FY 2018 Fall Grants

The Eleanor Network at CFW
The Eleanor Network works to expand women’s economic security through a variety of strategies, from direct service to grassroots advocacy. The Pathways to Economic Self-Sufficiency model focuses on workforce development as an essential economic security initiative within the Network. The combination of training opportunities and comprehensive support services ensures that women are able to secure living wage jobs with benefits and have clear pathways for career advancement and professional development.

Advocacy

Community Organizing and Family Issues (COFI) – $25,000
COFI develops policy change agents through its unique women-centered leadership approach. The Public Policy Leadership and Advocacy Project develops the policy leadership skills of hundreds of low-income women of color and engages them in campaigns that address the root causes of family poverty and help to strengthen family economic security in this and the next generation.

Fund for Justice dba Chicago Appleseed Fund for Justice – $15,000
Chicago Appleseed is a nonpartisan, independent research and advocacy organization building trustworthy and unique connections between community advocates and the justice system. Chicago Appleseed improves lives by advocating for courts that are fair, efficient and effective. Chicago Appleseed will create a series of community-based workshops to help unrepresented parents understand the workings of the Cook County Domestic Relations Courts.

Healing to Action – $15,000
Healing to Action builds power among low-wage workers so they can organize against gender-based violence, and achieve economic and social equality.

Jane Addams Senior Caucus – $25,000
Jane Addams Senior Caucus is a multiracial, grassroots organization led by seniors in Chicago. Starting with Women’s Lives will develop the power and capacity of low-income older women, especially low-income older women of color, to have significant impact in addressing the gender disparity in retirement security. JASC will work to protect Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid and SNAP benefits for seniors in Illinois.

Latino Union of Chicago – $20,000
Latino Union collaborates with low-wage immigrant and U.S.-born workers to develop
the tools to improve social and economic conditions. The organization wins improvements in working conditions, develops leadership and builds a larger movement for immigrants and workers’ rights. The Chicago Coalition of Household Workers is a transformative organizing and leadership development program for domestic workers who are building power to create just conditions in the workplace, home, and community.

**Logan Square Neighborhood Association (LSNA) – $10,000**
The Parent Mentor (PM) program is a national model for grassroots leadership among mothers of color in community schools. The program’s main goal is to empower mothers of color to become more involved in their children’s schools, while building confidence, skills, and networks to increase their own personal development and secure lives of dignity and independence.

**Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law – $30,000**
The Shriver Center provides national leadership in advancing laws and policies that secure justice to improve the lives and opportunities of people living in poverty. The Women’s Law and Policy Project (WLPP) creates and promotes legal and policy solutions to improve the lives of low-income women and girls.

**Women Employed – $25,000**
Women Employed's mission is to improve the economic status of women and remove barriers to economic equity. Its vision is that all women are treated fairly in the workplace, are able to attain the skills they need for the jobs they want, and are respected for the work they do.

**Young Invincibles – $15,000**
The mission of Young Invincibles is to amplify the voices of underrepresented young adults and expand their economic opportunity by conducting research, policy analysis, and advocacy. Young Invincibles has led a campaign to build youth-friendly and diverse apprenticeships in Illinois. Young Invincibles will identify barriers and solutions for Illinois in building pre-apprenticeship and youth apprenticeship programs that transition young women into registered apprenticeship programs and other workforce pathways.

**Direct Service**

**Accion Chicago – $15,000**
Accion Chicago provides micro loans and business support to underserved communities, focusing on women and people of color who often cannot access capital from banks. Accion created the Female Entrepreneurship Program to connect women, primarily minority and low-income, entrepreneurs, with the services they need to grow their businesses, support their families, and create jobs in their communities.
Chicago House and Social Service Agency – $20,000
TransWorks offers career counseling, support, mentorship, and job readiness workshops designed to address the specific barriers faced by transgender and gender nonconforming people in the workplace, as part of the integrated TransLife Center model.

Chicago Youth Centers (CYC) – $15,000
CYC empowers children and families living in the city’s most divested communities to succeed in the 21st century through out-of-school and early childhood programs. Girls Excelling in STEM aims to increase interest in STEM and related careers for girls in elementary and middle school through hands-on, project-based learning.

Deborah’s Place – $20,000
Deborah’s Place opens doors for women experiencing homelessness in Chicago. Teresa’s Interim Housing Program is a 120-day residential program that each year serves approximately 35 women experiencing homelessness. The program provides safe, short-term housing that addresses the immediate needs of women who are homeless and targeted interventions that help them transition into permanent housing and achieve long-term housing stability.

GirlForward – $15,000
GirlForward is the first and only organization dedicated to creating and expanding opportunity for refugee girls who have resettled in the United States. GirlForward provides adolescent refugee girls with individual mentorship, educational programs and leadership opportunities, creating a community of support that serves as a resource and empowers girls to be strong, confident and independent.

