



Women In Philanthropy 2027 Grant Theme

The WIP Grants Committee presented three grant themes for the 2027 cycle to WIP members for vote in May, along with a webinar about the grants process .The winning grant theme is **“It Starts at Home – Building Pathways to Housing and Family Stability in Beaufort County.”**

This theme focuses on supporting programs that help individuals and families navigate housing challenges, access and maintain safe and affordable housing, and achieve long-term stability. Emphasis is placed on a coordinated, comprehensive approach that connects families to essential services—including workforce development, employment opportunities, financial education, legal assistance, and other supports. These efforts are designed to remove barriers, promote economic self-sufficiency, and strengthen overall well-being across Beaufort County.

Women in Philanthropy is a fund of the Community Foundation of the Lowcountry, established in 2003 by a dedicated group of local women with the mission “Through a woman’s unique lens, we promote the power of collective giving; engage and inspire women along their philanthropic path; commit to growing an endowment to ensure grantmaking into perpetuity; and support new approaches to address community needs.”

The grantmaking purpose of Women in Philanthropy is to award funds to nonprofit organizations that provide programs that enhance the quality of life for Beaufort County residents of all ages. Since 2006, Women in Philanthropy has awarded over \$1.3 million in grants that have strengthened families, individuals, and organizations in the areas of health, human services, arts and culture, community development, education, animal welfare, and the environment.