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Art Beet	Day of the Arts	Funding will support Art Beet's 2nd Annual Day of the Arts, a free community event for Kewaunee County, celebrating creativity through hands-on workshops during Youth Art Month. Local artists will lead activities in various mediums, offering accessible, engaging arts experiences for all ages. Funds will cover artist fees, supplies, marketing, and coordination to foster creative expression and strengthen rural arts access.
ASPIRO	Aspiro Services	Funding will help Aspiro bridge critical funding gaps in essential services that support people with disabilities, including employment services, Birth to Three, assisted day services, and respite care. Serving more than 1,600 individuals and families each year, Aspiro helps participants build independence, connect with their communities, access employment opportunities, and improve quality of life. This funding will help expand access to these essential services while addressing gaps between reimbursement rates and the actual cost of providing care.
Bay Area Council On Gender Diversity	Bay Area Council on Gender Diversity	Bay Area Council on Gender Diversity provides support, education, and advocacy for transgender persons, their families and allies. Funding will support a monthly peer support group for trans middle and high school students, collaboration with Green Bay Area Public Schools on an LGBTQ+ GSA summit, and educational and social support opportunities for parents and families.
Bay Area Workforce Development Board	Transitions to Success Collaboration	Funding will support Transitions to Success, a collaborative of six Brown County organizations working together to help youth aging out of foster care and other opportunity youth achieve stability and independence. Flexible funding will support staffing, program services, administration, and basic needs assistance that all partner organizations can access to meet participants' immediate needs, including housing and rent support, driver's education, and transportation. By coordinating services across six partners, the collaborative helps young people build life skills, pursue education and employment, and successfully transition to adulthood.
Boys & Girls Clubs of the Bay & Lakes Region	Six Pillars of Success	Funding will provide general operating support for the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Green Bay, helping offset rising transportation, food, and insurance costs while sustaining high quality youth programming. Each year, the Club serves nearly 1,600 youth ages 7 to 19, with nearly 95% living in households experiencing poverty or financial hardship. Through safe spaces, caring adult mentors, and programs focused on education, emotional wellness, leadership, workforce readiness, healthy lifestyles, and the arts, the Club helps young people build the skills and support they need to thrive.
Bridging Brighter Smiles	Replacement Dental Equipment to Treat Children in Greater Green Bay	This grant will help Bridging Brighter Smiles replace aging dental equipment used by its school-based mobile dental hygiene program serving students in Luxemburg-Casco, Wrightstown, Algoma, and Kewaunee. The updated equipment will allow the dental team to provide preventive care more efficiently at schools, reducing travel barriers and increasing capacity to serve students. Last year, Bridging Brighter Smiles served 449 students in the region, providing screenings, cleanings, fluoride treatments, sealants, and referrals for follow-up care.
Brown County Oral Health Partnership	Closing the Gap: Dental Access for Underserved Children	This grant will provide general operating support for Oral Health Partnership's efforts to deliver no-cost dental care to low-income and uninsured children throughout the region. Last year, OHP served 10,483 unique patients, providing preventive, restorative, and educational services to children who often face significant barriers to accessing dental care. Through four dental clinics, school-based programs in 54 schools, and community partnerships, OHP helps children receive the oral health care they need to prevent pain, missed school, and long-term health impacts.

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CASA of Brown County	Educational Success Through Stable Relationships	Grant funding will support CASA of Brown County's volunteer advocacy program, ensuring children who have experienced abuse or neglect receive timely, consistent, and high-quality advocacy throughout their involvement with the child welfare system. In 2025, CASA served 326 children with the support of 106 trained volunteers, yet there are currently children waiting for an advocate. This gap highlights the urgent need to expand recruitment and retention efforts so every child who needs a CASA advocate has one. CASA volunteers help promote school stability, identify educational needs, and connect children and caregivers to supportive resources, helping vulnerable children achieve greater stability and long-term success.
Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Green Bay	Financial Health Services Program	Funding will support the Financial Health Services program which provides free financial counseling to over 800 individuals and 30 group financial literacy classes that offer hope, expertise, and tactics to become economically stable. These services help individuals and families prevent or solve crises, become financially self-sufficient, and build assets. Participants learn about budgeting, credit, debt, homebuying, eviction/foreclosure prevention, homelessness, and bankruptcy.
Center for Childhood Safety	Safe Routes to School	Funding will support the Safe Routes to School program, which helps students in Northeast Wisconsin learn how to safely walk and bike in their communities. Injuries are the leading cause of death for children, and pedestrian and bicycle safety education is critical in helping prevent these tragedies. Safe Routes to School empowers children with the knowledge and skills they need to travel safely while encouraging healthy, active lifestyles.
