

San Juan Island Women's Fund

of the San Juan Island Community Foundation



About the Women's Fund

A Women's Fund is an organized way for women to combine their resources to make a significant impact in their communities. Women's Foundations and Funds can be found all over the nation, bringing together women of all ages and experiences who share an interest in making their communities better places to live, now and in the future. The Women's Fund of the San Juan Island Community Foundation meets the desire of many island women to provide an effective way to support important island needs. Pooling our money enables us to make larger grants and have a greater impact than we may be able to as individuals.

The Women's Fund was organized to minimize time obligations. It is structured as a donor advised fund of the San Juan Island Community Foundation, using the Foundation's grant process to identify the prospective grantees, and its professional administration and support services to reduce costs. The Women's Fund offers members the option to be involved a lot, a little, or not at all.

OUR MISSION

THE SAN JUAN ISLAND
WOMEN'S FUND IS
COMMITTED TO:

- Educating and expanding the pool of women engaged in philanthropy,
- Combining and building our resources to make a significant impact in our community, and
- Increasing awareness of important issues facing San Juan Island non-profit organizations.

What We Do

We create an inclusive environment that encourages all women, regardless of their financial means, to contribute.

We give members the opportunity to volunteer as they choose - a lot, a little, or not at all.

We use a grants committee composed of Women's Fund members.

We review the grant proposals and vote on our recommended preferences 3 times per year.

We ensure that every member can vote on her preferences for grant recipients.

We direct our grants to San Juan Island non-profit organizations using the San Juan Island Community Foundation grant process.

We grant monies to the non-profit areas that are most important to the membership.

We seek grant proposals for innovative programs and capital projects that have strategic importance.

We enable grants that make a significant impact.

We expect annual contributions to be \$100 or more by each member.

We meet annually to renew membership, bring in new members, and bring forth one of the non-profits we've supported to share how our donations has contributed to their success. *NOTE: Due to the pandemic we have not met since 2019.*

Ways to Participate



Many members say they were attracted to the Women's Fund because pooling their money with other members created an opportunity for larger grants that can have a greater positive impact on organizations or on the wider island community. Other members have said that they joined because the Women's Fund enables them to have a voice in how a pooled fund of this nature is spent.

Whatever the reason you join, your membership contribution, your commitment to making a difference in our community, and your thoughtful consideration of grant proposals are the very best forms of participation and are sincerely appreciated.

Contribute at least \$100 annually and vote on the distribution of our pooled funds during each grant cycle. If you have the desire and time for more personal involvement, there are plenty of opportunities! Contact Vikky Dauciunas, the Women's Fund Coordinator at sjiwomensfund@gmail.com. She would love to chat with you about your interests!

Grant Making

The objective of the Women's Fund is to apply its pooled funds to those community issues the members feel are most critical and will make the greatest possible impact. It seeks to support San Juan Island nonprofit organizations in a variety of areas including arts, health and wellness, community infrastructure, education, basic social needs, and the environment.

The Women's Fund uses the San Juan Island Community Foundation's grant evaluation process to provide the basis for selecting prospective grantees.

Women's Fund Grants: 2020 - 2023

We may not have met in person during the Pandemic. However, we continued our grant making by Zoom and email. We reviewed, selected, voted and awarded 35 grant requests, totaling \$85,120.

In 2020 we funded:

- SJICF Covid-19 Emergency Relief Fund (\$10,000)
- SJI Library - English Language Learning & Children's Enrichment Program (\$2,700)
- SJC Economic Development Council - SJI Plumbing Basics Class & Apprenticeship Match (\$3,330)
- SJI Library - Middle School Book Club (\$1,688)
- SAFE San Juans - Tech security and productivity upgrade (\$2,300)
- SJI Library - Wi-Fi Hotspots Lending Program (\$1,482)
- SAFE San Juans - Therapeutic Safe Spaces (\$3,000)
- San Juan Community Theatre - Snapshot Season Equipment Upgrades (\$3,000)
- SJI Conservation District - Civilian Conservation Corps Safety & Data-collection Equipment (\$2,000)
- San Juan Island Public Schools Foundation - Donor Database Upgrade (\$2,000)

In 2021 we funded:

- Skagit/Islands Head Start - Playground (\$2,500)
- San Juan Islands Conservation District - Camping gear for the Youth Conservation Corps (\$2,500)
- Friday Harbor High School PTA - 2021 Grad Night (\$2,000)
- SJC Economic Development Council - Youth Trades (\$1,000)
- SJI Library - Tech to Go Pilot (\$2,000)
- SJC Economic Development Council - Woodworking Basics (\$2,000)
- San Juan Community Theatre - Summer Performance Series (\$1,000)
- SJI Library - Virtual English Classes (\$1,000)
- Salish Sea Sciences - Tuition assistance for FHHS student (\$500)
- Alchemy Arts - Community Art Access (\$2,500)
- SJI Museum of Art - Family Art Days (\$1,000)
- Compass Health - Youth Mental Health First Aid Training (\$3,300)
- The Whale Museum - Scientific Research, Diving & Education (\$2,500)
- Wolf Hollow Wildlife Rehabilitation Center - Website Redesign (\$1,500)
- Animal Protection Society - Yard Drainage and Turf Project (\$700)

In 2022 we funded:

- Health & Community Services & Medical Teams International - Mobile Dental Access to Care (\$3,000)
- SJI Library - Story Walk Project (\$1,720)
- SJI Library - Aging Mastery Program Discussion Group Sessions (\$400)
- Joyce L. Sobel Family Resource Center - YAAS! Disability Education Community Training (\$3,000)
- Mullis Community Senior Center - San Juan Island Caregiving Connections (\$3,500)
- San Juan Island Library - Hybrid Meeting Technology Upgrade for Meeting Room (\$1,000)

In 2023 (as of June) we funded:

- COMPASS Health - Youth Mental Health First Aid Training (\$3,650)
- Alchemy Art Center - Artists in Community (\$2,000)
- Wolf Hollow Wildlife Rehabilitation Center-- Computer Replacement (\$1,350)
- San Juan Islands Agricultural Guild - Sunshine Plaza at Brickworks (\$4,000)
- Animal Protection Society - FH Community Pet Support Services (\$4,000)

We're Back!

Due to the pandemic we suspended our Annual Meeting and Luncheon. The last Annual Meeting was held in 2019.

This year we're back!

We will have a Women's Fund Annual Social on **Wednesday, August 23rd 5-7PM.**

The change of venue this year is to make it easier for women who work to attend. Light hors d'oeuvres and beverages provided.

By invitation only. Please send an email to sjiwomensfund@gmail.com for your invitation.



2019 Women's Fund Annual Meeting & Luncheon



Join Us! (By Check, Credit Card or online at: sjiwomensfund.org)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Enclosed is my yearly contribution of \$ _____ (at least \$100).

Check or Credit Card # _____ Expiration Date: _____

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Please mail to: The SJI Women's Fund, P.O. Box 1352, Friday Harbor, WA 98250