

## Funds for Greater Green Bay Recipients Winter 2025

Applicant	Project	Summary
Aging & Disability Resource Center of Brown County	Grounded Cafe	ADRC of Brown County created Grounded Cafe, a public facing cafe, which provides inclusive employment and training opportunities for aging adults and adults with disabilities. Grounded Café breaks down stereotypes and ageism, fosters a sense of community, and generates awareness of the strengths and abilities of seniors and persons with disabilities. Funding will strengthen the job training program and expand awareness of the cafe, enhancing both community impact and visibility.
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northeast Wisconsin	One-to-One Youth Mentoring	Funding will expand the one-to-one Youth Mentoring Program and support volunteer recruitment, background checks, and match support, as well as match activities fostering youth growth. Enhanced recruitment efforts will focus on securing Bigs in Kewaunee for the new site-based mentoring program, launching soon, to serve more youth in need of positive role models.
Boys & Girls Club of Greater Green Bay	General Operating Support	The mission of the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Green Bay is to inspire young people to explore what's possible. They accomplish this mission by providing access to safe spaces where every child feels they belong, by building supportive relationships with positive adults and peers, and by engaging youth in high-quality experiences that allow them to pursue their goals for bright futures. Grant support will affect over 1,500 Green Bay youth, 92% who live in low-income households.
Bread by the Bay	Bread by the Bay	Bread by the Bay's food pantry is designed to address the health and wellbeing of in-need families in Oconto County. The pantry serves over 80 families twice a month with donated fresh produce, canned goods, and bakery items. However, the pantry is lacking access to meat and poultry which are rarely donated. Grant funding will help Bread by the Bay offer these important foods.
Brown County Oral Health Partnership	Hospital Care for the Uninsured	Funding will support uninsured children in our community who require hospital-based dental care. Many patients are young, have extreme oral health needs, and might have a disability or medical issue that makes multiple visits in a clinical setting tough. Through this program, OHP helps kids with the most painful smiles become healthy. OHP works collaboratively with the hospital, anesthesiologist, and other treatment partners. Currently there are over 200 children on the wait list for hospital services with an average wait time of 6-7 months.
CASA of Brown County	Child Advocacy Program	Court Appointed Special Advocates of Brown County provides advocacy for children who have experienced abuse or neglect in Brown County and are under court protection. In 2024, appointments by the court increased significantly and CASA hired additional staffing to support 150 volunteers who advocated for over 300 children. Funding will help sustain operations.
COMSA: A Resource Center Serving Immigrants and Refugees	Bridges to Opportunity: Empowering Refugees and Immigrants for Community Success	Funding will provide operational support to sustain and expand holistic, culturally responsive programs that address the critical needs of refugees and immigrants in Brown County. Founded by refugees to serve refugees and immigrants, COMSA provides holistic case management services encompassing housing, employment, health navigation, referral to immigration services, and benefits access. Additionally, they offer educational programs, including ESL classes, youth mentorship, and citizenship classes.
Downtown Green Bay	Community Mosaic Planter Project	Each summer during ArtFest, Downtown Green Bay creates a Community Art Project designed and facilitated by a local artist. This year, the project will be two large, upcycled, mosaic planters. The collaborative project will engage approximately 500 people with the goals of downtown beautification, creative expression, community engagement, and to leave a lasting mark on the downtown districts.
Ducks Unlimited	Addressing Wetland Loss in the Green Bay Watershed	DU works extensively in the Green Bay watershed through their Great Lakes Initiative. Over 50% of the coastal wetlands remaining in Lake Michigan are located on Green Bay's west shore. In the coming year, DU plans to invest nearly \$1 million in five projects to conserve 240+ acres in the watershed. Grant funds will be used for developing, surveying, designing, and permitting wetland restoration, enhancement, and protection projects within Green Bay's west shore and will serve as a match to bring additional resources to the project.

