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Nonprofit organizations receive more than \$60,000 in funding to impact women, girls in Northeast Wisconsin

The Women's Fund of Greater Green Bay announces winter 2024 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. This grant cycle saw a record number of applications, including a record amount of funding requested.

The Women's Fund awards funds 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 a virtual 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 Erika Ritchie at erikaritchie@ggbcf.org.

About the Women's Fund Winter 2024 Grant Recipients:

- **Bellin Health Foundation | *The H.E.R. Health, Empowerment, Resilience Program:*** This program is designed for rural middle and high school girls in Oconto County to learn and develop healthy lifestyle habits, form peer-to-peer supportive bonds, and build a personal health and fitness program. This program aims to continue helping teenage girls make the connection between their current lifestyle habits and their energy levels, mental wellbeing, self-confidence, physical fitness, school performance, and general health. Learn more about the Bellin Health Foundation at bellin.org/bellin_foundation
- **COMSA | *The Women and Youth Empowerment Program:*** Funding will be used for programming to improve the health and well-being of refugee and immigrant women and girls. Women may feel uncomfortable attending a public gym or pool due to religious beliefs, transportation challenges, a lack of women-only spaces, or barriers in cost. This program will provide skills development and educational sessions including swimming classes, navigating public transportation, financial literacy, and women's health. Learn more about COMSA at comsausea.org/
- **Encompass Early Education and Care | *Helping Teen Moms Succeed:*** Funding will support the teen mom program that offers tuition assistance to teen moms who are

actively engaged in case management with Family Services. By ensuring reliable, high-quality care, the program helps make it possible for moms to stay in school, graduate and prepare for a future for themselves and their children. Community-level factors, such as supportive childcare and school environments, are associated with positive child and mother outcomes for teen moms. Learn more about Encompass at encompasswi.org/

- **Family Services of Northeast Wisconsin | *Sexual Assault Center- Empowering Women to Overcome Program***: The Sexual Assault Center works to empower women and girls to overcome past traumas induced by sexual assault. Funds will support the Sexual Assault Center, which provides free and confidential crisis intervention, advocacy, support, and counseling services to survivors of sexual assault. Learn more about the Sexual Assault Center at familyservicesnew.org/sexual-assault-center
- **Foundations Health and Wholeness | *School-Based Empowerment, Self-Esteem, & Mental Wellness Groups for Girls***: Funding will be used to create School-Based Wellness & Empowerment Groups for girls at four local Green Bay schools over the span of eight weeks. Groups will help school-age girls develop new leadership, emotional, social, and coping skills, as well as improving self-esteem and self-image. Learn more about Foundations Health and Wholeness at wearefoundations.org/
- **Skaniulat | *Haudenosaunee Matrilinealism: Empowering Oneida Women through Traditional Cultural Leadership Development***: This project aims to empower and uplift Oneida women and girls by offering a comprehensive range of cultural programming that aligns with the values of Oneida matrilineal society. Funding for this initiative will support and expand opportunities for women and girls, promoting their health, safety, learning, achievement, and success in life. Incorporating the principles of the Oneida matrilineal society, the project will reinforce cultural identity and heritage while empowering Oneida women. Learn more about Skaniulat here: www.skaniulat.org
- **YWCA | *Nkauj Zaj Dance Academy***: This program will support Hmong girls to learn about and experience their culture through dance. The goals of the program are to build confidence and self-esteem, create intergenerational connections through shared experiences, and develop leadership and teamwork skills. The academy was established in 2022 and consists of two dance teams: one performance team and one competition team. Learn more about YWCA at ywcagreenbay.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 \$190 million in grants to strengthen our community. In the past year, almost \$20 million was distributed to support a broad range of community needs. As a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, the Community Foundation manages 769 charitable funds with assets exceeding \$161 million. www.ggbcf.org