

Committee Descriptions



The Women's Fund relies on a vibrant volunteer force to help raise money, foster female philanthropy, award grants, educate the community, and increase awareness of women's and girls' issues and the Women's Fund. Your skills and enthusiasm are needed to help the Women's Fund encourage and inspire women and girls to flourish personally, economically and professionally. In addition to our Board of Directors, we have the following volunteer committees:

Development Committee

The Development Committee works to support the board in their responsibility to build the financial resources of the Women's Fund for grantmaking, endowment building, and funding general operations of the Women's Fund. Committee members work with staff to devise and execute plans for building and maintaining relationships with donors and prospects, maintaining the donor and prospect database, and developing women's passion for philanthropy. The Development Committee meets the fourth Wednesday of the month from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m.

Events Committee

The Events Committee is responsible for planning two major events each year: a spring event which may vary from year to year, and the Women's Fund Luncheon, which is held in September. The committee is responsible for assisting staff in developing events designed to meet Women's Fund's budgetary goals for operations and grantmaking, while celebrating the success of women and girls in the Fox Valley Region and raising awareness of the Women's Fund. Meetings are scheduled the second Tuesday of the month from noon to about 1:00 p.m.

Grants Committee

The Grants Committee facilitates the Women's Fund's grantmaking and keeps the Board of Directors informed of the needs of Fox Valley area women and girls. The committee develops guidelines for the Women's Fund competitive grants processes, reviews grant applications, and meets to make funding recommendations to the Board. The committee is responsible to educate itself regularly about community needs to make informed grant recommendations. Members are subject to term limits with each term lasting two years. The Grants Committee meets the third Wednesday of the month eight to nine times a year from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. Occasional site visits or interviews with nonprofits require some flexibility in the schedule. The Project Grant evaluation is typically done during a full-day meeting in March.

Communications Committee

The Communications Committee is charged with creating and executing marketing and visibility strategies to promote the mission of the Women's Fund. Communication vehicles include a website, monthly E-news letter, annual report, event materials and social media. Volunteers with experience in marketing, public relations, writing, graphic design, and social media are needed. The Communications Committee meets the third Thursday of the month from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m.

Women's Fund Volunteer Advisory Groups:

Occasionally the Women's Fund may convene advisory groups on topics outside of our regular committee structure. Expertise may be needed in the following, and other, areas:

Girls' Grantmaking and Youth Philanthropy
Engaging Young Professionals
Financial Fluency
Older Adult Women's Issues

Two-Generation Approaches to Economic Security
Violence Against Women
WillPower Planned Giving Program
Young Adult Women (age 18-29)

If you would like to volunteer, or need more information, we would love to learn more about your interests. Please contact executive director Becky Boulanger at bboulanger@womensfundfvr.org or (920) 702-7617. To learn more about the Women's Fund, visit www.womensfundfvr.org.