Einstein Project	Mobile Makerspace Non-Profit Partnership Programming	This project collaborates with local non-profits to work with youth and families in ALICE identified neighborhoods. Data from the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction indicates that over 89% of the students from these neighborhoods come from economically disadvantaged households, and they are struggling to meet performance expectations on the state assessments. Achievement gaps based on race and socioeconomic status widen as children get older and limit students' interest in STEM. Funds will be used to pay for travel expenses, staff, materials, and equipment to provide mobile makerspace opportunities at identified neighborhoods.
Encompass Early Education And Care	Access to Childcare for Families in Need	Access to affordable, high-quality child care is elusive as the child care crisis unfolds across our region. With costs skyrocketing and centers closing, the strain on families - especially low- to moderate-income or those facing homelessness - makes staying employed and caring for their children daunting and often unachievable. Grant funding will provide tuition assistance to families in need allowing parents to maintain work while providing their children with access to education and care.
Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance	Fox-Wolf Watershed Cleanup	The waters in our region are used for critical human activities like sourcing drinking water, irrigating food crops, generating electricity, maintaining hygiene, and supporting manufacturing and jobs. Trash and debris in and near our waterways threatens our ability to continue to use water in these ways. Funding will support the Watershed Cleanup where 1,600 volunteers at 65+ locations will remove trash and debris.
Freedom House Ministries	Barrier Removal	Funding will help empower families experiencing homelessness or housing instability by supplementing operational costs, including shelter services, basic needs assistance, case management, educational programs, social and emotional wellness, workforce coaching, and housing navigation. Funds will help Freedom House walk alongside each family individually to equip them with skills and resources to regain stability through dignity and self-worth.
GBASO (Green Bay Action Sports Organization)	OnBoard Skateboarding Program	The OnBoard Skateboarding Program will provide underserved youth in our community with access to the mental and physical health benefits of skateboarding. This program works collaboratively with the Green Bay Area Public School District to deliver an after-school program for 3rd through 5th graders that will provide students with group skate lessons and an educational curriculum on mental and physical health topics important for youth development.
Golden House	General Operating Expenses	Golden House provides safety and support to victims of domestic abuse; while leading community efforts to end domestic violence in Brown County. Grant funds will cover rising operational costs due to the new facility expansion and increased demand for services. The larger facility has led to higher expenses for utilities, maintenance, staffing, and resources. A recent cut in federal funding from the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) has created a financial shortfall. Securing additional funds will help bridge this gap and ensure continued support for individuals and families experiencing domestic violence.
Green Bay Botanical Garden	Washed Ashore: Art To Save The Sea Exhibition	The Washed Ashore: Art to Save the Sea Exhibition features nine giant sculptures made from reclaimed ocean plastics. The goal of Washed Ashore: Art to Save the Sea is to engage over 85,000 children, adults, and families by educating them about the harmful effects of plastic pollution in our oceans, Great Lakes, and all waterways. By raising awareness, they aim to inspire the community to take meaningful steps toward reducing plastic waste and promoting sustainability.
Green Bay Fringe	Green Bay Fringe Festival Support	The Green Bay Fringe Festival is an annual arts festival held in downtown Green Bay. By bringing innovative performances from all over the country to accessible, unconventional spaces in Green Bay, they foster community connection and inspire meaningful conversations through the arts. In their second year, grant funding will be used to attract larger audiences to support performers.
House of Hope Green Bay	General Operating Support	General operating support will help House of Hope continue providing essential services for youth and families experiencing homelessness. Programs include emergency shelter, housing stability assistance, mental health and substance abuse support, youth drop-in center, outreach and system navigation, and sustainability services. Through local partnerships, they offer comprehensive, wraparound services that help individuals achieve stability and long-term self-sufficiency.



Jackie Nitschke Center	Jackie's Legacy Financial Assistance Program	Jackie's Legacy Financial Assistance Program offsets treatment costs for uninsured and underinsured clients. Many clients seeking treatment face significant adversity, including family interventions, job loss, health crises, or police contact, which often results in financial barriers to care. By reducing financial barriers, the program increases access to life-saving substance use treatment in northeast Wisconsin. This initiative enables individuals to begin their recovery journey, strengthening families and improving the community's overall health.
JOSHUA (Justice Organization Sharing Hope United for Action)	Housing Advocacy Training in Alignment with the Blueprint to Prevent and End Homelessness	JOSHUA is dedicated to addressing housing inequities and ensuring that the voices of those who have experienced and are currently experiencing housing injustices are heard. In collaboration with Winnebago County and housing advocates, funding will cover costs of the second Housing Policy Institute training that will further empower individuals to advocate on their behalf at county and state levels.
Journey to Adult Success	Residential Program	Youth who age out of foster care lose all funding and are ill equipped to manage on their own. The Journey to Adult Success staff understands these barriers and the trauma that keeps youth from moving ahead on a path to success. This 15-bed residential program supports youth aging out of foster care. Funds will support operating costs to enable Journey to Adult Success to continue to provide safe stable housing along with coaching and supports.
Kingdom Come	Food is Dignity Oconto County	Funding will be used to support the operations of Kingdom Come food pantry including the purchase of healthy foods, the growth of vegetables in the Oconto Falls Community Garden, the diaper program for babies to adults, and other operational needs.
Laundry Love Brown County	Laundry Love Brown County	Laundry Love Brown County is a 100% volunteer-run organization that provides the soap and money for those in need of clean laundry. Last year, they served over 2,000 families with over 23,000 loads of laundry. Beyond clean clothes, they restore a sense of dignity, provide relief from financial stress, and build meaningful connections with neighbors. Funding will support weekly washing events and one additional event per month specifically for low-income seniors.
Legal Action of Wisconsin	Blueprint-aligned outreach and direct legal services for low-income households	Legal Action of Wisconsin is the only free, local program providing legal services. Unresolved legal problems can negatively impact health, safety, and financial stability. Grant funding will be used to provide legal services for low-income households in Brown and Kewaunee Counties related to housing issues, family law, consumer protection, barriers to employment, and public benefits. They will participate in work groups, conduct education sessions, and build relationships with other vital stakeholders. This work aligns with the Greater Green Bay Blueprint to End Homelessness.
Literacy Green Bay	General Operating Support	Literacy Green Bay's ultimate goal is to break the cycle of poverty by advancing the education and skills of adults, who will be better equipped to provide for their families and instill a strong value of education in their children. Literacy Green Bay continues to grow and has been very successful in helping participants learn the English language in order to become more productive citizens in the community. Currently, two of their most impactful programs are facing sizeable wait lists. Funding from this grant will assist in placing more students in classes for the upcoming fall and spring semesters.
Lovin' The Skin I'm In	Cultural and Educational Engagement for Young Black and Brown Girls	Lovin' The Skin I'm In empowers and uplifts Black & Brown girls in Northeast Wisconsin by providing access and exposure to opportunities that develop their talents, gifts, and leadership skills. As they deepen their commitment to young Black and Brown girls facing inequities in education, healthcare, and school discipline, funding will be used toward mentorship programs, school groups, and educational opportunities for 60 young girls across Brown County.
myTEAM TRIUMPH - Wisconsin Chapter	Together We Triumph: Adaptive Athletics and Angel Membership Program	With a strong and growing presence in the Greater Green Bay area, myTEAM TRIUMPH will use funding to support the Adaptive Athlete Program, which cultivates empowerment, belonging, and social connections for individuals with disabilities. Grant dollars will be used for adaptive equipment, registration fees, venue costs, and community building activities like training and social events.



