

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

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Deadline: January 31, 2012

Women's Fund of Western Massachusetts Invites Grant Applications for Programs to Benefit Women and Girls

The [Women's Fund of Western Massachusetts](#) provides funding to organizations and programs working to benefit women and girls in the four counties of western Massachusetts.

The fund seeks to support diverse programs and projects that directly impact individual participants as well as efforts that address the broader social issues affecting women and girls, including advocacy and efforts to change systems and policies. Last year the fund supported nineteen organizations in Berkshire, Franklin, Hampden, and Hampshire counties.

The fund makes grants and advances social change in three major focus areas: Educational Access and Success, Economic Justice, and Safety and Freedom from Violence.

The fund will award \$150,000 in grants in the coming year in three funding categories:

Program and Policy Impact Grants of \$1,000 to \$15,000 are available for programs offering direct service to women and/or girls, or for initiatives that significantly involve women and/or girls in efforts to impact policies or systems that benefit them. Two-year grants are available.

Capacity Building Grants of \$500 to \$5,000 are available for projects aimed at strengthening an organization or program's ability to serve women and/or girls specifically. One-year grants are available.

Operating Support Grants of \$1,000 to \$15,000 are available for general operating costs that maintain or sustain an organization's ongoing work. These grants are reserved for organizations whose mission is to specifically serve women and/or girls. Eligibility is limited to past grantees. Two-year grants are available.

Applicants must have 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status through their organization or through a sponsoring agency. Grant applications for direct service must be for work designed specifically for, and only serving, women and/or girls. Grant applications that seek to impact policies or systems must be significantly led by women and/or girls and be designed for their benefit.

Visit the Women's Fund Web site for complete program guidelines, application instructions, and an informational webinar for applicants.

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Primary Subject: Women

Geographic Funding Area: National



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