

Funds for Greater Green Bay Recipients Summer 2025

Applicant	Project	Summary
Art Beet	Day of the Arts	Art Beet, a grassroots arts nonprofit founded in 2005, promotes creativity, artistic expression, and access to the arts in Kewaunee County. This funding will support Day of the Arts, a free community event in Algoma held during Youth Art Month, featuring hands-on workshops led by local artists across a variety of mediums. Designed to engage all ages, the event fosters youth expression and strengthens access to the arts in rural communities. Funds will support artist fees, supplies, marketing, and event coordination to ensure a vibrant and inclusive celebration of creativity.
ASPIRO	Birth to Three	Founded in 1957 by parents of children with disabilities, Aspiro serves over 800 children and families through comprehensive, evidence-based, and family centered support for young children with disabilities and their families in Brown County. Funding will support the Birth to Three program which provides early intervention services such as physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, and developmental evaluations.
Baird Creek Preservation Foundation	Operations Support	The Baird Creek Preservation Foundation is a nonprofit working to restore 500 acres of Greenway and Watershed to enhance its ecological, recreational, and educational value for future generations. These funds will support habitat management for the endangered rusty patched bumble bee, improve water quality, and expand environmental education opportunities through field trips, summer camps, and early childhood programs. This investment will help ensure continued ecological restoration and provide meaningful environmental education for the community.
Casa ALBA Melanie Hispanic Community Resource Center	Strengthening Support for Community Benefit	Casa ALBA Melanie, the Hispanic Resource Center serving the Green Bay area, plays a vital role in supporting immigrant and newcomer families, particularly within the Hispanic/Latino community. This multi-year grant addresses a critical and growing need: ensuring the safety, stability, and mental well-being of these families. Casa ALBA Melanie has experienced a sharp increase in individuals seeking support for basic needs and emergency preparedness. The grant will strengthen the organization's operations and expand its capacity to serve the community more effectively. Specifically, it will support improvements to internal systems, bilingual staffing, and community outreach. These resources will also aid in implementing a new strategic plan focused on basic needs, health and wellness, and access to human services—benefiting the broader Green Bay area.
Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Green Bay	Financial Health Services Program	These funds will help meet the need for individual financial health counseling and group financial literacy sessions. Individual sessions (driven by goals set by the client) help households overcome obstacles, learn better money management, and become self-sufficient. Group classes provide tools, knowledge, and build trust so clients seek additional support.
Children's Museum of Green Bay	Partners in Play with Rural Libraries	These funds support educational activities for children and families at four underserved, rural libraries in Oconto County: Farnsworth Public Library, Oconto Falls Community Library, Lena Public Library, and Gillett Public Library. These activities include outreach programs at libraries, museum admission passes as awards for the libraries' summer reading programs, traveling mini exhibits on rotation between the libraries, and free museum passes available for check-out from each participating library.

