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Applicant	Project	Summary
Achieve Brown County	Collective Impact Partnership to Improve Youth Outcomes	Funding will support Achieve Brown County's general operations which strengthen the backbone infrastructure that is coordinating community-wide action to address Brown County's early literacy crisis. While many organizations provide reading services, outcomes remain stagnant because systems are fragmented. This investment ensures partners act together using shared data, aligned strategies, and accountability to improve reading outcomes for all third graders.
Aging & Disability Resource Center of Brown County	Grounded Cafe	The Grounded Cafe is a public-facing cafe that provides inclusive employment and job training opportunities for older adults and adults with disabilities. Grounded Cafe is designed to break down stereotypes and ageism, foster meaningful community connection, and elevate awareness of the strengths, talents, and contributions of seniors and people with disabilities. Funding will help strengthen and elevate Grounded Café by expanding its job training program and replace outdated equipment in the cafe kitchen.
Ampact	Evidence Based Tutoring - Reading Corps and Math Corps	Reading Corps implements efficient, evidence-based tutoring in reading--a persistent challenge for students in our county and state. This proven intervention helps students catch up when they are months or years behind. Funding will support 150 Kindergarten through third grade students in Brown County who are below grade level in reading and math. These children represent the most vulnerable learners, students who are months or even years behind in foundational skills in literacy and math and at risk of long-term academic struggles if intervention does not occur.
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northeast Wisconsin	Youth Mentoring Program	Funding will help sustain and strengthen Big Brothers Big Sisters core mentoring programs serving children and youth in the Greater Green Bay area. Grant funds will support essential program infrastructure, including volunteer recruitment and screening, professional match support, program evaluation, and organizational operations necessary to deliver safe, high-quality, mentoring relationships.
Brown County United Way	HubCAP Initiative	Funding will support the collaborative HubCAP (Community Access Partnership) initiative, which connects individuals to vital resources where they live, work, and gather. Through a fleet of three specialized vehicles, HubCAP brings Community Resource Navigators and partner organizations directly into neighborhoods across Brown County, providing on-site access to services, information, and referrals. Funding will support a partnership with N.E.W Community Clinic's Behavioral Health team to deliver non-crisis, initial psychiatric evaluations with a nurse practitioner to community members that utilize St. John's Ministries, eliminating transportation, scheduling and system-navigation challenges that often prevent individuals from seeking care.
CASA of Brown County	CASA Youth Advocacy Across the Continuum	CASA of Brown County supports children and youth who have experienced abuse or neglect and are under court protection. Funding will help strengthen its capacity to provide court-appointed advocacy for children and youth involved in the child welfare system. Funding will support volunteer recruitment, training, supervision, and case oversight so that, as the need for advocacy grows, children have a consistent, caring advocate and feel safe, valued, and equipped with the tools to thrive.
Center for Suicide Awareness	General Operating Support	The Center for Suicide Awareness is seeking general operating support to sustain and strengthen suicide prevention services in our community. Local data show significant mental health needs in Brown County, including high rates of depression and crisis calls related to suicide. Flexible funding allows CSA to maintain 24/7 HOPELINE crisis text support, prevention education, and community partnerships so individuals receive timely support before a crisis escalates.

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Curative Connections	General Operating	Funding will help support Curative Connections to continue helping people with disabilities and seniors achieve their goals for independence. Curative serves 1,600 individuals each week through these program areas; Early Memory Loss & Dementia, Cognitive Rehab & Wellness, Work, Life, & Social Skills Training, Social Rec & Enrichment, and Specialized Transportation. Additionally, they are focused on caregivers and ensuring they have the resources and support they need to be successful.
Ducks Unlimited	Science-Based Solutions for Wetland Conservation in the Green Bay Watershed	Green Bay's coastal wetlands are among the most vital ecosystems in the Great Lakes region, yet they face mounting threats. Rapid development has led to increased pollution, fragmentation of wildlife corridors, and wetland loss. Moreover, climate shifts are driving severe storms and fueling the spread of invasive species--further destabilizing this critical landscape. DU works extensively in the Green Bay watershed through our Great Lakes Initiative to protect and restore the area's vital wetland systems. Funding will help conserve 200 acres of Green Bay coastal wetlands through restoration and permanent protection.
Encompass Early Education And Care	Access to Childcare for Families in Need	Childcare is a basic need that directly supports workforce participation, family stability and long-term educational outcomes for children. Access to affordable, high-quality childcare remains out of reach for many working families in Brown and Oconto Counties. Funding will support Encompass' tuition assistance program so families pay no more than 15% of household income for care. Tuition assistance increases child retention, leading to stronger school readiness and better long-term outcomes for children.
