The vision of the Women’s Legacy Fund is that every woman and girl in San Luis Obispo County has the opportunity to thrive.

The Women’s Legacy Fund (WLF) which was established in 2003 by The Community Foundation Board of Directors, provides support through grants to organizations that strengthen women and girls’ physical, emotional, intellectual and financial well-being.


The latest edition of our "What Do Women Need?" report will be released in early 2020. Here are a few statistics that are important to note.

**Economic Stability**

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The median family income for a female head of household with children is $32,986/year. It is estimated to cost $71,580/year to meet basic needs (1 adult and 2 children) in SLO County.

**Annual Child Care Costs**

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Childcare costs have increased while the number of providers in our county has dropped. There were 30% fewer childcare spots between 2013-2017.

**Teens Girls and Sadness**

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11th grade school girls have a steady increase in chronic sadness and hopelessness. 48% of 11th grade girls report much higher levels of sadness compared to 28% in 11th grade boys.

Juliana is a local student and participant in the Boys & Girls Club SMART Girls Program, which has received multiple years of grant funding from WLF. The program is designed to build character and help girls successfully navigate adolescence. Participation in the SMART Girls program helped Juliana move from struggling, to maintaining focus in her studies and dedicating herself to making the honor roll.
The power of endowment

Although the needs of local women and girls will change, the importance of addressing those needs will remain constant. An endowed fund is a permanent philanthropic resource. A percentage of the fund’s value is available to grant each year, while the principal is invested to grow over time. This enables the fund to award grants in perpetuity. Your gift to the Women’s Legacy Fund is leveraged for greater impact. With your support, we will make a difference today and continue to make a lasting impact for generations.

Charting our success: Growing the Women's Legacy Fund endowment

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Please visit www.cfsloco.org/womens-legacy-fund to learn more about the fund.

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The Young 100 – for donors approximately age 40 and under, your journey to becoming a Legacy Leader starts by donating only $28/month for three years. Learn more at www.theyoung100.com

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Total Granted (2003-2019) - $435,345

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