

We have the pleasure of awarding the 2020 Women United Grants to four local organizations.

1. ACTS received \$5,000 to help fund its Food Program to provide food for families with children. ACTS Food Program helps meet the immediate and basic needs when access to food is limited or nonexistent. Families with children at risk of hunger are provided stability with nutritious food options. The program currently serves over 5,300 individuals, of which 62% are women and 33% are under the age of 18.
2. The Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club received \$2,000 to provide programs such as Money Matters, Healthy Habits, and Positive Action once a week for 2 – 3 hours to provide women and children with the knowledge that can prevent them from relapsing back into homelessness.
3. Community Ministry of North Augusta received \$6,000 to provide housing for 6 women (and their children) who are moving out of homelessness or abusive/emergency situations into a house/apartment through their project called A Place to Call Home. The grant would provide \$1,000 per client to use toward providing

shelter and achieving self-sufficiency. CMONA currently assists over 600 clients annually with utility payments, medicine assistance, furniture and clothing, food, transportation, and shelter costs.

4. Cumbee Center received \$1,360 to purchase individually wrapped over the counter medication and air purifiers for shelter residents, potentially assisting 50 families escaping domestic violence. The shelter services over 180 victims of domestic violence annually. Supplying individually wrapped medicines and air purifiers is a step toward transforming lives by promoting health, wellness, and advanced quality of life.

United Way of Aiken County and our Women's Leadership Council are very happy that we have the opportunity to invest in our community by assisting these wonderful programs!