PENSACOLA BAY AREA IMPACT 100
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IMPACT 100 Pensacola Bay Area Announces 2026 Grant Recipients

Pensacola, FL – IMPACT 100 Pensacola Bay Area is pleased to announce the 13 grant recipients selected at this year's Annual Meeting held today. These nonprofit organizations will each receive a grant of $101,000 from the members of IMPACT 100 Pensacola Bay Area.

The grant recipients selected by IMPACT 100's members are as follows:

ARTS, CULTURE & HISTORY

- **Ballet Pensacola, Inc.**
  Project: A Holiday Classic Restored: Updating The Nutcracker Costumes and Lighting

- **Pensacola Children's Chorus, Inc.**
  Project: Driven to Sing: Connecting Choir & Community with Transport & Performance

EDUCATION

- **Naval Aviation Museum Foundation, Inc.**
  Project: Flight Adventure Deck: Elevating the Future

- **Santa Rosa Education Foundation, Inc.**
  Project: Little Red School House: Expanding Access, Increasing IMPACT

- **The Pensacola Mess Hall, Inc.**
  Project: Moving Science After School

ENVIRONMENT & RECREATION

- **Keep Pensacola Beautiful, Inc.**
  Project: Moving Beyond Trash: Reforestation and Invasive Species Removal

- **Pensacola and Perdido Bays Estuary Program, Inc.**
  Project: Stories from the Bay: Inspiring Stewardship Through Estuary Encounters

FAMILY

- **Pensacola Habitat for Humanity, Inc.**
  Project: Building Promise: A Habitat-Family Promise Partnership

- **Pregnancy Resource Center, Inc. (dba Life Options Clinic)**
  Project: Parenting Education and Resource Building

- **South Santa Rosa Interfaith Ministries, Inc.**
  Project: Driving Hope for Families

HEALTH & WELLNESS

- **4EVR DEZ**
  Project: Beyond the Dress: A Resource Hub for Teen Girls

- **Health and Hope Clinic, Inc.**
  Project: Expanding Access to Dental Care

- **The Seven Project, Inc.**
  Project: Pedaling Beyond Limits

"For the first time in our history, IMPACT 100 Pensacola Bay Area welcomed 20 grant finalists and selected 13 grant recipients—a powerful reflection of what our growing membership makes possible. Each finalist shared an inspiring vision for our community, and we are proud to help bring these 13 projects to life. More members mean more opportunities to support local nonprofits, touch lives, and create lasting change throughout Escambia and Santa Rosa counties." — Martha Holden, President, IMPACT 100 Pensacola Bay Area

With a record 1,313 members this year, IMPACT 100 was able to award 13 grants of $101,000 each to nonprofit organizations in our community for a total impact of $1.313 million!

What's next for IMPACT 100?

The IMPACT 100 Membership Season begins today, with the first Meet & Mingle event to be held Thursday, November 5, 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at Beach Buzz, 12700 Gulf Beach Highway, Pensacola. The event will be hosted by the IMPACT 100 Women of Perdido. For a full schedule of upcoming Meet & Mingles, visit: www.impact100pensacola.org/meet-mingle-events.

Also, any nonprofit organization that believes a grant of over $100,000 would be impactful for their organization should check out a fun and informative series called Link & Learn, created specifically for the nonprofit community. These events are for nonprofits to link with other nonprofit organizations to network and share ideas and learn detailed information about the IMPACT 100 grant process. The first of this series will be November 18, 7:30 a.m. – 9 a.m. at Marcus Pointe Baptist Church, 6205 North W Street, Pensacola. More information can be found at www.impact100pensacola.org/events.

About IMPACT 100 Pensacola Bay Area, Inc.
IMPACT 100 Pensacola Bay Area, Inc. is an organization of philanthropic-minded women committed to improving their community by providing substantial grants to nonprofit organizations in Escambia and Santa Rosa Counties. Grants are distributed in five focus areas: Arts, Culture & History; Education; Environment & Recreation; Family; Health & Wellness.

