

Want Effective Bipartisan Solutions? Elect More Women

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The New Hampshire Women's Foundation
invests in opportunity and equality
for women and girls in the Granite State
through research, advocacy, education,
grantmaking and philanthropy.

Women in NH Government



Women in NH Government

- NH House = 36% women
- NH Senate = 42% women
- City Mayors = NO women mayors
- City Councilors and Aldermen = 34% women
- City School Boards = 63% women
- Town School Boards = 56% women
- Town Select Board = 26% women
- 39% of towns had zero women on their select board

Why We Need More Women in Office

Studies have proved that, regardless of party, when women serve, they are more likely to support policies that benefit women and girls in their community.

Why We Need More Women in Office

Research shows women in elected office are more likely to seek bipartisanship and compromise than their male counterparts.

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From government to business to community, a diversity of perspectives leads to more robust discussion and includes more perspectives that lead to better outcomes.

Examples of Effective Bipartisan Solutions Lead by Women in NH

Menstrual products in prisons and jails (2023)

Sponsor: Sen. Becky Whitely (D)

Crucial supporters:

Sen. Sharon Carson (R)

Rep. Jennifer Rhodes

DOC Commissioner Helen Hanks

Outcome: Unanimous, signed into law



Examples of Effective Bipartisan Solutions Lead by Women in NH

MOMnibus 2.0 (2025)

Sponsor: Sen. Denise Ricciardi (R)

Crucial supporters:

Sen. Sue Prentiss (D)

Rep. Katelyn Kuttub (R)

Rep. Kim Rice (R)

Rep. Alexis Simpson (D)

Outcome: Unanimous, Signed into law



Barriers to Women Running

Studies show that women often do not see themselves as potential candidates for office, even though, when they do run, they are just as likely as men to win.

Barriers to Women Running

Women may assume they are underqualified even though they are as qualified as other candidates.

Barriers to Women Running

Women point to career, family, and other responsibilities as barriers to serving.

Barriers to Women Running

Women are more likely to run for office when they are asked to run/serve and when they are encouraged.

What can you do?

RUN FOR OFFICE

Encourage the women in your life to run for office

Support women running for office

Keep women in office

WOMEN RUN!

Women Run is the Granite State's
only nonpartisan program
empowering and training women
to run for office at the state and local level.

ACTIVITY

Think of 3 women in your life who
should run for office

Why?

How/where/when can you tell them?