



DONORS FORUM OF WISCONSIN



The Donors Forum of Wisconsin (DFW) is a 501(c)3 nonprofit membership association of grantmakers working together to support and promote effective philanthropy in Wisconsin.

For over 30 years, the Donors Forum of Wisconsin has been Wisconsin's premier resource for philanthropy offering opportunities for networking, professional development, community leadership and knowledge. DFW is a growing statewide network of grantmaking organizations that are committed to improving the quality of life in Wisconsin. Donors Forum of Wisconsin is one of 33 regional associations that work to promote philanthropy across the country.

Comprised of innovative, dynamic, engaged members, DFW provides time saving services and benefits to members. DFW members represent a diverse group of individual donors, independent and family foundations, corporate foundations and giving programs, and community foundations across the state of Wisconsin.

The Donors Forum of Wisconsin represents over 130 organizational members, serving more than 350 trustees, directors, staff, and individual donors. Foundation members represent over \$3 billion in assets, which accounts for over 47% of all foundation assets in the state. Together, our member foundations contribute over \$230 million in grants, which accounts for 45% of all grants distributed by Wisconsin foundations.

Services and program offerings include:

Networking: With many of Wisconsin's grantmakers focusing their giving on local communities, the opportunity for funders to come together to address common issues, build skills, access information and develop relationships with and learn from one another is a key benefit of DFW membership.

Professional Development: DFW members tell us that our professional development options – such as the annual conference, grantmaking essentials and roundtable discussions – offer them valuable training and time-saving tips that refine and enhance the skills they need to be effective grantmakers.

Community Leadership: As the leading voice for organized philanthropy in the state, DFW informs external audiences such as media and policymakers about the role and power of Wisconsin grantmakers. DFW advocates on behalf of grantmakers to promote philanthropic giving and to maintain a supportive environment for philanthropy.

Knowledge: DFW offers information on Wisconsin issues, trends and policies as well as how national trends and issues play out in the state. Information and resources through its website, monthly e-newsletter, print and online publications and its dedicated and knowledgeable staff bring the latest news to members.

The Donors Forum of Wisconsin has nonprofit resources available on their website including the **Wisconsin Common Grant Application**. Please visit www.dfwonline.org/wicga to download the application.

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