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Chrysalis Awards \$105,000 in 2026 Community Partner Grants to Support Girls and Women in Greater Des Moines

Des Moines, IA — January 19, 2026 — The Chrysalis Foundation has announced its 2026 Chrysalis Community Partner Grant awards, distributing over \$100,000 to local nonprofit organizations aligned with the foundation's mission to transform the lives of girls and women through education and leadership, community engagement, and strategic grant investments.

Chrysalis grants support nonprofit agencies that promote the safety, security, education, and economic empowerment of girls and women across Greater Des Moines. In addition to Community Partner Grant awards, Chrysalis provides Client Emergency Funds to help partner organizations respond to urgent or unmet client needs and offers Rapid Response grants for organizations facing unplanned emergency needs throughout the year.

"We are proud to be close to our nonprofit community," noted Terry Hernandez, Executive Director for Chrysalis. "As partners, these organizations keep us informed about the needs of the girls and women they serve and how they are navigating a complex society. As we learn, Chrysalis can assist and support service providers and keep decisionmakers and community leaders informed of the challenges impeding girls' and women's success."

Funding decisions were guided by a comprehensive evaluation process and led by the Chrysalis Program Committee. Organizations were assessed on mission alignment, program relevance, strength of outcome measurement, and long-term sustainability. Priority funding areas include safety, security, education, and economic empowerment.

Chrysalis delivers more than just financial support; the foundation offers the nonprofit community coaching and training, strategic planning, and additional education to increase its long-term impact. The foundation also hosts events to build community knowledge and to share the inspiring accomplishments of women and girls.

To celebrate its 2026 Community Partner Grantees, Chrysalis will host a public award reception on Friday, February 6 from 8:30 to 10 am at the Westfield Campus, 1080 Jordan Creek Parkway in West Des Moines.

About Chrysalis

Chrysalis is a Des Moines-based public charity established in 1989 with a commitment to transform the lives of girls and women through education and leadership, community engagement, and grant investments. Through strategic grantmaking, nonprofit and donor support, and community partnerships, Chrysalis works to ensure that girls and women in Greater Des Moines will be safe, secure, educated, and economically empowered.

For more information about Chrysalis, Community Partner Grants or how to support this work, visit www.chrysalisfdn.org or call 515-255-1853.