



of the Community Foundation for South Central New York

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### 2017 Grant Guidelines and Application Instructions

**Inquiries: New for 2017!** To make an inquiry to the Women's Fund, please go to [www.donorswhocare.org](http://www.donorswhocare.org) and log-in or create an account at the link provided under our "Grant Seekers" tab. After successfully logging on, click the highlighted link "Women's Fund 2017," complete and submit the on-line "LOI". If the inquiry is in-line with 2017 guidelines, you will be sent the link to complete the application. If not, Tina Barber, Program Officer will be in touch to discuss why you are ineligible to apply.

**Application: New for 2017!** The Community Foundation will be accepting applications on-line. Visit [www.donorswhocare.org](http://www.donorswhocare.org) under the "Grant Seekers" tab for in-depth instructions and links to tutorial videos. Contact Tina Barber, Program Officer at [tbarber@donorswhocare.org](mailto:tbarber@donorswhocare.org) if you are unable to access information on-line or if you will need a paper application. **Please do not submit a paper application unless you've been instructed to do so.**

**The Women's Fund will award a total of up to \$24,000 in 2017**

Grant requests for a minimum of \$1,000 to a maximum of \$8,000 will be considered.

### Our Funding Priorities

The Women's Fund recently completed an assessment of the needs of women and girls in our region. The information that we've collected and analyzed has shaped our funding priorities for 2017. We invite you to view the full report by following the link provided.

Funding is available for projects or programs that use innovative and/or collaborative approaches to create positive change and that demonstrate the potential to improve the well-being of women and/or girls throughout their lives. Proposals must address one or more of the following areas:

- Promoting economic self-sufficiency
- Supporting healthy decision-making and taking control of one's life; improving self-esteem
- Strengthening social support
- Leadership development
- Education
- Personal Safety
- Serving women and girls in crisis situations

To ensure that it is eligible for consideration, it is **required** that you discuss your project/program concept with Tina Barber, Program Officer (607-772-6773) prior to preparing your proposal.

**Submission Deadlines:**

The Women's Fund will consider grant proposals once during 2017. Proposals are due on **Monday, June 12th**. Proposals not received by this date cannot be considered. Awards will be announced in mid-August.

**Does My Organization Qualify?**

- The Women's Fund of the Community Foundation will consider requests from any 501(c)(3) for a program or project that will primarily but not exclusively benefit residents of the Foundation's service area (Broome, Chenango, Delaware, Otsego and/or Tioga counties.) It will also consider requests from certain local government agencies, municipalities and public school systems within its service area, provided that the proposed project fits the Fund's criteria for consideration. The determination as to whether a proposed project, or agency, fits the Women's Fund's criteria for consideration is made by the Community Foundation for South Central New York.
- Organizations cannot resubmit a proposal for a project or program that was previously declined by the Women's Fund unless invited to do so.
- Please note that the Women's Fund may award less than the amount requested and reserves the right to make no award if in its view no proposals are received that convincingly align with the Fund's grant priorities.

**We Do Not Consider Requests For:**

- Operating or program deficits
- Funding to pay existing mortgages
- Scholarships
- Funding to reimburse an organization for costs that were incurred prior to the date the grant is to be awarded.
- Funding to churches or organizations for religious purposes
- Funding to organizations that have so many counterparts (e.g. scout troops, ambulance squads, volunteer or municipal fire departments, individual schools within a school district, PTAs) that it would be difficult to assess the relative merits of similar proposals.
- Grants to individuals

**Please contact Program Officer, Tina Barber with any questions or concerns at [tbarber@donorswhocare.org](mailto:tbarber@donorswhocare.org) or 607-772-6773.**