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Grants Available for NYC Nonprofits Helping Low-Income Women and Girls

The New York Women's Foundation (NYWF), a public charity that is committed to helping low-income women and girls achieve economic security, is seeking Letters of Intent (LOI) for 2004 funding. The NYWF funds organizations and programs located in the five boroughs of New York City that have developed strategies to address challenges of poverty. Grants amounts range from \$10,000 to \$35,000 and will be awarded in May 2004. The deadline for applying is Friday, September 5th.

Funding is available for general operating support, program-specific support, capacity-building, and collaborative activity. An organization may submit a proposal for capacity-building or collaborative activity in addition to one for general operating or program support. No organization will receive more than one grant from the Foundation in any one grantmaking year.

The Foundation's focus is: work in the following issue areas: economic security, girls-only positive development programming, community organizing, violence against women, and health; will enable low-income women and girls to achieve economic security; are designed specifically for low-income women and girls, particularly from marginalized communities such as women of color, immigrants, lesbians, and the elderly; are community-based, led by women (board and staff), and include recognized leaders of their community; address the root causes of poverty and work towards achieving systemic change through the provision of services such as employment training, peer education, leadership development, and/or advocacy; practice the philosophy of "women helping women" in an active, consensus-driven form of management in which program participants are among the decision makers and managers; and have limited access to ongoing traditional funding sources, i.e. government, foundations, and individual donors.

The New York Women's Foundation was founded in 1987. It is a cross-cultural alliance of women helping low-income women and girls in the five boroughs to achieve sustained economic security through expanded opportunities. We pursue our mission by: providing financial support to projects led by women which seek to overcome fundamental barriers faced by women and girls; offering critical leadership to promote effective public policy and responsible philanthropic giving to

benefit low-income women and girls; promoting leadership and alliances among women and girls that offer opportunities for individual, organizational, and community development.

This May the Foundation awarded \$1 million to 37 nonprofit organizations in New York City. Since its founding it has awarded over \$8.3 million to help make New York a better place for all women and girls.

For more information, visit www.nywf.org or call 212-414-4342.