

Group will distribute funds to nonprofits

Money over 3 years to help those in poverty

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The Greater Green Bay Community Foundation has provided ammunition to combat poverty in the area.

The nonprofit this month announced its plan to grant \$565,000 over the next three years to benefit 20 groups that work to curb poverty rates.

"We're trying to improve the quality of life for individuals who may not have the resources to do it themselves," said Martha Ahrendt, vice president for programs at the Greater Green Bay Community Foundation. "We're working toward a common goal that some of these groups may not have been able to do on their own."

The foundation will write checks to five collaborative projects; the funds are expected to impact other organizations.

The programs receiving funding over the next three years are:

- » **Mental Health Outreach Expansion Project:** \$100,000

- » **Adult Daycare and Early Memory Loss Program in Kewaunee County:** \$95,000

- » **Community Partnership for Children:** \$225,000

- » **Transitional Housing Program:** \$70,000

- » **Child Advocacy Center:** \$75,000

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It's the fourth year the foundation has distributed grants to nonprofit organizations.

Each year, groups seeking funding submit grant proposals. The foundation's grant board reviews each proposal and grants money based on what is budgeted for the year.

The different rewards reflect an average of the amount of money each organization requested in their proposal and the amount the foundation can donate.

"We are here to help find sustainability," Ahrendt said. "Money is going to help out in a variety of ways, and they're out there and know what the problems are."

Although organizations can reapply for the grant every year, officials try to discourage that. They want to give the organizations so-called 'push' money to help them find their own sources of income.

"There's no magic in the number three," said Ahrendt on the years of commitment. "We just want to help them work toward their goal."

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