



The Mission of the Women's Giving Circle, a fund of the Eau Claire Community Foundation, is to raise money and distribute contributions to projects and initiatives that improve life for women and/or children in the Eau Claire Area.

Eligibility/Restrictions:

- The applicant must have a 501(c)(3) IRS tax exempt designation or be a governmental, educational, or religious organization
- The applicant's proposal must address the needs of women and/or children
- The applicant's proposal must serve the Eau Claire area
- The applicant's proposal must not discriminate on the basis of race, ethnicity, or religion, and must demonstrate cultural sensitivity in the implementation of the project
- Because of limited funds The Women's Fund will generally not support the following:

- Endowments and debt reduction
- Ongoing operating expenses or building funds
- Capitol campaigns
- Projects with a religious focus
- Political parties, candidates, or partisan activities
- Scholarly research
- Annual fundraising drives
- Travel grants

- **Allocated fund must be used during the specified grant cycle – Jan 1, 2011 – Dec 31, 2011.**

Evaluation Criteria:

The Women's Fund favors projects that:

- Propose practical solutions to current community problems in a way that will make a tangible difference in meeting an important community need
- Are innovative and will make a significant, positive impact on the individuals described by

- the applicant
- Fulfill the applicant's mission statement
 - Promote volunteer involvement
 - Establish measurable goals and have an evaluation process for reviewing and promoting best practices
 - Promote cooperation among agencies without duplicating services
 - Show collaboration with other community resources
 - Emphasize collaboration between The Women's Fund Giving Circle and the recipient to ensure the positive outcomes of the program can be sustained

Application Process

Grant Applications will be available April 1, 2010. For further information and/or application materials please contact The Eau Claire Community Foundation at 552-3801, grants@eccommunityfoundation.org . Information can also be downloaded from their website at www.eccommunityfoundation.org .

Grant Applications must be delivered to The Eau Claire Community Foundation Office, 306 S. Barstow, Suite 104, Eau Claire or mailed to The Eau Claire Community Foundation, P.O. Box 511, Eau Claire, WI 54703-0511.

Application materials must include an original and 15 copies of the Grant Application (3-hole punched), and one (1) copy of the required attachments which are:

- Board of Directors/Trustees (name, occupation, years with organization)
- Organization's current operating budget including all current funding sources and amounts
- IRS documentation of organization's 501(c)(3) status or other documentation of not-for-profit status
- Most recent audited financial statement or Form 990 for your organization
- Annual report or other printed organizational information (Please limit to two pieces)

These materials must be delivered to or received by the Eau Claire Community Foundation Office on or before 4:30 p.m. on July 1, 2010.

Proposals sent via e-mail or fax will not be accepted.

Awards will be announced in November, 2010 for **funds to be used between January 1, 2011 and December 31, 2011.**