CHICAGO FOUNDATION FOR WOMEN FUNDS

CATALYST FUND: RESOURCES FOR WOMEN OF COLOR IN REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE
Chicago Foundation for Women raises dollars to match funds provided by the Groundswell Fund’s core program, the Catalyst Fund, a national initiative to bring new funding to women of color-led reproductive justice work. Through this partnership, the Foundation will be able to provide funds for grants and technical assistance to Chicago-area reproductive justice projects led by women of color. This fund will amplify efforts to expand the reproductive justice platform and diversify voices of communities of color on these issues.

DONOR ADVISED FUNDS
Donor Advised funds can be established when a person or family donates $5,000 or more to the fund. Chicago Foundation for Women assists the donor in awarding grants from that fund to support organizations helping women and girls.

Our DAFs include:
- Fay Clayton Fund
- The Patty Crowley Fund
- Nancy M. Goodman Memorial Fund
- Elick and Charlotte Lindon Fund
- The Evelyn Appell Lipkin Fund
- Jo and Art Moore Family Fund
- Luuevary Partee Fund
- Jessica Eve Patt Memorial Fund
- Eleanor Petersen Fund
- Berta Waese Endowed Fund
- Hedy and Rose Ratner Fund

DORIS & HOWARD CONANT FUND FOR WOMEN’S RIGHTS
The Doris & Howard Conant Fund supports organizations and programs committed to women’s rights, with a focus on advocacy efforts. The Conant Fund also provides an opportunity to award multi-year grants, demonstrating both the Foundation’s and the donor’s commitment to long-term, systemic change.

THE ELEANOR NETWORK AT CHICAGO FOUNDATION FOR WOMEN*
Eleanor Network at Chicago Foundation for Women supports an array of economic security strategies, bringing together the former Eleanor Foundation’s targeted approach and CFW’s broader support of direct service and advocacy.

THE ENTERPRISE FUND
Based on our commitment to nurturing innovative efforts and to supporting smart collaborations, we have established The Enterprise Fund. The Enterprise Fund is specifically designed to meet the next wave of economic, social, and educational challenges facing women and girls by recognizing that not all programs and ideas need to be housed in separate, unique organizations. Through the Fund, applicant organizations have the support to consider a range of organizational structures and pathways to collaborative programming. From combining complementary ideas to co-locating services to formally joining with a nonprofit partner, the Enterprise Fund allows organizations the flexibility to consider new iterations of their work.

THE GENERAL FUND
Grants from the General Fund focus on Chicago Foundation for Women’s three key issue areas: economic security, freedom from violence, and access to health services and information for women and girls.

* A portion of the funds that support housing and wraparound services for low-income working women in Chicago are provided by the Ava Farewell Trust.

GIVING COUNCIL FUNDS
Through our three Giving Councils, Chicago Foundation for Women fosters a network of diverse leaders who raise funds for their communities. Each council’s fund awarded grants this past year to organizations which work in the communities they represent.

IRENE BAYRACH ANTI-VIOLENCE LEGACY FUND
The Irene Bayrach Anti-Violence Legacy Fund supports advocacy and services to address family violence. Through this fund, the Foundation seeks to address the following types of violence:
- Domestic abuse or violence between partners in an intimate relationship including physical, emotional, and sexual abuse,
- Girls’ exposure to family violence and child abuse, including physical maltreatment and neglect by a parent or other caregiver, and
- Elder women abuse (including physical maltreatment, financial exploitation, and neglect) where the victim of maltreatment is 60 years of age and the perpetrator is a caregiver.

THE NORTH SHORE GIVING CIRCLE
The North Shore Giving Circle of Chicago Foundation for Women aims to increase awareness about the Foundation within the northern suburbs and to make use of the knowledge and skills of community leaders and members. The purpose of the giving circle is to provide a bridge between the Foundation and women leaders in Chicagoland communities, and to provide specialized fundraising and grantmaking mechanisms for these communities through Chicago Foundation for Women.

