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New grants available through United Way's Women's Leadership Council

The Women's Leadership Council is a new United Way of Thurston County philanthropy program created to inspire, educate and engage women in philanthropy, community service, advocacy and mentoring. "It is exciting to be the first Council at a United Way in Washington state," said Kim Wyman, WLC Co-chair. "The Council's first milestone is offering this new grant opportunity to nonprofit organizations that work to promote the self-sufficiency of women and girls."

The grant application form is available at www.unitedway-thurston.org, with applications due May 18th, and awards announced in September. An informational training for applicants will be held on April 15th from 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. at the Olympia Timberland Regional Library, 313 8th Ave. SE, Olympia. Please contact Ellen Zito at 943-2773 x 15 or ezito@unitedway-thurston.org to RSVP.

Funds raised through annual memberships support the WLC Giving Circle Fund. "This allows members to pool their contributions to fund programs or projects at nonprofit organizations that help women and girls become financially stable," added (CO-CHAIR NAME HERE). Women join by contributing a leadership gift of \$1,000 annually, with those under 35 able to join at the \$500 level, and full-time students at the \$100 level. Besides providing women the opportunity to give and fund collectively, the program provides hands-on volunteer and mentoring opportunities, invitations to local and regional events, and the opportunity to network and advocate with other caring women of influence in the community.

The Women's Leadership Council is part of United Way's Financial Stability Partnership initiative, with a goal to help low to moderate-income individuals reduce debt, increase income and grow assets. For more information contact Pam Toal, Executive Director at 360-943-2773 x 10 or ptoal@unitedway-thurston.org.

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