

Request for Proposals 2013 Girls' Grantmaking Project

Project Description:

The Women's Fund is in the second year of our Girls' Grantmaking Project. After a highly successful pilot program last year, we once again have gathered a group of high school-age girls to meet over two days for a leadership training, community education and grantmaking program. At the end of the program they will be empowered to recommend \$10,000 in grants to the program(s) that they think will best meet the needs of girls in the Fox Valley.

The Women's Fund convened a meeting on March 13 of 13 female high school students. The girls were referred to the Women's Fund by their schools to participate in our Girls' Grantmaking program. Representatives from Menasha, Neenah and St. Mary Central high schools took part in a full-day of facilitated discussion about issues impacting girls in our community. The girls selected improving self esteem for girls in middle and high school as their top priority.

Proposals Needed:

As an area nonprofit meeting the needs of girls, **we invite you to apply for up to \$10,000 in funding** for a new or on-going program to improve the self-esteem of girls in middle and high school. Successful proposals will achieve one or more of the following outcomes:

- Girls will have more self-respect
- Girls will have enhanced personal happiness and a sense of relief and well-being.
- Girls will not be afraid to be themselves

Please note the following requirements/guidelines:

- You must submit the Girls' Grantmaking Project grant application by April 10, 2013. Complete applications are due by 4:30 p.m. and should be sent via email to grants@womensfundfvr.org.
- Someone knowledgeable about your proposal must be available to be interviewed by the girl grantmakers on the morning of Wednesday, April 17. Tentative schedule is a half-hour interview sometime between 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.
- If your project is funded, cooperation with the Women's Fund to promote the Girls' Grantmaking Project, along with your specific program, is expected.

Keep in mind that grant recommendations will be made by the girls with guidance from the Women's Fund. Our first meeting was a powerful experience and they are very excited to make a real and measurable impact for other girls in our community. Make sure your proposal is as concrete as possible about how girls will benefit.

Please direct any questions to Becky Boulanger at 830-1290, ext. 17 or bboulanger@womensfundfvr.org.