

Snow pants for children for our Free Clothing Giveaway

*2026 Women's Giving Circle - Competitive
Grant Cycle*

Mission Restoring Hope Incorporated

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Application Form

Instructions

INSTRUCTIONS

Complete the grant application by responding to the fields below. Note that any fields with an asterisk are required fields and must be completed prior to submitting an application.

As you complete the form, the system will auto-save every 100 characters typed or every time you click out of a field. You may collapse question groups as you go, as an indicator to yourself that you've completed that section and to reduce scrolling.

The system also allows you to Save an application and come back to it before submitting. There is also a Collaborator feature that allows applicants to work together on a single request. https://docs.google.com/document/d/15NsdFgi3lBmBu0_pp1zj2HZ51l4mx8Wryjrx4FYOmdg/edit?usp=sharing Contact the Community Foundation at (715) 232-8019 if you have any questions or problems with the form.

Request Overview

Project Title*

Please provide a descriptive Name/Title for this grant request.

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Amount Requested*

Typical grant amounts range from \$500 to \$5,000 or more.

\$5,000.00

Program Area*

Please check the program area that best categorizes this grant request.

Community and Economic Development

Geographic Area Served*

Please select which geographic area is primarily being served by this request.

Dunn County wide

Age Group Served*

Please select the specific age group served by this grant request.

School-aged children and/or adolescents

Income Level Served*

Please select the income level of the target population being served by this request.

Lower-Middle Income

Non Discrimination Policy*

In accordance with federal regulations, the Community Foundation of Dunn County does not discriminate based on race, color, creed, sex, religion, age, disability, sexual orientation, marital status or national origin. Do the applicant organization's employment and service practices comply with this policy?

Yes

About Your Organization

1. Organization Overview*

Please provide a brief background about your organization, including a short summary of the organization's history, mission, goals, accomplishments, and challenges.

Mission Restoring Hope, Inc. is a volunteer-led 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization serving Dunn County, Wisconsin, with a mission to provide practical assistance, restore dignity, and offer hope to individuals and families experiencing hardship. Founded in November 2022, the organization was created in response to the growing needs of rural families who often face barriers to accessing essential resources and support services.

Through community donations, partnerships, and volunteer efforts, Mission Restoring Hope provides clothing, household goods, personal care items, and other necessities to individuals and families throughout Dunn County. The organization operates a low-cost thrift store, allowing donated items to be redistributed to those in need while generating revenue to support ongoing programs.

Recognizing that children cannot thrive when basic needs go unmet, Mission Restoring Hope has expanded its efforts to address seasonal and emergency needs. In 2025, the organization launched Luann's Project Warmth, a program dedicated to providing free winter clothing, coats, and other cold-weather essentials to children and families facing financial hardship.

During 2025, Mission Restoring Hope directly served more than 537 individuals through assistance programs, community partnerships, and outreach efforts. The organization also supported 18 partner agencies and provided free pickup and delivery services to individuals who lacked transportation. These efforts help ensure that vulnerable residents, particularly children and families, receive the resources they need regardless of geographic or financial barriers.

Mission Restoring Hope believes every child deserves to be warm, safe, and able to participate fully in school and community activities. Through programs such as Luann's Project Warmth, the organization works to

remove barriers and ensure that children have access to appropriate clothing during Wisconsin's harsh winter months.

2. Current Initiatives*

Please describe your current programs, activities, community impact and the community's involvement or support of your organization.

Mission Restoring Hope provides practical assistance and support to individuals and families throughout Dunn County, with a particular focus on helping those experiencing financial hardship, crisis situations, or major life transitions.

Our community collection center and low-cost thrift store serve as the foundation of our programs. Through community donations, we provide affordable access to clothing and household goods while also supplying essential items at no cost to individuals and families facing urgent needs.

One of our primary initiatives is emergent needs assistance for individuals and families recovering from events such as house fires, homelessness, domestic challenges, or other unexpected hardships. Many arrive with few possessions and immediate needs. Mission Restoring Hope provides clothing, hygiene items, cleaning supplies, household essentials, and home starter kits to help families regain stability and move forward with dignity.

In 2025, we expanded Luann's Project Warmth, a program dedicated to ensuring children and families have access to winter clothing before the onset of Wisconsin's harsh winter season. Through this initiative, coats, boots, hats, gloves, and other cold-weather items are distributed free of charge during our annual October giveaway event. In 2025, the program served 364 individuals.

