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WIN to fund Nebraska nonprofit, university project

Nebraska nonprofit organizations and University of Nebraska programs addressing issues important to the state may now submit funding ideas to Women Investing in Nebraska (WIN) for its 2019 grant awards.

Potential grant seekers must submit a letter of inquiry by Feb. 18, 2019. Letter requirements are provided on the WIN website, womeninvestinginnebraska.org. Based on the inquiries, WIN will invite 12 to 16 organizations to submit formal grant proposals by April 22, 2019.

WIN grant recipients are selected from Nebraska nonprofit 501(c)(3) public charities and projects at the University of Nebraska.

Since 2011, WIN has awarded more than $1 million in grants split equally between seven Nebraska nonprofit organizations and seven University of Nebraska programs. In October 2018, WIN awarded $183,000 in grants, divided between the Sherman County Prevention Coalition and the University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Nursing West Division at Scottsbluff.

Paula McClymont of Lincoln has chaired the WIN grants committee since 2016.

“By combining our gifts, WIN members create grants with the potential to impact nonprofit and university projects in significant ways,” McClymont said. “WIN seeks out projects that address important issues with bold solutions and innovative ideas.”

Candy Henning of Lincoln, chair of WIN, said charitable contributions from its 184 members will fund this year’s grants, and award recipients will be announced in the fall.

“WIN members are interested in supporting the dedicated and innovative people who see challenges and find solutions to make Nebraska a better place to live,” Henning said. “WIN’s membership growth has helped to make increasingly significant grants available for these problem solvers.”

WIN is a collective giving group that supports women philanthropists through education, engagement and empowerment. It operates in partnership with the University of Nebraska Foundation and its affiliated UNF Charitable Gift Fund, which offer philanthropic options to support the University of Nebraska system and the Nebraska Medicine health network.

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For information on becoming a WIN member, contact Carly Wegner at 402-504-3327 or 800-432-3216, or visit womeninvestinginnebraska.org.

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