This is the 23rd year that IMPACT 100 awarded grants to local nonprofit organizations. After Sunday's awards, IMPACT 100 Pensacola Bay Area will have funded **190 grants totaling more than $20 million** to nonprofit organizations serving Escambia and Santa Rosa Counties.

IMPACT 100 members contribute over $1 million annually in direct grants to nonprofit organizations serving the two counties. Additionally, the organizations purchase goods and services from local businesses, creating further contributions through taxes and other indirect and induced spending. Membership is open to any woman, age 18 or over, who makes an annual tax-deductible donation (membership fee) of $1,000 by March 1 of any calendar year. The entire contribution is used to fund grants.

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ARTS, CULTURE & HISTORY

Ballet Pensacola, Inc.
Project: A Holiday Classic Restored: Updating The Nutcracker Costumes and Lighting
The mission of the organization is to enhance the cultural life of the community by developing an appreciation and knowledge of dance through quality performances and exceptional dance training. The proposed project is a revitalization of The Nutcracker production, including new costumes, scenery, and lighting to elevate the visual experience and preserve the show's legacy for future audiences. An expansion of an existing program, the funds will be used for costumes for principal and ensemble roles; technical equipment such as LED lighting and dance towers; and stage accessories.

Pensacola Children's Chorus, Inc.
Project: Driven to Sing: Connecting Choir & Community with Transport & Performance
The mission of the organization is to foster the personal and social growth of its members and engage the community through inspirational musical experiences. The proposed project is to purchase a van and equipment to improve transportation access and bring musical outreach to underserved children and communities, transporting up to 65 children per week, and to provide new portable risers and speakers to support a greater volume of free concerts in publicly accessible places. The funds will be used for a 15-person vehicle; portable risers; an outdoor speaker system; and a custom vehicle wrap.

EDUCATION

Naval Aviation Museum Foundation, Inc.
Project: Flight Adventure Deck: Elevating the Future
The mission of the organization is to provide benefactors the flight path to support the operation, expansion and development of the National Naval Aviation Museum. The proposed project is the modernization of the Flight Adventure Deck, strengthening middle school STEM literacy and connecting classroom learning to real-world aviation applications. Improvements include upgraded flight simulator technology, inclusive student furniture, and secure storage. The funds will be used for technology and aviation simulator equipment including video wall installation; gaming computers; Smartboard screen; and classroom office furniture and fixtures.

Santa Rosa Education Foundation, Inc.
Project: Little Red School House: Expanding Access, Increasing IMPACT
The mission of the organization is to create an awareness of and enhance public education in Santa Rosa County by building and sustaining community support. The proposed project is to expand the capacity, efficiency, and accessibility of the Little Red School House, a teacher supply depot program that provides classroom supplies to educators in Santa Rosa County. The funds will be used for essential classroom supplies; a utility trailer, retrofitted for mobile service to remote schools; construction materials and labor for facility improvements including a new HVAC system, flooring and lighting; improved storage shelving, and picker carts for distribution support.

The Pensacola MESS Hall, Inc.
Project: Moving Science After School
The mission of the organization is to inspire curiosity, experimentation, and create problem solving through the exploration of math, engineering, science, and stuff. The proposed project is an expansion of an afterschool STEM program providing transportation, classroom equipment and staff to deliver hands-on science experiences for 200 elementary students, especially those currently underserved, fostering community connections and enhancing STEM identity. The funds will be used for a 12-passenger van; insurance; logo wrap; payroll for new project staff positions for program delivery, and classroom equipment and furniture.

ENVIRONMENT & RECREATION

Keep Pensacola Beautiful, Inc.
Project: Moving Beyond Trash: Reforestation and Invasive Species Removed
The mission of the organization is to work strategically with community partners to educate, advocate, and implement programs that enhance the environmental quality and beauty of the community for current and future generations. The proposed project is an expansion of existing efforts to collaborate with local partners in the reforestation and restoration of the tree canopy by planting and maintaining trees on public and private property, with a focus on high-need neighborhoods. The new equipment will also be used to support invasive species removal. The funds will be used for two ¾-ton pick-up trucks.