Friends of Crescent Beach	Implementing Nature-Based Environmental Solutions and Greenspace Restoration at Olson Park in Kewaunee County	This project will create a vibrant, ecologically restored public greenspace, improving water quality, wildlife habitat, and recreational opportunities for the Algoma community and beyond. Friends of Crescent Beach, in partnership with Lakeshore Natural Resources Partnership and the City of Algoma are working together to improve Olson Park located on the Ahnapee River estuary. The project will restore the 6-acre riverside Park using nature-based solutions and native habitat restoration, all while improving public recreational access for residents and visitors.
Golden House	General Operating Support	Funding will support Golden House's operations which have increased due to the new facility expansion and higher demand for services. The larger facility has led to higher expenses for utilities, maintenance, staffing, and resources. Cuts in federal funding from the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) has created a financial shortfall, and securing additional funds will help bridge this gap, ensure Golden House can provide continued support for individuals and families experiencing domestic violence.
Green Bay Area Public Schools	Eye Care We Care - Glasses for Uninsured Students	Students cannot learn if they cannot see. Since the inception of the school-based vision program, GBAPS has observed profound and measurable impacts on student well-being and academic success. Many students have received corrective lenses for the first time--some as old as ten years old with significant vision impairments. In addition, the program has identified serious medical conditions, including cases of detached retinas. These outcomes highlight the critical role early vision care plays in both health and learning. Funding will allow 25 uninsured students to receive a comprehensive eye exam and, if necessary, glasses.
Green Bay Fringe	Technology Upgrades	Green Bay Fringe Festival is an annual downtown arts festival held in multiple non-traditional venues. It showcases non-mainstream work across theater, music, comedy, and visual arts. The festival builds community connection, supports the local creative economy, and brings innovative performances to accessible spaces in Green Bay. Funding will support the festival including upgrading technology for ticket scanning and door sales.

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House of Hope Green Bay	General Operating Support	Funding will help House of Hope sustain comprehensive services for youth and young families experiencing homelessness. Services include a 24/7 emergency shelter and a drop-in center, support trauma-informed case management, and critical financial assistance (rent, deposits, utilities) necessary for clients to achieve rapid, long-term housing stability. Strategic partnerships ensure wraparound support, helping break the cycle of poverty and trauma.
Jackie Nitschke Center	Jackie's Legacy Financial Assistance Program	The Jackie Nitschke Center has been serving adults and families facing the struggles of substance addiction and mental health challenges since 1973. This funding will support Jackie's Legacy Financial Assistance Program. This program helps to offset the cost of treatment for clients who are uninsured or underinsured. The long-term effect of this program is to increase access to treatment services in northeast Wisconsin to the people who need it most.
Legal Action of Wisconsin	Blueprint-Aligned Outreach and Legal Services for Low-Income Households	Legal Action of Wisconsin provides legal services for low-income households in Greater Green Bay in housing issues and other legal issues affecting financial stability, including family law, consumer protection, barriers to employment and public benefits. They participate in work groups, conduct education sessions, and build relationships with other vital stakeholders and align with the Greater Green Bay Blueprint to End Homelessness.
Literacy Green Bay	Summer Language Lift: English Classes for Adult Learners	Literacy Green Bay empowers immigrants and refugees through English Language Learning (ELL) classes, one-on-one tutoring, and workforce development programs. Each year, they serve 800 adult learners, with ELL classes comprising the largest portion of the programming. Through guided instruction and peer interaction, students gain self-assurance and improve communication which leads to better employment opportunities and a strong community connection. Funding will support summer ELL classes, which are at risk of not taking place due to federal funding cuts.
Lovin' The Skin I'm In	Youth Development and Mentorship Program	Lovin' The Skin I'm In walks alongside Black and Brown girls ages 7 to 18 in Northeast Wisconsin. In 2025, they served over 700 girls and families. Through mentorship, school-based groups, and community-rooted programs they offer consistent spaces where girls can be themselves, where they are listened to, celebrated, and encouraged. Funding will support the school-based mentorship groups, leadership workshops, and cultural celebrations that help Black and Brown girls build confidence and stay connected to caring adults.
