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Women's Leadership Council Funding Opportunity

Funding is now available through United Way of Thurston County's Women's Leadership Council. The grant application form is available at www.unitedway-thurston.org and proposals are due April 15, 2010. An informational training for interested applicants will be held on Wednesday, March 10, 2010 from 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. at the Olympia Timberland Regional Library (conference room), 313 8th Avenue, Olympia.

To RSVP for the training, or for additional information, contact Stephanie Blumhagen at 943-2773, x 11 or sblumhagen@unitedway-thurston.org.

The Women's Leadership Council (WLC) is a United Way of Thurston County philanthropy program designed to positively impact the lives of women in our community by promoting self-sufficiency and financial stability through philanthropy and community service. It is the first Council developed within a United Way in the state of Washington.

Funds raised through annual memberships help support the WLC Giving Circle Fund, which funds projects that help woman and girls become financially stable. 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 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 Paul Knox, Executive Director at 360-943-2773, x 10 or pknox@unitedway-thurston.org

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