

2026 Women's Giving Circle (WGC) Grant Cycle

Eau Claire Community Foundation

Application Overview

IMPORTANT: Please read the Women's Giving Circle Writing Guidelines before beginning this application.

Request title*

Name of proposal for which you're seeking funding

Character Limit: 250

Organization description and Mission Statement*

Provide a brief description of your organization as you would give it to potential donors. Include your organization's Mission Statement. If you are using a fiscal sponsor, also explain its relationship to the organization.

Character Limit: 1200

Nature and purpose of the proposal*

*Describe the program for which you seek funding, Explain how it meets your mission. Include goals you hope to accomplish with this proposal. **IMPORTANT:** This will provide the basis for evaluation of your application.*

Character Limit: 1200

Amount requested from the Women's Giving Circle*

This amount must EQUAL the amount you enter in the Financial Information section, Table 1, Total WGC Funding.

Character Limit: 20

WGC beneficiary group(s) your proposal addresses*

Choices

Women

Children (18 and under)

Women and Children (18 and under)

Target population*

Briefly describe the target population for your proposal. Include the geographic service area and ages impacted.

IMPORTANT: To be considered for funding, most of the grant proposal's impact **MUST** be in Eau Claire County.

Character Limit: 250

Number of lives impacted by this grant*

To the best of your ability, estimate how many people in Eau Claire County will benefit if your organization receives this grant funding.

Character Limit: 10

Explanation*

Briefly explain how you arrived at this estimate and how you'll account for individuals who may be impacted more than once during the grant period.

Character Limit: 500

Statement of eligibility*

"I have read and understood the WGC grant eligibility requirements, and I verify that my organization and grant proposal meet all of these requirements."

Choices

Yes

No

Grant period eligibility*

"I verify that the requested grant money will be used within the WGC grant period (January 1, 2027, to December 31, 2027)."

Choices

Yes

No

Previous WGC grants

Please list the date(s), title(s), and grant amount(s) of any WGC grants your organization has received in the past three years.

IMPORTANT: Nonprofits that have received WGC grants two years in a row are ineligible for a WGC grant in the third year.

Character Limit: 500

Proposal Information

1. Community need*

Identify the need(s) in Eau Claire County your proposal addresses. Explain how you identified and analyzed these community needs. Illustrate with data, including relevant statistics. Use local statistics if available.

Character Limit: 1200

2. Differentiation*

Describe how the proposal differs from similar programs/services currently offered in Eau Claire County. Explain how it will avoid duplicating the services other organizations offer.

Character Limit: 600

3. Collaboration*

List other organizations (if any) that are collaborating on this proposal and describe their participation. If no other organization is involved, explain why you believe you are capable of successfully implementing this proposal on your own.

Character Limit: 1200

4. Timeline*

Explain the timeline for your proposal. Use a numbered list of the planning, spending, implementation, and evaluation steps associated with this proposal in chronological order.

REMINDER: WGC grant dollars can only be used from January 1, 2027, to December 31, 2027.

Character Limit: 1500

5. Activities*

Describe up to three major actions your proposal will include. Explain how each will help accomplish the proposal's purpose. Number each activity if you have more than one.

Character Limit: 1500

6. Evaluation*

How will you know your proposed program is successful? List methods to show how you will measure whether specific goals (as mentioned earlier in the "nature and purpose of the proposal" section of the application) are accomplished. Refer to the [Writing Guide](#) for examples.

Character Limit: 1500

7. Staffing*

Describe how your proposal will be staffed and managed. (Include both paid staff and volunteers.)

Character Limit: 1200

8. Impact*

What are the lasting effects and impact your proposal will have on the target population?

Character Limit: 1200

Financial Information

WOMEN'S GIVING CIRCLE FUNDING (Table 1)

Provide the estimated program cost for each budget category below and designate what portion will be funded from the proposed WGC grant. **Enter "0" for irrelevant budget items.**

NOTES:

1. This budget table is specific to your grant proposal; general organization expenses should not be included.

2. All WGC grant funding must be specific to your proposal, not for expenses that your organization would pay whether or not your proposal is implemented.

3. Salary/benefits: Include only payroll costs directly related to implementing your proposal (e.g., extra staff hours dedicated to running a program or hiring a temporary worker to manage a grant-funded project).

4. Contracted services: A contracted service is when a third party is under contract to perform a paid service for your organization.

