



WNY WOMEN'S FOUNDATION
Strong Women. Stronger Community.

2020-2021 IMPACT GRANT INVESTMENT – REQUEST FOR PARTNERS

The WNY Women's Foundation is dedicated to championing issues and solutions critical to the success of women and girls. Barriers and opportunities that impact the lives of girls and women of all ages are outlined in our *Pathways to Progress, Vol. 2* report available at <https://wnywomensfoundation.org/app/uploads/2017/11/01.-P2Pv2-Single-Page-pdf.pdf>.

Through our Impact Partnerships, the WNY Women's Foundation supports programs and initiatives that have measurable impact and address needs of **adolescent girls** (ages 10-17) in **Western New York**. Our Impact Partnerships encourage and support initiatives that frame solutions through a gender equality lens and focus on issues and solutions affecting young women.

The WNY Women's Foundation strives to positively influence the lives of adolescent girls in the WNY community by partnering with service organizations. Partnerships include a grant investment of **up to \$5,000.00** in innovative programs designed to empower middle and high school age girls.

All Impact Grant Partner Programs must address one of the following priority areas:

- EMPOWERMENT & SELF-ESTEEM DEVELOPMENT
- EXPOSURE TO STEAM – Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, & Math
- LEADERSHIP SKILLS
- ENTREPRENEURIAL/BUSINESS SKILLS
- FINANCIAL LITERACY



Impact grant partner programs will offer opportunities for quality programs that address areas of adolescent development that will improve confidence and self-esteem and may impact academic achievement, school attendance, and interpersonal relationships. Programs may address girls' middle school drop-off in performance in major subjects as well as expose and engage adolescent girls in the high demand STEAM fields. Additionally, programs may address middle school girls' drop in self-esteem by creating opportunities for positive role models and leadership development. Lastly, programs may help young women develop the skills needed to understand and manage economic self-sufficiency and to experience the realities and opportunities of the global marketplace.

Additionally, partnerships involve **“value-added investments and experiences”** by the Foundation. During the course of the grant period, the staff of the Foundation will work closely with partners to link them to resources and experiences that can enhance the program or organization. A goal of the partnerships is to help young women have practical experiences that will expose them to opportunities and prepare them for their future careers. Value-added investments and experiences may include: mentoring opportunities for staff and girls; panel presentations; workplace tours; networking opportunities; and special invitations to exclusive WNY Women's Foundation events.



FUNDING ELIGIBILITY

Nonprofit organizations or groups that demonstrate tax-exempt status under the Internal Revenue Service Code **501(c)3**.

FUNDING AMOUNT

Grants requests **up to \$5,000.00** will be considered.

FUNDING RESTRICTIONS

- The WNY Women’s Foundation does not fund capital campaigns and endowment funds, individuals, programs or events located outside of the 8 Western New York counties, general operating, annual or fundraising events, and routine training sessions and meetings.
- After two years of funding for the same program, applicants must demonstrate program expansion, enhancement, and/or application of funds to areas distinctly different from previous funding in order to be considered or take a one-year hiatus.

DURATION OF GRANTS

The WNY Women’s Foundation grant awards are for one year. The grant year begins on August 1, 2020 and will end on June 30, 2021. Fifty percent of the grant award will be conferred upon Committee and Board approval and the remaining amount will be conferred upon submission of mid-year report.

APPLICATION PROCESS:

The application form is available online at:

https://www.cognitofrms.com/WNYWomensFoundation1/_20202021ImpactGrantRequestForPartners

Additional required documentation including organizational 501(c)(3) determination letter and program budget must be uploaded through the online form.

Complete applications must be received no later than

Friday, May 1, 2020 at 4:00pm

QUESTIONS?

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