THE POLK BROS. FOUNDATION FUND FOR EMERGING ORGANIZATIONS
The Polk Bros. Foundation Fund for Emerging Organizations fosters early growth in promising nonprofits with annual operating budgets below $75,000.

THE SOPHIA FUND FOR ADVOCACY
From 1983 to 1991, the Sophia Fund was an independent foundation, making more than 400 grants totaling $1.8 million dollars to organizations addressing reproductive rights, violence against women, and economic justice. In 1992, the founder of the Sophia Fund transferred part of the fund’s assets to Chicago Foundation for Women to enable the support of advocacy and social policy efforts that ensure that women reach their full potential. The Sophia Fund focuses on the same three key issues as the General Fund does; its application process is also the same.

EVA JANZEN POWELL AND SMITH T. POWELL HEALTH SERIES
As a part of Chicago Foundation for Women’s effort to enhance access to health services and information for underserved and uninsured women and girls, the Foundation provides funding for public outreach symposiums through the Eva Janzen Powell and Smith T. Powell Health Series. Each symposium highlights a unique issue or health concern facing low-income women and women of color.

STRATEGIC RESPONSE FUND
The Strategic Response Fund allows the Foundation to provide immediate support for projects that are outside of the Foundation’s spring and fall grant cycles. Grants of up to $7,500 are awarded on a rolling basis to local organizations addressing critical issues and concerns of women and girls. These grants are intended to be small, discrete, and timely. Thus, grants from this pool are “exceptional” and out of the ordinary course of business. This fund is competitive, and an organization is limited to one Strategic Response Fund grant per year.

THE WESTERN SUBURBS GIVING CIRCLE
The Western Suburbs Giving Circle (WSGC) is a group of Chicago-area women who combine their funds to address the needs of women and girls in the western suburbs with a special focus on economic security and freedom from violence. By leveraging the power of collective gifts, their grants create meaningful impact and improve lives.
GRANTS LIST

CATALYST FUND FOR REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE
BLACK ON BOTH SIDES $30,000
Black on Both Sides’ (BBS) goal is to end the foster care to prison pipeline by addressing the systemic inequities that lead to disproportionate rates of black youth in foster care and of foster youth in prison. BBS works to end the criminalization of black motherhood in America and the generational impact of foster care.

CABRINI GREEN LEGAL AID $46,000
Cabrini Green Legal Aid (CGLA) is a leading expert and advocate on real-life effects of the criminal justice system. CGLA’s direct work informs and drives growing advocacy work, using both data and first-voice perspectives to show the true impact of specific laws, policies, and practices, and to press for change. CGLA works in coalition with other advocates, and the priorities include the continuation of Chicago Legal Advocacy for Incarcerated Mothers’ (CLAIM) vital mission of providing legal and educational services to maintain the bond between imprisoned mothers and their children, and advocating for policies and programs that benefit families of imprisoned mothers and reduce incarceration of women and girls.

CHICAGO FREEDOM SCHOOL $22,000
Project HealUs is an investment in community wellness. Project HealUs activates and prepares young people of color from marginalized communities to explore, engage, and expand the work of the reproductive justice movement within their communities.

EVERTHRIVE ILLINOIS $46,000
Through the Illinois’ Health Reform Initiative and Health Disparities Initiative, EverThrive Illinois increases awareness of women’s health issues, with an emphasis on reproductive justice, through outreach, advocacy, and education.

ILLINOIS CAUCUS FOR ADOLESCENT HEALTH $46,000
The Illinois Caucus for Adolescent Health (ICAH) is a network of empowered youth and allied adults working to support youth-led community reproductive justice projects and youth leadership development opportunities that transform public consciousness and increase capacity of family, school, and healthcare systems to support the sexual health, identities, and rights of youth.

METROPOLITAN CHICAGO BREAST CANCER TASK FORCE $50,000
The Metropolitan Chicago Breast Cancer Task Force’s mission is to save women’s lives by eliminating health disparities in Illinois, through the lens of breast cancer.

