

Women's Fund

2025

grant

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MISSION, VISION & PURPOSE

The mission of the Women's Fund, to promote the advancement of women and girls in the Fox Valley Region, reflects our vision of a community of equality where power and opportunity are not limited by gender.

The Women's Fund mission is accomplished through grantmaking, strategic initiatives, education, and advocacy.

What grant fits your organization best?

**Impact
Grants**



**Innovative
Pathways
Grant**



Grant Types

IMPACT GRANT

Single-year grants of up to \$10,000 to support projects or programs to improve the lives of women and/or girls in at least one of the Women's Fund's priority areas.

INNOVATIVE PATHWAYS GRANT

One grant will be awarded up to \$20,000/year for up to 3 years with annual evaluation and intent to renew. to support current or developing efforts that are working to address systematic challenges facing women and/or girls in one of the Women Fund's priority areas.

Eligibility

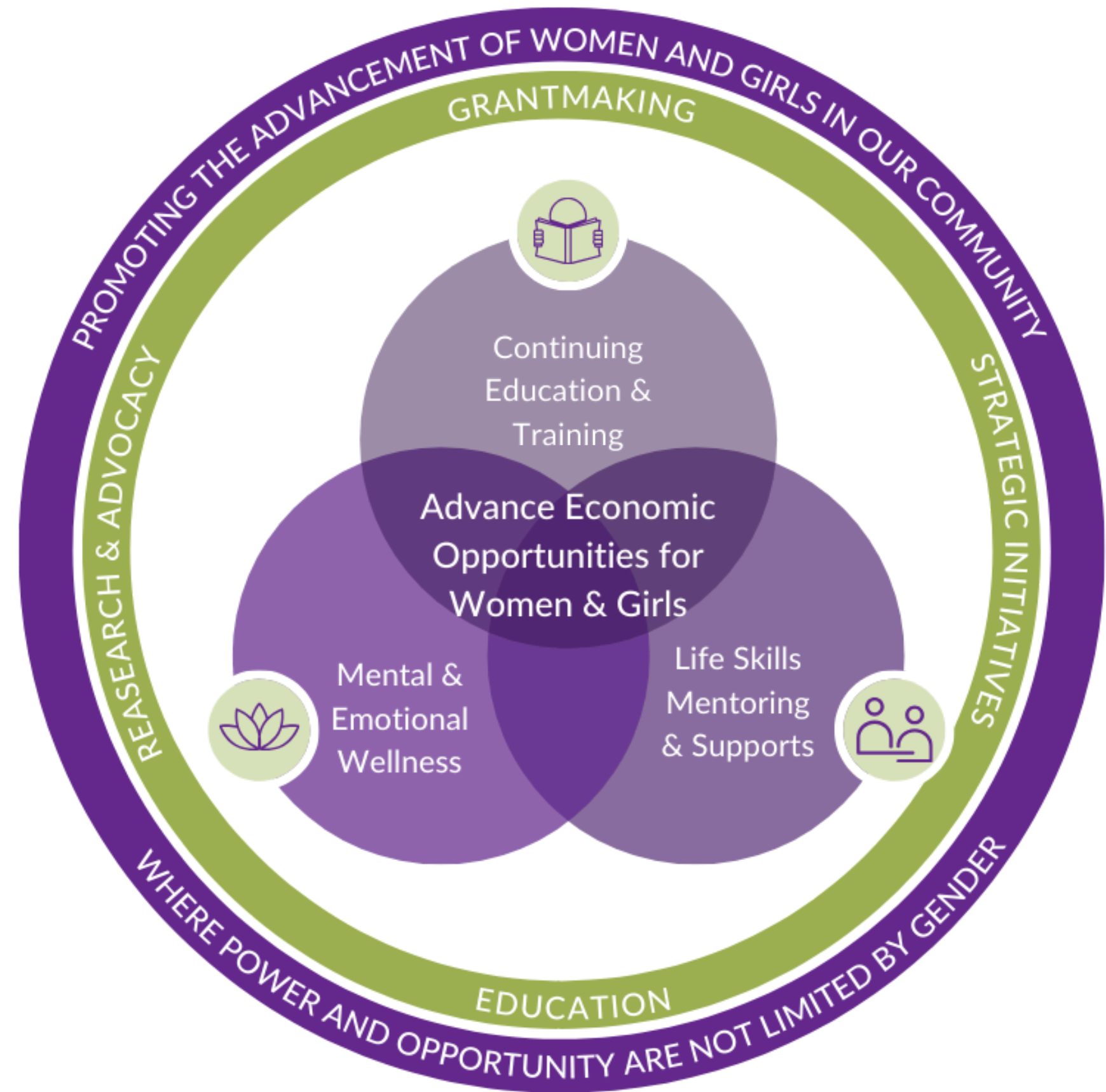
To be eligible for an Impact Grant or an Innovative Pathways Grant from the Women's Fund:

- The project/program must be consistent with the Women's Fund mission, focus, and priority areas.
- The project/program must benefit women and girls in Calumet, Outagamie, Shawano, Waupaca, or Northern Winnebago Counties.
- Your organization must be a tax-exempt, not-for-profit organization under the Internal Revenue Code, section 501(c)(3). However, agencies or informal groups without 501(c)(3) status may use another tax-exempt, not-for-profit agency as your fiscal agent. Contact the Women's Fund for further information.
- Government agencies may qualify. Please contact the Women's Fund prior to completing the grant application.

