



**THE NEW YORK WOMEN'S FOUNDATION AND  
ME TOO MOVEMENT FOUNDER AND LEADER TARANA BURKE  
ANNOUNCE FIRST GRANT RECIPIENTS OF  
THE FUND FOR THE ME TOO MOVEMENT AND ALLIES**

**\$840,000 Awarded To Eight Organizations Fighting Sexual Violence  
Around The Nation**

New York (October 15, 2018) – [The New York Women's Foundation](#) (The Foundation), a leading advocate for gender equality and women's empowerment, and Tarana Burke, founder and leader of the ['me too.' Movement](#) have announced the first recipients of grants from the Fund for The Me Too Movement and Allies.

The Fund is a vehicle to ensure that the momentum and awakening of the #MeToo Movement is sustained beyond news cycles and hashtags, by supporting organizations around the country working to prevent sexual violence and harassment and promote the healing of survivors and victims. Its creation builds on The Foundation's long history of responding to the needs of women leaders who are building transformational movements and investing in community-led solutions that confront gender violence in New York City.

**Ana Oliveira**, President & CEO of The New York Women's Foundation said, "When we announced the creation of the Me Too Movement and Allies Fund in the spring, we had no idea of what was to come. Survivors of sexual violence and harassment will no longer be silenced. Women see they are not alone -- enabling many to speak up, to be heard and to be believed. We are supporting the movement in achieving its goals of justice and the healing of survivors. For too many, the resources to achieve these goals are lacking, especially in rural, working class, and immigrant communities and communities of color. Our first grant recipients are our partners in the fight against the sexual and cultural biases that permit gender violence to flourish."

"It's been a very long year of extremely difficult work, but we are so thrilled to be making this announcement on the one-year anniversary of the viral #metoo moment," said **Tarana Burke**, founder of the 'me too.' Movement. "The money we are awarding today will undoubtedly make an impact in the work to end sexual violence because all eight organizations are doing tremendous work, not just in advocating for survivors of sexual violence, but by combating deeply-rooted systemic issues that allow it to persist across all our communities. We know that before the world was saying #metoo on social media, they were working in their communities day in and day out to help and protect people suffering from sexual violence. Being able to financially support their work is a joy and an honor, and we're very grateful to each recipient for their commitment to making our communities safer for our children."

For this grantmaking cycle, the Fund prioritized organizations led by and for communities of color that give voice to women, immigrants, and LGBTQ people. The first grant recipients are:

- [Black Emotional and Mental Health Collective](#) – Los Angeles, CA
- [Black Women's Blueprint](#) - National, New York City
- [DC Rape Crisis Center](#) - Washington, D.C.

- [Equality Labs](#) - National
- [FreeFrom](#) – Los Angeles, CA
- [The Firecracker Foundation](#) – Lansing, MI
- [The “me too.” Movement](#) - National
- [Violence Intervention Program](#) – New York City

The Fund was launched in May 2018 at The New York Women’s Foundation’s annual Celebrating Women® Breakfast.

**About [The New York Women’s Foundation](#)**

Since 1987, The New York Women’s Foundation has advanced a dynamic philanthropic strategy based on the fundamental reality that, when women thrive, their families and communities also thrive. The Foundation’s grantmaking places it at the top of public women’s foundations in the United States, and in the top two in the world. We invest in women-led, community-based solutions that promote the economic security, safety, and health of the most vulnerable women in New York City. We foster women’s leadership, create partnerships that spark catalytic change, exchange insights with experts across sectors, and empower women by training them in activism and philanthropy to accelerate and sustain forward progress. Visit <http://www.nywf.org> to learn more about our work to transform lives, families, and communities – and create a better New York City for all.

**[‘me too.’ Movement](#)**

The ‘me too.’ Movement is a global network of survivors and allies fighting against the systemic issues that allow sexual violence to persist in our communities. Rooted in the theory of “Empowerment through Empathy,” The ‘me too.’ Movement is committed to centering the needs and experiences of survivors in all its work, with the ultimate goal of ending sexual violence and increasing access to resources and services that will enable survivors to create the healing journeys they need and deserve.

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