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Civic Symphony of Green Bay	Music for Young Listeners	These funds will cover a portion of the Civic Symphony of Green Bay's venue rental expenses and provide funding for bus transportation for their annual Music for Young Listeners concert at The Weidner in February 2026. This allows for all students to participate in the concert experience, regardless of the family or school's ability to pay for the concert ticket or transportation costs.
Down Syndrome Association of Wisconsin - Green Bay	Equip Speaker Series	The Down Syndrome Association is dedicated to supporting individuals with Down syndrome and their families across the lifespan through education, resources, and life-enrichment programming. These funds will support the Equip Speaker Series, a highly successful program that provides critical education on disability-related topics such as behavior, inclusion, benefits, employment, and education. By equipping individuals with disabilities and their families with practical knowledge, the series empowers them to navigate challenges, access opportunities, and thrive.
Ecumenical Partnership for Housing	Eviction Prevention Program	This funding will support the Eviction Prevention program. This program provides families at risk of eviction with emergency rental assistance, budget counseling, and ongoing case management to develop a plan for long-term stability to help families avoid experiencing the trauma of being evicted from their homes and experiencing homelessness.
Evergreen Theater	Youth Programs	For forty years, Evergreen Theater, an all-volunteer community theater in Green Bay, has offered entertaining, enriching, and educational live performances for audiences of all ages. This funding will support their youth theater programs, which introduce young people to the magic of live theater and provide valuable opportunities for growth and performance—including the Community Works Troupe, which brings theater to community venues such as assisted living facilities.
Families of Children with Cancer	Families of Children with Cancer	Families of Children with Cancer supports families facing the emotional and financial strain of a childhood cancer diagnosis. Treatment often brings overwhelming costs and lost income, as parents take time off work to care for their sick child. These funds will help ease that burden by providing gift cards for gas and groceries, allowing families to focus their energy where it's needed most—on their child's care and well-being. In addition, the organization hosts social events that foster connection, improve mental health, and help families build supportive relationships with others navigating the same journey.
Family Services of Northeast Wisconsin	Advancing Access & Equity in Mental Health and Substance Use Treatment	These funds will support expanded access to trauma-informed mental health and substance use care for at-risk youth and individuals facing financial and language barriers. Culturally responsive, barrier-free treatment will be provided at Family Services' Counseling Clinics, Casa ALBA Melanie Hispanic Resource Center, Willow Tree Cornerstone Child Advocacy Center, and eight Brown County schools, reaching those most at risk of falling through the cracks.
Foster the Village	Supporting Outcomes That Matter	This funding will support the growth in scope and scale that Foster the Village has seen since its move in 2022, growing from serving 250 children in 2018 to 1682 children in 2024. These funds will fill the gaps in support not met by the County & other licensing agencies, and will help develop the infrastructure of the organization.
Foundations Health & Wholeness	Group Mental Health Therapy for Un/Underinsured Clients & Vulnerable Populations	These funds will support innovative, no-cost group therapy services that provide mental health support to underserved, un/underinsured individuals in Brown County. Group sessions will focus on topics tailored to client needs, including empowerment, trauma recovery, addiction support, social skills development, grief, and more. Funding will sustain and grow Foundations' ability to offer group therapy across diverse community settings, improving mental health outcomes and promoting community wellness.

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Girls on the Run Northeast Wisconsin	General Operating Support	These funds will support Girls on the Run Northeast Wisconsin to reach an estimated 45+ additional girls in fiscal year 2026 through expansion to Kewaunee County. The expansion will include partnering with schools and other sites to offer low - or no-cost programming, training and supporting 10+ new volunteer coaches from these communities, and equipping new staff with laptops to support program coordination, volunteer management, and community outreach.
Greater Green Bay Habitat for Humanity	Homeownership Program	These funds will be used to support the Homeownership Program through the purchase of building materials and/or to pay for professional, specialty labor on one home build during the 2025-26 fiscal year.
Greater Green Bay YMCA	Healthy Aging Programs	These funds will support the Healthy Aging & Community Wellness Connection Programs, which offer evidence-based fitness, wellness support, and vital social connection for older adults and caregivers. Serving 900 participants annually, these programs help improve health, reduce isolation, and foster supportive relationships that promote long-term well-being and independence. Participants include individuals managing chronic conditions, caregivers, and older adults seeking to enhance mobility, strength, and overall quality of life. Class offerings include Exercising with Parkinson's, LiveStrong, Blood Pressure Self-Monitoring, and Caregiver Fitness Connection.
HER Alliance	General Operating Expenses	These funds will provide general operating support to sustain core programs serving survivors of sex trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation (CSE) in Brown County. Funds will support trauma-informed advocacy, prevention education, jail outreach, & access to basic needs.
Hmong Autism Neurodiverse Disability Support	Mental Health Coalition	These funds would support starting a Mental Health Coalition with Hmong mental health providers, nonprofits, government agencies, and Hmong families to address the mental health disparities among Hmong youth in Wisconsin. This initiative seeks to break the cycle of generational trauma by changing cultural narratives, building collective actions, and expanding support systems for youth through a monthly, online support group, social gatherings and events, and workshops.
Holy Trinity Oconto Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul	St. Vincent de Paul	This grant will support St. Vincent de Paul's compassionate response to growing needs in Oconto County, where Vincentian volunteers provide critical assistance to individuals and families facing hardship. The most urgent requests involve housing support—such as rent and eviction prevention—followed by help with utilities and transportation for medical care or employment. Vincentians serve in pairs, offering personalized support, a listening ear, and connections to local resources through partnerships with other nonprofits. Rooted in values of charity and justice, the organization has already served 198 people in Oconto County this year, and with this funding, they will be able to reach even more neighbors in need.
Innovative Care Services	Advocacy for Inclusion	This funding will support the development and implementation of a strategic and measurable advocacy initiative that will increase on-going, long-term community awareness of the complex issues faced by the more than 83,000 WI people living with disabilities and/or who are over age 65, who also experience financial poverty. (>4000 reside in service area.
Lakeshore CAP	Rubber Ducky Diaper Depot	These funds will support the Rubber Ducky Diaper Depot, a two-year pilot program distributing 7,000 diapers each month, along with wipes and diaper cream, to low-income families in Kewaunee County. In addition to providing essential supplies, the program connects families with community resources to address immediate needs and promote long-term stability. Lakeshore Community Action Program distributes diapers and baby supplies once a month in Kewaunee County. Diaper insecurity—when families cannot afford enough diapers—has serious consequences, increasing the risk of infections for

