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## Mankato non-profits awarded Women's Foundation grants

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MANKATO — Two Mankato non-profits are among 35 recipients of recent Women's Foundation of Minnesota COVID-19 Women and Girls Response Fund general-operating grants.

- Partners for Affordable Housing was awarded \$7,500 to provide critical housing solutions for marginalized populations in southern Minnesota — particularly women and children fleeing domestic violence and individuals with disabilities.
- Women's Rural Advocacy Center was awarded \$7,500 to provide short-term financial and basic needs support to women in Greater Minnesota experiencing gender-based violence or unemployment because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

In March, Women's Foundation of Minnesota announced its response fund would issue a half-million dollars in emergency grants of up to \$10,000 to organizations serving women and girls affected by the pandemic. In three total rounds of grantmaking through this fund, more than \$625,600 has been awarded to 76 organizations across the state.

The foundation — through grantmaking, research and public policy — drives innovative solutions to create gender and racial equity in Minnesota.

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