



### **Betty Griffin Center – \$125,000 (Two-Year Grant)**

The Betty Griffin Center offers a range of support and services to women and girls affected by domestic violence and sexual assault. This grant will be used to support a comprehensive approach to preventing violence before it begins by providing crisis intervention for women and girls impact by domestic and/or sexual violence. In addition, resources will help expand prevention education and will enhance the Batterer Accountability Initiative, which plays a dual role in both preventing further violence and providing direct services, aims to ensuring perpetrator accountability within community systems. Finally, funding will bolster crisis response services and comprehensive, wraparound support programs, enabling survivors to rebuild their lives with stability, resilience, and independence.

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### **Literacy Alliance of North Florida – \$70,000 (Two-Year Grant)**

The Literacy Alliance Survivor Education Program is expanding on a pilot adult education partnership initiative to provide trauma-informed, women-only adult education services for survivors of domestic violence in Northeast Florida who are in the transition and stability phases of regional organizations focused on violence against women. The program allows for efficiency because these organizations will not have to add adult education to their existing services. The initiative offers flexible, customized instruction—including literacy development, GED preparation, and digital literacy certification—delivered by female instructors in safe, supportive environments. The program's individualized and customized options increase the likelihood of survivors utilizing instruction and reduce the likelihood of them remaining in dangerous domestic situations.

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### **The LJD Jewish Family and Community Services – \$125,000 (Two-Year Grant)**

Jewish Family and Community Services (JFCS) will provide targeted individual and family domestic violence support services for women and girls in Baker County through its child welfare program. The program aims to break cycles of generational abuse by helping mothers and children develop healthy coping mechanisms, build support networks, and understand the dynamics of healthy relationships. Additional support includes emergency

assistance for basic needs such as housing, safety equipment, and utilities. This is an important program for Baker County because it is a rural, transportation-challenged region, and having access to in-home and telehealth services can be life-changing for many mothers and children.

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### **The Women's Center of Jacksonville – \$125,000 (Two-Year Grant)**

The LEAD (Leaders Emerging and Developing) Program, a sexual violence prevention initiative of the Women's Center of Jacksonville, empowers young women and girls in Duval, Nassau, and Baker counties through interactive life skills workshops and mentorship. Going beyond education, these workshops create a reliable support system and foster meaningful relationships, which provide trusted resources for participants to navigate life's complexities. Focused on underserved and economically under-resourced communities to ensure access for those facing the greatest barriers, the program promotes resiliency, self-advocacy, and violence prevention through two core series—Prevention and Wellness.

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### **Three Rivers Legal Services, Inc. – \$125,000 (Two-Year Grant)**

Three Rivers Legal Services, Inc. is a non-profit law firm in North Florida that provides legal assistance to marginalized populations. Its family law project incorporates free legal representatives to victims of domestic violence and assists parents of children who have been abused and/or neglected. With a focus on Nassau County and surrounding areas, the initiative supported by this grant provides free, trauma-informed legal services to women and girls surviving abuse. The program offers both immediate and long-term support through protective orders, legal aid for survivors of human trafficking, family law representation, public benefits assistance, eviction defense, and services for female veterans.

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### **I Am The Prize, Inc. (IATP) – \$10,000 (One-Year Grant)**

I AM The Prize aims to break cycles of poverty and inspire the next generation of women leaders by empowering young girls and women in the urban core and Clay County, with an emphasis on communities that grapple with many challenges creating a persistent cycle of adversity, including low income, high crime, and limited educational resources. They provide tailored programs that promote mental well-being, academic preparedness, entrepreneurship, and leadership. Grant funding for its flagship 10-month Teen Business & Entrepreneurship Program will help empower young women ages 10–17 from underserved

communities in Jacksonville to take ownership of their future and generate economic opportunities for themselves and their communities. Participants benefit from tangible business skills, enhanced confidence, and improved financial literacy.

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#### **Lara Idowu Foundation – \$10,000 (One-Year Grant)**

The Lara Idowu Foundation aims to empower and support women and young girls. The organization's Safe & Empowered program serves 100–150 girls annually, helping them gain life skills for safety, digital literacy, self-empowerment, and emotional well-being. This program provides crucial skills necessary for navigating the rise of online threats, cyberbullying, and personal safety challenges faced by girls today. A series of workshops, mentorship programs, self-defense training, and peer support circles help reduce the risk of abuse, exploitation, and harm, while fostering resilience and self-advocacy. The long-term impacts can extend to families and communities as these empowered young women contribute positively to society.

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#### **Rakad Dance Camp – \$10,000 (One-Year Grant)**

Rakad (meaning “to dance or leap with joy” in Hebrew) Dance Camp has been transforming the lives of women and girls since 2009, focusing on personal growth through dance. More than 80 percent of the campers attend on scholarship, and 70 percent come from families on limited incomes. The camp offers various programs to empower participants of all ages and backgrounds, including its flagship Summer Camp for girls aged 5 and older, which uses dance, art projects, and community service projects to enhance self-confidence and leadership skills. The Leadership Empowered Arts Program (L.E.A.P.) funded by this grant trains young women to become role models and camp counselors, equipping them with essential skills to uplift their peers. The funding allows for the incorporation of peer-reviewed leadership development methods, bolsters first aid training, and provides stipends for counselor positions. Investment in the development of young leaders is also an investment in the future of the community that can last for generations.

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#### **Silent Women Speaking Foundation Inc. – \$10,000 (One-Year Grant)**

Silent Women Speaking Foundation Inc. is dedicated to empowering women, particularly mothers, who have experienced the profound loss of a child due to gun violence or other violent crimes, with the mission to foster healing, advocacy, and empowerment through comprehensive services that address the unique challenges faced by these women. Grant funding will support two signature programs: the Annual Mother's Day Brunch & Workshop

and the Painful Tears of Silent Women Book Workshop. The brunch, led by experts on managing grief and trauma, creates a safe and nurturing space for women to gather, connect, and share with others who understand their pain. The book workshop empowers women through storytelling and creative expression. These initiatives are anticipated to serve more than 100 women, including mothers who have lost children to violence, survivors of domestic or community violence, and other women seeking healing and empowerment.

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### **The UNF Black Alumni Association – \$2,500 (One-Year Grant)**

The UNF Black Alumni Association is dedicated to empowering and supporting Black alumni of UNF and students of color in the Jacksonville community through advocacy, mentorship, and educational opportunities. It also supports initiatives that improve educational opportunities and outcomes for marginalized groups. The Black Girl Support Program funded by this grant aims to empower, support, and increase resiliency for young Black women through improved resources and programming for a targeted demographic that needs a strong advocate. Long-term benefits include mentorships, financial support, and relationships with campus affiliates.