Joyful Heart Foundation Awards Over $450,000 in 2026 Heal the Healers Grants

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NEW YORK – The Joyful Heart Foundation is thrilled to announce the 2026 recipients of its annual Heal the Healers grants. The Heal the Healers (HTH) Fund supports professionals working directly with survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and child abuse who face a heightened risk of secondary trauma. As funding cuts and uncertainties continue to strain organizations nationwide, these vital workers are faced with seemingly insurmountable workloads in an increasingly accommodating political environment. The Heal the Healers Grant helps ease that burden. **Joyful Heart, in collaboration with our philanthropic partners, has disbursed over $450,000 to fund over 100 grants.**

The grants will support the frontline staff of these organizations by funding staff retreats, training and program development for self-care practices, facilities upgrades that promote wellness, and therapeutic experiences including mental health services.

"We know that secondary trauma is a relentless challenge, leading to high turnover rates for advocates in the domestic violence, sexual assault, and child abuse fields, and making it harder for survivors to access the care they desperately need," **says Robyn Mazur, Executive Director of the Joyful Heart Foundation.** "With the extraordinary support of our philanthropic partners, we were able to fund over 100 organizations this year, increasing the amount of funded applicants by more than 50%. This expansion ensures that by supporting our partners' staff and volunteers, we are directly helping advocates maintain the compassion and strength required to light the path toward healing for survivors."

If you have any questions or need more information, do not hesitate to contact our media department at Media@EndtheBacklog.org or respond to this email to connect with Executive Director, Robyn Mazur for further comment.

Snapshots of 2026 Heal the Healers Grant Recipients

“Our tiny but mighty team of advocates are so excited to have been selected to receive this much needed funding! This funding allows us to create the Rejuvenating Advocate Well-Being in Rural Nevada program. We look forward to seeing the positive impact this program will have on the retention and longevity of our team. We are very grateful for this opportunity afforded to us from the Joyful Heart Foundation Heal the Healers Fund. Thank you so much this warms our hearts. We cannot wait to pay this forward in the work we do with clients.”

- Domestic Violence Intervention, Inc., Nevada

“We are honored and deeply grateful to receive this grant in support of the Minnesota Indian Women’s Resource Center. This investment strengthens our ability to provide a safe, welcoming place where Native women, children, families, and community members can access essential services, build stability, and stay connected. Every investment in MIWRC helps us respond to immediate needs while creating opportunities for greater safety, well-being, and self-reliance for the people we serve. We are thankful for this partnership and for the belief in the work happening every day within our community.”

- Minnesota Indian Women's Resource Center, Minnesota

“We are deeply grateful to the Joyful Heart Foundation for this investment in the people who carry our mission every day. This grant gives us the ability to do what is so rarely funded: care for the caregivers. When our team is supported and resilient, the children and families we serve feel that difference."

- Children’s Legacy Center, California

“We are beyond excited and incredibly grateful to receive this award! We are a small town with an even smaller police department, and funding is often extremely limited. Small agencies like ours can easily be overlooked when it comes to receiving the resources needed to care for our officers—even on the most basic level…Our officers have never had a place to step away, share a meal, take a breath, or simply decompress. This grant is going to change that, and we cannot adequately express how much it means to our entire department!”

- Pembroke Police Department, Virginia

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The mission of the Joyful Heart Foundation is to transform society’s response to sexual assault, domestic violence, and child abuse, and support survivors’ healing.

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