



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/or children in the Eau Claire area. Four grants up to \$4,000 each **to be used between January 1, 2011 and December 31, 2011** will be awarded.

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 favors projects that are innovative and propose 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 will be sustained.

All applicants must complete an application form and submit requested additional information no later than July 1, 2010. For further information and/or application materials please contact The Eau Claire Community Foundation at 552-3801 or [grants@eccommunityfoundation.org](mailto:grants@eccommunityfoundation.org). Additional information concerning the Eau Claire Community Foundation and/or the Women's Fund: The Giving Circle can be also be found at [www.eccommunityfoundation.org](http://www.eccommunityfoundation.org).