Mission Restoring Hope also supports children through seasonal programs, including back-to-school clothing assistance that benefited 55 children and Christmas assistance that provided gifts and support to 70 children in 2025. In addition, we maintain a free community library that promotes literacy and provides access to books for children and adults throughout the community.

Because transportation can be a significant barrier in rural communities, we also provide free pickup and delivery services for donated goods and assistance items, helping ensure that families and individuals can access resources regardless of their circumstances.

Our work is strengthened through partnerships with local agencies and service organizations, including referrals from housing, crisis, and family support programs throughout the region. These collaborations help us identify needs quickly and provide timely assistance to those who need it most.

Together, these initiatives allow Mission Restoring Hope to support vulnerable children, women, and families while helping build a stronger, more connected community throughout Dunn County.

3. Organizational Structure*

Describe the current structure of your organization, including how the organization functions on a daily basis. (CEO, staff, volunteers, etc.)

Mission Restoring Hope operates as a 501(c)(3) public charity guided by a governance structure established in its Bylaws. The organization is overseen by a volunteer Board of Directors consisting of three to seven

members. All board positions are unpaid, elected annually, and limited to a maximum of ten consecutive years of service to ensure accountability and continuity.

Board of Directors

- Executive Director: Doreen Olson
- Vice President / Secretary: Sonya Zebro
- Treasurer: Doreen Olson
- Board Members: Robin Burke, Pam Larson, Jennifer Hall

The Board of Directors provides oversight while also actively supporting daily operations. Board members rotate shifts at the thrift store and collection center, assisting with customer service, donation intake and sorting, and general upkeep. This hands-on involvement allows the organization to operate efficiently while remaining closely connected to community needs.

Daily Operations

Administrative Functions:

The Executive Director manages administrative responsibilities including correspondence, newsletters, brochures, recordkeeping, and fundraising. Administrative work is conducted from the organization's office in Boyceville, Wisconsin.

Thrift Store and Collection Center:

The organization's primary operational site is located at the Wheeler Village Hall in Wheeler, Wisconsin. This space serves as the hub for donation intake, sorting, storage, and thrift store operations.

Volunteer Support:

Volunteers support donation sorting, special projects, and fundraising efforts, often through partnerships with local churches.

Pickup and Delivery Services:

Mission Restoring Hope provides free pickup of donated items from individuals who lack transportation or physical capacity, as well as delivery of essential items to individuals and partner organizations in need. These services are essential for reaching rural households and individuals in crisis.

Mission-Driven Leadership

Mission Restoring Hope is led by an engaged, mission-driven board that supports outreach, fundraising, and community engagement. This active leadership model has contributed to steady growth and expanded impact throughout Dunn County.

About the Grant

What is the community need that this request addresses?

Each year, Mission Restoring Hope works with families throughout Dunn County who struggle to provide basic necessities for their children. While coats and winter accessories are often donated, snow pants are one of the most difficult items to obtain. They are expensive for families to purchase and are rarely donated in sufficient quantities to meet the need.

In rural Wisconsin, snow pants are not a luxury item. They are necessary for children to safely participate in outdoor recess, school activities, and everyday winter play. Many schools require snow pants for outdoor recess when snow is on the ground. Children without appropriate winter clothing may be unable to participate with their peers or may be exposed to harsh winter conditions.

Through Luann's Project Warmth, Mission Restoring Hope provided winter clothing to 364 individuals in 2025. As awareness of the program continues to grow and families face rising costs for housing, food, utilities, and transportation, we expect demand for winter clothing assistance to increase in 2026. For many families, purchasing snow pants for growing children is simply beyond their budget, especially when multiple children are involved.

This project directly supports children and families in Dunn County by addressing a practical need that impacts a child's comfort, confidence, safety, and ability to fully participate in school and community activities throughout Wisconsin's long winter months.

Project Goals and Activities*

Describe the specific goals and activities of your project and how they will be carried out or accomplished.

The goal of this project is to increase access to winter clothing for school-age children in Dunn County by providing snow pants through Luann's Project Warmth, Mission Restoring Hope's annual free winter clothing distribution program.

Grant funds will be used to purchase 220 pairs of new children's snow pants in sizes ranging from toddler through teen. While a limited number of toddler sizes will be purchased, the majority of funding will be directed toward elementary, middle school, and teen sizes where demand is greatest. Snow pants will be distributed free of charge during our annual October giveaway event, helping children prepare for the winter season before cold weather arrives.