WAREHOUSE WORKERS FOR JUSTICE $30,000
WWJ’s Women’s Committee’s (WWJWC) work centers around supporting jobs for women in the warehouse industry.

DORIS & HOWARD CONANT FUND FOR WOMEN’S RIGHTS
ARAB AMERICAN FAMILY SERVICES $15,000
AAFS is the only multi-service community agency providing bilingual services to low-income immigrants of Arab descent in the southwest suburbs of Chicago, building stronger and healthier generations of Arab Americans.

HEART WOMEN & GIRLS $15,000
HEART’s vision is to facilitate healthy conversations about the important issues and health needs of women and girls in the faith-based community — particularly the Muslim community — and inspire the community to improve understanding and raise awareness.

MUJERES LATINAS EN ACCIÓN $15,000
Mujeres Latinas en Acción provides much-needed culturally proficient bilingual and bicultural crisis intervention services to Latina survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault.

PLANNED PARENTHOOD OF ILLINOIS $15,000
Planned Parenthood of Illinois (PPIL) is launching a multi-faceted, youth-informed outreach and service delivery campaign to expand access to long-acting reversible contraceptives (LARCs) for teens.

RAPE VICTIM ADVOCATES $25,000
RVA is dedicated to the healing and empowerment of sexual assault survivors in Chicago through crisis, advocacy, counseling, prevention education, and professional training services as well as changing social norms through public awareness and policy advocacy.

ROGER BALDWIN FOUNDATION OF THE ACLU, INC. $25,000
The Roger Baldwin Foundation’s Reproductive and Women’s Rights Project (RRP) is the leading legal advocate for reproductive freedom, gender equality, and bodily autonomy in Illinois.

RUSH UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER $15,000
The Military Sexual Trauma Program is strengthening the medical and social services safety net for the Chicago region’s returning women service members and their families.

ELEANOR NETWORK AT CHICAGO FOUNDATION FOR WOMEN
ACCESS LIVING OF METROPOLITAN CHICAGO $10,000
The Empowered Fe Fes is a young women’s advocacy and peer support group that is committed to creating change in the lives of young women with disabilities.

ALL CHICAGO MAKING HOMELESSNESS HISTORY $50,000
The Emergency Fund resolves the sudden financial crisis of qualified individuals and families by providing them with grants from the Flexible Financial Fund. Grants assist families with basic necessities while the head of household completes a training or educational program.

CHICAGO HOUSE AND SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCY, INC. $20,000
TransWorks provides career counseling, support, mentorship, and job readiness workshops designed to address the specific barriers faced by transgender and gender nonconforming people in the workplace.

CHICAGO WOMEN IN TRADES $65,000
The Technical Opportunities Program (a pre-apprenticeship program) and welding training program are designed to prepare women for high-wage, high-skilled nontraditional careers, targeting construction apprenticeship programs and welding jobs in the manufacturing sector respectively.

DEBORAH’S PLACE $20,000
The Teresa’s Interim Housing Program targets single adult women considered among the “hardest to house” in Chicago’s homeless services system because of the multiple and complex barriers they face to stability: histories of repeat or prolonged homelessness, histories of trauma, severe mental illness, addiction, chronic health issues and other disabilities.

FACING FORWARD TO END HOMELESSNESS $20,000
Facing Forward to End Homelessness empowers our community to end homelessness by providing permanent supportive housing to Chicago’s chronically homeless women and families by means of the Housing First model. Although a house is the first thing provided, Facing Forward knows that without the partnership of a case manager, the reunification of families, and the support of life skills, job training, and health care (mental and physical), that house will never be a home.

FUND FOR JUSTICE DBA CHICAGO APPLESEED FUND FOR JUSTICE $15,000
Chicago Appleseed’s work in the Domestic Relations Court is designed to improve outcomes, particularly for single mothers and their children. Through evidence-
based research, outreach to parents on the intricacies of the court process, and efforts to connect families in need with essential services. Chicago Appleseed works to make impactful reform to the courts.

