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Applicant	Program	Summary
Bridge the Gap	BTG Girls Connect: A Girls' Night Out Program	Bridge the Gap provides support for individuals with autism and all special abilities throughout Brown County. Funding will support a Girls Night Out program at Bridge the Gap's Green Bay Center. This program creates a safe, supportive space where girls with diverse abilities can build friendships, confidence, and essential social and life skills.
CASA of Brown County	Speak-Lead-Thrive Fostering Futures Summer Program	Funding will develop and implement the Fostering Futures Speak. Lead. Thrive., summer program for youth involved in the child welfare system that builds agency, voice, and self-advocacy. Through consistent, relationship-centered programming, the summer group is designed to create a supportive peer environment where girls can practice using their voices, build leadership skills, and develop healthy relationships.
Center for Suicide Awareness	Women Veterans Peer Support & Resilience Group	Funding will support approximately 20 women veterans from Brown County through a peer-led support and resilience group. Funds will cover program supplies, facilitation materials, outreach, and connection-building activities that reduce isolation and strengthen coping skills. This women-centered space will provide consistent monthly sessions and optional check-ins to build community, increase well-being, and connect participants to local supports.
Golden House	Domestic Violence Prevention Education	Golden House provides safety and support to victims of domestic abuse, while leading community efforts to end domestic violence in Brown County. Funding will support the Domestic Violence Prevention Education program that helps young adults prevent victimization in their intimate partner relationships through evidence based and innovative relationship building programming. By equipping youth and young adults with knowledge about healthy relationships, Golden House helps individuals identify and avoid harmful patterns long before they escalate into abuse.
Greater Green Bay YMCA	Strong & Safe Girls: Self-Defense and Confidence Building in Afterschool Programs	The Strong & Safe Girls program will provide age-appropriate self-defense and personal safety instruction for female students in all six YMCA 21C afterschool programs at Green Bay elementary schools. Led by a trained martial arts instructor, the program focuses on age-appropriate self-defense techniques, situational awareness, boundary-setting, and self-confidence. Girls participating in the program will also be encouraged to reflect on what makes them feel strong and safe, fostering self-esteem and leadership at an early age.
GRIT 920	Girl GRIT Yoga	Girl GRIT Yoga is an inclusive wellness program for girls and young women ages 12-25 that brings together participants with and without disabilities. Through accessible yoga, mindfulness, and guided discussion, the program builds resilience, mental health, confidence, and belonging. Girl GRIT offers a supportive space where differences are normalized, strengths are celebrated, and participants build empathy and grit together. Funding will support program launch and adaptive resources.

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HANDS (Hmong Autism Neurodiverse Disability Support)	Empowered Voices: Asian Women in Leadership	HANDS was started in 2024 to support children with special needs including autism, disabilities, and mental health struggles in the Hmong community. Empowered Voices: Asian Women in Leadership is an 8-week on-site program for high school girls in Brown County, with a focus on Hmong girls and girls who are neurodivergent or have disabilities. The program builds confidence, leadership identity, and career awareness through guest speakers, hands-on activities, reflection, and field trips.
Legal Action of Wisconsin	Legal Aid to Victims of Domestic Violence	Legal Action is a non-profit law firm providing free civil legal services to low-income people. The Domestic Violence Legal Aid Program in Brown and Kewaunee County provides critical legal support to survivors of domestic violence. In partnership with local domestic violence agencies, this program offers free legal representation, advice, and resources to help victims navigate family law issues, restraining orders, and more. Trained attorneys work closely with victims to ensure they have the legal tools necessary for safety, justice, and empowerment.
Literacy Green Bay	Removing Barriers to Learning for Immigrant and Refugee Mothers	Funding from this grant will support Literacy Green Bay's free onsite childcare program. Onsite childcare provides the opportunity for mothers to attend English Language Learning (ELL) classes without the worry of finding and affording childcare elsewhere. Many female ELL students were unable to pursue education in their home countries because motherhood was considered their primary responsibility. By offering safe, accessible childcare, Literacy Green Bay opens the door to educational and economic opportunities that may not have been an option before.
Rainbow House Domestic Abuse Service	Healing Trauma, Empowering Women: Therapeutic & Legal Support for Oconto Survivors	Rainbow House is a comprehensive domestic violence advocacy organization serving Oconto County. Funding will support their art therapy program and civil legal representation for Oconto County women escaping domestic violence. Many women cannot afford the attorney retainers to escape abusive relationships and existing legal aid excludes elderly survivors and childless women. Grant funding will provide weekly art therapy sessions and paid attorney services for women who fall through the cracks and provide pathways to healing, justice, and independence.
Safe Families for Children--Northeast Wisconsin	Programing Development	Safe Families for Children's mission is to keep children safe and families together by preventing child abuse and neglect, reducing the number of children entering the child welfare system, and stabilizing families in crisis. They empower communities to surround isolated mothers with compassionate, informal support networks and dedicated volunteers who provide temporary housing for children, coaching, babysitting, transportation, and resource assistance. Funding will help Safe Families continue to build strong community connections, ensuring mothers in crisis receive the support they need to stay together and thrive.
St. John's Ministries	Women's Shelter Expanded Services	Responding to a community gap in shelter and affordable housing options, funding will allow St. John's Ministries to extend services to offer 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.

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Third Space	Third Thursdays with Third Space GB	Third Space is a local nonprofit dedicated to creating collective community care space "to just be." Founded in 2023, they are rooted in equity and belonging, centering BIPOC and LGBTQ+ communities while welcoming all who seek inclusive community connection. Third Thursdays are free monthly community gatherings designed to build belonging, reduce isolation, and strengthen relationships among women, girls, and their allies. Each month centers a unique theme--ranging from storytelling to mutual aid to collective healing--and provides opportunities for creativity, dialogue, and care. With Women's Fund support, Third Space will expand access to inclusive, equity-focused programming that uplifts women and allies voices while fostering health, safety, and connection.
University of Wisconsin-Green Bay Foundation	LeadGB Girls Youth Leadership Summer Camp	LeadGB Girls Youth Leadership Summer Camp hosts 400 female campers each year to learn life skills that help them to be resilient problem solvers, develop relationships and communication skills, become more attuned to their physical and mental health and empower them to succeed now and in the future. Activities include challenging hands on activities, guest speakers, and education on healthy choices. Funding will support scholarships for girls who otherwise wouldn't be able to attend.
We All Rise: African American Resource Center	Queens on the Rise   Black Women's Wellness	Funding will support We All Rise to continue and strengthen Queens on the Rise, a culturally specific healing and leadership space where Black women in Greater Green Bay are able to breathe, be seen, and heal in community. Building on prior Women's Fund support, this request deepens facilitation, training, and evaluation capacity to sustain weekly group spaces and ensure this vital work continues to be held with safety, consistency, and care for Black women and their families.
YWCA of Greater Green Bay	TechGYRLS @ Camp Downtown	Funding will expand YWCA Greater Green Bay's TechGYRLS® program into a weeklong, full-day summer camp for girls 8-13. The program provides hands-on activities, site visits, and mentorship in science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and medical careers (S.T.E.M.M.). It offers a more cohesive experience that deepens learning, broadens access, and helps girls build stronger peer relationships, mentor connections, and practical skills.