



Women's Giving Circle of Bartholomew County 2017 Guidelines

The Women's Giving Circle of Bartholomew County (WGCBC) seeks to empower women and make a positive change in the lives of women and families in Bartholomew County. The WGCBC is a participating membership fund established in 2010 and managed by Heritage Fund – the Community Foundation of Bartholomew County. Each year members of the WGCBC will vote on grant proposals submitted following guidelines listed below. Grant recipients will be announced in the Fall WGC Meeting. These grant recommendations will be made to the Heritage Fund Board of Directors for final approval.

The WGCBC will issue grants not to exceed \$5,000 each to not-for-profit agencies in Bartholomew County. The WGCBC may choose to fund the entire request or only a portion of the request.

The WGCBC seeks to support programs that make a significant impact on women and their families. We encourage submission of requests for new, emerging and diverse programs with goals to improve the lives of women and families. In addition, we also recognize the value of existing programs which could be enhanced, updated or broadened for increased impact.

All requests must be for programs which address the following focus areas:

- **Self Sufficiency for Women** – Providing women and their families with the tools necessary to become self-sufficient. Including but not limited to, providing access to opportunities for education and mentoring; job application and interview skills; health issues; developing the knowledge and skills to make informed effective financial decisions.
- **Education Opportunities for Women and Youth** – Providing educational opportunities for women and youth. Including but not limited to pre-kindergarten programs; high school graduation attainment; continuing education for women and programs encouraging girls and women into non-traditional career fields.
- **Parental Support** – Including but not limited to, helping parents and caregivers create a healthy, supportive family environment; providing for the needs of families who are caring for children with physical, mental, emotional or other types of challenges; families dealing with the challenges of raising teens.
- **Women in Crisis** - Including but not limited to, providing women in unsafe situations the support to establish a productive life; dealing with homeless causes; women who are faced with the challenges of providing support for elderly parents and ill spouses.

- **Empowerment** – Empowering women in the workplace, marketplace, social sectors and community.

Grants are made:

- To not-for-profit organizations whose programs benefit the residents of Bartholomew County.
- To qualifying organizations that provide a responsible fiscal agent.

Grants will not be made:

- To individuals.
- For general operating costs.
- For scholarships.
- For individual school needs.
- For agency endowments.
- For events, performances, seminars or trips unless there are special circumstances which will benefit the community.
- To faith-based organizations unless the project in question is not religious in nature, is not restricted based on faith, and involves no faith-based proselytizing.

Grant Request Criteria:

- Programs/projects must be started by January 2018.
- Grant requests should be rounded to the nearest one hundred dollars.
- Grant awards/checks will be distributed at the WGC Fall Event in October. Applicants should be available to attend for presentation of awards.

Please feel free to contact Kristin Munn at Heritage Fund to discuss your request, or for advice or suggestions on how to prepare a request that will meet the grant guidelines established by the WGCBC. Contact info: (812) 376-7772 or kmunn@heritagefundbc.org.

Applications must be in the Heritage Fund office by NOON, Friday, August 18, 2017

To apply, please visit <https://heritagefundbc.wufoo.com/forms/z19xe1km1vf1zpy/>

To learn more about **the Women's Giving Circle of Bartholomew County** and these grant opportunities, visit www.heritagefundbc.org.

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