

CFPD's "150 Women Who Care" Program Offers 2 Unique Funding Opportunities

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Two Exciting Funding Opportunities

Applications open on December 4, 2025 for two CFPD funding opportunities, with some key differences between them: 1) The Women Who Care *Community Impact Grant* (\$10,000), and 2) The Women Who Care *Fund Grant* (\$5400). While the first one requires applicants to attend and present at the "150 Women Who Care" event in February, the second does not—it just entails submitting an application form. The deadline for both applications is January 15, 2026 (visit www.cfpdi/grants for more info).



The 150 Women Who Care Event/ Community Impact Grant

Every year, in February, the Community Foundation of Portage and District holds the "150 Women Who Care" (150 WWC) event, whereby 150 women attend an evening out, with food and drinks, and listen to five

"pitches" by local organizations vying for a chance to receive a \$10,000 grant to put toward their community project or program (the "Women Who Care Community Impact Grant"). After the presentations are over, the 150 women vote for who they believe should receive the funding. The projects can be wide-ranging, as long as they align with CFPD's focus areas: Physical fitness & health; Arts & cultural activities; Education; Medical services; Environment; Child welfare, youth development, and family well-being; and Other activities of a charitable nature. Last year, the Infant Memorial Garden received the \$10,000 to put toward establishing their space at Island Park, where people who have lost an infant can visit and grieve, in a beautiful and peaceful space.

The Women Who Care Fund Grant

A large portion of the ticket sales from the 150 WWC event go into the Women Who Care Fund at CFPD, from which the annual interest is then disbursed at each year's event to one successful applicant (the "Women Who Care Fund Grant"). This Fund Grant (which is \$5400 for the 2026 disbursement) is not to be confused with the aforementioned Community Impact Grant (the \$10,000 grant), as the application and selection process is completely different. The recipient of the Fund Grant is chosen by the Special Events Committee from the applications received.

Additionally, the Fund Grant—unlike the Community Impact Grant—requires the applicant to be running a program or implementing a project that involves supporting, empowering, educating, and/or investing in *women and girls* specifically. Last year, the recipient of this Fund Grant (\$4730) was the Mother of Earth Network, to put toward cultural programs for women and girls (such as sharing circles and ribbon skirt sewing).



Help us Make a Difference

If you wish to support the "150 Women Who Care" Program and help improve life in your community, you can purchase a ticket to the 2026 event in January, or select the "Women Who Care Fund" from the drop-down of our website at www.cfpdi.ca/makeadonation by clicking the "Donate Now" button.