City of Green Bay	Green Bay Conservation Corps	The Green Bay Conservation Corps carries out hands-on conservation work, including habitat restoration, invasive species removal, native plant installation, and trail maintenance while providing workforce development for 50 AmeriCorps members each year. Federal AmeriCorps funding reductions have created a \$40,000 operational gap. Funding will allow the program to retain AmeriCorps members and continue high-impact restoration and volunteer engagement across Northeast Wisconsin.
Denmark Community Cupboard	Food Security Stabilization and Transition Support	A grant from the Community Foundation will provide a one-time investment to stock and launch the Denmark Community Cupboard's expanded pantry facility within the new OneDenmark Community Center. The larger facility will increase the organization's capacity to serve families, seniors, and rural households experiencing food insecurity throughout the Denmark School District. Currently serving more than 174 households and 600 individuals each month, Community Cupboard will use this support to purchase essential food items and supplies needed to fully operate the expanded space and meet growing community needs.
Downtown Green Bay	Pine Street Plaza	Funding will support the Pine Street Plaza project to strengthen the connection between Washington Street and the City Deck through targeted public space improvements. Enhancements featuring local artists will include planters, a sculpture, and lighting. The corridor is increasingly becoming a source of neighborhood concern regarding safety and reports of nuisance activity and minor criminal behavior. Improving the Pine Street Plaza will benefit thousands of users by enhancing visibility, safety, and access to the riverfront. Nearby businesses and employees will benefit from increased foot traffic and a more active and welcoming street environment.
Ecumenical Partnership for Housing	Eviction Prevention Program	Ecumenical Partnership for Housing has been serving local families facing homelessness for over 30 years. Eviction Prevention services help families at risk of experiencing homelessness remain in their homes by navigating through temporary hurdles and working with their landlords to avoid evictions. Services include emergency rental assistance, budget counseling, and ongoing case management. The goal of the program is to prevent families from experiencing homelessness and reduce the overwhelming demand for space in shelters and housing programs in the area.

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Empowered Tutoring	Green Bay Southwest High School Shoulders to Stand On program	Empowered Tutoring provides one-on-one tutoring and mentoring services by pairing youth with tutors who are active or retired teachers or degreed professionals who have subject-matter expertise. Grant funding would support tutoring services for Green Bay Southwest High School students involved in extracurriculars, who, due to poor grades, are in danger of being suspended from participation in those activities. Extracurricular involvement is a key contributor to student success, as it provides a sense of community, belonging, and achievement to students in need of support.
Family Services of Northeast Wisconsin	Prevention Education for Youth in Brown and Oconto Counties	Funding will support the Sexual Assault Center's prevention education and confidential advocacy services for children impacted by sexual violence in Brown and Oconto counties. During the 2026-27 school year, the program will provide 90 classroom presentations reaching approximately 2,500 students with age-appropriate education on safety skills, boundaries, and seeking help from trusted adults. The Sexual Assault Center also provides free, confidential advocacy for children who disclose abuse and their supportive caregivers, helping ensure young survivors receive the support they need.
Feeding America Eastern Wisconsin	Food Funds for Kewaunee and Oconto Counties	As the largest hunger relief organization in the state, Feeding America has a diverse sourcing network that includes growers, manufacturers, wholesalers, retailers, and community donors. While donated pantry staples form a critical base, monetary contributions allow them to strategically purchase fresh produce, proteins, and dairy to fill nutritional gaps. This helps ensure families receive nutritious food to support long-term health. More than 25,000 volunteers annually support sorting, packing, and storage operations. Local pantry partners select specific foods that best meet their neighbors' needs, increasing dignity, reducing waste, and ensuring cultural relevance. Funding will be used to purchase highly sought-after foods including proteins, dairy products, and eggs for distribution to six pantry partners serving Kewaunee and Oconto Counties.
Foundations Health & Wholeness	Removing Barriers to Mental Health Care	Support will help Foundations Health & Wholeness remove barriers to mental health care for children, families, and adults across Brown County. The grant will provide interpretation and translation services, expand access to school-based mental health counseling, and help make counseling more affordable for uninsured and underinsured individuals. In 2025, Foundations provided more than 11,000 counseling sessions to individuals across the community, including school-based services that allow students to receive support in a familiar environment. This investment will help more people access timely, high-quality care regardless of language, financial circumstances, or other barriers.
