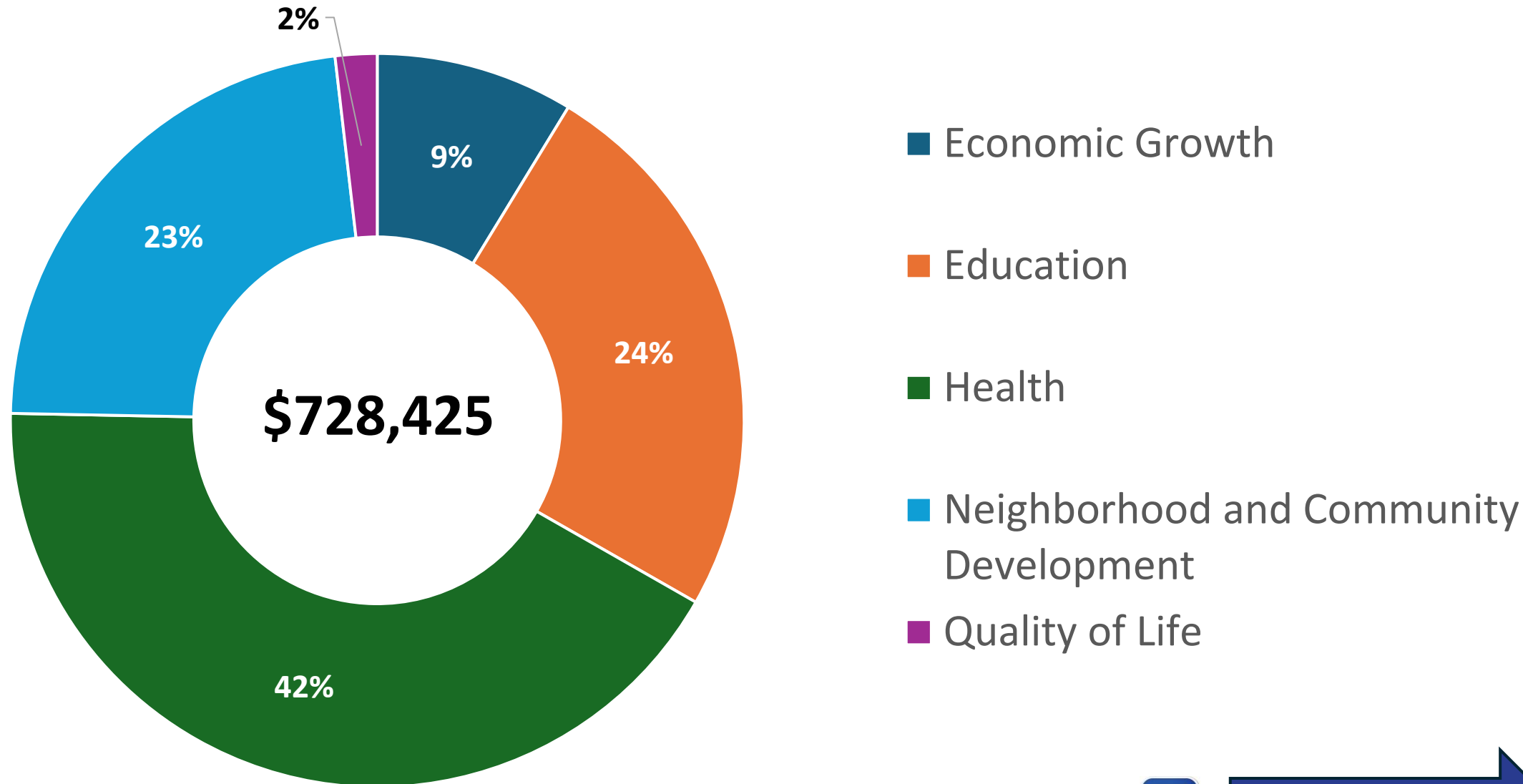


*Post Grant Meeting *(in place of final report)*



- Grantee provides final budget prior to meeting ([worksheet provided to aid formatting](#)).
- Conversation focuses on areas of activities, finalizing outputs and impact, challenges, and next steps.
- Gather more context about the organization, its work and community needs, potential collaboration, future grant proposals.
- Marketing team has invitation to attend for purposes of impact storytelling.



2024 Output Value - Helping Today: Cycles 1-3



Output Measures



Discussion/Questions



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