



Improving the lives of Iowa's women & girls

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Iowa Women's Foundation (IWF) Micro Grant Guidelines

IWF Micro-grants are small, one-time-only cash awards given to non-profits and other community organizations, including organizations that may not be eligible for traditional grant funding, for immediate emergency funding needs for servicing clients. These grants for short-term projects or tasks are awarded to organizations that address at least one of the six major barriers that IWF research has identified as most critical to the success of Iowa's women and girls: childcare, education and training, employment, housing, mentors, transportation. If your organization is addressing any of these barriers we encourage you to apply for an IWF Micro-grant.

The IWF will consider funding requests for the following:

- Purchase of products, supplies and equipment
- Emergent, unexpected or urgent tasks
- Expenses not built into the annual budget
- Entrepreneurships
- Workshop & seminar attendance
- Pilot projects testing the viability of a new program or trial implementations of a program that determine risks and deficiencies before commitment of substantial resources

The IWF will generally not consider funding requests for the following:

- Political campaigns
- PAC's
- Capital campaigns
- Endowments
- Ongoing annual operating expenses
- Grants to individuals, for-profit entities and sectarian religious programs
- Loans
- Scholarship/tuition reimbursements
- International travel

Guidelines and requirements for Micro-grants:

- Applications may be submitted at any time throughout the calendar year.
- The maximum request is \$1,000 and the minimum request is \$300. Larger grant requests should be made to our Core or Community Childcare Solutions grants programs. Application forms and guidelines are available on the IWF website (iawf.org).
- Notification of micro-grant awards takes approximately two weeks.
- Organizations may not receive more than one micro-grant per calendar year and projects will usually be completed by the end of the calendar year.
- Only nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations and grassroots groups serving women and girls in Iowa are eligible to apply for IWF micro-grants.
- Grant recipients will complete a report when the project/task is completed.

The Micro-grant Application Form is available on the IWF website (iawf.org). If you have any questions please call IWF at 319-774-3813, email to grants@iawf.org or visit the IWF office at 2201 E. Grantview Dr. Suite 200, Coralville, IA 52241.