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		infants and limiting parents' ability to work or attend school, since many childcare providers require parents to supply diapers.
Laundry Love Brown County	Love-Dignity-Detergent	Funding will allow Laundry Love Brown County to provide the basic yet vital service of clean laundry for individuals and families across our community. Each week, the organization hosts laundry events that serve those facing financial hardship, offering a dignified and welcoming space to wash clothes and bedding at no cost.
Literacy Partners of Kewaunee County	Literacy Partners Organizational Funds	Literacy Partners of Kewaunee County has expanded beyond one-on-one tutoring to now include partnerships with local farmers, offering classes directly on farms to reach more adult learners. This multi-year funding will provide critical stability to support the organization's continued growth and impact. Adult literacy programs equip learners with essential skills in reading, writing, math, and digital literacy—skills that lead to better job opportunities, GED attainment, and higher household incomes.
Mandolin Foundation	First Step Stability: Monthly Residency Fee Support for Women in Recovery	This funding will assist women entering Amanda's House, a one-year sober living program allowing mothers and children to remain together during recovery from substance use and mental health challenges. Funds will help cover the first month's residency fee of \$450 for new residents, ensuring access for those unable to secure support despite documented attempts to obtain assistance.
Marinette County Committee on Aging	Oconto County Home Delivered Meals	The Marinette County Committee on Aging has served seniors for over 50 years, and this funding will support its Home Delivered Meal Program in Oconto County—helping to prevent the creation of a waiting list for homebound older adults. In addition to delivering hot and frozen meals, drivers provide a vital wellness check and often serve as the only visitor many recipients have that day or even that week. This nutrition program is far more than just a meal—it's a lifeline that reduces isolation, supports mental health, and helps seniors age in place with dignity.
Neville Public Museum Foundation	Exhibit and Programs - A Place at the Table: Food, Culture, and Community in Northeast Wisconsin	These funds will support the "A Place at the Table: Food, Culture, and Community" exhibit. This exhibit will take visitors on a journey through the history, traditions, and evolution of the region's diverse food culture, showcasing how the food of Northeastern Wisconsin is rooted in indigenous culinary traditions, agricultural heritage, and immigrant influences.
Northeastern Wisconsin Affordable Housing Solutions	Affordable Housing for Vulnerable Families	The mission of Northeast Wisconsin Affordable Housing Solutions is to provide safe, stable, and affordable housing to families who are ineligible for traditional emergency housing yet remain at risk of homelessness. They pair housing solutions with educational wraparound services including financial literacy, rental readiness, and home maintenance training. This funding will provide the expansion of their operations to serve more families on the brink of homelessness in Brown and Oconto Counties.
NorthLakes Community Clinic	Expanding School-Based Behavioral Health Services in Oconto County	The Oconto County Health Needs Assessment identified mental health as the third highest concern among residents. This funding will support the expansion of NorthLakes Community Clinic's School-Based Behavioral Health Program to the Gillett School District, increasing access to high-quality mental health care for school-aged youth. By bringing services directly to the school, the program helps eliminate transportation barriers for families. NorthLakes operates two clinics in Oconto County and serves all patients, regardless of their ability to pay.

