Women in Philanthropy is a dedicated group of local women with the vision of making a difference in the Lowcountry through the power of collective giving. Each year, the Women in Philanthropy advisory board, with member input, approves one grantmaking theme meant to strengthen Lowcountry families and individuals in the areas of health, human services, community development, education, the environment, arts and culture. The grants awarded by Women in Philanthropy provide funding to nonprofit organizations serving all of Beaufort County.

Since 2006, Women in Philanthropy has awarded $601,958 in grants to local nonprofits.

2014 Grant Theme: Curtailing Violence in Our Community - $34,958
- Abuse Prevention Coalition: $14,500
- Citizen's Opposed to Domestic Abuse (CODA): $6,550
- National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI): $6,000
- Neighborhood Outreach Connection (NOC): $5,000
- The Sandbox Children's Museum: $2,908

2013 Grant Theme: Advancing Women Through Knowledge - $25,000
- Hope Haven of the Lowcountry: $11,500
- Bluffton Self Help: $6,000
- Friends of Caroline Hospice: $5,000
- Beaufort County First Steps: $2,500

2012 Grant Theme: Literacy: Fostering Creativity Through Visual, Performing and Literary Arts - $21,000
- Coastal Discovery Museum: $1,572
- Arts Center of Coastal Carolina: $3,500
- Friends of Beaufort County Library: $2,890
- The Sandbox Children's Museum: $2,523
- Beaufort County First Steps: $2,500
- Memory Matters: $1,265
- Art Works: $1,250
- Thumbs Up: $1,000
- ABLE Foundation: $4,000

2011 Grant Theme: Literacy: The Need to Read - $18,000
- Literacy Volunteers of the Lowcountry (The Literacy Center): $11,743
- YMCA of Beaufort County: $5,000
- The Children's Center: $1,257

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2010 Grant Theme: Helping the Hungry - $17,000
- Bluffton Self Help: $5,000
- HELP of Beaufort: $3,000
- St. Vincent de Paul Outreach: $4,000
- The Children's Center: $1,675
- Deep Well Project: $3,125

2009 Grant Theme: Enabling the Disabled - $14,000
- ABLE Foundation: $4,545
- The Little Red Dog Foundation: $3,000
- The Arts Center of Coastal Carolina: $3,500
- The Lowcountry Autism Foundation, Inc.: $2,955

2008 Grant Theme: Family Mental Health - $12,000
- Mental Health America: $4,000
- Hope Haven: $3,000
- Programs for Exceptional People: $3,000
- Alzheimer's Respite and Resource (Memory Matters): $2,000

2007 Grant Theme: Children in Need - $8,000
- Hope Haven: $2,500
- The Children's Center: $2,000
- A Community Caring for Children: $2,000
- Bluffton Self Help: $1,500

2006 Grant Theme: Education - $6,000
- Thumbs Up: $4,500
- Brain Gain: $1,500

2020 Grant Theme: Providing Enrichment and Readiness for At-Risk Children - $83,800
- ABLE Foundation, Disabilities Foundation of Beaufort County: $6,000 for the Beaufort County Bright Beginnings program
- Arts Center of Coastal Carolina: $9,000 for a performing arts program for at-risk pre-K children in Beaufort County schools
- Born to Read: $6,000 for the Books for Babies program
- Boys & Girls Club of Bluffton: $15,000 for the Explorers: Learning for Life program
- Boys & Girls Club of the Lowcountry (HHI): $3,000 for the Creative Movements program
- Child Abuse Prevention Association (CAPA): $10,000 for equipping families with at-risk children
- Children's Cancer Partners of the Carolinas: $12,000 for funding the Beaufort County Childhood Cancer Safety Net program
- Hilton Head Recreation Association: $12,000 for therapeutic recreation
- Second Helpings: $1,800 to help fund the K-12 Food Rescue Program
- Women of Faith and Power Ministries: $4,000 for the ARC (At-Risk Children) Better Ready for Tomorrow -2020 program
- Lowcountry COVID-19 Response Fund: $5,000 for matching grant to frontline agencies supporting COVID-19 response efforts for individuals with food or housing insecurity or increased medical needs
2018 Grant Theme: Addressing Women's Health, Wellness and Justice - $72,200