Love, Unity & Values (LUV) Institute – $15,000
The LUV Institute supports young people, ages 11-24, who face challenges with college- and career-readiness. The Center of Excellence for Women with Promise at LUV Institute is designed to disrupt violence and other negative social behaviors while delivering intensive employment training to at-risk and economically challenged young women, ages 16-24.

New Moms, Inc. – $15,000
New Moms is a two-generation model, equipping homeless and high-risk adolescent mothers with critical job-readiness training and transitional jobs at New Mom’s social enterprise, helping young moms to break the cycle of poverty, creating strong families & communities for generations to come. The program is a 16-week integrated training and work experience model, blending classroom training with paid job experience.

Northwest Side Housing Center (NWSHC) – $15,000
The mission of the Northwest Side Housing Center is to engage, educate and empower
the community on Chicago’s northwest side. Women Forward Chicago engages low and moderate income Latinas (all mothers, grandmothers or guardians) in a program designed to build the financial and life skills necessary for economic security.

**St. Leonard’s Ministries – $15,000**
St. Leonard’s Ministries provides formerly incarcerated women and men with the tools to build lives of self-sufficiency. St. Leonard's Ministries' Grace House provides holistic supportive services to formerly incarcerated women, including job readiness training and continued education.

**Target HOPE – $15,000**
Target HOPE enhances educational opportunities for minority students attending public high schools in the Chicago region in order to increase college-readiness. The Target HOPE STEM initiative creates specific materials and trainings for young women and girls to increase the number of female scholars who have an interest in or a demonstrated aptitude for mathematics and science for post-secondary opportunities, scholarships and careers in STEM fields.

**The Night Ministry – $15,000**
The Response-Ability Pregnant and Parenting Program consists of an eight-bed, eight-crib emergency shelter that houses approximately 65 young women and young children each year and provides comprehensive support to young women in connecting with safe, long term housing, improving the health of their babies and themselves, reducing their rate of subsequent unplanned pregnancy, and assisting them in connecting with educational and employment opportunities.

**Triton College Foundation – $15,000**
From GADgETs to SURGE is a Triton College initiative designed to build the pipeline from middle school through to high school and career for young women interested in a STEM program of study. The Sisterhood of Undergraduates Representing Greatness and Excellence (SURGE) program is a recruitment, retention and completion program aimed at identifying young women with the skills and potential to succeed in a STEM career.

**YWCA of Metropolitan Chicago – $15,000**
YWCA’s Economic Sustainability Services offer women help planning for a career, career advancement, small business development, financial sustainability and asset acquisition. The YWCA provides individualized coaching, a comprehensive financial management curriculum, training & support to launch small businesses, and robust technology training.

**Training**
Cara – $30,000
Cara supports attainment of quality, permanent work for women affected by poverty and homelessness. The Eleanor Career Advancement Program helps to prepare employed Cara women for the next step in their professional journeys, whether that be additional training, enrolling in formal educational programs, or finding a more suitable job through which they can advance their pay.

Chicago Women in Trades (CWIT) – $65,000
Chicago Women in Trades exists to improve women’s economic equity by increasing their participation in skilled, blue-collar occupations traditionally held by men. CWIT advocates for policies and practices that promote equitable access and working conditions for women entering construction and other nontraditional employment. Technical Opportunities Program (TOP) is a comprehensive career education and development program that addresses the barriers limiting women’s participation in construction and other careers that are nontraditional for women.

Grow Your Own Illinois (GYO) – $35,000
The mission of Grow Your Own Teachers is to support community members to become certified teachers in their neighborhood schools in order to improve the educational outcomes for students. GYO creates a career pathway for individuals who have a passion for teaching, but don’t have the means or opportunity to realize that passion. GYO is helping to move low income women out of poverty and into a stable profession that also allows them to give back to their community.

Jane Addams Resource Corporation (JARC) – $75,000
JARC’s Women in Manufacturing Program prepares low-income women for living wage careers in the metal manufacturing sector. WMP targets strategic skills gaps, including Welding, Computer Numerical Control (CNC), and Press Brake; JARC focuses on these subsectors because they are a source of living wage jobs and authentic career paths.

Kinzie Industrial Development Corporation (KIDC) – $70,000
The Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) training program at KIDC offers a tuition-free training course for women heads of households which prepares students for an EMT-Basic certification. Upon graduation, all students will be registered for the licensing exam with the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT). Once students have received their EMT-basic license, they will be eligible to work as EMTs with starting salaries of $28,000 or more.

Upwardly Global – $40,000
Upwardly Global works to eliminate employment barriers for skilled immigrants and refugees and to integrate this population into the professional U.S. workforce. Upwardly
Global's Women's Program provides women job seekers with a systemic and gender-sensitive support system to find jobs that pay family-sustaining wages.

**Stabilization**

**All Chicago Making Homelessness History – $50,000**
All Chicago Making Homelessness History effectively combines immediate resources with long-term strategies to address the complex issue of homelessness. The Emergency Fund program provides critical financial assistance to people experiencing an emergency that could lead to homelessness. The Emergency Fund continues to meet the stabilization needs of CFW’s Training grantee participants.

