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UNITED WAY OF WEST FLORIDA ANNOUNCES MINI GRANT AWARDS TO EMPOWER LOCAL NONPROFITS

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The United Way of West Florida is proud to announce the approval of Mini Grant awards for 12 deserving local nonprofits, each receiving up to \$5,000, for a total amount of \$49,172.00. These one-time grants have been approved by the United Way of West Florida Board of Directors through the Community Investment process, demonstrating a commitment to fortifying the regional nonprofit landscape.

“The Mini Grant programs marks an exciting new chapter for United Way of West Florida,” remarked President/CEO Laura Gilliam. “This funding opportunity is a testament to our dedication to supporting Escambia and Santa Rosa County nonprofits in their quest to bolster their organizations and better serve our communities.”

Gilliam emphasized, “We’re particularly keen on reaching grassroots agencies. Those working tirelessly in marginalized communities, often in hard-to-reach areas with limited resources, hold immense potential to effect positive change. These grants aim to empower such organizations, enabling them to expand their impact and reach.”

The grants serve as a vehicle for these agencies to build capacity, offering a streamlined approach that bypasses the traditional community investment process. By providing this financial boost, United Way of West Florida aims to foster growth and innovation among nonprofits, ultimately leading to enhanced support for those in need.

The Mini Grants are a result of the organization’s newly adopted strategic plan, specifically related to highlighting United Way of West Florida’s commitment to nurturing and strengthening the nonprofit ecosystem, all the while ensuring that these organizations have the resources needed to flourish and continue making a profound difference in the community.

Grant Recipients:	Project:	Counties Served:	Total:
Set Free Refuge	Capacity Building	Both	\$5,000.00
Sisters of Hope	Capacity Building	Both	\$5,000.00
Equity Project Alliance	Training	Both	\$5,000.00
NWFL Community Outreach	Program/ Project	Escambia	\$5,000.00
Sisters Anointed to Lead Together	Program/ Project	Escambia	\$5,000.00
Junior League of Pensacola	Capacity Building	Both	\$4,972.00
The Global Corner	Capacity Building	Both	\$4,500.00
Sportsmen Givin’ Back	Program/ Project	Both	\$4,000.00
GFWC Santa Rosa Woman’s Club	Accounting Serv.	Both	\$1,000.00
Family Promise of ESC	Operating Exp.	Both	\$5,000.00
Therapeutic Riding Unlimited	Program/Project	Both	\$4,700.00

For more information about the Mini Grant recipients and the United Way of West Florida's initiatives, please visit www.uwvf.org/community-investment-process or contact Mary Zaledonis, Director of Community Impact at mary.zaledonis@uwvf.org.

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