

**Women's Fund of East Tennessee
Self-Sustainability Grant Request
February 2026**

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](#).

Organizations may receive only one Self-Sustainability Grant per WFET grant period year. This policy is based on the grant period year noted in all grant agreements rather than the calendar year. Organizations remain eligible to apply for other Women's Fund of East Tennessee grant opportunities as they become available.

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.

Selection Process

The Women's Fund of East Tennessee (WFET) is now accepting Self-Sustainability grant requests **from February 1 – February 28, 2026**. Applications will be reviewed in early March 2026 by WFET committee members, staff, and subsequently approved by the board of directors. Grant notifications will be made March 2026.

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

I. ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

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

II. FUNDING REQUEST

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

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

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 _____

IV. BOARD APPROVAL

Date request sent to Board: _____

Date voted by Board: _____

Approved: Yes _____ OR No _____

V. GRANT PAID

Date Check sent: _____ Check #: _____

Date Check Received: _____

VI. GRANT REPORT

Date report received: _____

Date photos received: _____