Freedom House Ministries	Housing and Economic Barrier Removal	Support will help Freedom House Ministries provide shelter and comprehensive services for families experiencing homelessness or housing instability in Brown County. As the county's only family-focused emergency shelter, Freedom House serves approximately 50 families each year through safe housing, meals, basic needs assistance, Success Coaching, workforce support, educational programs, and housing navigation. This investment will help families address barriers to stability while building the skills, resources, and connections needed to secure permanent housing and move toward long-term self-sufficiency.
Friends of the Pulaski Adult Activity Center	Community Meals	The Friends of the Pulaski Adult Activity Center will hold a Community Meal Program with free luncheons occurring once a month and serve up to 30 people. During these luncheons, special guests will share community information and resources, and the older adult population will have an opportunity to engage with each other and build social connection. Transportation will also be provided for up to 10 older adults who would otherwise be unable to attend.
Greater Green Bay YMCA	Strength in Community: Healthy Aging Through Wellness and Belonging	The Healthy Aging and Community Wellness Connection Programs provide evidence-based fitness, chronic disease management, wellness education, and social connection for older adults & caregivers. Last year, these programs grew well beyond expectations, demonstrating both growing community demand and measurable impact to improve health, reduce isolation, and build supportive relationships to foster long-term well-being and independence.

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Green Bay Area Public Schools	Green Bay Preble Challenge Day	Green Bay Preble High School will host Challenge Day in October 2026. During Challenge Day, 150 students and staff from all different interests and areas will cultivate unity, inclusivity and a sense of belonging. They will engage in meaningful conversations and provide opportunities for students to advance their leadership skills with the goal of improving school culture at Preble.
Green Bay Botanical Garden	Community Plant Project	Funding will support Green Bay Botanical Garden's Community Plant Project, which grows nearly 4,000 edible plants each year. About 3,000 plants are donated to schools and nonprofits in Brown County, while the remaining plants are grown in the Garden by Aspiro clients to produce more than 1,000 pounds of fresh food for Paul's Pantry. Each week, Aspiro clients work alongside the Garden's horticulturist to plant, maintain, harvest, and deliver fresh produce. The project supports basic needs, health and wellness, education, and environmental stewardship while providing meaningful, hands-on work for Aspiro clients.
Green Bay Community Theater	General Operating Funds	For 90 seasons, Green Bay Community Theater has produced more than 400 plays and musicals to entertain, enrich, and educate the greater Northeastern Wisconsin community. Since 1936, GBCT has remained theater by and for the people of Greater Green Bay, with auditions, design, and crew positions open to all, regardless of experience. Seasoned directors, actors, and crew members provide learning opportunities both on and off stage. Funding will support the continuation and growth of GBCT's "Pay What You Are Able" performances, Readers Theater series, and a new training program for designers and directors, expanding access to theater and opportunities for community participation.
Green Bay Sail & Paddle	Adventures in Sailing	Adventures in Sailing provides hands-on sailing experiences for individuals with disabilities and people from underserved and marginalized communities throughout Northeast Wisconsin. Participants include individuals with autism, Down syndrome, cerebral palsy, and other disabilities, as well as underserved youth, minority populations, and families facing economic challenges. Now in its fourth year, the program continues to experience strong growth and demand from nonprofit partners. Sailing fosters confidence, teamwork, and connection, and experiences are offered at little or no cost so everyone can participate, regardless of means or ability. Funding will help expand this highly sought after program, which now partners with approximately 20 nonprofit organizations and serves hundreds of participants each season.
Howe Community Resource Center	Howe Community Resource Center Programming	Howe Community Resource Center provides early childhood, family support, and school based mental health services that strengthen children, families, and caregivers across Brown County. Since 1996, the organization has supported families through evidence based programs, including Parents as Teachers home visiting and mental health counseling at Howe Elementary Community School. During the grant period, approximately 40 to 50 families with young children will receive monthly home visiting services, totaling more than 500 visits annually, with plans to expand capacity to serve 60 families within two years. School based mental health services will provide individualized support for approximately 26 students each year through more than 500 counseling sessions addressing emotional, behavioral, and social needs. Funding will help sustain these programs and ensure families continue to have access to reliable resources that support healthy development and success in school and life.
