



Grants AT A *Glance*

1997 - 2023

In 1994, a group of 27 women met in Iowa City to discuss the needs of Iowa's women and girls. They posed the question, **"What if every woman and girl in Iowa had a fair opportunity to achieve her personal best?"**

In a unanimous decision to seek the answer to this question, the Iowa Women's Foundation was established. The mission of the Foundation has remained the same—to improve the lives of women and girls across the state—with grantmaking at the heart of its work.

Since 1997, the Foundation has awarded \$1.681 million in grants to programs that expand opportunities for women and girls by breaking down barriers and replacing them with crucial resources for success.

***Data
at a
Glance***

\$1,681,677
TOTAL
DOLLARS GRANTED
TO DATE

307
TOTAL
PROJECTS

172
TOTAL
ORGANIZATIONS
AWARDED GRANTS

Core Grants

The Foundation's grantmaking cycles have always focused on breaking down barriers to self-sufficiency for women and girls in Iowa. In an effort to identify the most critical barriers, IWF's leadership team traveled to 18 communities across the state to meet with leaders, hear from locals, and identify primary challenges.

The 2016 publication of IWF's She Matters report outlined these findings—including six specific key areas for change. These areas became the basis of IWF's core grants moving forward and were identified as **Employment, Child Care, Housing, Education/Training, Transportation, and Mentorship.**

FOCUS AREA: **ADVOCACY AND AWARENESS**

13 projects with awards totaling \$46,102

Boys and Girls Clubs of Central Iowa
Chrysalis Foundation

Colombian Communities under Attack: Nimia Teresa
Vargas and the Women of Choco, Iowa Women's
Foundation

Council on Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence
Des Moines Area Community College
Doris Hicks Pack Learning Institute
Family Crisis Center of North Iowa, Inc.
Graffiti Theater

Iowa Division of United Nations Association Iowa
Homeless Youth Centers
Radio Postville
Women's Resource & Action Center
Youth and Shelter Services

FOCUS AREA: **CHILD CARE**

30 projects with awards totaling \$163,485

Amani Community Services
Area Substance Abuse Council
Crittenton Center
EyesOpenIowa
Girls on the Run of Eastern Iowa
Grin and Grow, Ltd.

Hawkeye Community College Foundation
Homes of Oakridge Human Services
House of Hope
Little Knights Learning Center
Lutheran Services in Iowa
Mason City Family YMCA

Mt. Pleasant Child Care Center
Nisaa African Family Services
Ringgold County Child Care Center
St. Mark Youth Enrichment (Dubuque)

FOCUS AREA: **EMPLOYMENT, ECONOMIC STABILITY AND SELF-SUFFICIENCY, FINANCIAL LITERACY**

63 projects with awards totaling \$358,140

The Abilities Fund
Amani Community Services
Angel House
Area Substance Abuse Council
Assault Care Center Extending Shelter and Support
(ACCESS)
Beacon of Life
Catherine McAuley Center
Children and Families of Iowa
Crisis Intervention Services
Crittenton Center
Dress for Success Des Moines
Dress for Success Quad Cities
Easterseals of Iowa
EyesOpenIowa

First Congregational United Church of Christ, CR
Fort Dodge Community Foundation & United Way
Friends of the Family
Girl Scouts of Eastern Iowa and Western Illinois
Grin and Grow, Ltd.
Heartland Family Services
House of Hope
Institute for Social and Economic Development
Iowa City Public Library
Iowa Coalition Against Domestic Violence
Iowa Commission on the Status of Women
Iowa Jobs for America's Graduates (IJAG)
ISED Ventures
Knight's Hospitality House
Latinas Latinas Al Exit, Inc.

