



Observer announces grant program for Island nonprofits

The Washington Island Observer board of directors has announced the Mary Marik Community Grant Program for Island nonprofit organizations.

The grant program is named in honor of Mary Marik, a former editor of the Washington Island Observer, who died Dec. 27, 2021. Mary was dedicated to excellence in journalism and, after her role as editor in 2012, continued to help with the Observer for many years, up until her death. She played a major role in developing the Observer into the Wisconsin Newspaper Association and state-recognized official newspaper it is today.

Each year, the Observer will award

two to three Marik Grants of \$1,000 each to deserving Island nonprofit organizations that strive to make the Island a better place to live, work, and visit. The grant application can be found on the Observer website or can be picked up at the Washington Island Observer offices at 1253 Main Road. The deadline to submit applications for this year's grants is May 1, 2022.

A committee of Observer board members will review the grant applications. Recipients will be announced by June 1, 2022.

Questions on the grant application should be directed to Jane Jessen, Observer's special projects chair, at jessenjane3@gmail.com.