- ABL Foundation: $4,000 for an educational program designed to teach individuals with developmental disabilities about Gullah culture.
- Coastal Discovery Museum: $9,000 for a sweetgrass garden at the museum, basket history and heritage classes in Beaufort and Jasper County schools, and adult basketmaking classes.
- Foundation for Educational Excellence: $9,000 for Whale Branch Middle School Archaeology Club to unearth and curate artifacts from their school’s historic grounds and create a traveling exhibition.
- Boys and Girls Clubs of the Lowcountry: $9,000 for a West African Drumming & Dance Group to honor Gullah/Geechee heritage.
- Heritage Library Foundation: $10,000 for upgrading and updating technology capacity, and for providing improved access to all library visitors.
- Penn Center: $10,000 for replacing flooring in the York W. Bailey Museum.
- Arts Center of Coastal Carolina: $11,300 for introducing a Gullah history and sweetgrass baskets arts education program into eight Beaufort County elementary schools, offering a teacher professional development workshop and supporting “A Taste of Gullah” community outreach festival.
- Mitchelville Preservation Project: $13,000 for determining the presence and condition of historic Mitchelville buildings, yards, roads, wells and material remains of daily life through public archaeology.

2019 Grant Theme: Preserving Our Lowcountry Heritage and History - $76,200

- Good Neighbor Free Medical Clinic: $6,000 for replacing equipment to treat Phagmites australis, a type of grass that can destroy wetlands if not treated.
- Experience Green: $10,000 for an Environmental Literacy Lab Project at the Beaufort Branch of the Beaufort County Library.
- Second Helpings, Healthy Food Initiative: $5,000 for providing fresh produce to senior sites in Beaufort County.
- South Carolina chapter of the Nature Conservancy: $8,000 for a sustainable garden, observation beehive and interpretive panels for two gardens.

2017 Grant Theme: Strengthening Options for the Elderly - $71,000

- Meals on Wheels for Bluffton/Hilton Head: $15,700 for the delivery of healthy meals to the homes of senior citizens in need.
- Memory Matters: $15,000 in a special unrestricted grant made in honor of Women in Philanthropy’s 15th anniversary.
- HELP of Beaufort for Mobile Meals: $10,800 for mobile meals to 100+ senior citizens in northern Beaufort County.
- Lowcountry Legal Volunteers for Senior Legal Assistance: $9,000 for legal advice for older adults.
- YMCA of Beaufort County for Senior Shape Up: $8,500 for 75 senior citizens to join the YMCA Senior Shape Up program.

2016 Grant Theme: Providing Safe Shelter for Our Citizens: Crisis, Temporary and Permanent - $83,000

- Habitat for Humanity: $50,000 for the largest grant in WIP’s history to construct a “Women Build” Habitat home in The Glen section on Hilton Head Island.
- Bluffton Self Help: $10,000 for emergency financial assistance and utility bill assistance to the elderly and disabled during months of weather extremes.
- Deep Well Project: $10,000 for building materials and labor to keep families in safe, healthy environments.
- Family Promise: $10,000 for “Leap Forward/ Staying on Track” program that networks with landlords to attain more affordable housing units.
- Women of Faith and Power Ministries: $3,000 for assisting individuals in emergency homeless situations with overnight accommodations.

2015 Grant Theme: Protecting Our Lowcountry Environment - $60,000

- Port Royal Sound Foundation: $16,000 for youth programming at the Maritime Center.
- The Outside Foundation: $10,500 for 10 kayaks, and for scientific equipment and supplies.
- Experience Green: $10,000 for the Edible Education for Sustainability project in partnership with Hilton Head Christian Academy.
- Coastal Discovery Museum: $8,000 for a sustainable garden, observation beehive and interpretive panels for two gardens.
- The Nature Conservancy, SC Chapter: $8,000 to treat Phagmites australis, a type of grass that can destroy wetlands if not treated.
- The Friends of Beaufort, SC Library: $7,500 for an Environmental Literacy Lab Project at the Beaufort Branch of the Beaufort County Library.