Lutheran Services in Iowa
OSACS Women's Center
Planned Parenthood of the Heartland, Inc.
Science Center of Iowa
Tanager Place
United Way of Story County
University of Iowa Labor Center
University of Northern Iowa
Waverly Area Small Business Incubator and
Consultation Center
Waypoint Services for Women, Children, and Families
Women, Food, and Agriculture Network
Women's Resource and Action Center
Young Women's Resource Center

FOCUS AREA: **EDUCATION, TRAINING, SKILL BUILDING, MENTORING**

72 projects with awards totaling \$428,359

Amani Community Services
American Association of University Women
Area Substance Abuse Council
Boys & Girls Clubs of the Cedar Valley
Boys & Girls of Central Iowa
Boys & Girls Clubs of the Midlands
Catherine McAuley Center
Centro Latino- CB District Hispanic Ministries
Children and Family Urban Movement
Crisis Intervention Services
Decorah Public Library
Des Moines Area Community College
Domestic Violence Intervention Program
Dorothy's House
Dress for Success Des Moines
Dress for Success Quad Cities
Eagles Flight, Inc.

EMBARC
Emma Goldman Clinic
EyesOpenIowa
First Congregational United Church of Christ, CR
Foundation for Dubuque Public Schools
Girl Scouts of Eastern Iowa & Western Illinois
Girls Incorporated of Sioux City
Girls on the Run of Eastern Iowa
Graffiti Theater
Heartland Family Services
House of Hope
Iowa City Public Library
Iowa Youth Writing Project
Latinas Latinas Al Exit, Inc.
LeadHer
Love Girls Magazine
Mason City Family YMCA

Metro High School
Mid-Iowa Community Action, Inc.
NewBo City Market
Nisaa African Family Services
St. Mark Youth Enrichment (Dubuque)
Southeast Junior High School (Iowa City)
Tanager Place
United Action for Youth
University of Iowa Labor Center
University of Northern Iowa
United Way of the Quad Cities
Women, Food and Agriculture Network
Young Women's Resource Center
YWCA of Black Hawk County
YWCA of Clinton

FOCUS AREA: **HEALTH**

7 projects with awards totaling \$21,882

Catherine McAuley Center for Women
Cottage Grove Avenue Presbyterian Church
Iowa Correctional Institute for Women

Eagles Flight
Home Connection
Iowa Juvenile Home Foundation

Southern Iowa Family Planning Clinic

FOCUS AREA: **INCREASING CHOICES AND OPPORTUNITIES**

19 projects with awards totaling \$56,191

Girl Scouts of Conestoga Council
Indian Youth of America
Iowa State University
Johnson County Juvenile Court
Knoxville Girls Will Be Girls
Mississippi Bend Area Education Agency

Monroe Elementary School
Northeast Iowa Community College
Opening Doors
Panora High School
Planned Parenthood of Southeast Iowa
United Action for Youth

University of Northern Iowa, Women's Studies Program
Women, Food, and Agriculture Network
Young Women's Task Force
YWCA of Black Hawk County
YWCA of Clinton

FOCUS AREA: **LEADERSHIP - GIRLS'**

13 projects with awards totaling \$49,175

Community Foundation of Great River Bend
Girl Scouts of Eastern Iowa and Western Illinois
Girls on the Run of Johnson County
Love Girls Magazine

Planned Parenthood of the Heartland
Quakerdale
University of Iowa
University of Northern Iowa

YWCA of Ames and Nevada
YWCA of Clinton

FOCUS AREA: **LEADERSHIP - WOMEN'S**

13 projects with awards totaling \$44,725

50-50 in 2020
Ascent
Family and Children's Council of BlackHawk Co.
Iowa Women's Leadership Conference

Latina Leadership Initiative of Greater Des Moines
Latinas Unidas por un Nuevo Amanecer (L.U.N.A.)
The White House Project
Women, Food and Agriculture Network

Women's Resource and Action Center
YWCA of Black Hawk County

FOCUS AREA: **HOUSING, SAFE SHELTER, VIOLENCE (INCLUDING DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL ABUSE, TRAFFICKING, BULLYING)**