Machickanee Players	General Operating Support	The Machickanee Players, an Oconto County theatre group of varied ages from young children to senior citizens, have provided entertainment for 42 years, producing 141 plays, involving almost 600 people in all aspects of production. The group is also active in producing other artistic opportunities including an art and poetry contest that includes residents of a local nursing home, and a yearly youth theatre camp. Funding will support their ongoing operations.
myTEAM TRIUMPH - Wisconsin Chapter	Addressing Loneliness and Inactivity for People with Disabilities	People with disabilities face significantly higher rates of loneliness and physical inactivity. myTEAM TRIUMPH empowers them by pairing people with disabilities (Captains) with volunteer athletes (Angels) to train and compete in races like the Packers 5K, Bellin Run, and Cellcom Marathon. This funding will support up to 40 Captains in Greater Green Bay with weekly training and race day experiences that boost health, confidence, and meaningful connection.

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Northeast Wisconsin Nonprofit Advocacy Coalition Group	Nonprofit Advocacy Coalition Counsel and PR Campaign	Funding to will support the marketing and strategy needs of the Nonprofit Advocacy Coalition which is a group of 10 nonprofit organizations throughout Northeast Wisconsin that advocates throughout Wisconsin for people with disabilities.
Oconto Falls Community Library	Accessible Text	Funding will allow the Oconto Falls Community Library to update and enhance its Large Print book collection. Oconto Falls is a community with a high rate of senior citizens, who regularly use the local library for information and entertainment. Many require large print copies to enjoy books. This program would provide some of the newest titles patrons are eager to read.
One Wrightstown	Summer Lift Program - Wrightstown	One Wrightstown exists to provide students in our community with resources to meet basic needs in an effort to equip them for future success. Funding will support Summer Enrichment Field Trips which are designed to provide low-income students in the Wrightstown school district with meaningful opportunities to learn, grow, and connect during the summer months. While many families can afford camps and cultural activities, others face financial barriers that limit access to enriching experiences. This program bridges that gap by experiences that expose students to new environments and fosters positive relationships with mentors.
Oneida Nation	Oneida Reads	Reading on grade level by 3rd grade is highly correlated with high school graduation and the ability to earn a living wage. Oneida Reads works to ensure that 100% of Oneida kids read on grade level by 3rd grade by focusing on Kindergarten readiness, early screening, how reading is taught, and out of school learning. Funding will support their work which is grounded in family engagement, awareness building, and data driven decision making.
Rainbow House Domestic Abuse Service	Keeping Doors Open, Keeping Survivors Safe: Essential Operations for Oconto County	Funding will sustain Rainbow House's essential Oconto County services amid a devastating 70% VOCA funding loss. With neighboring agencies closing and 2024 recording WI's highest-ever domestic violence deaths, survivors desperately need their crisis intervention, emergency assistance, & advocacy. This grant maintains daily operations, office space, crisis response capacity, emergency barrier removal funding, and Handle With Care school partnerships, ensuring no survivor is turned away.
Salvation Army Green Bay	One Stop School Shop	One Stop School Shop ensures that every student in Greater Green Bay has equitable access to the items they need for a high-quality education experience. One Stop School Shop is a school supply distribution event that takes place in August. This one-day event provides 5,000 pre-registered students the opportunity to "shop" for folders, notebooks, pencils, and other school essentials that suit them best.
Sleep in Heavenly Peace WI - De Pere	No Kid Sleeps on the Floor in Our Town!	Sleep in Heavenly Peace has worked with volunteers to build and deliver over 1,600 fully furnished beds to bedless children in Brown County. Funding will be used to provide at least 650 more beds to local Brown County children in need. Every bed built and delivered represents a child who now has a safe, comfortable place to sleep well and dream big.

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St. John's Ministries	Women's Shelter Expanded Services	<p>Responding to a community gap in shelter and affordable housing options, St. John's Ministries will begin offering six months of program-based shelter for women beyond its emergency shelter season. Women will participate in one of four need-based cohorts combining female-only shelter, personalized staff support, and community partnerships. This approach strengthens recovery, mental health stability, employment readiness, and pathways to housing, helping women move toward stability and self-sufficiency.</p>
Suring Public School District	Sensory Paths for Suring School District	<p>Suring Public School District is a Title 1 school with the only playground in the community. Funding will be used to create a painted, colorful, interactive sensory path for the playground which improve students' physical coordination, focus, and emotional regulation and enhances their ability to learn and reduces disruptive behavior. Sensory paths promote overall physical and mental well-being through movement and creative engagement, making them a valuable inclusive tool for diverse learners. The reusable stencils will also be shared with the township and other schools in the area to improve their park systems.</p>
Unity Hospice	Grief Services	<p>Funding will support Unity's community-wide grief services provided at no cost to residents throughout northeast Wisconsin. These services offer accessible, grief-informed support for adults, caregivers, children, and families following the death of a loved one. Funding will support counseling, support groups, educational outreach, and materials that reduce isolation, strengthen emotional wellbeing, and address community mental health needs.</p>