In many Wisconsin schools, snow pants are required for outdoor recess and winter activities when snow is present. For families facing financial hardship, purchasing snow pants for multiple children can create a significant financial burden. As families continue to face rising costs for housing, food, utilities, transportation, and other necessities, many are forced to make difficult choices about how to allocate limited resources.

Mission Restoring Hope will continue collecting donated coats, boots, hats, gloves, and other winter apparel throughout the year. Purchased snow pants will help address one of the most requested and least donated winter clothing needs.

Many of the families we serve live in rural areas of Dunn County where transportation and access to services can be limited. To help remove this barrier, we will seek partnerships with area churches, community organizations, and transportation providers to assist families who may otherwise be unable to attend the event.

Through this project, children will receive complete winter outerwear that allows them to participate fully in school and outdoor activities while reducing the financial burden on their families.

Project Outcomes*

Describe the anticipated outcomes resulting from this grant project, its impact and how the community will be better served.

This project will increase access to essential winter clothing for children throughout Dunn County, particularly school-age children who are required to have snow pants for outdoor recess and school activities. By providing 220 pairs of snow pants, Mission Restoring Hope will help reduce a significant financial burden for families already struggling with rising living expenses.

Children receiving snow pants through Luann's Project Warmth will be better prepared to participate fully in school and outdoor activities while remaining safe and comfortable during Wisconsin's winter months. For families with several school-age children, the cost of winter outerwear can be substantial. Purchasing snow pants for multiple children often competes with other essential household expenses, forcing parents to make difficult financial choices. These costs come on the heels of the back-to-school season, when many families have already stretched their budgets to purchase school supplies, clothing, and other necessities.

The project will also strengthen access to services for rural families by reducing transportation barriers and increasing awareness of available community resources. Through outreach and transportation partnerships, Mission Restoring Hope expects to reach families who may otherwise be unable to attend the event.

Any snow pants remaining after the annual distribution will be stored and made available for future requests or the following year's giveaway event, ensuring continued benefit from the investment. Mission Restoring Hope will also continue seeking additional sponsors, donors, and community partners to help sustain and expand Luann's Project Warmth in future years.

Ultimately, this project will help ensure that more children in Dunn County have the winter clothing they need to participate in school, stay active, and thrive during the winter season while strengthening support for families facing financial hardship.

Sustainability*

Please describe how you will fund and continue to sustain these activities beyond the grant period.

Mission Restoring Hope is committed to sustaining Luann's Project Warmth through community support, donations, volunteers, fundraising efforts, and future grant opportunities.

Luann's Project Warmth was named in honor of a community member who established a local coat closet and dedicated herself to helping families in need. Although she has passed away, community members continue to support the program and its mission of ensuring children have access to winter clothing.

The program receives ongoing donations of coats, boots, hats, gloves, and other winter apparel from individuals, churches, businesses, and community organizations. Mission Restoring Hope currently has approximately \$1,000 in designated donations that will be used to purchase winter boots for children. Grant-funded snow pants will help address a critical gap that is difficult to fill through donations alone.

Any snow pants remaining after the annual distribution will be stored and used for future requests or the following year's event. Mission Restoring Hope will continue seeking sponsors, donors, and community partners to expand and sustain the program for years to come.

As a volunteer-led organization with no paid employees, Mission Restoring Hope maximizes resources to directly serve children and families.

Staff - Project Summary*

Grant Project Budget

Anticipated Project Income*

Please list out all anticipated sources of income for this specific grant project with amounts and whether the funding is approved or pending.

Ex: Dunn Energy Cooperative: \$1,000 - Approved

Mission Restoring Hope is requesting \$5,000 from the Women's Giving Circle to purchase children's snow pants for Luann's Project Warmth. In addition, the organization has secured \$1,000 in designated community donations that will be used to purchase children's winter boots and fill size gaps not met through donated inventory.

Most coats, hats, gloves, and other winter clothing distributed through Luann's Project Warmth are acquired through donations from community members, churches, businesses, and partner organizations. While these donations help meet many winter clothing needs, snow pants and boots are often difficult to obtain in the sizes needed and remain among the most requested items.

The combined funding will help provide complete winter outerwear for children throughout Dunn County, with a primary focus on school-age children. Providing snow pants and boots helps ensure children can participate in outdoor recess and school activities while reducing the financial burden on families already facing rising household expenses.

Mission Restoring Hope is a volunteer-led organization with no paid employees. Volunteers assist with collecting, sorting, organizing, and distributing winter clothing at no cost to the program.

Through grant funding, community donations, and volunteer support, Mission Restoring Hope will continue working to ensure children and families throughout Dunn County have access to the winter clothing they need.

