

Happy Valley Derby Darlins

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Utah Women's Giving Circle
The Community Foundation of Utah
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Dear Utah Women's Giving Circle:

I am writing this letter as part of the grant application I submitted for Happy Valley Derby Darlins, Utah County's female roller derby league. This organization is looking for a grant of \$2,500 to purchase safety equipment that can be used by women interested in the sport and community who cannot purchase the necessary equipment on their own. Happy Valley Derby Darlins is a non-profit organization with current 501(c)(3) tax designation that seeks to empower women of all backgrounds, age groups, and skill levels within the Utah County region by providing an opportunity to interact with other women through a safe and alternative means of exercise and camaraderie.

According to the Utah Department of Health's 2016 data, 16.9% of the women in Utah and 7.7% of the women in Utah County have reported that they have been symptoms of sexual harassment. The risk factor for those whose annual income is under \$25,000 is even higher, with 14.9% of that portion of the population reporting that they are victims of sexual harassment.

Happy Valley Derby Darlins is committed to fighting these instances of sexual harassment in our community by providing Utah County's women with a place to make healthy relationships, find a close-knit and supportive community, and improve their mental and physical strength. Unfortunately, the safety equipment required to participate in roller derby is beyond the financial means of the county's low-income population, which is one of the groups that could benefit the most from this empowerment.

With a grant from Utah Women's Giving Circle, Happy Valley Derby Darlins can continue working toward the goal that its organization and yours shares: empowering women to take a stand against sexual harassment. The requested \$2,500 will be used to purchase ten full sets of safety gear, which will be loaned to prospective skaters until they are able to purchase equipment of their own. With the league's varied practice schedules, this will give 20-30 women the opportunity to join this life-changing community every six months. Imagine the impact that many fully empowered women will have on combatting sexual harassment in Utah County!

Thank you for considering Happy Valley Derby Darlins for this opportunity. It is committed to strengthening Utah County's women and looks forward to partnering with you to reach even more of the community.

Sincerely,
Emilie Zink-Wright