5. Supplies/advertising/printing: Any assets purchased with WGC grant dollars must be necessary for the grant proposal.

6. Other expenses: Include the total cost of any expenses that don't fall into the previous three categories.

7. TOTAL REQUESTED WGC GRANT SUPPORT (last cell in Table 1) must equal the amount entered in the Application Overview section under "Amount requested from the Women's Giving Circle."

TABLE 1

PROJECT EXPENSE CATEGORIES	ESTIMATED PROJECT COST	WGC GRANT SUPPORT PORTION
Salary/benefits		
Contracted services		
Supplies/advertising/printing		
Other expenses		
TOTAL:		

WGC Grant Budget Explanation

Give specific details articulating how WGC grant dollars would be used for each applicable spending category.

Salary/benefits

Character Limit: 500

Contracted services

Character Limit: 500

Supplies/advertising/printing

Character Limit: 500

Other expenses

Character Limit: 500

OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDING SUPPORT (TABLE 2)

Show any funding support for your proposal which is anticipated to originate from sources other than WGC. Enter "0" for irrelevant fields.

NOTES:

1. Organization contribution: Give the total value of financial support your organization will contribute to your grant proposal. Use \$35/hour to calculate the value of contributed volunteer hours.

2. Other contributions: If you anticipate grant funding, in-kind contributions, or support/donations from individuals and organizations other than the Women's Giving Circle, estimate the amount.

TABLE 2

FUNDING SOURCE	AMOUNT OF ANTICIPATED FUNDING
Organization contribution	
Other contributions (not WGC proposed funding)	
Total:	

Explanation of Other Sources of Support

Organization contribution*

Briefly describe details related to anticipated contributions *your organization* will make to this proposal. Enter N/A if not applicable to this proposal.

Character Limit: 500

Other contributions*

Briefly describe details related to anticipated contributions *from other outside sources* for this proposal (i.e., donor source, type of contribution, amount). Enter N/A if not applicable to this proposal.

Character Limit: 500

Additional Organization Information

Year of your organization's incorporation

Character Limit: 5

Is your organization's name the same as on the IRS letter provided in the File Uploads section?*

Check "no" if your organization is currently operating under a different name or if you're using a fiscal sponsor and providing that organization's tax-exempt information.

Choices

Yes

No

If your organization's name is NOT the same as on your provided IRS letter, please explain.

IMPORTANT: If you're using a fiscal sponsor, you MUST provide a letter of support from that organization in the File Uploads section.

Character Limit: 1000

Organization's fiscal year*

Character Limit: 100

Social Media contact information*

Please provide the name, email address, and phone number of someone at your organization who's in charge of Social Media (Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, etc.)

Character Limit: 250

Authorization by the organization's Executive Director or equivalent officer*

I certify that the information provided in this application is correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that additional information may be required by the Women's Giving Circle to aid the Grants Committee in their review of this request, and I'm available to answer your

questions.

NOTE: Applicants who answer "no" are NOT eligible for grant funding.

Choices

Yes

No

Authorization from the School District Superintendent (if applicable)

APPLICATIONS FOR SCHOOL RELATED PROGRAMS REQUIRE THE AUTHORIZATION OF THE DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT OR BUILDING PRINCIPAL. *If this applies, please upload a signed letter or an email from the Superintendent or building Principal stating that she/he approves your proposal.*

File Size Limit: 2 MB

File Uploads

Please send an email to grants@eccfwi.org if you have any questions about the following required attachments.

Budget*

Organization's current overall operating budget, including expenses and revenues (PDF format preferred)

File Size Limit: 2 MB

Proof of Tax-Exempt Status*

Copy of tax-exempt status letter from the IRS, Government Certificate of Exemption, or equivalent proof of tax-exempt status (PDF format preferred)

File Size Limit: 2 MB

Year-to-Date Financials*

Your organization's most recent financials, including your balance sheet and statement of activities (PDF format preferred)

File Size Limit: 2 MB

Board of Directors*

List of current Board of Directors or equivalent governing body members (PDF format preferred)

File Size Limit: 2 MB

Letter(s) of Support (required if you have a fiscal sponsor)

A letter of support is required if another organization or person is integral to your grant proposal and/or is a fiscal sponsor. If you have more than one letter of support, please combine them into one document and upload them here. (PDF format preferred)

File Size Limit: 2 MB

Organization logo*

Please upload your organization's logo if you have one. (This will be displayed at future WGC events if your grant proposal is funded.)

File Size Limit: 2 MB

PLEASE NOTE: As part of our due diligence process, we will check the charitable status of your organization.