2023 Grant Guidelines and Application Instructions

Inquiries: To make an inquiry to the Women’s Fund, please go to www.donorswhocare.org and log-in or create an account at the link provided under our “Grant Seekers” tab. After successfully logging on, click the highlighted link “Women’s Fund 2023,” complete and submit the on-line “LOI”. If the inquiry is in-line with 2023 guidelines, you will be sent the link to complete the application. If not, Stacy Mastrogiacomo, Program Assistant will be in touch to discuss why you are ineligible to apply.

Application: The Community Foundation will be accepting applications on-line. Visit www.donorswhocare.org under the “Grant Seekers” tab for in-depth instructions and links to tutorial videos. Contact Stacy Mastrogiacomo at: stacym@donorswhocare.org if you are unable to access information on-line or if you will need a paper application. Please do not submit a paper application unless you’ve been instructed to do so.

The Women’s Fund will consider applications requesting a minimum of $1,000 and a maximum of $10,000.

The Community Foundation for South Central New York is currently focused on the following issues based on our need assessments which are located on our website: www.donorswhocare.org:

- Safe and Affordable Housing
- Mental Health
- Food Security
- Building the Capacity of Non-Profits
- Racial Justice and Equity
- Arts and Culture

The Women’s Fund Priorities

Funding is available for projects or programs that use innovative and/or collaborative approaches to create positive change and that demonstrate the potential to improve the well-being of women and/or girls throughout their lives. Proposals must address one or more of the following areas:

- Promoting economic self-sufficiency
- Supporting healthy decision-making and taking control of one’s life; improving self-esteem
- Strengthening social support
- Leadership development
- Education
- Personal Safety
- Serving women and girls in crisis situations
Does My Organization Qualify?

- The Women’s Fund of the Community Foundation will consider requests from any 501(c)(3) for a program or project that will primarily but not exclusively benefit residents of the Foundation’s service area (Broome, Chenango, Delaware, Otsego and/or Tioga counties.) It will also consider requests from certain local government agencies, municipalities and public-school systems within its service area, provided that the proposed project fits the Fund’s criteria for consideration. The determination as to whether a proposed project, or agency, fits the Women’s Fund’s criteria for consideration is made by the Community Foundation for South Central New York.

We Do Not Consider Requests For:

- Operating or program deficits
- Funding to pay existing mortgages
- Scholarships
- Funding to reimburse an organization for costs that were incurred prior to the date the grant is to be awarded.
- Funding to churches or organizations for religious purposes
- Funding to organizations that have so many counterparts (e.g. scout troops, ambulance squads, volunteer or municipal fire departments, individual schools within a school district, PTAs) that it would be difficult to assess the relative merits of similar proposals.
- Grants to individuals

Submission Deadlines:

The Women’s Fund will consider grant proposals once during 2023. Proposals are due on Friday, April 21st, 2023. Awards will be announced in mid-June.

Please contact Program Assistant, Stacy Mastrogiacomo with any questions or concerns at stacym@donorswhocare.org or 607-752-2317.