Lisa A. Cudahy
2026 Community Health Grant Guidelines
Wisconsin Women's Health Foundation

Application Deadline: November 15, 2026
Funding Period: January 1–December 31, 2027

Organization Overview

The Wisconsin Women's Health Foundation (WWHF) is a nonprofit whose mission is to innovate, impact, and improve women's health.

WWHF works with state, private, and public organizations to provide Wisconsin women and their families with high quality health education, resources, and services. The Foundation's services and research initiatives are rooted in evidence-based prevention. WWHF focuses on the diseases and conditions with the greatest impact on Wisconsin women's wellness.

Lisa A. Cudahy Community Health Grant

Through the Lisa A. Cudahy Community Health Grants, WWHF strives to promote and assist nonprofit community organizations committed to education and outreach in women's health. These grants are currently offered every two years.

We partner with local nonprofit organizations looking to pilot and/or expand innovative and impactful women's health programming. These grants are based on the premise that partnerships between WWHF and local, nonprofit community organizations capitalize on the strengths and unique skills of each organization.

Grant Amount: Up to $2,000

Eligibility

Nonprofit organizations in Wisconsin with an IRS 501(c)(3) designation may apply for a grant.

Program Priorities

Priority will be given to projects that align with WWHF's areas of focus and advance the health and well-being of women and their families. Areas of interest include, but are not limited to, cancer, cardiovascular health, chronic disease prevention, mental health, domestic violence, prenatal and perinatal health, tobacco cessation, and substance-exposed pregnancies. WWHF also considers diversity, geographic reach, and the needs of underserved or historically underrepresented populations when reviewing funding requests.

The following types of projects will not be funded:

- advertising
- capital campaigns
- fundraising activities (including tables, tickets, dinners, walks, sporting events, etc.)
- grants or scholarships to individuals
- multi-year requests
- political causes or events
- religious organizations in support of their sacramental or theological functions

To Submit an Application

- Please read all instructions prior to submitting your application.
- Email is the preferred method for application submission in either Microsoft Word or PDF format to ctibbetts@wwhf.org. Applicants that do not have email may submit applications via mail to Wisconsin Women's Health Foundation, Attn: Chelsea Tibbetts, 2503 Todd Drive, Madison, WI 53713 or via fax at 608-251-4136.
- Confirmation of your submission should be received in three days. If you do not receive confirmation, please call Chelsea Tibbetts at 608-251-1675 or 800-448-5148, Ext. 118.

Application Submission Deadline

Applications must be received by **Sunday, November 15, 2026, at 11:59 p.m**.

Funding Notification

This is a competitive process. All applications will be evaluated by a review panel. Applicants will be notified in writing of the status of their application by Friday, December 18, 2026. WWHF does not provide individual feedback on applications.

Application Guidelines

Completed applications cannot exceed 8 pages in length (including budget and cover page) and must include the following:

Cover Page

- Signed by an official from your organization with fiduciary responsibility.

Organizational Background Information

- Description of organization's mission and services
- Description of geographic area and target population
- Number of individuals served annually
- Annual operating budget total
- 501(c)(3) official documentation ***(This is not counted as part of the 8 pages)***

Proposed Project Description

- Project title
- Project goals and relation to WWHF priority areas
- Community need for the project
- Target population
- Work plan/timeline
- Key activities and deliverables
- Proposed project partners and history of collaboration

Project Evaluation

- Include up to three project objectives and corresponding performance measures

Project Budget

- Provide a detailed budget
- *Grant funds may be used to support printing, postage, venue, food costs, speaker fees, posters, conference brochures, and other direct expenses of carrying out the activities of the proposed initiative.*
- *Grant funds **may not** be used to subsidize individuals directly for the cost of attending the event or for salaries.*

Application Review Process

Applications will be evaluated by a review panel using the following criteria:

- Cover Page (5 points)
- Organizational Background (20 points)
- Proposed Project Description (45 points)
- Project Evaluation (15 points)
- Budget (15 points)

Program Guidelines

- The number of grants and total dollars awarded will depend upon the quantity and quality of applications received and availability of resources. Grant requests up to $2,000 will be considered. Grants will not necessarily be awarded at the full amount requested. Submission of an application is not a guarantee of funding.
- Organizations may submit only one application.
- Proposals will be evaluated based on criteria met and potential for impact.
- Proposals are accepted via email, fax and mail. We encourage early submission to avoid last-minute submission problems. We are unable to grant extensions to stated deadline for any reason.
- We are unable to respond to inquiries about a proposal's status during the review period.
- Organizations awarded a grant will be required to file a follow-up report.

WWHF asks to be recognized in promotional materials, radio and television interviews, conference brochures, and event announcements, and to be provided complimentary exhibit space, if applicable.

Project Time Frame

Grant funding will begin January 1, 2027. Awardees will have until December 31, 2027, to complete their projects and until January 31, 2028, to submit their final report.

For Questions

Email ctibbetts@wwhf.org or call 608-251-1675 or 800-448-5148, Ext. 118.

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Cover Page

Contact Information

Organization Name: _____

Mailing Address, City, State, Zip: _____

Website: _____

President/CEO/Executive Director: _____

Project Contact Person: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Fax Number: _____

Organization's Employer Identification Number (EIN)/Tax Exempt Number: _____

Printed name of responsible official: _____

Signature of responsible official: _____

Date Signed: _____

Note: Applications should be signed by an official with fiduciary responsibility for your organization. For applications submitted via email, a typed signature with a statement "this typed signature represents an official signature" is acceptable.