**Heartland Human Care Services – $50,000**
Heartland Human Care Services provides customized financial education workshops and individual coaching to participants of CFW’s training grantees through the Imagine, Dedicate, Earn, Achieve (IDEA) program. IDEA is designed to help low-wage, female working heads-of-household improve financial stability through credit building, better money management, access to affordable banking, decreased reliance on predatory products, and increased earning potential.

**Catalyst Fund for Reproductive Justice**
The Catalyst Fund is designed to support woman-of-color led, grassroots advocacy reproductive justice organizations.

**Arise Chicago – $20,000**
Arise educates, organizes and develops the leadership of low-wage, primarily immigrant, majority female workers, and organizes a broad range of faith leaders to support workplace and policy campaigns. Arise works to improve working conditions and lives of Chicagoland low-wage immigrant women workers through training, leadership development, workplace improvement, and policy enforcement.

**Cabrini Green Legal Aid (CGLA) – $43,000**
Cabrini Green Legal Aid helps people who are working to stabilize their lives – by removing or preventing obstacles to economic opportunity, preventing homelessness, and supporting families impacted by arrest and incarceration. The Reunite Moms and Kids Campaign is one that CGLA has embraced and lifted up since the merger with Chicago Legal Advocacy for Incarcerated Mothers (CLAIM), to ensure the criminal justice system did not break the bonds of incarcerated mothers and their children.

**Chicago Freedom School (CFS) – $30,000**
CFS provides training and educational opportunities for youth and allied adults to develop leadership skills through the lens of civic action and through the study of social movement history. Project HealUs aims to activate and prepare young people of color
ages 14-20 from marginalized communities to explore, engage, and expand the work of the reproductive justice movement within their communities through education, leadership development, and youth-led community action and organizing.

**EverThrive Illinois – $40,000**

EverThrive Illinois works to improve the health of women, children and families over the lifespan through community engagement, partnerships, policy analysis, and advocacy. Through the South and West Side Community Empowerment Project, EverThrive IL increases awareness of women’s health issues, with an emphasis on reproductive justice, through advocacy, outreach, and education.

**Illinois Caucus for Adolescent Health (ICAH) – $43,000**

ICAH is a network of empowered youth and allied adults who transform public consciousness and increase the capacity of family, school, and healthcare systems to support the sexual health, rights, and identities of youth.

**Metropolitan Chicago Breast Cancer Task Force – $46,500**

The mission of the Metropolitan Chicago Breast Cancer Task Force is to save women’s lives by eliminating health disparities in Illinois, through the lens of breast cancer. It addresses women’s health holistically with the goal of eliminating inequities in prevention, screening, diagnosis, treatment, and survivorship for all women.

**National Asian Pacific American Women’s Forum (NAPAWF) – $20,000**

National Asian Pacific American Women’s Forum organizes Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) communities to shift culture and policy so that AAPI women and girls are fully respected and empowered in their communities & societal structures to have the economic, social, and political power and resources to make healthy decisions about their bodies, sexuality, and reproduction.

**Warehouse Workers for Justice (WWJ) – $20,000**

Warehouse Workers for Justice works to shape policies that improve the lives of low-income people, engage and activate communities to support workers taking action to resolve systemic inequities and promote economic justice and racial and gender equality. WWJ’s Women’s Committee works to ensure access to family supporting jobs for women in the warehouse industry through education and training, research, policy advocacy and strategic litigation.

**Polk Bros. Foundation Fund for Emerging Organizations**

The Polk Bros. Foundation Fund for Emerging Organizations fosters growth in promising nonprofits with annual operating budgets below $75,000.

**Ladies of Virtue (LOV) – $1,750**

Ladies of Virtue’s mission is to instill purpose, passion, and perseverance in girls, ages
9 to 18, while preparing them for college, careers and to become change agents in their communities.

**Strategic Response Fund**
Thanks in large part to generous support from the Polk Bros. Foundation, the Strategic Response Fund allows CFW to provide immediate support for projects that are outside of the Foundation’s spring and fall grant cycles.

*Community Film Workshop of Chicago – $2,000*
The mission of the Community Film Workshop of Chicago (CFWC) is to provide access to the tools of media that support the development of digital media artists of color in underserved communities.

*Demoiselle 2 Femme (D2F) – $5,000*
D2F provides holistic services, education, instruction and training to assist adolescent girls in a successful transition to womanhood. In fulfilling its mission, D2F has provided evidence-based prevention, education and holistic youth development programs to over 7,000 girls ages 13-19 in the Chicagoland area.

*EverThrive Illinois – $3,000*

*Literature for All of Us – $5,000*
Literature for All of Us uses books and writing to facilitate circles of connection, healing and growth in the face of social inequity.

**Research**

*Asset Funders Network (AFN) – $15,000*
Asset Funders Network is a network of national, regional, and locally based grantmakers interested in leveraging philanthropy to promote financial opportunity and security for low- and middle-income individuals and families. This funding will support research examining existing challenges older women face in building assets and lift up proven wealth building policy and programmatic strategies for women.