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Nonprofit organizations receive more than \$78,000 in funding to impact women, girls in Northeast Wisconsin

The Women's Fund of Greater Green Bay announces winter 2025 grant recipients

Green Bay, Wis – The Women's Fund of Greater Green Bay is proud to announce the grant recipients from the Fund's winter grant cycle. The Women's Fund awards grants two times a year (winter and summer) to organizations that demonstrate how their programs and services will positively impact women and girls in our community. Grants are awarded based on a competitive application process which includes a review by a grants team of community volunteers. Learn more about the grant funds at https://womensfundgb.org/what-we-fund/.

Members of the media interested in scheduling an interview with a representative from the Women's Fund of Greater Green Bay and one of the grantees about the impact of the grant funding should contact Amanda Gay at amandagay@ggbcf.org.

About the Women's Fund Winter 2025 Grant Recipients:

- COMSA Refugee and Women Empowerment Program: The Women's Empowerment Initiative is a vital program addressing unique challenges faced by refugee and immigrant women who bear the disproportionate burdens of war, displacement, and resettlement. Refugee and immigrant women often face compounded challenges, including, culture shock during resettlement, workplace discrimination, language barriers, lack of culturally responsive childcare, and social isolation. Funding will support the expansion of the initiative, focusing on addressing the barriers faced by refugee and immigrant women through holistic programs that promote independence, skill-building, and community connection. Learn more about COMSA at https://www.comsausa.org/
- Einstein Project Girls in STEM/Makerspace Workshops:
 Funding will allow Einstein Project to expand programming with community nonprofits to provide free STEM workshops for young girls through their on-campus makerspaces and off-campus mobile makerspace. Partners include UW-Green Bay, NWTC, Lovin' the Skin I'm In, Boys and Girls Club, YWCA, and Girl Scouts who collaborate to provide female-focused programming. Learn more about the Einstein Project at https://www.einsteinproject.org/home
- Hmong Autism Neurodiverse Disability Support (HANDS) Mom Time Program:
 HANDS works to spread awareness about Autism and other disabilities within the Hmong community by offering a safe space for families to support each other and offer help upon

initial diagnoses. Mom Time allows for respite care for caregivers of children with autism and other disabilities. Caregivers are allowed time to either sit by themselves and have alone time, complete a therapeutic art project, or engage in a discussion with other caregivers about issues that are pressing to them. By allowing caregivers to connect with each other in a physical space they can build a true community and connect about their children's shared diagnosis. Learn more about HANDS at https://www.hmonghands.org/

• Legal Action of Wisconsin – Legal Aid to Victims of Domestic Violence Program: The Domestic Violence Legal Aid Program in Green Bay provides critical legal support to survivors of domestic violence. In partnership with local domestic violence agencies, this program offers free legal representation, advice, and resources to help victims navigate family law issues, restraining orders, and more. Trained attorneys work closely with victims to ensure they have the legal tools necessary for safety, justice, and empowerment while addressing their unique needs. Learn more about Legal Action of Wisconsin at https://legalaction.org/

NEWIST/CESA 7 – Cultivating Success for Black and Brown Girls in Education Program:

Grant funds will support a two-day training in Green Bay. The first day will empower educators with strategies for culturally responsive teaching and equity practices. The second day will engage middle school girls of color in activities celebrating identity, leadership, and creativity. Follow-up support includes educator networking and student mentorship. This experience will foster belonging, confidence, and success in the school community. Learn more about NEWIST/CESA 7 at https://www.cesa7.org/

Rainbow House Domestic Abuse Services – Empowered Through Art: Inspiring Women and Girls Program:

Funding will be used to implement a new art therapy group designed for women and girls. The program will focus on fostering positive self-expression, leadership skills, and self-esteem through guided art-making activities, culminating in a community art exhibition to celebrate participants' growth and achievements. This initiative aligns with the Women's Fund's priorities by empowering women and girls to realize their potential, develop leadership skills, and inspire confidence through creative expression. Learn more about Rainbow House at https://therainbowhouse.us/

Violence Intervention Project – Mental Health Services for Domestic Violence Survivors:

Violence Intervention Project has been providing domestic violence and sexual assault victim services in Kewaunee County for 35 years. Funding will bring mental health services to survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault in rural Kewaunee County. This program will focus on eliminating barriers to accessing therapeutic support, ensuring that survivors receive timely and effective care. By integrating advocacy and mental health services, this initiative will provide survivors with a holistic approach to healing, empowering them to regain control of their lives and promoting mental wellness. Learn more about the Violence Intervention Project at https://www.vipadvocates.net/

• We All Rise: African American Resource Center – Queens on the Rise: Power in My Crown Program:

Funding will expand Queens on The Rise: Power In My Crown, a women's empowerment initiative designed for Black women and girls in Northeast Wisconsin. This program fosters healing, resilience, and cultural pride by addressing the tangible impacts of systemic racism, colorism, and intergenerational trauma. Through trauma-informed, culturally specific group work, participants will reclaim their personal "crowns" symbols of identity, worth, and empowerment and build skills for leadership. Learn more about We All Rise: African American Resource Center at https://www.weallriseaarc.org/

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About the Women's Fund of Greater Green Bay

The Women's Fund of Greater Green Bay invests in women for a stronger community. A fund of the Greater Green Bay Community Foundation led by community volunteers, the Women's Fund provides funding to local nonprofit programs to improve the lives of women and girls. These investments strengthen families, our community, and society. For more information, visit www.womensfundgb.org.

About the Greater Green Bay Community Foundation

Established in 1991, the Greater Green Bay Community Foundation inspires and encourages charitable giving in Northeast Wisconsin by providing simple and smart giving tools for donors, impactful grants for nonprofit organizations, and collaborative leadership around critical community initiatives. Since inception, the Community Foundation has awarded more than \$205 million in grants to strengthen our community. In the past year, almost \$15 million was distributed to support a broad range of community needs. As a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, the Community Foundation manages 774 charitable funds with assets exceeding \$182 million. www.ggbcf.org