

HESTIA WOMEN'S GIVING CIRCLE FACT SHEET

What is the Hestia Women's Giving Circle?

Hestia Women's Giving Circle was organized by a group of women from Emmet and Charlevoix Counties in 2005 with a mission to "promote the economic self-sufficiency and well-being of women and girls." A core value of the Giving Circle is the importance of reproductive freedom, and the support of organizations that work to ensure that freedom. Given that mission, 30-50% of Hestia's funds go to support Planned Parenthood of Western and Northern Michigan. The Hestia Women's Giving Circle strives to fulfill its mission and to live its values by educating our members and the general public about community needs and encouraging women and girls to exercise their responsibilities as philanthropists.

Who funds the Hestia Women's Giving Circle?

Hestia Women's Giving Circle is funded by member donations and are held in a donor advised fund by the Charlevoix County Community Foundation. Each year members or member-pairs (two people splitting a membership) contribute \$1,000 to the giving circle. [Click here for Brochure.](#)

Who is eligible to apply for Hestia grants?

Hestia welcomes grant proposals from organizations that have a IRS 501(c)(3) nonprofit status, schools, and governmental entities. Groups applying must serve women/girls in Charlevoix and/or Emmet Counties. If you have an eligibility question, please call CCCF at 231/536-2440.

How to apply for Hestia Funds?

Contact Maureen Radke at the Charlevoix County Community Foundation (CCCF) to discuss your project. CCCF is happy to help with the application process. Complete and submit the Grant Application Form, Project Budget Reporting Form, and required supplementary materials by February 1 of each year. The requested materials must be received in the foundation office by 4:00 pm, or the next business day if the February 1 deadline is a weekend or holiday.

What kinds of projects does Hestia fund?

The Circle makes grants with a focus on enhancing the well-being and economic self-sufficiency of women and girls through the support of the following priority areas:

1. Innovative programming that addresses a critical need
2. Operating support
3. Capital projects
4. Capacity building

Applying organizations must demonstrate a record or the potential to provide effective services or programs and demonstrate a reasonable likelihood of achieving outcome goals.

What kinds of projects has Hestia funded?

Examples of successful grants include support for:

- Cervical screening and reproductive healthcare services, and colposcopy equipment for Planned Parenthood of W & N MI
- The Family Success Program providing summer counseling for Boyne City Elementary School grades K through 4, at-risk girls and their families
- Ottawa Elementary School--Public Schools of Petoskey for a program focusing on self-esteem, health and leadership skills for girls
- Education and Employment Services Program Scholarships through the Women's Resource Center, to assist with tuition, text books and other related expenses for women looking to become economically self-sufficient.