

**Women's Fund of East Tennessee  
Self-Sustainability Grant Request  
September 2025**

The Women's Fund of East Tennessee (WFET) is now accepting Self-Sustainability grant requests. WFET is guided by the vision "every woman self-sustaining" and driven by the mission to "be a catalyst to transform the lives of low-income women and girls in East Tennessee." Self-sustainability grants are designed to strengthen this mission and vision in WFET's [25-county service area](#). This opportunity is privately funded and intended to fill a specific need or provide additional services for your organization in order to better serve your clients.

**Eligibility**

**To be considered for WFET funding, the proposing organization must:**

- Provide confirmation that the organization is a 501(c)(3) public charity, unit of government, or public educational institution; and
- Have a service area in one or more counties in WFET's [25-county service area](#).

Grant funding may be used for program expenses, staffing, travel, materials, and/or general operations. No funds may be used for capital improvements, unless such improvements are essential to programs and program delivery. This new policy is in recognition of the damage many non-profits in our service area suffered from the hurricane.

**Selection Process**

The Women's Fund of East Tennessee (WFET) is now accepting Self-Sustainability grant requests **from September 1 – September 30, 2025**. Applications will be reviewed in October 2025 by WFET committee members, staff, and subsequently approved by the board of directors. Grant notifications will be made in November 2025.

Please include any documents that better tell your organization's story, mission, and impacts, resources you've created, reports on generating awareness, or any other relevant materials.

A limited number of grants will be awarded, with awards typically ranging from \$5,000 to \$15,000. The average grant award has historically been \$10,250.

**Please direct any questions to [grants@wfet.org](mailto:grants@wfet.org)**

## **I. ORGANIZATION INFORMATION**

<b>Organization:</b>	
<b>Address:</b>	
<b>Phone:</b>	
<b>Email:</b>	
<b>Website/URL</b>	
<b>EIN:</b>	
<b>Requested by: (Name/Title)</b>	

## **II. FUNDING REQUEST**

**What is the purpose of this grant request including any time requirements? (250 words or less)**

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**How does the grant support the vision and mission of the Women's Fund of East Tennessee?**

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**What impact will be made with the above requested funding? How will you know it was successful? i.e., What metrics will be used to measure success?**

**Describe your service area and clientele (i.e, WFET counties served, number of clients served, demographics of clientele)**

**How many low-income women and girls do you anticipate will be impacted by this grant funding?**

**Requested funding amount:**

**Please provide a brief itemization of how the funds will be used and any other funding resources that have been committed or pending.**

### **III. SUPPLEMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

**Please include the following documents when submitting your completed grant application:**

- Most recent financial statements and/or most recent audit and/or IRS Form 990
- Current year organization operating budget
- List of current board of directors or equivalent governing body
- List of staff administering the project

### **III. RECOMMENDATION OF COMMITTEE**

Date request sent to Committee: \_\_\_\_\_

Date recommendation received from Committee: \_\_\_\_\_

Recommendation to approve funding request: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ OR No \_\_\_\_\_

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### **IV. BOARD APPROVAL**

Date request sent to Board: \_\_\_\_\_

Date voted by Board: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ OR No \_\_\_\_\_

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### **V. GRANT PAID**

Date Check sent: \_\_\_\_\_ Check #: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Check Received: \_\_\_\_\_

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### **VI. GRANT REPORT**

Date report received: \_\_\_\_\_

Date photos received: \_\_\_\_\_