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### **Women's Leadership Council awards \$20K in grants to support women and children in Thurston County**

**June 18, 2014 – Olympia, Wash.** – The Women's Leadership Council today announces its fourth year of funding to support women and children in Thurston County. Thanks to members of the Women's Leadership Council (WLC) and the philanthropic community, \$20K in grants will help strengthen and support four nonprofit organizations during the 2014-2015 funding cycle.

"We know the economy is impacting lives of women and their families so we hope that by supporting programs with effective outcomes, our women will be more financially stable, healthier and safer," said WLC Co-Chair, Leatta Dahlhoff.

The WLC received \$65K in requests and granted \$20K to support Family Education and Support Services, YWCA of Olympia, Boys & Girls Club of Thurston County, and Expanding Your Horizons. According to the funding guidelines, nonprofits are required to align with the WLC mission to positively impact the lives of women and children in Thurston County by promoting self-sufficiency and financial stability.

"Women need access to information about entering the workforce, attaining financial stability, and managing their money," said Dahlhoff. "This year's grant recipients will be able to provide programs to fulfill that need."

Funds raised through annual memberships support the WLC Giving Circle. Women join the affinity group by contributing a leadership gift of \$1K annually or a participating gift of \$250 annually. To become a member, click [here](#).

To learn more about this year's grant recipients, click [here](#).

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*The Women's Leadership Council is affiliated with United Way of Thurston County and positively impacts the lives of women and children by promoting self-sufficiency and financial stability. The WLC aims to inspire, educate and engage women in the community through philanthropy, community service and advocacy. For more information, visit [www.UnitedWay-Thurston.org](http://www.UnitedWay-Thurston.org)*

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