



WOMEN OF VISION FUNDED GRANTS 2026

Women's Boutique

Department: Women's Boutique

Name of Project: Electric Breast Pumps

Funding Approved: \$1,400

10 Medela Pump in Style Advance Breast Pumps were funded to support postpartum patients who do not have access to breast pump coverage from their health insurance carrier. In 2026, we anticipate more mothers left without the essential equipment needed to initiate and maintain breastfeeding – the primary reason for the disparity is changes in health insurance coverage benefits. We are also concerned that the reduction in WIC funding will cause fewer available community resources. This funding will ensure equitable access to high-quality lactation support for mothers who are uninsured, insured, or facing financial barriers. Providing these pumps will directly improve maternal and infant health outcomes, support breastfeeding success, and address growing disparities in care.

Department: Women's Boutique

Name of Project: Boutique Renovation

Funding Approved: \$40,000

This project aims to significantly improve the patient experience within the boutique and better meet the needs of our patients. Expanding the fitting area, refreshing the paint, and replacing the worn carpet-now torn in places-will enhance comfort, privacy, and accessibility. These improvements will enhance privacy, dignity, and overall patient experience during what is often physically and emotionally.

Department: Women's Boutique

Name of Project: Lymphedema and Compression Garments

Funding Approved: \$4,120

Lymphedema is a medical condition characterized by swelling in one or more extremities typically following cancer treatments especially for breast cancer. Once the lymph nodes are removed during treatment, the body's ability to remove fluid is compromised. Lymphedema is not only a cosmetic concern, but it can also increase the risk of infection and decrease the ability to use the extremity. Treatment for lymphedema includes the use of manual lymphatic drainage to increase activity in the lymphatic system and compression bandaging to decrease the size of the extremity. Following the completion of treatment, garments are used to maintain the size reduction

obtained in therapy. Without the garments, the swelling will once again increase. Insurance companies will cover the cost of therapy but will not always cover the cost of bandages or garments. Medicare or Medicaid does NOT cover garments, so it is a 100% out of pocket expense for these patients.

Bone and Breast Center

Department: Bone and Breast Center

Name of Project: Survivorship Gifts

Approved Funding: \$3,000

We are applying for this grant to provide our patients with a celebratory gift with an inspirational message of good health. It is a way to celebrate the end of active treatment and to wish them well for the future.

Department: Bone and Breast Center

Name of Project: Breast Cancer Education and Support

Approved Funding: \$2,500

Funding for educational books to provide each patient with access to detailed information regarding their diagnosis. This educational book is provided in the “welcome packets” prepared for women and given when meeting with nurse navigator. Some resources will be used for bags when our supply is completed.

Department: Bone and Breast

Name of Project: Bone and Breast Renovation

Approved Funding: \$20,000

The Bone and Breast Center was approved funding to finalize remodel of patient facing space within their department. The final part of the project includes the upgrade of furniture in the women’s bone and breast area. Like other spaces in Riverview Health, the environment does not meet expectations of the services received.

Maternity Services

Department: Maternity Services

Name of Project: Maternity Services- (Sleep Sack, Car Seats and Purple Crying)

Approved Funding: \$5,000

Infant sleep sacks, Period of Purple Training, and Infant Car Seats were funded to support families experiencing financial hardship. The infant sleep sacks and safe sleep education will help to maintain our Gold Status designation in the Cribs for Kids® Safe Sleep Program. Many, parents are unaware of the dangers of loose bedding, despite strong American Academy of Pediatrics recommendations advocating the use of sleep sacks and emphasizing the critical role hospitals play in modeling safe sleep practices from birth through discharge. By providing each family with a sleep sack and safe-sleep

education materials, we reinforce evidence-based practices that reduce sleep-related infant deaths and ensure that all families—including those with limited resources—leave the hospital equipped to create a safe sleep environment. This education is complemented by our participation in the Period of PURPLE Crying® Program, a statewide shaken baby syndrome prevention initiative in which nursing staff provide parents with app-based resources on normal infant crying before discharge. Additionally, it will allow us to keep appropriate car seats readily available for families who cannot afford a standard infant seat or who require a specialized premature-infant car seat and do not have the funds to purchase this additional seat.

Department: Maternity Services

Name of Project: Pregnancy and Infant Loss

Approved Funding: \$2,000

Since we started this program several years ago, we have been able to provide consistent and sympathetic services and support to the families of Riverview Health who have suffered a pregnancy or infant loss. Our target population is any patient that comes to Riverview Health, the Riverview Urgent Care Centers, and the surrounding community of Hamilton County. We use the funds to provide educational materials, memorial, and comfort items for the families. We also have annual memorial ceremonies and have a memorial walk for families.

Department: Maternity Services

Name of Project: Teen Pregnancy and Support Group

Approved Funding: \$500

The purpose of requesting funding for the Adolescent Peer Pregnancy Support Group is to provide teen parents and their infants/children with education, support, and essential resources. Funding will allow us to offer informational sessions, bring in community leaders to teach and mentor, and provide crafts, activities, food, and gifts. These activities encourage healthy interaction among peers and give us opportunities to model and observe positive parent–child play that many of them may not experience elsewhere.

Outpatient Rehabilitation

Department: Outpatient Rehabilitation

Name of Project: Lymphedema Treatment Supplies

Approved Funding: \$12,500

Four pneumatic pumps at an estimated cost of \$2,700 per unit were approved and bandages utilized for treatment of lymphedema.

The lymphatic system is a vital part of the immune system, responsible for fighting infection and maintaining proper fluid balance by transporting lymph back to the bloodstream. Although there is no cure, untreated lymphedema can worsen, leading to severe swelling and permanent tissue changes; however, physical therapy can significantly reduce edema and pain. While insurance typically covers therapy, it often excludes the specialized bandaging supplies required for effective treatment, leaving

many women in our community unable to afford them. This grant would enable us to provide a full set of compression bandages for individuals in need, allowing edema reduction sufficiently to transition to compression garments, improve mobility, and enhance overall quality of life.

Volunteer Services

Department: Volunteer Services

Name of Project: Touch of Love

Approved Funding: \$15,000

Touch of Love is facilitated by numerous volunteers at Riverview Health and in the community that knit or crochet items for our patients and new babies. The volunteers provide blankets, wraps, pillows, for patients and newborns. Riverview Health has experienced an increase in patients/families, approximately 50%, who meet the qualifications for WIC. 465 babies were born at Riverview Health and 213 received Baby Bags filled with much needed items for the babies. 45 Baby Bags were given to families who had a preemie baby. The bags consist of the following items that are purchased; 1 crib blanket, 2 receiving blankets, 2 burp cloths, 2 bibs, 2 pairs of socks, 1 mitten set, 1 sleeper (0-3 months), 1 sleeper (3-6 months), 1 hooded bath towel, 1 changing pad and a handmade, sweater, hat, booties, and blanket.

Touch of Love also provides knit rainbow hats for families experiencing a rainbow baby (after suffering a loss, the next full-term baby is referred to as a rainbow baby) and Breast Center, Pediatrics and Maternity.

This last year, we provided blankets and pillows for the following departments:
Emergency & Admitting – Adult & Children Infusion Center – Pillows & Blankets Surgery
– Adults & Children Bone, Breast & Health - Pillows Pediatrics Every Baby Born