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**The New York Women's Foundation Announces \$2,120,000 in Grants to Address Needs of Women and Families in New York City**

*Awards 35 organizations working to promote economic security for women and families across NYC*

The New York Women's Foundation (NYWF) announced a total of \$2,120,000 in grants awarded to 35 organizations working to promote economic security for women and families across New York City. This latest cycle of funding rounds out NYWF's 2015 grantmaking year, which totaled \$6,000,000.

These grants address a range of issues across The Foundation's core focus areas of Economic Security, Anti-Violence & Safety, Health, Sexual Rights, and Reproductive Justice. Through key investment strategies, NYWF is working to strengthen efforts that:

- Eliminate the sexual exploitation of girls and transgender youth in NYC
- Support girls, young women, and gender fluid youth of color to achieve their full potential to accelerate a shift towards gender and racial equity
- Deepen support of emerging grassroots organizations serving historically underinvested communities
- Develop partnerships with stakeholders and community members with place-based solutions promoting peace, safety and prosperity
- Build strategies and systems change initiatives to help create a New Economy

Taken together, these grants address a continuum of complex needs faced by women, girls and families living at or below the poverty level. Since 1987, NYWF has funded over \$50 million to organizations working to meet these needs, and is currently the premier women's fund in the country.

The complete list of grants follows:

**Economic Security**

**A Better Balance** New York Women's Economic Security \$75,000

**Brotherhood/Sister Sol** General Operating Support \$60,000

**Caribbean Cultural Center African Diaspora Institute** General Operating Support \$40,000

**Center for Family in Sunset Park** The New York City Cooperative Development Project \$75,000

**Community Voices Heard \$20,000**

**Center for Family Life in Sunset Park** Amigas Cooperative 35,000

**Community Connections for Youth** Girls Leadership Development Program \$60,000

**DRUM (Desis Rising Up & Moving)** General Operating Support \$60,000

**Empire State Pride Agenda Foundation** Transgender Civil Rights \$60,000

**Faith in New York** Program-Specific Grant \$15,000

**Girls for Gender Equity** General Operating Support \$80,000

**Girls for Gender Equity** Young Women's Advisory Council \$80,000

**Hot Bread Kitchen and Center for Family Life in Sunset Park** HBK Worker-Owned Cooperative \$70,000

**Minkwon Center for Community Action** General Operating Support \$60,000

**Neighbors Helping Neighbors** General Operating Support \$60,000

**Neighbors Together** General Operating Support \$60,000

**New Economy Project** Program-Specific Grant \$30,000

**NICE (New Immigrant Community Empowerment)** General Operating Support \$60,000

**P.A.'L.A.N.T.E Harlem** General Operating Support \$60,000

**Participatory Budgeting Project** \$75,000

**The Debt Collective** Program-Specific Grant \$15,000

**The Prisoner Reentry Institute** \$30,000

**VOCAL- NY (Voices of Community Activists and Leaders)** Civil Rights Union and Homeless Union \$60,000

**Welfare Rights Initiative** General Operating Support \$70,000

### **Anti-Violence and Safety**

**Center for Anti-Violence Education** Community Alliance Against Violence & RisingStrong \$60,000

**Center for Court Innovation** "Creating Change for Children" Project \$60,000

**City Bar Justice Center** Trafficking and Empowerment Program (TPEP) \$60,000

**Covenant House** Covenant House New York Anti-Human Trafficking Initiative \$60,000

**Day One** New York Anti Domestic Sex Trafficking Program \$60,000

**Girls Education and Mentoring Services** Support Services for Commercially Exploited and Domestically Trafficked Girls and Young Women \$80,000

**LiveOn NY** Elder Abuse Initiative \$75,000

**Resilience Advocacy** Project Girls Health and Trafficking Initiative \$60,000

**Streetwise and Safe** General Operating Support \$60,000

**The Door- A Center for Alternatives** Drop-in and Crisis Service of Runaway and Homeless Youth Program \$60,000

### **Health, Sexual Rights and Reproductive Justice**

**Correctional Association** Women in Prison Project \$75,000

**Comunilife** Life is Precious \$40,000

**National Latina Institute for Reproductive Justice New York** Community Organizing and Leadership Development to Advance Dignity for Pregnant and Parenting Youth \$60,000