

Women for Women: 2020 Grants and Highlights

Grants At-A-Glance

Delta House Life Development of Asheville: \$40,000 to provide after-school activities and field trips designed to build self-esteem, leadership, and a sense of community among girls of color in Asheville.

Helpmate: \$50,000 to expand and support its volunteer program. Volunteers provide direct services to survivors of domestic violence, offer prevention education, and conduct community outreach.

Light a Path: \$20,000 to provide yoga, meditation and strength-building classes to incarcerated women and teen girls in the Juvenile Misdemeanor Diversion Program.

Options: \$42,988 to expand its successful anti-domestic and sexual violence programs and treatment capacity to children and adults in Burke County's Latinx community, a currently underserved population.

Pisgah Legal Services: \$100,000 to sustain and expand free civil legal aid to low-income victims of crime, primarily victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse, and elder abuse in 11 WNC counties.

Safelight: \$50,000 to create the Safe Works program, which offers survivors of domestic violence three additional years of job and life skills training and case management.

WNC Workers' Center: \$7,000 for general operating support. WNCWC is one of the only local, immigrant-led organizations that engages immigrant women in safe and inclusive spaces to address sexual violence. All grants, excluding WNCWC, will be used over 2 years

Recent Highlights

IN-PERSON & VIRTUAL EVENTS

Brown Bag Lunch & Learns:

- A Real Time, Real Life Look at the Current State of Hunger in WNC presented by Mary Nesbitt of MANNA FoodBank.
- Advocacy in Action (via Zoom) presented by the Women for Women Advocacy & Education Committee to explain what they do, how they do it, and their priorities for the upcoming year.
- Vote NOW (via Zoom) panel discussion with Buncombe Co. Board of Elections, Democracy NC, and You Can Vote to energize women to vote early and encourage others to do so safely and securely.
- Women's Pathways to Prison and Their Needs Upon Returning Home presented by Dr. Pat Van Voorhis.

Community Field Trips:

- MANNA FoodBank: a walking tour of MANNA to learn about issues around food insecurity in Western North Carolina.
- YWCA (via Zoom): program to learn how the YWCA works to bridge gaps in earning power, education, health/wellness, and access to childcare.

Fall Focus: Moving Women Forward in WNC - A Conversation with Local Government Managers featuring a panel discussion with Buncombe County Manager, Avril Pinder; Asheville City Manager, Debra Campbell; and Transylvania County Manager, Jaime Laughter.

New Member Orientations: educational and networking events for new members to learn more about Women for Women and how to get involved.

ADVOCACY PRIORITIES

- Codify right to revoke consent to sex after initial consent is given - Signed into law November 2019.
- Medicaid Expansion - improved access to health care, better self-reported health, and reductions in mortality.
- Voter Access & Candidate Interviews - ensure voting remains fair, accessible, and safe, and voters know candidates' positions on Medicaid Expansion.

For more information about Women for Women, call 828-367-9919, email wfw@cfwnc.org or follow us on Facebook



WOMEN for WOMEN
A GIVING CIRCLE

An initiative of The Community Foundation of Western North Carolina