HSHS St. Vincent/St. Mary's Foundation	Share Pregnancy and Infant Loss	The Northeast Wisconsin Share Chapter, hosted by HSHS St. Vincent Hospital, provides bereavement support and resources for families who have experienced miscarriage, stillbirth, early infant death, or sudden infant death syndrome. Serving families throughout the region regardless of where their loss occurred, Share provides resource kits, memory making items, referrals to counseling services, peer connections, and opportunities for remembrance. Funding will support materials and supplies for these resources and community events that help families navigate grief with consistent support. In the past year, referral data showed 1,352 families experienced early pregnancy loss and 12 families experienced the loss of a baby, highlighting the need for compassionate, accessible support for grieving families.

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Journey to Adult Success	Housing and Support for Youth Aging Out of Foster Care	Funding will support a case manager for Journey to Adult Success, a program that provides safe housing and individualized support for young adults who have aged out of foster care, have been touched by foster care, or face other high risk circumstances. Since 2015, the program has provided housing for 130 young adults, including 30 participants this year alone. The case manager helps participants develop education, employment, and independent living goals through frequent one-on-one coaching, life skills instruction, and ongoing support, helping them build the stability and confidence needed for a successful transition to adulthood.
Kingdom Come	21 Years Feeding Oconto County	Kingdom Come is a 100% volunteer run food pantry in Oconto County serving over 1,000 people per week. Funding will be used to purchase healthy foods, provide fuel and maintenance for pantry vehicles that procure food, and support operating expenses for the pantry.
Love Life Ministry	Love Life Ministry	Since 1993, Love Life Ministries has supplied basic needs to low-income families with infants and toddlers living in the Green Bay area. Funding will be used to purchase diapers, formula, and wipes. In 2025 they distributed nearly 7,000 packages of diapers and 900 cans of formula.
N.E.W. Community Clinic	Diabetes Education	N.E.W. Community Clinic is expanding registered dietitian services within its medical clinic to help patients with chronic conditions improve their health and better manage their care. Founded in 1971, NEWCC is a Federally Qualified Health Center providing medical, dental, behavioral health, WIC, and health benefits services to advance health equity throughout northeastern Wisconsin, with a focus on serving uninsured and underserved community members. Funding will support 10 hours per week of registered dietitian services, providing individualized nutrition counseling and education for patients managing conditions such as diabetes, hypertension, cardiovascular disease, and obesity. By integrating nutrition services into primary care, NEWCC will help patients develop sustainable health strategies, prevent disease progression, and access coordinated care that addresses their overall health needs.
NEW Bird Alliance	Oneida Bird Monitoring Program: Building Relationships, Community Outreach & Education	The Oneida Bird Monitoring Program is a collaborative effort between NEW Bird Alliance, Audubon Great Lakes, UW-Green Bay's Cofrin Center for Biodiversity, and the Oneida Nation to monitor and protect bird populations while connecting community members to local conservation efforts. Since 2021, the program has engaged volunteers and students in bird surveys across Oneida Nation restoration sites, documenting the important role these lands play in supporting bird populations. Data collected through the program shows that the Oneida Nation provides high quality habitat for breeding grassland birds, migratory shorebirds, and waterfowl, including species experiencing significant declines across North America. Funding will support the printing and distribution of the Birds of the Oneida Nation guide, which incorporates Oneida culture, history, and language through contributions from Oneida elders, as well as mileage reimbursement for volunteer bird monitors to sustain long term conservation and community science efforts.
Northeast Wisconsin Land Trust	Protecting Green Bay Waters	The Northeast Wisconsin Land Trust has preserved over 70 properties and is entering its 30th year, with the majority being in Brown and Oconto Counties. The Land Trust aims to protect water quality by conserving land along lakes, rivers, and streams. Conservation sites are open to the public for recreation, hiking, birding, hunting, and fishing. Funding will allow the organization to continue to add properties and programs.
NorthLakes Community Clinic	Oconto County School-Based Behavioral Health Access	NorthLakes provides School-Based Behavioral Health Services in Oconto County and through their Oconto Clinic. They partner with the Gillett School District and the Oconto Unified School District to serve students regardless of insurance or ability to pay with high-quality behavioral health care and integrated health services.

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Patriot Racing Project	Schooner Utopia of 1946	Patriot Racing Project aims to address the loss of peer support for newly transitioned veterans by bringing them together through the adventure and peace of sailing. Participants learn hands-on skills through restoring and sailing the ship while they experience camaraderie that is often lost when they leave active military service. Funding will directly support the continued restoration, maintenance, and operation of the vessel Utopia, which is the primary setting for Patriot Racing Project programming.
