Foundation Awards $380,000 in Pathways to Prosperity (P2P) Grants

(June 29, Minneapolis) — The Women’s Foundation of Minnesota has awarded $380,000 in grants to six organizations through its Pathways 2 Prosperity (P2P) Fund. Through P2P, the Women’s Foundation aims to create unrestricted pathways to economic security and prosperity for low-income women, women of color, and women in greater Minnesota.

Through P2P, the Foundation awards grants to innovative programs at nonprofit organizations or community/technical colleges that focus on workforce development, wealth building, or entrepreneurship. Funded programs also focus on providing wrap-around support services including childcare, financial literacy, and transportation.

Grantees:

**Goodwill Industries, Inc. (St. Paul) | $82,500** — To support 120 low-income women through a comprehensive, integrated, and strengths-based model of short-term sector training in five high-growth industries, stackable credentials, and individualized job placement and retention services. Goodwill uses a full-family approach that incorporates best practices and wrap-around support services.

**Jeremiah Program (Minneapolis/St. Paul) | $25,000** — To provide continued general operating support for the Jeremiah Program that provides single mothers and their young children with a pathway out of poverty through a proven, two-generation model.

**Northwest Technical College – Bemidji Foundation (Bemidji) | $25,000** — To support Coding the Path from Poverty to Hope, a program offered in partnership with Leech Lake Tribal College and Red Lake Tribal College to help women enter the medical coding field. The program includes classroom and online courses, culturally grounded advising and mentoring, career counseling, daycare/eldercare support, transportation support, and up to $3,000 of past higher-education debt forgiveness. Program participants must be living below the federal poverty level, be a caretaker of a child or an elder, or a woman of color.

**Prepare + Prosper (St. Paul) | $82,500** — To support low-income women to increase their financial capability and economic opportunity through free tax preparation, financial services and products, and financial coaching. Prepare + Prosper will inform and enrich these programs by activities geared to women, including financial forums, listening sessions, and peer learning sessions.

**Resource, Inc. (Minneapolis) | $82,500** — To support the Specialized Career Services for Women program which targets low-income, low-skilled women with culturally-focused wage advancement, mentoring, credentialed training, and asset-building services. Funding will assist women to set and take action on long-term financial goals and provide mini-grants to assist women with training, education, credentials, and work-related expenses.

**Friends of St. Paul College (St. Paul) | $82,500** — To support 60 low-income women of color to persist through pathways leading to middle-skilled trades employment. This cohort receives comprehensive support through scholarships, financial assistance, Certified Production Technologist courses, and peer/mentor networking. Faculty and employers will also receive training on increasing gender equity.

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About the Women’s Foundation of Minnesota

The Women’s Foundation of Minnesota is a statewide community foundation investing in innovation to drive gender equity. Learn more at WFMN.ORG.

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