



The New York Women's Foundation Announces Almost \$3 Million in Funding in Latest Round of Grantmaking Efforts

The Foundation Partners with 28 Organizations That Emerged as Leaders to Support New York's Most Overlooked Communities During a Tumultuous Year

NEW YORK, June 28, 2021 -- Today, [The New York Women's Foundation](#) announced almost \$3 million in grants reflecting the organization's fundamental strategy of early and long-term investment in community-rooted organizations led by women and gender expansive people addressing critical issues in underinvested communities. The Foundation's latest round of grants are critically important to women, gender expansive people and their families in a post-COVID reality. The Foundation is charging ahead and bolstering investments in advancing racial equity, ending mass incarceration in New York City, increasing economic stability for low-income families, and eliminating gender-based violence.

Investments include grants to 28 organizations, ranging from \$30,000 to \$130,000 for a total of \$2,990,000 in funding, with 75% approved for multi-year grants.

Two new grants to [Urban Indigenous Collective](#) and [Black Women's Blueprint](#) speak to the far reach of The Foundation's investments beyond the borders of New York City, as well as the deep interconnectedness of issues on a local, regional, and national level.

With support from The Foundation, the Urban Indigenous Collective grant will establish and expand its Culturally Tailored Mental Health Care Program for Indigenous communities in the tri-state area by building its research and advocacy efforts, developing a telehealth platform and offering direct services to increase healthcare awareness. Funding for Black Women's Blueprint will support safety efforts and counteract resistance around the establishment of Restore Forward, a vibrant and safe healing justice community space located in upstate New York. Created in partnership with the local Indigenous community, Restore Forward promotes healing, reconciliation, peace and radical change for Black and Indigenous women.

Leveraging the growth and momentum of existing investments, The Foundation also renewed grants that will continue to support ongoing work and authentically expand the reach and presence of community-based solutions to generate impact. Grantee partners such as [Custom Collaborative](#), [Harlem Wellness Center](#), and [Gender Equity Law Center](#), align with The Foundation's mission of creating an equitable and just future for women and families and strongly reflect our vision to advance economic, gender, and racial justice for women and families in NYC and beyond.

"We see these organizations as invaluable, as they have led us through this unprecedented year and represented a beacon of hope to our communities," reflects Ana L. Oliveira, President and CEO of The New York Women's Foundation. "The Foundation continues to support these groups and the historically underinvested populations that rely on them, and remains committed to serving as early investors of women-led organizations and solutions in a post-COVID world."

About The New York Women's Foundation

The New York Women's Foundation is a voice for women and a force for change. The Foundation's mission is to create an equitable and just future for women and families. It achieves this goal by uniting cross-cultural and community alliances that ignite action. The Foundation invests in women-led, innovative, and bold community-based solutions that promote the economic security, safety, and health of the most vulnerable women. By the end of 2021, The Foundation will have distributed more than \$100 million in its 34-year existence to over 500 organizations, impacting millions of women and girls across New York City and beyond. To learn more about The New York Women's Foundation's work to transform lives, families, and communities, please visit www.nywf.org.

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Brooklyn Movement Center: The Brooklyn Movement Center seeks support the launch of their Campaign for Black Brooklyn, a movement of Black Central Brooklynites building safe, healthy, secure, and affordable futures for long-term, mostly low-income residents of Black Brooklyn.

Central Brooklyn Economic Development Corp.: Central Brooklyn Economic Development Corporation seeks support to continue building out their not-for-profit

incubator program to support women and girls in launching or growing their business or non-profit organization.

Cooperative Economics Alliance of New York City: Cooperative Economic Alliance of NYC seeks support to launch their Leadership Council initiative, a group of selected solidarity economy organizers of color, predominately women and gender fluid individuals, who will lead the organization and its allies in the creation of a NYC Solidarity Economy Blueprint Policy Platform.

Custom Collaborative: Custom Collaborative seeks support to expand their apprenticeship and business incubator programs to help women from low-income and immigrant communities build the skills necessary to achieve economic independence through careers in the sustainable fashion industry.

Faith in New York: Faith in New York seeks support to continue their civic engagement efforts and organizing of women in faith communities and to continue their advocacy with elected officials for more COVID recovery support, particularly for immigrant communities, and community safety policies.