42 projects with award totaling \$216,528

Allamakee County Women and Children's Resource Center
Braking Traffik
Catherine McAuley Center
Children and Families of Iowa
Council on Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence
Crisis Intervention Services
Domestic Abuse Resources of Mahaska County
Domestic Violence Intervention Program
Domestic/Sexual Assault Outreach Center
Dubuque/Delaware County Coalition Against

Domestic Violence
Family and Children's Council of Black Hawk County
Family Crisis Center of North Iowa
First STEP
Friends of the Family
Girl Scouts of Greater Iowa
House of Hope
Iowa City Sober Living
Iowa Coalition Against Domestic Violence
Iowa Coalition Against Sexual Assault

Iowa Women Initiating Social Change Metro High School
Opening Doors
Quakerdale
Rape Victim Advocacy Project
Team 236
University of Northern Iowa
Waypoint Services for Women, Children, and Families
Women's Health Services
YWCA of Clinton

FOCUS AREA: **TRANSPORTATION**

4 projects with awards totaling \$21,000

Amani Community Services
Fort Dodge Community Foundation & United Way

Horizons, A Family Service Alliance
House of Hope

Oakridge Neighborhood Services

FOCUS AREA: **WOMEN AND GIRLS IN THE JUSTICE SYSTEM**

7 projects with awards totaling \$28,250

Beyond Welfare, Inc.
Crossroads of Iowa

Inmate Art
Iowa Juvenile Home Foundation

Metro Arts Alliance of Greater Des Moines
Young Women's Resource Center

Child Care Solutions Fund (CCSF) Grants

Community Child Care Solutions Fund (CCSF) Grants were introduced after research revealed that Iowa's largest barrier to economic self-sufficiency was a lack of access to affordable, quality child care. Accessible child care enables parents—especially mothers—to remain in the workforce, return to the workforce, or seek educational opportunities that further their careers.

For this reason, CCSF Grants are specifically awarded to initiatives that increase the number of available child care spaces across the state of Iowa.

47 projects with awards totaling \$360,000

4 C's Community Coordinated Child Care

Catherine McAuley Center

Cedar Valley Kids

City of Roland

Community Action of Eastern Iowa

Community Early Childhood Center

Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque

Community United Child Care Centers, Inc.

Council Bluffs Schools Foundation

Crittenton Center

Davis County Daycare

Discoveries Learning Center

Friends of St Mary's dba Steeple Square

Hawkeye Community College Foundation

Lil' Wildcat Education Center

LINK Grinnell

Linking Families and Communities

Little Knights

Lutheran Services in Iowa

MICAH House Corporation

Montgomery County Child Development Association

Mt. Pleasant Child Care

Noble Initiative Foundation

Ready Set Grow

Ringgold County Child Care Center

Shooting Star Childcare

Sprouts Early Learning Academy

Stanton Child Care Resource Center

Sumner Daycare and Learning Center, Inc.

Sunflower Child Development Center

To The Rescue

Waverly Child Care & Preschool

Waypoint

Wildcat ABC Child Care

Williamsburg Community Child Care Center

YWCA of Clinton

Emergency Fund/Micro Grants

Emergency Grants are applied for and awarded on an as-needed basis until all funds have been utilized.

Emergency needs are necessities that have not been budgeted for and are critical to an organization's ability to continue serving community needs.

Requests that would not typically be eligible within IWF's grant request criteria may still be considered if the requesting agency is programmatically working to meet the needs of one of the six identified barriers.

16 projects with awards totaling \$15,082

4C's Community Coordinated Child Care

Altrusa International of Iowa City

Beacon of Life

CHI Health Mercy Council Bluffs

Community Crisis Services

Crittenton Center

Domestic Violence Intervention Program

Hancock County Learning Center, Inc.

House of Hope – Legacy Littles

ICCompassion

Ignite Pathways

Kids in the Village

Lionheart Early Learning

Prelude Behavioral Services

Willkie House

YWCA of Fort Dodge

