

# WOMEN'S FUND OF DOOR COUNTY

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## WOMEN'S FUND OF DOOR COUNTY FALL GRANT RECIPIENTS ANNOUNCED

Sturgeon Bay, WIS., Nov. 25, 2024— The Women's Fund of Door County is proud to announce its Fall Community Grant recipients. A total of more than \$50,000 will be distributed to eight Door County nonprofits that support and empower local women and girls.

"The recipients of our Fall Community Grants represent a wide variety of programs and initiatives that fit our mission," explains Ann Glessner, board of advisors' chair. "The grant dollars will positively impact Door County women and girls of all ages and include project areas such as mental health, arts and culture, mentorship, and health and safety."

This year's Fall Community Grant recipients include:

- **Active Senior Options, Do Good Door County: Vitality in Aging Strategic Research Initiative**

This project will support a research study to analyze the impact of the Vitality in Aging Project that is focused on reducing isolation and improving health outcomes for Door County's older adults.

- **Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Northeast Wisconsin: Youth Mentoring for Girls**

This program increases the number of local girls paired with female mentors. The grant will support activities focused on arts and culture, health and wellness, and leadership and empowerment.

- **Door County Land Trust: Camp Cuesta Health and Safety Improvement Initiative**

This project will undertake critical health and safety renovations at the Girl Scout Camp Cuesta facility, ensuring it remains a safe and welcoming space for the community.

- **Door County Medical Center Foundation: Door County Medical Center Birthing Center Program**

This grant will increase the amount of breast milk that newborns consume, whether from their own mother's milk or pasteurized human donor milk.

- **Door County YMCA: Girls Night Out**

This 8-week program helps girls transition from 5<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> grade by building confidence, enhancing decision-making skills, and fostering personal growth. The program concludes with an overnight camping trip.

- **Girl Scouts of the Northwestern Great Lakes: Scholarship Program**

This grant helps to make the Girl Scout Leadership Experience more accessible and equitable to Door County families.

- **HELP of Door County: Safe Home and Transitional Living Programs**

This program provides essential housing and advocacy services for families escaping domestic abuse situations and seeking to rebuild their lives in a safe, supportive environment.

- **Midsummer's Music: Music Activities for Women and Girls**

This initiative promotes music equality and accessibility in the community by providing instruments and lessons for girls, while also expanding community outreach and programming of women composers and performers.

The Women's Fund of Door County's available assets now exceed \$2M, a first in the organization's 15-year history which results in the ability to accomplish greater community impact than ever before.

"Because of the generous support of our community, we are excited to reach this important milestone, which allows us to continue to support organizations and programs that benefit Door County's women and girls" continues Glessner.

Women's Fund of Door County Community Grants are available in the spring and fall. Grant applications can be submitted online at <https://womensfunddoorcounty.org/grants/>.

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### **About the Women's Fund of Door County**

The Women's Fund of Door County began in 2009, when a group of visionary Door County residents asked, "How can the Door County community change the lives of women who struggle and offer hope for a better, more secure life?" With a vision of "when she thrives, we all prosper," the Women's Fund builds, enriches, and nurtures the lives of women and girls through collective wisdom and philanthropy. In its 15 years as a component fund of the Door County Community Foundation, the Women's Fund has awarded more than \$1,000,000 in

grants and supported more than 100 programs throughout the peninsula. For more information, visit the Women's Fund website at <https://womensfunddoorcounty.org/> or follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

The Door County Community Foundation, Inc. is a collection of separate charitable funds set up by individuals, families, non-profit organizations, private foundations, and businesses that are managed, invested, and disbursed for the current and future good of Door County. The Community Foundation was launched in 1999, currently administers more than \$54 million in assets, and distributes more than \$5 million to charities in Door County every year. For more information about the Door County Community Foundation, visit us online at [www.GiveDoorCounty.org](http://www.GiveDoorCounty.org).