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Grant funds available for women and girls' programs

Letters of inquiry will be accepted through February 8th

Springfield – The [Community Foundation for the Land of Lincoln](http://www.CFLL.org) is currently accepting letters of inquiry for requests up to \$20,000 from The Women's Fund – an endowment fund built by [Women for Women](http://www.WomenforWomen.org) members to increase awareness and address the needs of women and girls in Sangamon and surrounding counties including Cass, Christian, Logan, Menard, Morgan, and Montgomery.

Up to \$20,000 will be awarded, and multiple awards may be granted during the 2016 grant cycle. Grants are awarded to programs that address the most pressing issues facing local women and their families. Special consideration will be given to those programs that address the mental health and wellbeing of women and children and are collaborative with other agencies or entities.

Women for Women members pool their resources to fund worthy projects and achieve greater impact in the community than they might otherwise have been able to do individually. Since it was established in 2007, *Women for Women* [has granted \\$151,000 to programs that support local women and children](http://www.WomenforWomen.org).

Local nonprofit organizations that operate in Sangamon and/or its surrounding counties including Cass, Christian, Logan, Menard, Morgan, and Montgomery, and provide services or programs to women and girls are encouraged to submit a letter of inquiry **before the February 8, 2016 deadline**. Applicants must apply via the Community Foundation's online system, which can be accessed at: www.CFLL.org.

Please contact the Community Foundation with any questions at 217-789-4431. Local nonprofits that would like to be notified of grant opportunities can also sign up on the website to receive grant alerts via email.

Women for Women was established at the Community Foundation for the Land of Lincoln in order to promote philanthropy among women, to create a permanent source for grantmaking and to address the needs of women in the community.

Through philanthropic services, strategic grantmaking and community leadership, the [Community Foundation for the Land of Lincoln](http://www.CFLL.org) "connects people who care with causes that matter."

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