GIRLFORWARD
$15,000
GriffForward’s Mentoring Program matches refugee girls ages 14-19 with women volunteers who commit to one year of mentoring, meeting weekly with girls to set and achieve short and long-term goals and build crucial assets.

GROW YOUR OWN ILLINOIS
$40,000
Grow Your Own Teachers (GYO) is a partnership of community organizations, institutions of higher education and public school districts that supports low-income parents and community members in becoming highly effective teachers in neighborhood schools.

HEARTLAND HUMAN CARE SERVICES
$50,000
IDEA (Imagine, Dedicate, Earn, Achieve) provides access to financial education workshops, individual consultation, and matched savings for 35 low-income working women annually referred through the CFV network.

JANE ADDAMS RESOURCE CORPORATION
$75,000
JARC’s Women in Manufacturing Program (WMP) targets strategic skills gaps in the metal fabricating and manufacturing sectors by offering comprehensive welding training for women. WMP, which is part of the JARC’s Careers in Manufacturing Programs (CMP), serves a variety of low-income women, including the unemployed, dislocated workers, and disadvantaged jobseekers. WMP trainees learn the vocational and life skills that will prepare them for entry-level positions in the metalworking industry.

JANE ADDAMS SENIOR CAUCUS
$15,000
The Strengthen and Protecting Retirement and Economic Justice Campaign builds relationships, power and skills among a movement of older women so they can discuss how to create retirement security and economic policies that works to the benefit of women and society as a whole.

KINZIE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
$75,000
At the center of the EMT program is a 120-hour training course which prepares students for an EMT-Basic certification.

LATINO UNION OF CHICAGO
$20,000
The Chicago Coalition of Household Workers works to expand domestic workers’ legal protections in Illinois - ending discrimination against this workforce, which is mostly low-income immigrant women and women of color.

LITERATURE FOR ALL OF US
$15,000
In 2013 Literature for All of Us partnered with Chicago Women in Trades (CWIT) to provide weekly book group programming to women enrolled in their Technical Opportunities Training Program as innovative programming for their “soft skills” training. The book group model is rooted in fostering participants’ resilience, reflection, connection with art, and pride in self-expression. By adapting this model for Workforce Development, the program provides interactive, engaging approaches to implementing confidence-building, community-building, resiliency, and other “soft skills” into already existing or newly developing job training programs.

MIDWEST ACADEMY
$15,000
The Women’s Legislative Leadership Project (WLLP) guides women in navigating the legislative and political landscape by enabling them to utilize public policy to create change in their communities.

NEW MOM’S, INC
$15,000
New Mom’s Workforce Development is an innovative program, delivering creative services to an extremely difficult-to-serve population. New Mom’s wraparound services ensure that young mothers have every resource necessary, to stabilize their family units and work toward economic independence.

PROJECT EXPLORATION
$15,000
Sisters4Science (S4S) is Project Exploration’s longest-running and most-successful program, providing the basic model for all of our work with youth. S4S takes place during the school year directly in the schools, giving girls the chance to encounter science in a hands-on, low-pressure environment.

SARGENT SHRIVER NATIONAL CENTER ON POVERTY LAW
$30,000
The Women’s Law and Policy Project (WLPP) creates and promotes legal and policy solutions that advance the economic security of low-income women and girls.

THE CARA PROGRAM
$30,000
The Eleanor Career Advancement Program helps to prepare employed Cara women for the next step in their professional journeys, whether that be additional training, enrolling in formal educational programs, or finding a more suitable job through which they can advance their pay.

THE NIGHT MINISTRY
$15,000
Response-Ability Pregnant and Parenting Program (RAPPP) is the only shelter in Chicago reserving beds for pregnant minors as young as 14 years old. RAPPP serves as a model for emergency shelter programs for pregnant and parenting youth across the nation.

TRITON COLLEGE FOUNDATION
$10,000
The STEM Manufacturing Entrepreneurship camp, GADgET (Girls Adventuring in Design, Engineering and Technology) is designed to strengthen each participant’s sense of self-efficacy through the ownership of an idea, from concept to build, and in employing practices, methods, and tools used in a variety of STEM careers.

