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## Grants awarded in support of women

The Women's Fund of the Community Foundation for Monterey County recently awarded \$75,000 in grants to six nonprofits supporting economic prosperity for women.

Earlier this year, the CFMC's Grants and Program Committee approved the Women's Fund Grants Program focusing over the next four years on two interconnected goals: to advance economic prosperity for women and to invest in the future of girls.

The Hartnell College Foundation received \$9,000 to provide scholarships for six women to participate in Hartnell College's Women's Education Leadership Initiative.

Monterey Peninsula College Foundation

received \$15,000 to support low-income women students by providing them with affordable on-campus child care through the MPC Child Development Center.

The Natividad Medical Foundation received \$25,000 toward multicultural medical interpretation training and an internship program for indigenous women to become Qualified Medical Interpreters.

The Youth Arts Collective (YAC) was awarded \$10,000 to mentor young women artists in preparing for acceptance and scholarships at the college of their choice.

A \$9,000 grant was given to the YWCA Monterey County to collaborate with

El Pajaro Community Development Corporation to expand their women's financial self-sufficiency program and bring it to women in need living in Salinas and on the Monterey Peninsula.

Community Human Services received \$3,500 to provide direct financial support to women residing in Elm House, a transitional housing facility in Seaside for single women in recovery from substance abuse.

The Monterey Peninsula College Foundation was awarded a \$3,500 grant for the "Women Supporting Women" program, which provides emergency financial assistance to women at risk for dropping out of college due to a financial hardship.

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## Medical foundation receives grants for essential equipment, services

The Natividad Medical Foundation has received new grants totaling more than \$189,000 from Bank of America Charitable Foundation, Children's Miracle Network, Comerica Bank, Harden Foundation and Hospice Foundation to support the programs and equipment needs of Natividad Medical Center.

### The recent grants include:

- >> **Bank of America Charitable Foundation** - \$25,000 grant to train qualified medical interpreters.
- >> **Children's Miracle Network** - \$96,505 for pediatric medical equipment.
- >> **Comerica Bank** - \$10,000 for programs and services.
- >> **Harden Foundation** - \$40,000 for newborn care equipment.
- >> **Hospice Foundation** - \$17,100 to support grieving families.