Total Project Expenses*

What are the total expenses for this particular grant project? This may be more than your grant request amount and helps us to understand if the Foundation is funding a portion of the project or the full cost of the project.

\$5,000.00

Project Expenses Description*

Please itemize the expenses for this grant project, including a short description of each item and the anticipated cost. (Personnel, Materials and Supplies, etc.) If this grant is to cover a portion of the project, please list all expenses of the project and then specify which expenses you anticipate being supported by this CFDC grant.

Grant funds from the Women's Giving Circle will be used to purchase approximately 222 pairs of children's snow pants in sizes ranging from 2T through teen sizes. Inventory levels were determined based on anticipated community need, with the majority of snow pants allocated to school-age children. Because snow pants are often required for outdoor recess and school activities, larger quantities will be purchased in elementary, middle school, and teen sizes.

The budget includes 32 pairs of toddler and preschool sizes (2T–5T), 60 pairs in sizes 6–8, 60 pairs in sizes 10–12, 60 pairs in sizes 14–16, and 10 pairs of teen-sized snow pants. Teen sizes will be purchased in neutral colors to maximize flexibility and meet community needs.

The total cost of the snow pants is estimated at \$5,300. Women's Giving Circle funding will provide \$5,000 toward this expense, while \$300 of designated community donations will be used to cover the remaining balance. The remaining \$700 in designated community donations will be used to purchase children's winter boots in sizes that are difficult to obtain through donations, helping provide complete winter outerwear for children participating in Luann's Project Warmth.

Project Budget Upload

(Optional) You may upload a separate file of your own, representing this grant request's Project Budget. For help creating the document, you can click here to download our Grant Project Budget template.

Grant-Project-Budget-Women's Giving Circle.doc

Letter of Support

(Optional) Letters of Support are optional, unless another organization or individual is integral to the purchase or use of the program and/or is a fiscal sponsor. Then it is required.

Additional Supporting Documents

(Optional) You may upload additional supporting documents to your request. If this grant request is to purchase a specific item or equipment, please upload a financial quote or spec sheet about the item here.

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Staff - Project Budget Summary*

Brief sentence about how the grant budget is broken down by item.

Required Organization Financials

Current Board of Directors*

Please upload a list of your current Board of Directors.

Board of Directors 2026.docx

Organizational Budget*

Please upload your organization's most recent Operating Budget with projected revenues and expenses.

operational budget 2026 w detail .xlsx

Audited Financials

Please upload a copy of your organization's current Audited Financial Statement. If you are not required to prepare an audited financial statement, please skip this upload and see the Audit Upload Opt-Out.

Audit Upload Opt-Out

Under Wis. Stat. § 202.12| a charitable organization with annual contributions over \$500,000 must file an audited financial statement and include the opinion of an independent CPA. A charitable organization with annual contributions less than \$500,000 and over \$300,000 must file a financial statement reviewed by an independent CPA. If you do not upload an audit or financial statement, please verify that your organization is not required to based on this state statute.

Our organization is not required to file an audited financial statement

Proof of 990 Filing*

Please upload proof of current IRS 990 Filing. You may upload the first page only; the full 990 document is not required.

electronic efile receipt .docx

Authorization

Applicant Agreement*

As the applicant submitting this request on behalf of the organization, you certify that:

- The information provided in this application is complete and accurate to the best of your knowledge.
- Falsification of information will result in termination of any award granted.
- You have discussed this project and grant request with the necessary authorized representatives at your organization. They support this request and the proposed allocation of funding.

If awarded a grant, the organization will:

- Carry out the activities and expend grant funds as described in the proposal, to the best of their ability.
- Submit significant changes in the scope or budget of the project to the Foundation for approval.
- Complete and submit written reports as required no later than 12 months from the date the grant is awarded.
- Acknowledge the role of the Community Foundation of Dunn County in supporting the organization in communications with their board and the public.
- Provide copies of all publicity, press releases or promotional materials. If available, provide photos in digital format.

I agree

File Attachment Summary

Applicant File Uploads

- Grant-Project-Budget-Women's Giving Circle.doc
- Board of Directors 2026.docx
- operational budget 2026 w detail .xlsx
- electronic efile receipt .docx



Grant Project Budget

This form is optional and may be used to help you upload a Project Budget to your grant application.

Project Income:

Please list all sources of income for this specific project request and amounts, including whether the status is approved, pending or declined.

