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\$25,000! What Would You Do?

Grantmaking: The Heart of What We Do!

What would your organization do with \$25,000? How would you use it specifically to shatter one of the six barriers - employment, child care, housing, education/training, transportation and mentoring - to women's economic self-sufficiency?

2022 marks the 25th anniversary of grantmaking for the Iowa Women's Foundation. When the founders first met, they agreed from the very beginning to award grants to organizations across the state that supported women and girls. They jumped right in and funded six amazing projects across our state:

- Domestic Abuse Resources of Mahaska County: a new non-profit county agency established to serve battered women and children
- OSACS Women's Center of Des Moines: to host a knowledge and skill-building weekend for low-income women and their children
- FirstSTEP of Iowa City: a volunteer group from the University of Iowa College of Law providing advocacy and legal advice to victims of domestic violence
- Women's Health Services of Clinton: providing emergency contraception to low-income women
- Panorama High School in Panora, Iowa: development of a workshop and mentoring program for at-risk teenage girls
- Girls Will Be Girls of Knoxville: to help 6th grade girls develop decision-making and social skills
- Indian Youth of America of Sioux City: to hold an after-school program that features activities specifically for Native American girls, ages 8 – 13.

To date, the Foundation has granted over **\$1.306 Million to 274 programs** benefitting thousands of women and girls in all 99 Iowa counties. This year, IWF will grant \$200,000 through our Core Grants, Building Community Child Care Solutions Grants and Emergency Grants. The largest amount yet!

IWF is currently accepting Core Grant Applications through April 29, 2022. Six - \$25,000 grants will be awarded – one for each of the barriers to women's economic self-sufficiency.

What would you do with \$25,000? [Apply today!](#)

Want to Learn More About IWF's Grantmaking?

Attend a virtual Core Grants Information Session to be held on March 3, 2022. Two sessions will

be available – a morning (8:30 am) and an afternoon (4:00 pm). Email ann@iawf.org to RSVP and receive the zoom links.

Would you like someone to review your grant application before you submit it? Email grants@iawf.org and include “**MENTOR INQUIRY**” in the subject line. Mentors must be requested by March 3rd.

Additional Grant Opportunities

Building Community Child Care Solutions Grants will open with Letters of Interest in June. More details will be available June 1st.

Emergency Grants – previously known as Micro Grants, are available throughout the calendar year until funds have been expended. Emergency Grants are just that. They are small one-time grants to be used for **immediate emergency needs** that have not been budgeted and are needed to keep you serving your clients. More [here](#).

THANK YOU to our generous donors and corporate sponsors. It is because of you the Iowa Women’s Foundation is able to grow our grantmaking and improve the lives of Iowa’s Women and Girls!!!

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