

Giving Catalog

A curated list of funding opportunities that align with the Women's Fund mission.

Your contribution—no matter the amount—plays a vital role in the success of these programs. While the total cost may be more than one person can give, the collective support from generous donors like you makes it possible. Every dollar brings us one step closer to empowering more women and girls in the Fox Valley region.



Mental & Emotional Wellness

Harbor House - Crisis and Shelter Support

At Harbor House, we specialize in guiding individuals through crises. Through our dedicated advocacy, we can create a support system and sustainability for women and girls affected by domestic and sexual violence. Our programs help mitigate further mental health problems and set our clients up for success.

LEAVEN, Inc. - Parent Cafe

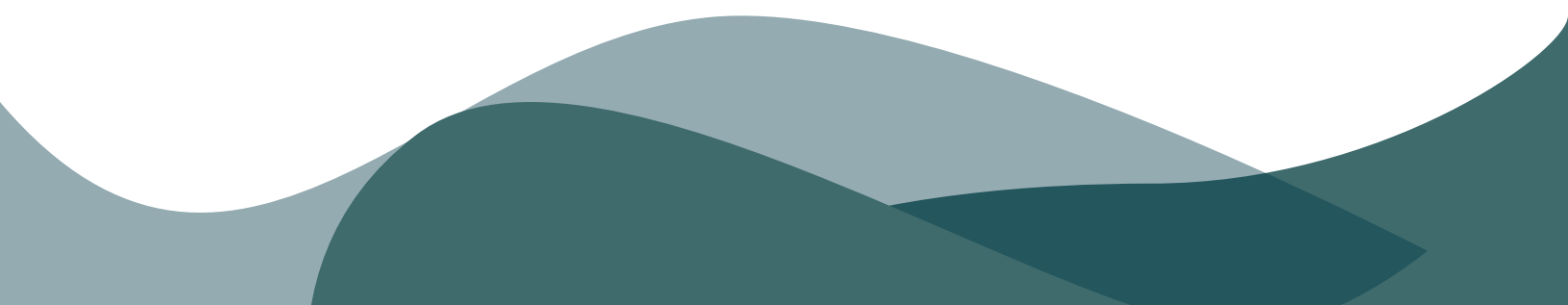
Parent Cafés aim to provide a structured, yet informal, setting where parents engage in open conversations about experiences, share strategies, and learn from each other. This initiative creates safe, supportive spaces that facilitate peer connections, build community networks, and provide valuable parenting education.

Reach Counseling - Survivor Support Groups

These support groups are uniquely designed to address the disproportionate impact of sexual violence on women and girls. By employing a gender-sensitive approach, the specific challenges and societal pressures faced by female survivors are acknowledged. Each support group is designed to address the unique experiences of women, such as cultural barriers, trauma from violence, and societal stigma.

VPI - Mental Health Navigator Program

The Mental Health Navigator, MHN program connects individuals to critical mental health services through partnerships with law enforcement, 211, Harbor House, Christine Anne, and Victim's Crisis Response. MHN provides personalized navigation, addressing barriers to care by facilitating access to therapists, psychiatrists, insurance, and transportation. In addition to one-on-one support, MHN offers a group at the VPI Outreach Center focusing on women and girls, promoting wellness and resilience through topics like empowerment and mental health.



Life Skills, Mentoring, and Supports

Big Brothers Big Sisters - Youth Mentoring Program for Girls

BBBSNEW proposes a focused initiative to empower girls through mentoring relationships and female-based activities. This initiative will provide a safe and supportive environment where girls can explore their interests, develop new skills, and build confidence. BBBSNEW is seeking funding support to serve more girls in the Shawano County community with a female mentor.

Pillars - Path to Stability for Women and Families

Case management is at the heart of the Tenant-Based Rental Assistance Program (TBRA)'s success. Pillars' TBRA case manager supports 15 clients, 87% of whom are single mothers, many fleeing domestic violence. Through a trusting relationship, the case manager provides personalized guidance to address immediate challenges and achieve long-term goals of housing stability and economic independence. They assist with critical needs such as income, employment, food security, and mental health while fostering independence through clear goals.

Safe Families for Children - Program Support

Safe Families for Children (SFFC) connects families, primarily single/isolated mothers, in crisis with dedicated volunteers to provide free services, such as temporary housing, parenting coaching, and resource access. SFFC's innovative model empowers mothers to reach their full potential by creating organic support networks, allowing them keep their children safe and family together.

Valley Academy for the Arts

The proposed after-school dance program at Kaleidoscope Academy aims to create a safe, culturally relevant, and emotionally expressive space for at-risk middle school girls. Through dance, participants will build self-confidence, emotional resilience, and critical life skills such as teamwork, discipline, and problem-solving. This program addresses the lack of creative and movement-focused opportunities currently available to underprivileged students in the Appleton Area School District and ensures accessibility by bringing the program directly to the students' school.

Continuing Education

Fox Valley Technical College - Success in Motion

Success in Motion was launched with a Women's Fund grant in 2020, with additional support in 2023. The core program addresses three student barriers: school readiness, transportation, and childcare. To improve student retention, peer support, mental health counseling, and tuition assistance will be added to the program's menu of services. Participants may benefit from one or more of the following elements:

- College Success class
- Transportation assistance, including training to obtain a driver's license
- Drop-in childcare partnership with YMCA Fox Cities
- Peer Support & Mentoring
- Mental health counseling in partnership with Samaritan Counseling
- Tuition assistance for high-demand, high-wage programs

Returning adult and parenting students often face obstacles not present for other students. Prior education experiences may make them feel like they will not succeed, or they may feel like they missed their chance. Success in Motion builds confidence to rewrite that narrative.

Wisconsin Women Business Initiative Corporation (WWBIC)

WWBIC seeks to address the ongoing need for women in the Fox Valley to gain access to personal financial and entrepreneurial training; especially for those who are traditionally underserved (women of color, lower wealth women, women Veterans).

World Relief - Newcomer Women's Entrepreneurship Training and Mentorship

World Relief is creating a 10-week culturally responsive curriculum for a cohort of 10 refugee women. They will match participants with mentors who are owners of local immigrant-run businesses and eventually match participants with graduates of this program. The program begins with an assessment to evaluate participants' entrepreneurial skills and understanding, ensuring personalized support. Participants will gain practical knowledge in business planning, financial literacy, and networking, while fostering a supportive community within the cohort. To encourage growth, each cohort concludes with financial awards to the most promising business ideas.

For additional opportunities or more information about supporting these organizations and programs, contact Julie at jkeller@womensfundfvr.org.