UPWARDLY GLOBAL (CHICAGO)
$40,000
The Women’s Program aims to increase professional work opportunities for skilled immigrant and refugee women, moving them out of the cycle of poverty, increasing gender equality at work, building greater workforce diversity and providing them and their families with economic security.

WOMEN EMPLOYED INSTITUTE
$30,000
Women Employed advocates for policies and best practices that help women move more quickly through the process of improving their basic skills and entering college-level classes as well as advocating for improvements to workplace conditions and job quality.

WOMEN’S BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER
$15,000
The Women’s Vetrepreneurship Program (WVP), delivers customized entrepreneurial training, access to capital including direct lending and mentoring to women veterans in greater Chicago pursuing entrepreneurship as a pathway to economic self-sufficiency.

YOUTH JOB CENTER OF EVANSTON
$50,000
The WILL program helps low income working women advance from low wage jobs to living wage employment with benefits and a career path.

THE GENERAL FUND GRANTEES
APNA GHAR
$20,000
Apna Ghar provides holistic services and conducts advocacy across immigrant communities to end gender violence. Co-located services meet immediate safety needs and foster stability and self sufficiency of survivors.

BETWEEN FRIENDS
$20,000
Between Friends provides domestic violence crisis intervention services and prevention and education programs to individuals and communities throughout Chicago and the surrounding suburbs.
Chicago Women’s Health Center’s mission is to empower women and trans people by a non-judgmental approach and emphasis on cultural competence that creates an environment in which diverse individuals can access quality, affordable health care.

**Connections for Abused Women and Their Children**
$15,000
CAWC provides free and confidential domestic violence services to all victims and survivors of domestic violence through its four programs: Greenhouse Shelter, the Humboldt Park Outreach Program, the Hospital Crisis Intervention Project and Domestic Violence Services at Haymarket Center.

**Crossroads Fund**
$5,000
Women of Color Led Collaboration for leaders of advocacy organizations.

**Family Defense Center**
$20,000
The Mothers’ Defense Project advocates for mothers through legal services and education to challenge gender-plus discrimination in the child welfare that hinders mothers’ ability to raise their children.

**Family Rescue, Inc.**
$15,000
Family Rescue is the only single purpose domestic violence service organization and only emergency shelter on the south side of Chicago providing critical programs and services to victims and survivors.

**Korean American Community Services**
$15,000
The Domestic Violence Prevention and Family Support Program provides survivors with crisis intervention and emergency assistance and skill-building to ensure long-term economic security. The organization also works to prevent abuse by conducting education and outreach within immigrant communities.

**Kan-Win**
$25,000
Kan-Win provides bilingual domestic and sexual violence services, through which it provides culturally sensitive and linguistically appropriate support to survivors of gender-based violence in the Asian American and immigrant communities of the metropolitan Chicago area.

**Latinos Progresando**
$20,000
The VAWA Project is part of Latinos Progresando’s flagship legal services program and focuses on immigrant victims of domestic violence, a population facing both unique and significant challenges.

**Life Span, Inc.**
$15,000
Life Span empowers survivors of domestic and sexual violence to demand safety as a human right through client centered services, and leads social change through accountability, community engagement, and systemic advocacy.

**Midwest Access Project**
$20,000
Midwest Access Project seeks to expand women’s access to reproductive health services by training health care providers on abortion care, expanding the network of trainers across the Midwest and educating the health care community and general public.

**Pediatric AIDS Chicago Prevention Initiative (PACPI)**
$19,000
The perinatal enhanced case management program is based on an intensive case management model and an established tracking system to ensure that enrolled HIV-positive mothers and their infants access care and treatment from referral to six months postpartum.

**RefugeeOne**
$15,000
To ensure that refugee women receive appropriate treatment and to fill a gap in services for refugees, RefugeeOne offers culturally competent medical case management and mental health services.

