

## What is ECBC?

Supported by a federal grant from the Administration for Children and Families, the Erie Capacity-Building Collaborative (ECBC) helps grassroots organizations develop their capacity to better serve those in need in Erie County.

Through capacity-building grants, training workshops, and one-on-one technical assistance, ECBC offers organizations guidance in the following areas:

- ◆ Leadership Development
- ◆ Organizational Development
- ◆ Program Development
- ◆ Revenue Development Strategies
- ◆ Community Engagement

Erie Capacity-Building Collaborative is a joint effort of the following organizations:



Erie Weed and Seed



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ECBC shall not discriminate on the basis of gender, race, color, religion, national or ethnic origin, or sexual orientation. All rights, privileges, programs, and activities made available to beneficiaries will be administered in a non-discriminatory fashion.

Supporting grassroots organizations to effectively achieve their missions.



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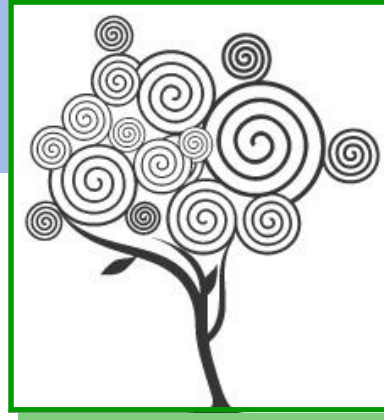
# Erie Capacity-Building Collaborative (ECBC)

Greater Erie Community Action Committee (GECAC) in collaboration with The Nonprofit Partnership and Erie Weed and Seed announce a new initiative to help Erie County grassroots organizations grow their capacity.

Erie Capacity-Building Collaborative (ECBC) provides capacity-building grants, training and technical assistance opportunities to local community-based and faith-based organizations committed to increasing their sustainability and effectiveness.

Services target five critical areas of capacity-building: **leadership development, organizational development, program development, revenue development strategies and community engagement.**

Local and national best practice resources are used to help organizations develop non-profit status, internal operating controls, service coordination, resource sharing, outreach, volunteer management, human resource development and technology capabilities.



## The Process of Growth

ECBC is a multi-year program through which organizations can receive between **\$5,000 and \$50,000 in grant funding** to build and reinforce skills designed to strengthen management and governance capacities. Funding for direct services is not eligible under this initiative.

The process begins with the public release of a competitive request for proposals (RFP). The RFP challenges organizations to complete an intense assessment process to determine their targeted areas of need and their readiness to make change. Technical Assistance Planners will conduct a site visit as a component of the proposal process.

Grantees are required to participate in a series of **training workshops** and are provided with **one-on-one technical assistance** to help ensure success. Following completion of the first year, grantees will be reassessed to gauge growth in their identified areas of need.

## Eligibility Guidelines

Training workshops are open and free to the public. A list of offerings are featured on the GECAC website at [www.gecac.org](http://www.gecac.org) and the Nonprofit Partnership at [www.thenonprofitpartnership.org](http://www.thenonprofitpartnership.org).

Organizations with a social service focus in Erie County and an annual operating budget less than \$500,000 \* are eligible to apply for the capacity-building grants and one-on-one technical assistance.

Priority is given to organizations who serve:

- ◆ The homeless or elders in need;
- ◆ At-risk youth;
- ◆ Families in transition from welfare to work;
- ◆ Persons in need of intensive rehabilitation, such as addicts or prisoners;
- ◆ Organizations providing marriage education and preparation services for couples choosing marriage for themselves.

Additional priority is given to organizations that have historically not received funds from the federal government.

Designation as a 501 (c) (3) is not required.

\*Organizations with an annual operating budget in excess of \$500,000 can be considered with proof of extenuating circumstances that necessitate the need for capacity-building assistance.

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