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**Women's Foundation Responds to Needs of Low-Income Women and Girls;
Begins 2004-2005 Funding Cycle**

New York, New York (August 19, 2004) -- The New York Women's Foundation (NYWF) announced today that it is accepting applications for funding for its 2004-2005 grant year. Programs that help low-income women and girls and that are focused on community organizing, economic security, girls positive development, health and reproductive rights, or violence against women will be considered for grants of up to \$35,000 each.

"The New York Women's Foundation funding makes a difference in the lives of women and girls in New York City. NYWF's grants promote innovative solutions to problems low-income women and girls face – solutions developed by the women and girls themselves," said Angie Wang, the Foundation's Program Director.

The deadline to submit an application is September 21, 2004. More information is available at NYWF's website, www.nywf.org.

The Foundation is frequently the first institution to offer significant support to women-led community-based nonprofits. Other foundations follow our example as a guide for their own grantmaking because our allocations process provides thorough on-site review of each candidate organization's work and our comprehensive analysis and three-step assessment process assures that the most worthy programs are funded. Last year, the Foundation gave away over \$1 million to 40 organizations. Since its inception, the NYWF has given away over \$8 million.

The New York Women's Foundation is a public foundation that helps low-income women achieve economic security by providing financial support to programs run by women and girls, offering leadership to promote effective public policy and philanthropic giving, and promoting leadership and alliances among women and girls.