



WFA Grant History

The Women's Foundation of Arkansas began in 1998 as a project of the "Top 100 Women of Arkansas" and was a designated fund with the Arkansas Community Foundation. In its first year, WFA's founders contributed \$100,000 to establish the Women's Foundation as an enduring resource for all Arkansas women and girls. Grants from the fund are used to promote ideas and support programs that assist Arkansas women and girls in achieving their full potential in any endeavor. WFA gifted \$152,449 since the first grant-making cycle in 1999 through the 2006 grant-making cycle.

Grants Committee Report – 1999

In 1999 the Grants and Programs Committee reviewed 61 applications and awarded \$19,159.

- \$2,000 to Quapaw Community Center, Hot Springs for a leadership training seminar serving 20 8th grade girls.
- \$720 to South East Arkansas Education Service Coop for software to train 12 women presentation skills. The women will return to their community to make presentations and train other women.
- \$2,215 to Boys & Girls Club of El Dorado for educational curriculum materials "Think It Over Baby" to provide prevention education and leadership development to 100 girls in SE Arkansas.
- \$700 to Blytheville Alumnae Chapter, Delta sigma Theta Sorority curriculum supplies and booklets for a mentoring program reaching 20 girls, ages 11-14.
- \$500 to Boys & Girls Club of Paris for a "Just for Girls" Club using Smart Girls program to promote self-esteem and positive peer group for 50 girls, ages 13 – 18.
- \$500 to UALR Gender Studies/Women's Program Advocate funds for a woman's exhibit reaching 500 women during a regional women's conference
- \$1,524 to Vilonia Elementary School to purchase books about women and create a designated section of library about women. 144 girls will participate. Students will dress, and emulate women they study.
- \$2,000 to Ouachita Girls Scout Council, Little Rock for software and books that focus on the sciences and math as part of an existing community outreach program serving 150 girls.
- \$2,300 to Cotton Plant High School for 30 girls to participate in Growth, Inc., a greenhouse business organized by 7 women, introducing girls to the strategies of entrepreneurship.
- \$2,500 to Pine Bluff School District for a Computer-In-A-Box program teaching 40 girls, grades 4th to 9th the technology to build and maintain a computer.
- \$1,700 to Mother to Mother of NW Arkansas to provide childcare and transportation for 10 women to learn computer skills for the job market.
- \$500 to Rogers Area Chamber of Commerce to support women's task force that will identify the needs of women in the community.
- \$2,000 to Crowley's Ridge Girl Scout Council, Jonesboro to purchase science kits for 185 girls for a "Girls Scouting in the School" Day.