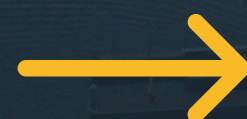




# FEDERAL FUNDING FREEZES ARE FORCING A **CRISIS IN ERIE'S REFUGEE COMMUNITY**





# Since October 2024

Erie's resettlement agencies have received **no federal funding reimbursements**, leading to more than 20 layoffs, with additional cuts expected.

"The looming crisis in the refugee resettlement community could cause instability across our workforce, neighborhoods, and local economy and Erie leaders are stepping up."

– KIM THOMAS  
INFINITE ERIE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.



Erie County's refugee residents have been **legally resettled here** by the U. S. government to escape **humanitarian crises**.

- Refugees **own 5% of businesses in Erie County**, despite being only 4.1% of the population.
- 47% of resettled refugees are **homeowners**.
- Refugees and immigrants **contribute \$253 million** to Erie's economy annually.
- Immigrants in Erie County helped create or preserve **500 manufacturing jobs** that would have otherwise vanished or moved elsewhere by 2019.





# Donate today!

You can help provide support to Erie's refugee residents.