We will not fund:

- Individuals, endowments, or capital campaigns.
- Projects or programs that promote religious activities and/or beliefs.
- Political parties, candidates, or partisan activities.
- Event sponsorships.
- Scholarships that fund individual students.
- Co-educational programs that do not clearly communicate a specific and unique focus on women and girls.
- “Fund the gap” requests
- Barrier removal only

Strategic Focus and Priorities



Continuing Education and Training

- Knowing that education is a pathway to economic security, the Women's Fund is seeking proposals for programs and initiatives to empower women to pursue and achieve their post-secondary educational goals.
- Proposals should address challenges and barriers with strategies to improve access to higher education, support academic achievement, and prepare women and girls to pursue professions that pay a family-sustaining wage, building economic opportunity for women and their families.
- Programs may include services and supports such as:
 - One-on-one advising and goal planning
 - Addressing basic needs such as childcare and transportation to enable women to stay in school
 - Connections to other support services necessary to successfully complete their educational goals

Life-skills, Mentoring and Supports

- The Women's Fund recognizes the importance of mentors, role models and champions and equipping women and girls with essential life skills and offering comprehensive support systems to overcome the challenges of everyday life.
- Programs and initiatives that combine the power of one-on-one mentoring, goal planning, connection to community resources, and supportive services to help women identify and work toward their goals, to break down barriers, and to foster increased confidence and realize a vision of what is possible.
- Services and supports could include:
 - One-on-one mentoring and accountability partner
 - Building life and self-advocacy skills needed to overcome roadblocks and pursue goals
 - Goal-planning
 - Connections to and navigating community resources
 - Personal development to cultivate relationships that foster increased confidence, self-sufficiency, and connection to the community

Mental and Emotional Wellness

- Proposals should address mental and emotional well-being by offering support and resources that promote resilience, self-esteem, and overall mental wellness. This can include counseling services, wellness workshops, and community support networks.
- The Women's Fund envisions programs and initiatives to proactively support women and/or girls to be mentally and emotionally healthy. Programs could address such things as:
 - Maintaining wellness
 - Strengthening resilience
 - Exploring positive strategies to get through difficulties
 - Positive approaches to managing stressors
 - Bolstering genuine and authentic connections
 - Dealing effectively with emotions

You are the experts!

Tell us your best ideas and boldest dreams of how to support and make lasting change for women and girls in these three priority areas



Next steps

It is important that your application is clearly written and fully explains your project.

CRITERIA 1

•Does the program or project clearly address one of the funding priority areas?

CRITERIA 2

•Does the program or project create, strengthen, or accelerate economic opportunities that enable women and girls to achieve their full potential?

CRITERIA 3

Is this request designed to meet the **unique** needs of women and/or girls?

We will also consider

For those invited to complete the full application, the following criteria will also be considered:

- Are the program's goals and outcomes clearly identified?
- Are there effective strategies for implementation?
- Are there tools to gauge impact?
- Is the budget clear and realistic?



Process

The grant application will use the Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region's online grant application system.

- If you have not used the portal to apply for other grants from the Community Foundation you will need to create an account.

Complete and submit the Letter of Intent by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, January 17.

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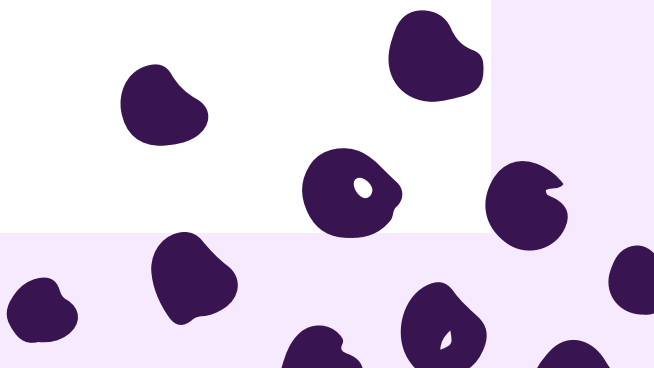
Letter of Intent due January 17
Notified to move to full application on
February 14

FULL APPLICATION

Full application must be completed by March 14.

Innovative Pathways Grant will receive secondary notification for the interview stage by April 15.

Notification for funding will be in Mid-April for Impact Grants and Mid-May for the Innovative Pathways Grant.



Questions?

Questions regarding the application process can also be submitted via email to grants@womensfundfvr.org.