Income Source	Amount	Status
Women's Giving Circle	5,000	Pending
Project Warmth Donations	\$1,000	Secured

Anticipated Expenses:

Please itemize/detail all expenses related to this grant project.

Item/Description	Amount
2T–5T (Unisex) – 32 pairs @ \$15 each (Toddler/Preschool)	480
Sizes 6–8 – 60 pairs @ \$21 each (Boys & Girls)	1260
Sizes 10–12 – 60 pairs @ \$26 each (Boys & Girls)	1560
Sizes 14–16 – 60 pairs @ \$28 each (Boys & Girls)	1680
Teen Sizes 18+ (Unisex) – 10 pairs @ \$32 each	320
Children's Winter Boots (supplementing donated inventory)	700
Total Project Expense:	\$ 6000

Board of Directors

Meet our Board of Directors:

- Executive Director: Doreen Olson
- Vice President: Sonya Zebro
- Secretary: Sonya Zebro
- Treasurer: Doreen Olson
- Board Member: Robin Burke, Pam Larson, Jennifer Hall

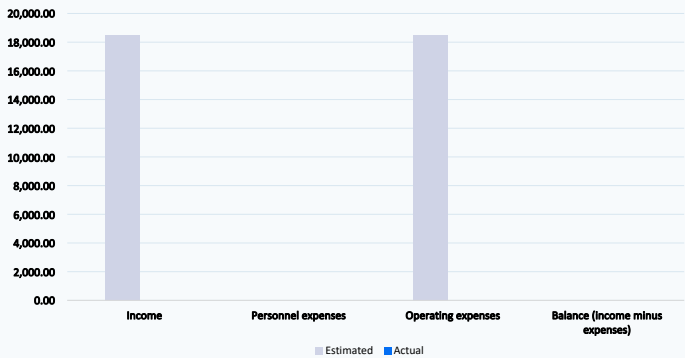
Projected /Operatonal Budget

Date: January 1-December 31, 2026



Budget area	Estimated	Actual	Difference
Income	18,500.00	0.00	(18,500.00)
Personnel expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00
Operating expenses	18,500.00		18,500.00
Balance (Income minus expenses)	0.00	0.00	0.00

Budget overview



Income

Date: January 1-December 31, 2025



Income	Estimated	Actual	Difference
Fundraisers- silk Floral Sale, Wheeler Days	2,500.00		(2,500.00)
Thrift Store -includes .50c sales, bag sales	5,000.00		(5,000.00)
Donations -1 donor 250 mo, 1 200mo, need adl	6,000.00		(6,000.00)
Grants -Feb Community Foundation, other	5,000.00		(5,000.00)
Total income	18,500.00	0.00	(18,500.00)

Personnel expenses

Date: January 1- December 31, 2024



Expenses	Estimated	Actual	Difference
Wages	0.00	0.00	0.00
Employee benefits	0.00	0.00	0.00
Commission	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total personnel expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00

Operating expenses

Date: January 1- December 31, 2025



Expenses	Estimated	Actual	Difference
Advertising -sign results floral sale, signage hwy 79, banners	400.00		400.00
Money giving -Give big registration	100.00	0.00	100.00
Inventory- shelving	2,000.00		2,000.00
Delivery costs- mileage pickup/delivery- Uhaul	1,200.00	0.00	1,200.00
Depreciation	0.00	0.00	0.00
Dues and subscriptions- domain and website	500.00	0.00	500.00
Insurance- 425 in 2025	500.00		500.00
Emergent needs expense -replenish supplies	2,500.00		2,500.00
Interest	0.00	0.00	0.00
Legal and auditing- Bookkeeping	550.00	0.00	550.00
Maintenance and repairs- fix wall, shed floor, etc	500.00		500.00
Office supplies (us)- ledgers, printer ink, laptop, envelopes	600.00	0.00	600.00
Postage- stamps	150.00	0.00	150.00
Rent or mortgage \$6000 yr	6,000.00		6,000.00
Sales (fundraising) expense- Silk floral, Wheeler days	1,500.00		1,500.00
Shipping and storage- ? Send items	200.00	0.00	200.00
Supplies (mission)- boxes, labels, tape, etc	1,500.00		1,500.00
Taxes	0.00	0.00	0.00
Internet	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other- Misc, volunteer apprciation	300.00		300.00
Total operating expenses	18,500.00	0.00	18,500.00

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Form 990-EZ E-filing Receipt - IRS Status: Accepted

Inbox



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The return described above was transmitted to the IRS. The IRS has ACCEPTED the return. Congratulations.

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