



The Women's Giving Circle, founded in June 2007, is now accepting grant applications. The mission of the Women's Giving Circle is to raise money and distribute contributions in the form of annual grants to projects and initiatives that improve life for women and children in the Eau Claire area. Grants awarded will range from \$2,000 to \$5,000. Applicants must be IRS 501(c)(3) not-for-profit or be a governmental, educational, or religious organization. Proposals must address the needs of women and/or children in the Eau Claire area and may not discriminate on the basis of race, ethnicity, or religion. Proposals must also demonstrate cultural sensitivity in the implementation plan for the project.

The Women's Giving Circle Fund tends to favor projects that are innovative and propose or sustain practical solutions to current community problems in a way that will make a tangible difference in meeting an important community need and those that will make a significant positive impact on the individuals described by the applicant. Careful consideration will be given to the applicant's mission statement and proposed use of volunteer involvement. The applicant should establish measurable goals and have an evaluation process for reviewing and promoting best practices, encourage cooperation among agencies without duplicating services, and demonstrate collaborative funding with other community resources. The applicant should also demonstrate how the positive outcomes of the program would be sustained.

All applicants must complete an application form and submit requested additional information no later than April 17, 2008. For further information and/or application materials please contact Lorraine Henning, Grants Coordinator, Eau Claire Community Foundation, 715-552-3801, ext. 12, or at grants@eccommunityfoundation.org