

2020 Windham Area Women & Girls Fund Grants

Organization	Project/Program Description	Awarded
<i>Advance economic security.</i>		
Covenant Soup Kitchen	To support the meals program and the care and advocacy program	\$ 2,650
GROW Windham/Windham Regional Community Council	<i>Community Table/Mesa Comunitaria</i> - to sustain and transform the "Community Table/Mesa Comunitaria" project from an emergency food assistance effort into a member-led, self-sustaining communal pantry and food processing collective for Latinx immigrant women and teens in Willimantic.	\$ 6,250
Holy Family Home and Shelter	<i>Emergency Shelter for Single Women and Mothers</i> - to assist single women and their children in securing permanent housing and helping them to budget and find sources of income to support themselves and their families.	\$ 5,000
Quinebaug Valley Community College	<i>Willimantic Educational Equity Fund</i> - to provide emergency financial assistance to female QVCC students of all ages with limited incomes who might need to discontinue their studies due to a fiscal emergency.	\$ 2,500
Windham Area Interfaith Ministry	<i>Women and Children's Fund</i> - to prevent manageable financial setbacks from turning into unmanageable crises that, if left unattended, can destabilize a family.	\$ 5,000
<i>Empower women and girls to make positive decisions.</i>		
Arts for Learning Connecticut	<i>BEE True To You: Social and Emotional Learning in Ashford</i> - To engage 4th - 8th graders at Ashford School in an interactive musical written and performed by a woman about resilience, respect, and personal growth in middle school to foster positive decision-making.	\$ 5,000
Girl Scouts of Connecticut	<i>Making Girl Scouting Accessible in Willimantic</i> - to start a new staff-led program serving girls in Willimantic.	\$ 3,000
Nutmeg Big Brothers Big Sisters	<i>Community-Based/Virtual Mentoring</i> - to provide Community-Based/Virtual Mentoring for six girls residing in the Windham Area.	\$ 2,500

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Children's Law Center of Connecticut	<i>Legal Representation</i> - to help underwrite the average shortfall in legal representation costs for 6-10 girls served in the Fund's service area.	\$ 5,000
The Salvation Army of Willimantic	<i>The Bloom Initiative</i> - to increase awareness of human trafficking and ability of community members to identify and report suspected human trafficking, and to empower survivors of sex and labor trafficking as they transition from exploitation to empowerment in Willimantic/Windham, Ashford, Chaplin and Scotland.	\$ 5,000
<i>Promote healthy relationships and prevent domestic violence.</i>		
Network Against Domestic Abuse	<i>Domestic Violence Intervention and Prevention for Windham Area Victims</i> - to help underwrite: (1) Home Safe Home, a new rapid rehousing initiative started in response to the pandemic, (2) intervention and support services for victims of domestic violence, and (3) violence prevention programming for Stafford/Stafford Springs students.	\$ 5,000
Connecticut Legal Services	<i>Domestic Violence Legal Advocacy Project</i> - to assist victims of domestic violence in divorcing their abusers, retaining custody of their children, securing the financial assistance to which they are entitled, and maintaining residence in the marital home if that is consistent with their safety plan.	\$ 5,000
Windham Region No-Freeze Project	to provide a safe space for women who are struggling with homelessness and poverty to come in to sleep, stay warm, shower, and connect to services.	\$ 5,000
<i>Support public policy, advocacy and leadership to promote equity.</i>		
Connecticut Women's Legal and Education Fund	<i>Advocacy for Gender Equity</i> - to continue to coordinate with the Women and Girls Funds' Public Policy Task Force to engage grantees and community members to deepen advocacy skills to take action during the 2021 legislative session.	\$ 4,000
Total 14 Grants		\$ 60,900