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Main Street Community Foundation awarded \$60,000 in grants to 14 local organizations supporting women and girls across its service area, including Bristol, Burlington, Plainville, Plymouth, Southington, and Wolcott. .

The grants were celebrated at the foundation's Annual Meeting & Grantee Reception, where donors, community members, and nonprofit partners gathered to honor the impact of the Women & Girls Fund.

The event allowed grantees and donors to discuss the achievements of funded programs, explore their community impact, and share future plans. The Women & Girls Fund has been a key source of support for local initiatives since its creation in 2001, distributing more than \$850,000 in grants over the years.

The following organizations received funding for programs aimed at improving the lives of women and girls:

- Boys & Girls Club of Bristol – \$5,000 to support the SMART Girls program, promoting healthy attitudes and lifestyle choices among girls ages 8-12.
- Bristol Family Resource Centers – \$5,000 to expand the Girl Up! program, building leadership skills in girls ages 6-12 across three local schools.
- BristolWORKS! – \$3,400 for the Women's Workforce Empowerment Series, a series of workshops focused on workplace confidence and skills.
- Environmental Learning Centers of Connecticut – \$1,200 to support Women's Outdoor Adventure Day, providing nature-based empowerment activities for women and girls.
- Girl Scouts of Connecticut – \$5,000 for memberships and camperships, removing financial barriers to leadership programs.
- Memorial Military Museum – \$1,500 for the Bristol Women in the Military program, honoring women veterans.
- Plainville Youth Services – \$3,000 for A Space to Shine, a program to boost confidence and leadership skills through arts workshops for young girls.
- Plymouth Community Food Pantry – \$3,000 for the Access to Personal Care Items for Senior Women program, providing hygiene and personal care products not covered by SNAP benefits.
- Prudence Crandall Center, Inc. – \$7,000 to support Domestic Violence Counseling and Support Groups, with a portion designated for diapers and hygiene products.
- Shepard Meadows Equestrian Center, Inc. – \$6,125 for the Women's



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194 students

- St. Vincent De Paul Mission of Bristol – \$3,805 for unrestricted support for women and girls.
- The Agape House – \$4,000 to establish a fund for purchasing clothing for women and girls in need, including specialized items like scrubs and non-slip shoes.
- Wolcott Youth Services/ Kelly’s Kids – \$1,970 for the Girls on the Run program, empowering middle school girls through physical activity and life skills development.
- YWCA of New Britain – \$10,000 for the Sexual Assault Crisis Service program, providing confidential support for survivors of sexual violence.

Founded in 1995, Main Street Community Foundation is a nonprofit organization dedicated to enhancing the quality of life in its six-town service area through effective grantmaking and community leadership. The foundation has awarded more than \$30 million in grants and scholarships, working with donors in Bristol, Burlington, Plainville, Plymouth, Southington, and Wolcott to build permanent charitable endowments.

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