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Women's Foundation Responds to Needs of Low-Income Women and Girls; Begins 2005-2006 Funding Cycle

New York, New York (August 23, 2005) -- The New York Women's Foundation (NYWF) announced today that it is accepting applications for funding for its 2005-2006 grant year. Programs that help low-income women and girls and that are focused on community organizing and advocacy, economic security, girls' positive development, violence against women and girls, and women's health and reproductive rights will be considered for grants of up to \$40,000 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 October 14, 2005. 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 two-step assessment process assures that the most worthy programs are funded. Last year, the Foundation gave away over \$1.4 million to 49 organizations. Since its inception, the NYWF has given away over \$10 million.

Founded in 1987, 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.