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Oneida Man Clan	Oneida Man Clan Project	These funds will be used for the general operation and organization of The Oneida Man Clan. Practicing kahletsyalúsla (heartfelt encouragement of the best in each of us), men will listen, share their experiences, and advocate for the men of their community to heal and develop and/or sustain the best version of themselves to fulfill their responsibilities.
Prevent Blindness Wisconsin	Preschool Vision Health Program - Brown County	This funding will support the Preschool Vision Health Program in Brown County, to serve 1,000 children and families through vision screenings and awareness. In partnership with Head Start Learning Center for the Green Bay Area Public Schools, 350 children will be vision screened, with 85 referred for further vision care. Brown County libraries will also be trained on the Your Amazing Eyes Storytime Program, reaching 300 preschool-aged children with engaging vision health education.
Reach Out and Read	Reach Out and Read	Reach Out and Read helps lay a strong foundation for young children's success by integrating books into pediatric care and encouraging families to read aloud together. This grant will support a full year of evidence-based literacy intervention for 1,000 children under age five. Trained healthcare providers at partner clinics in Brown and Oconto Counties give age-appropriate books and literacy guidance to families during annual well-child visits—helping children enter school ready to learn, thrive, and succeed.
Rooted In	Nourishment for All	These funds will support the Nourishment for All program, which combats food insecurity by providing nutritious, chef-prepared, individually packaged meals to those in need. Funding will be used to purchase fresh, locally grown and raised food to boost nutrient density. Sourcing locally supports regional farmers and ensures meals are culturally relevant, flavorful, and nourishing- to support Rooted In's mission to improve the wellbeing of the community.
SAGE (Share, Accept, Grow, Encourage)	Creatively Engaged Community	These funds will be used to support partnerships between SAGE and local nonprofits to implement the Creatively Engaged Community program, which utilizes an artist mentor to assist participants in creating art that shares their stories and raises awareness of the mission of the nonprofit. The funds will specifically be used to compensate the artist mentor and purchase supplies to create the artwork.
The Gathering Place	Recovery-oriented programs and activities	The Gathering Place in Green Bay is a peer-led recovery center supporting individuals living with mental health conditions and, in many cases, co-occurring substance use challenges. More than just a community space, it plays a vital role in the mental health continuum by offering ongoing, non-clinical support that fosters healing, connection, and long-term recovery. These funds will support programs that serve nearly 400 individuals annually through peer mentoring, support groups, educational classes, wellness sessions, mindfulness activities, and opportunities for socialization and growth. All programs are facilitated by Certified Peer Specialists and Recovery Coaches who model wellness and provide compassionate, lived-experience guidance on the path to recovery.
The Nurse's Nook	Weekend Food Program	This funding supports The Nurse's Nook's weekend backpack food program during the school year, ensuring that students and their families have nutritious meals. Additional allocations cover essential hygiene products and medication, critical to maintaining a healthy, safe, and supportive school environment for children in Oconto County. Communities served include Gillett, Lena, Oconto Falls, Oconto, and Suring.
Urban Cultural Arts & Event Center	Making Art Accessible for All	These funds will support the Urban Cultural Arts & Event Center's mission to bridge the gap between creativity and accessibility, making art a meaningful part of life for youth—especially those facing economic hardship or living with disabilities and special needs. They provide over 50 hands-on classes including Youth Art, Family Art Nights, and Healing

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		Through Art workshops, all designed to use creative expression as a powerful tool for learning, connection, and emotional healing.
We All Rise: African American Resource Center	2025 Implicit Bias Conference: Building Strength Through Community	These funds will support the 2025 Implicit Bias Conference: Building Strength Through Community, which will bring together 200 professionals and community members on October 3, 2025, at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay to explore equity-focused topics such as restorative justice, trauma-informed care, reentry, culturally responsive services, and the impact of bias on service delivery. Funding will ensure the event remains free to attend, includes lunch for attendees, and features high-quality local and regional speakers.
We All Rise: African American Resource Center	Black Youth Alliance Support	The Black Youth Alliance at We All Rise: African American Resource Center is a culturally rooted, year-round empowerment program for Black youth in Brown County, offering mentoring, leadership development, mental wellness activities, and field trips. A key pillar of the program is food access, with participants receiving breakfast, lunch, and dinner during program hours. Funding will support on-site cooked meals and food-related supplies for kids enrolled in BYA's summer program, allowing staff to build deeper connections and monitor emotional wellness throughout the day.
Wise Women Gathering Place	Safe Place Parking Program	Safe Place Parking offers a designated, secure lot in Green Bay where individuals experiencing homelessness and living in their vehicles can sleep safely overnight. This multi-year grant supports essentials—such as porta-potties, electricity, and staff time—to ensure the site remains safe and accessible for the approximately 100 people who use it each month. Staff are on hand to connect participants with community resources to help them meet their basic needs and work toward stability. This funding will make a meaningful difference for individuals and families who cannot afford stable housing. While some are employed, their wages are not enough to cover the cost of living.
YWCA of Greater Green Bay	Second Grade Swimmers	This funding will support bringing second grade students from Howe Elementary Community School to YWCA Greater Green Bay for swim lessons. This collaboration provides an easy and equitable opportunity for students to engage with swim lessons and water safety without worrying about transportation, coordinating logistics with parents, or payment.