NAMI Brown County	Support Groups	Funding will sustain and expand support group programs, which are vital resources for individuals and families affected by mental illness. NAMI hosts two family support groups each month, providing a safe space for families to share experiences, gain insight, and find strength in community. Additionally, they support daily peer support groups, offering individuals with lived experience ongoing support and connection.
NEW Bird Alliance	Oneida Bird Monitoring Program: Operational & Accessibility Needs	Since 2021 NEW Bird Alliance, Audubon Great Lakes, and UW-Green Bay's Cofrin Center for Biodiversity have formed a deep, collaborative partnership with the Oneida Nation through the successful implementation of the volunteer Oneida Bird Monitoring Program. Funding will support operational needs and provide new accessibility for this successful program. Data collected significantly impacts land management and conservation decisions and the program helps build bridges between Oneida and non-Oneida People.
OneDenmark	Improving Food Security and Connectedness in Denmark	Grant support will significantly increase access to nutritious food for families in the Denmark School District by relocating the Community Cupboard to the Denmark Community Center and adding a walk-in cooler and freezer. Currently the Cupboard has to turn away perishable food due to the lack of cold storage. Combining the Cupboard with the Community Center opens up the possibilities for social connectedness around food and healthy eating in new ways.
Oneida Nation	Oneida Reads	The Oneida Nation knows there is a crisis in the ability for Native students to be able to read at a proficient level by 3rd grade. In Brown County public schools, Native students have the lowest 3rd grade reading proficiency rate of any demographic group at just over 5% compared to 43% proficient or above for other students. Funding will help Oneida Reads as they ensure that Native students are proficient in 3rd grade by working collaboratively to focus on out of school learning, school readiness, and family participation. Oneida Reads is a collective impact initiative designed to drive systems change over the next decade.
Service League of Green Bay	One Stop School Shop	One Stop School Shop is a joint effort by Service League, Salvation Army, Howe Resource Center and NEWCAP. Funding will help supplement the purchase of backpacks, shoes, underwear and socks for over 4,000 elementary, middle and high school students entering a new school year this fall.
Unity Hospice	General Operating Support	Funding will provide general operating support to Unity Hospice. Hospice provides specialized medical care, pain management and emotional and spiritual support during the last months of life. The goal is to support the highest quality of life possible for the time remaining, while supporting and guiding each family.
Violence Intervention Project	Transitional Living Program	In rural areas like Kewaunee County, geographic isolation and the lack of emergency shelters pose unique challenges. Funding will support the wages and benefits for the Transitional Living program and provide hotel vouchers. Hotel vouchers offer immediate safety to individuals and families experiencing domestic violence and sexual assault without requiring relocation.
Wello	Activating a Mobile Farm to School Ag Education Program in Northeastern Wisconsin	Funding will serve as a 2-year matching grant for Wello's \$100,000 USDA grant farm-to-schools programs. Funds will support efforts to foster more nutritious eating habits in kids at the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Green Bay by piloting an innovative Farm to After School mobile education program that activates Wello's Cultivating Community truck.