Reach Out and Read	Rx for Literacy	Reach Out and Read Wisconsin is expanding their evidence-based early literacy and relational health program. Funding will provide high quality programming at 2,000 annual well-child visits at 26 Reach Out and Read clinics in Brown, Kewaunee, and Oconto counties.
The Mauthe Center for Tourism and Economic Development Corp. of the Oconto Region (TEDCOR)	Operating Expenses	The Mauthe Center is dedicated to the promotion of peace, justice, and mutual respect, supporting individual and community flourishing while welcoming all cultures and faiths. Creating community conversation and interfaith connection, the Center serves both the UWGB campus and the community of northeast Wisconsin at large through programs that address vital collective and individual concerns. Last year, over 2,000 attended events and 30 student and community groups utilized the space.
	Grocery Store Feasibility Study	Funding will be used to hire a specialized consultant to conduct a grocery store feasibility study for the Village of Suring. In 2024, the downtown Suring revitalization strategic plan identified a market gap in the area of retail grocery. Currently, Suring residents drive 50 miles round trip to the nearest grocery store - a trip that is not feasible for many older residents.
Ukwakhwa	Growing for Our Elders	Ukwakhwa will use grant funding to build the infrastructure needed to expand production of traditional Haudenosaunee corn and beans for the Oneida community. This includes a permanent greenhouse, greenhouse heating and electrical upgrades, a tractor counterweight, and a hay rake for natural weed management. These investments will help provide culturally significant foods for the Oneida Elder Food Box Program while expanding community education and Indigenous food sovereignty.
Urban Cultural Arts & Event Center	Making Art Accessible For All	Urban Cultural Arts is dedicated to improving health, wellness, and community connection by making the arts accessible and affordable for everyone. Through inclusive and adaptive arts programming, they serve children, families, older adults, individuals with disabilities, veterans, schools, and community organizations. Their programs use creativity to reduce social isolation, strengthen mental wellness, build confidence, and encourage self-expression. By removing financial barriers and partnering with local organizations, they ensure everyone regardless of age, or income, has the opportunity to experience the healing power of the arts.
Veterans 1st of NEW	Capacity Building - Hiring an Executive Director to Lead the Next Phase	Veterans 1st of Northeast Wisconsin will use grant funding to hire its first executive director as the organization transitions from construction to full program operations. The executive director will provide leadership and oversight for daily operations, financial management, strategic planning, fundraising, and coordination with more than 90 community partners. This position is essential to ensuring the successful launch and long-term sustainability of the Veterans 1st Village.
Violence Intervention Project	24 Hour Helpline	The Violence Intervention Project (VIP) provides confidential crisis response, advocacy, and support services for individuals affected by domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking, and other forms of interpersonal violence in Kewaunee County. As the only agency in the county solely dedicated to serving survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault, VIP provides 24-hour access to trained advocates who offer crisis intervention, safety planning, referrals, and connections to community resources. In 2025, VIP responded to 1,326 crisis calls and 586 helpline text conversations, providing critical support to individuals seeking safety and assistance. Funding will support helpline advocates who ensure individuals have access to immediate, trauma-informed support.

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Wisconsin Humane Society	Keeping Families Together with Access to Care	Funding will provide access to essential veterinary care for pets and the people who love them through Wisconsin Humane Society's life-changing programs & services. Funding will specifically support low-cost, low barrier spay/neuter surgeries through their Spay Neuter Assistance Program (SNAP) and community vaccine and microchipping clinics at their Green Bay Campus enhancing access to preventative care for pets. WHS's SNAP and vaccine clinics are designed to partner with community pet owners in proactive care.
YWCA of Greater Green Bay	Comunidades Program	Comunidades is YWCA's Spanish-language, culturally specific programming for the Hispanic/Latino community, Green Bay's fastest-growing population. The grant will sustain and deepen its cultural arts, community cooking, language tables, and health and wellness groups, all led by Hispanic/Latino facilitators. These groups give Hispanic/Latina women and families a "third space" of belonging that measurably strengthens social connection and well-being, and is a proven gateway to other YWCA services.
Zoological Society of Kewaunee County	Environmental Education Center	The Zoological Society of Kewaunee County is seeking support to help complete the final phase of the new Environmental Education Center at Bruemmer Park Zoo. Funding will support the classroom furnishings and technology needed to open the facility and expand educational programming. The new center will provide dedicated space for school field trips, community groups, and animal education while replacing outdated infrastructure. Bruemmer Park Zoo is free and open to the public, serving as a beloved community tradition and accessible resource for families throughout Kewaunee County.