



**Mission:** We transform our community so that women and girls thrive.  
**Vision:** A community where all women and girls can reach their potential.  
**Worldview:** When we empower women and girls, we improve the world.

## 2023 Grantmaking Letter of Inquiry (LOI)

A Fund for Women seeks inquiries from Dane County 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations with a programmatic focus on women's economic empowerment. We are interested in increasing opportunities for education and family-sustaining jobs for underserved people that identify as women, especially:

- **Women of color**
- **Single mothers ages 18-40 and girls with adult responsibilities**
- **Women living in poverty and unstable economic conditions**
- **Women adversely affected by the continued impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, particularly those in poverty-wage jobs with weak benefits and low/volatile hours**
- **Women and girls who hope for a more stable future in which they can both provide for their families' basic needs and save for future economic goals**

Projects eligible for funding may include but are not limited to: workforce development, education programs (not individual scholarships), mentorship programs and support services.

To apply, organizations must first submit a **three-page** LOI containing the following information. Do not include any attachments.

1. **Organization name**
2. **Grant or project coordinator contact name, title, phone number and e-mail address**
3. **Executive Director name, phone number and e-mail address**
4. **Organization address and phone**

5. **Organization EIN#**
6. **Organization mission** (200-word limit)
7. **Project name**
8. **Project start and end date**
9. **Project budget** (50-word limit): include three numbers – (1) the project total, (2) funds raised/pledged to-date to give evidence of other funding, and (3) funds requested from A Fund for Women. A very brief budget narrative is optional.
10. **Project description** (350-word limit): Describe the purpose of the proposed project, the issues it will address, the significance of those issues, and the impact on Dane County.
11. **Proposed outcome** (250-word limit): List up to three measurable outcomes or progress indicators for the project.
12. **A Fund for Women Alignment** (250-word limit): Describe how the project furthers our vision and mission.

Examples of previously funded projects can be found at:

[www.madisongives.org/AFFWgrants](http://www.madisongives.org/AFFWgrants)

**Letters of Inquiry** will be evaluated on the following criteria:

- **Alignment with A Fund for Women’s vision and mission**
- **Intended impact and reasonable indicators of progress**
- **Demonstrated program need**
- **Demonstrated ability to deliver program success**
- **Innovation**

Submit your LOI by **4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 31, 2023**, as an attachment to an email addressed to [grants@madisongives.org](mailto:grants@madisongives.org). **Please list the organization in the subject line.**

Responses and requests for full proposals will be emailed to your grant or project coordinator contact by **Friday, June 16, 2023.**

If invited, full grant proposals will be due on **Thursday, July 20, 2023.**

Final grant decisions will be communicated on **September 25, 2023.**