**SOUTH SUBURBAN FAMILY SHELTER**
$15,000
South Suburban Family Shelter works to ensure freedom from violence by providing direct services to victims and working to transform systems, policies, and cultures within the communities that we serve.

**Teen Parent Connection**
$15,000
The Doula Program empowers and supports pregnant teenage women in DuPage County through weekly home visits, education on pregnancy and childbirth, labor and postpartum support and connections to essential resources such as food, housing and medical care.

**YWCA of Evanston/North Shore**
$15,000
Domestic Violence Services, the YWCA Evanston/ North Shore’s largest and oldest program, is the only comprehensive domestic violence program serving the northeastern metropolitan Chicago area.

**Zacharias Sexual Abuse Center**
$15,000
The sexual assault prevention education programs provides free, age-appropriate safety workshops for students of all ages to teach them about recognizing the warning signs of sexual abuse and dating violence.

**Irene Bayrach Anti-Violence Legacy Fund**
**A Safe Place**
$15,000
As the leading advocate for eliminating domestic violence in northern Illinois, A Safe Place offers comprehensive domestic violence services that provide a safety net to assist victims and their children.

**Sarah’s Inn**
$35,000
Sarah’s Inn Advocacy and Counseling Program provides essential supports for victims of domestic violence. Services include: emergency support (24-hour crisis line, emergency transportation and housing assistance); individual and group counseling and advocacy; life skills (financial literacy, parenting skills, etc.); legal advocacy; children/teen individual and group counseling.

**Sophia Fund for Advocacy**
**Chicago Alliance Against Sexual Assault**
$20,000
End Demand Illinois was launched following over 10 years of organizing and advocacy to improve alternatives for women in prostitution and redirect our criminal justice system’s resources toward the people who buy sex and traffic women and girls.

**Chicago Metropolitan Battered Women’s Network**
$15,000
The Chicago Metropolitan Battered Women’s Network is a membership organization that unites the community through advocacy, education, and outreach for a common cause – to put an end to society’s tolerance of Domestic Violence in all forms.

**Domestic Violence Legal Clinic**
$15,000
The Domestic Violence Legal Clinic uses the legal system to meet the safety needs of particularly vulnerable victims of domestic violence with high quality, compassionate legal services.

**National Immigrant Justice Center**
$25,000
NIJC’s Gender Justice Initiative works to advance protections for immigrant women and children. Regardless of the administration or the likelihood of congressional reform, immigrant women and girls will face significant barriers to justice.

**TASC, Inc.**
$15,000
The Women’s Justice Initiative (WJI) helps the justice system recognize that incarcerated women/girls are disproportionately impacted by sexual/domestic abuse, and implement gender-responsive policies/practices and programs that promote de-carceration and prevent re-victimization.

**Chicago Women’s Health Center, Inc.**
$25,000
Chicago Women’s Health Center’s mission is to empower women and trans people by a non-judgmental approach and emphasis on cultural competence that creates an environment in which diverse individuals can access quality, affordable health care.
Phenomenal Woman is part of UCAN’s 360 Education program in Chicago’s North Lawndale neighborhood. It is a female mentoring program, the name of which is inspired by a Maya Angelou poem. This program is offered as a means to help young women navigate the sometimes difficult journey into womanhood.

Youth Outlook’s “Y Link” program addresses partner violence among LGBTQ+ youth.

The Health Care & Budget Crisis Teach-In trainings are designed for older women, especially older women of color. Participants explore how the budget crisis has developed, the impact on their health care services, and how to talk about revenue solutions.

The symposium will break the silence surrounding the devastating effects of workplace sexual violence. The empowering program will feature local and national health experts, interactive dialogue with the audience, and approaches to healing and undoing harm. It will educate low-income women, women of color and service providers about how to identify and seek support for workplace sexual violence, with an emphasis on preventing the negative effects suffered by workers who cannot seek help.
YOUNG WOMENS LEADERSHIP FUND FOR
THE YOUNG WOMEN’S GIVING COUNCIL

BRAVE INITIATIVES $8,700
DEMOISELLE 2 FEMME NFP $5,000