Pensacola and Perdido Bays Estuary Program, Inc.
Project: Stories from the Bay: Inspiring Stewardship through Estuary Encounters
The mission of the organization is to preserve, restore, improve, and maintain the natural habitat and ecosystem of the bays, estuaries, and watersheds of Pensacola and Perdido Bays. The proposed project is a capacity-building and visual storytelling campaign supporting ecological restoration, community engagement and outreach for the Pensacola Bay Oyster Restoration Initiative (ORI) and the Carpenter Creek Restoration Program (CCRP). The funds will be used to purchase a new vehicle to expand outreach and monitor capacity; produce two short films on ORI and CCRP; and support the launch of a flagship Oyster Festival.

FAMILY

Pensacola Habitat for Humanity, Inc.
Project: Building Promise: A Habitat – Family Promise Partnership
The mission of the organization is to put God's love into action, Pensacola Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities and hope. The proposed project is to partner with Family Promise of Escambia County to build a home designed for one purpose: housing two homeless families at the same time as they work their way back to permanent housing. Habitat will construct the 4 Bedroom / 2 Bath home with 2 private bedrooms and a bathroom on opposite sides of shared kitchen and living area. Build on Community Land Trust property, Family Promise will own and operate it and provide family support. The funds will be used for construction labor and material, site preparation, permits, recognition signage and plaque.

Pregnancy Resource Center, Inc. (dba Life Options Clinic)
Project: Parenting Education and Resource Building
The mission of the organization is to offer free and confidential medical services to support women experiencing an unintended pregnancy and considering abortion, to make a positive life affirming decision for herself and her baby. An expansion of existing services, the proposed project is to construct a separate, larger building, dedicated to providing parenting education classes and increasing the size of the resource center, thus accommodating growing demand and improving service delivery. The funds will be used to construct a 2,500 sq. ft. metal building with concrete monolithic slab; exterior brick wainscoting; and cabinetry.

Santa Rosa Interfaith Ministries, Inc.
Project: Driving Hope for Families
The mission of the organization is to meet the financial, physical, and spiritual needs of the community through cooperative community efforts. An expansion of existing services, the proposed project is to purchase a new 18-ft box truck to increase donation collections, providing more inventory for thrift store sales that strengthen family stability by providing revenue for essential family assistance programs that support financial assistance, food, clothing, healthcare services, prescription medications and emergency assistance. The funds will be used to purchase an 18-foot box truck including insurance, vehicle wrap, tags and registration; and partial salary for a part-time driver.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

4EVR DEZ

Project: Beyond the Dress: A Resource Hub for Teen Girls

The mission of the organization is to empower teen girls by removing barriers to confidence, wellness, and physical well-being; one dress, one period, and one conversation at a time. The proposed project is to establish a health and wellness center for teen girls in NWFL, offering mentorship, confidence-building programs, and essential support services, including mobile outreach to underserved communities. The funds will be used to purchase furnishings including a 12-person table, lounge furniture, cabinetry, and refrigerator for the Resource Hub; and a used delivery van with branding.

Health and Hope Clinic, Inc.

Project: Expanding Access to Dental Care

The mission of the organization is to provide health and hope to the hurting and underserved, providing comprehensive medical care, free of charge. An expansion of existing dental services for uninsured adults, the proposed project adds a 400 sq. ft. addition with two new dental suites, dental lounge, patient check-in area, administrative office, and an accessible bathroom to address unmet dental needs and reduce patient backlog. The funds will be used for site preparation and flood mitigation; construction labor and materials; concrete foundation and slab; trusses and roofing; plumbing and a portion of the required electrical work for the dental wing expansion.

The Seven Project, Inc.

Project: Pedaling Beyond Limits

The mission of the organization is to enhance the quality of life and overall wellness of those living with physical disability through exercise, nutritional guidance, and peer support. An expansion of the organization's existing adaptive fitness services, the proposed project focuses on the acquisition of two Functional Electrical Stimulation cycles that exercise muscles for individuals with paralysis, spinal cord injuries and other neurological conditions. The funds will be used for purchasing two RF300 Functional Electrical Stimulation cycles with all components and warranties; FES electrode pads; and 50 introductory FES cycling sessions to ensure accessibility and maximize therapeutic benefits.