Gender Equality Law Center: Gender Equality Law Center seeks funding to scale their free direct legal services for women, girls, and TGNCNB low-wage workers and students.

Harlem Wellness Center: Harlem Wellness Center seeks support to continue their racial healing work with women, relaunch their Better with Age wellness programming for NYC elders and develop an advocacy strategy to promote policies that address racial disparities in maternal health.

Healing the Black Body (FKA Chinara Rituals): Healing the Black Body seeks support to offer fellowships to Black queers, trans and gender expansive young people and to relaunch their monthly direct cash support to Black and queer trans young people.

Jahajee Sisters: Empowering Indo-Caribbean Women: Jahajee Sisters seeks support to provide survivors, including those economically impacted by COVID-19, with cash assistance, emotional support, and a referral pipeline to connect to other critical mental health, housing and immigration resources; training an intergenerational group of women, girls and gender non-conforming people to become bold feminist leaders who uproot long-standing patriarchal norms; and organizing city and state-wide campaigns and coalitions to achieve policy wins for those who are most marginalized in our community.

LaaL NYC: LaaL NYC seeks support to continue expanding health, economic security and civic engagement services and resources for low income Bangladeshi women in the Bronx.

Latino Leadership Institute: Latino Leadership Institute seeks support to advance their training, organizing, and community mobilization efforts to increase civic engagement for underrepresented New Yorkers.

Laundry Workers Center: Laundry Workers Center seeks support to continue their legal advocacy and legislative advocacy campaigns in support of laundry workers and low-wage workers across New York City.

Life Camps Incorporated: Life Camps Incorporated seeks support for their programming to facilitate the healing and wellness of young Black and Brown girls in Southeast Queens impacted by trauma, violence, and oppression.

LIFT: LIFT seeks support to continue its workshops, coaching, and peer group sessions on building financial strength, fostering social connections, and improving personal well-being of the organization's South Bronx-based members and supporting these members through the economic challenges presented by COVID-19 and additional caregiving responsibilities.

Marsha P. Johnson Institute: Marsha P. Johnson Institute seeks support to continue providing direct support to and advocacy on behalf of the Black trans community,

specifically planning to continue their COVID-19 direct relief and public education events to uplift Black trans experience and social justice priorities.

Masa-MexEd: Masa-MexEd seeks support to sustain the organization's work partnering with Latin American immigrant and indigenous women to build knowledge, skills, and power to promote families' well-being and economic security.

Muslim Community Network: Muslim Community Network seeks support to continue their civic engagement of and material assistance to Muslim women of color in New York City.

New Women New Yorkers: New Women New Yorkers seeks support to continue providing their workforce development programs for immigrant women and continue offering community workshops, storytelling workshops for clients and individual support sessions for women placed in jobs.

Peer Health Exchange: Peer Health Exchange seeks support to expand their cutting-edge virtual health education technology and solutions that they will offer to their school partners and directly to students as well as activate youth leadership by building a national movement of young people focused on health equity.

Staten Island Community Job Center - La Colmena: Staten Island Community Job Center – La Colmena seeks support to provide a safe space where day laborers and other immigrant workers can organize themselves, access work, receive training and employment related services, and get help around wage theft and occupational health.

Street Vendor Project of the Urban Justice Center: Street Vendor Project seeks support to provide small business consultations with women vendors to support their financial sustainability during this economically tenuous time for those in the informal economy.

The Urban Wild: The Urban Wild seeks support to solidify their job placement pipeline and to engage more women and non-binary individuals in STEM careers through innovative entrepreneurship.

Trinity Healing Center: Trinity Healing Center seeks support to expand their Daughters of the Lotus youth program and their work with immigrant women, which combines education, arts programming, and community organizing, to equip participants with the knowledge and support they need to live healthy and fulfilling lives as young women of color.

UPROSE: UPROSE seeks support to run their gender and climate justice community dialogue series, launch their online Youth Leadership Institute led by former youth participants, and continue to develop their green jobs workforce development strategy and framework for Sunset Park.

Worker's Justice Project: Worker's Justice Project seeks support to deepen the success of the “Los Deliveristas Unidos” campaign for app-based delivery workers by integrating more women workers and voices into the campaign.