

chicago foundation for women

Donor Advised Fund and Other Small Grant Awards

Anti-Defamation League	S. Hedy and Rose Ratner Fund for Advocacy	Award: \$1,500
<p>Project Name: Women's Equity</p> <p>Proposed Use of Funds: <u>Women's Rights</u></p> <p>Recognizing that women's rights are civil rights and civil rights are women's rights, ADL has taken a three-pronged approach to advocating for gender equality. ADL has written amicus briefs, engaged in legislative advocacy and created educational resources.</p>		

Apna Ghar, Inc. (Our Home)	Fay Clayton Donor Advised Fund	Award: \$2,000
<p>Project Name: General Operating Support</p> <p>Organization Description and Proposed Use of Funds: Apna Ghar provides critical, comprehensive, culturally competent services, and conducts outreach and advocacy across communities to end gender violence. Apna Ghar seeks to end gender violence through an approach of highly effective and innovative services for survivors and those who perpetrate harm, as well as public advocacy and community engagement.</p> <p>Apna Ghar was founded by five pioneering women committed to helping South Asian and other under-served immigrant survivors of gender violence and trauma access the services and resources they needed to live lives free from violence. Apna Ghar is issue-based and community-focused. Our holistic services allow survivors to meet their immediate safety needs and move toward long term stability and self-sufficiency. In addition, we engage the community, and conduct systemic and policy-level advocacy to impact larger scale changes to further benefit the survivors we serve.</p> <p>At Apna Ghar we seek to end gender violence through a solutions-focused approach of services, outreach and advocacy. Our aim to address the root causes of gender violence, including patriarchy, gender inequality and discrimination, and to have a long-term impact towards creating a safer and more just environment for survivors of gender violence. Survivors come to our organization with multiple needs and various things impacting their lives. We cannot only address one aspect of what is happening to them and think that that leads to self-sufficiency. Success looks different for each individual or family, but ultimately, we want to ensure that survivors are safe physically and emotionally, have an increased understanding of the cycle of violence, knowledge of community resources, and demonstrate progress on achieving goals set forth in their action plans related to safety, stability, and self-sufficiency. Apna Ghar's comprehensive programs serve adult and child survivors of gender-based violence.</p>		

Arise Chicago		Award: \$35,000
<p>Project Name: Outreach and Education to Vulnerable Workers</p> <p>Proposed Use of Funds: CFW is partnering with the BACP Office of Labor Standards (OLS) to award a grant to Arise Chicago to conduct outreach and education on Chicago's labor laws to vulnerable populations, with a focus on</p>		

domestic workers. The City of Chicago has committed \$65,000 and CFW is committing \$35,000 for a total one-year grant award of \$100,000. This is a pilot program where the City would hope to be able to offer ongoing support to multiple organizations in future years based on strong outcomes. By expanding outreach efforts in underserved communities, this grant will increase access to the protections offered by the OLS and raise awareness about workers' rights. Arise Chicago will work in partnership with the City of Chicago to create outreach and education materials. By engaging workers in their own trusted community networks, the expectation is that workers will access rights guaranteed to them by Chicago's landmark labor laws.

Arise Chicago was founded in 1991 by faith leaders to build partnerships between faith communities and workers to fight workplace injustice through education, organizing, and advocating for public policy changes. It has built a broad and diverse network consisting of low-wage workers, faith communities, and political leaders in order to demand and improve worker justice and dignity in the workplace. Workers lead workplace campaigns to improve their own working conditions, as well as in policy campaigns to improve conditions for the working class on a macro scale. Arise Chicago works to address the root causes of poverty, and believes that those most impacted by poverty and systemic injustice must be central to creating solutions.

The OLS is dedicated to promoting and enforcing Chicago's labor laws, including Minimum Wage, Paid Sick Leave, Fair Workweek, and the new Wage Theft Ordinance. Through its own outreach, OLS has hosted over 30 webinars with over 2,350 attendees since March 2020 and created informational materials in multiple languages. Building off of Mayor Lightfoot's *Your Home is Someone's Workplace* campaign to elevate the rights of domestic workers, Arise Chicago will help the OLS expand its outreach efforts and reach more vulnerable workers. More than 90% of domestic workers are women, particularly women of color and immigrants who are at a much higher risk for wage theft and abuse. The overall goal of this project is to ensure that workers most at-risk are aware of the protections available to them and feel more comfortable navigating the process to file complaints with OLS. This would ultimately result in safer workplaces.

Staff from CFW helped review and evaluate proposals from two applicants for this project: Arise Chicago and the Westside Health Authority. Arise Chicago, a current CFW grantee partner, emerged as the strongest of the two applicants with decades of experience, deep relationships across communities in Chicago, and cultural fluency of working with low-wage, immigrant workers of color.

Requests were evaluated based on:

- Specific knowledge of reaching out to low-wage and vulnerable workers
- Expertise in labor protection laws and worker rights and helping people file complaints
- Resources provided to vulnerable and low-income workers
- Community partnerships and ability to publish materials in multiple languages

Center for Reproductive Rights	Fay Clayton Donor Advised Fund	Award: \$10,000
Project Name: General Operating Support		
<p>Proposed Use of Funds: The Center for Reproductive Rights is a global human rights organization of lawyers and advocates who ensure reproductive rights are protected in law as fundamental human rights for the dignity, equality, health, and well-being of every person.</p>		
<p>The Center for Reproductive Rights uses the power of law to advance reproductive rights as fundamental human rights around the world. We are the only global legal advocacy organization dedicated to reproductive rights, with expertise in both U.S. constitutional and international human rights law.</p>		

Chicago Abortion Fund	Fay Clayton Donor Advised Fund	Award: \$1,000
Project Name: General Operating Support		
Proposed Use of Funds: The mission of the Chicago Abortion Fund is to advance reproductive autonomy and justice for everyone by providing financial, logistical, and emotional support to people seeking abortion services and by building collective power and fostering partnerships for political and cultural change. We envision a world where everyone has the freedom and autonomy to create lives, families, and communities that are healthy, safe, and thriving and where the full range of reproductive choices, including abortion, are accessible and affirmed.		

Chicago Abortion Fund	Fay Clayton Donor Advised Fund	Award: \$5,000
Project Name: General Operating Support		
Organization Description and Proposed Use of Funds: The Chicago Abortion Fund (CAF) boldly affirms a person's right to bodily autonomy. We provide financial, logistical, and emotional support to people seeking abortion care in Chicago, in Illinois, and the Midwest.		

Chicago Academy of Art	Nancy M. Goodman Donor Advised Fund & General Fund	Award: \$7,500
Project Name: General Operating Support		
Proposed Use of Funds: The Chicago Academy for the Arts transforms emerging artists through a curriculum and culture which connect intellectual curiosity, critical thinking, and creativity to impart skills to lead and collaborate across diverse communities.		

Chicago Alliance Against Sexual Exploitation	Jo and Art Moore Family Advised Fund	Award: \$5,000
Project Name: General Operating Support		
Organization Description and Proposed Use of Funds: CAASE's addresses the culture, institutions, and individuals that perpetrate, profit from, or support sexual assault and prostitution. Our program areas are: 1) Free legal services to survivors of sexual violation. 2) Prevention education which teaches teens to recognize and resist harmful messages about masculinity and violence against girls and women. 3) Policy: CAASE seeks to improve legal and social responses to sexual harm. Since 2010 CAASE led 7 successful legislative campaigns that transformed state law related to prostitution and trafficking and increased accountability to survivors in the education system. 4) Community engagement: Empowering people to take action against sexual harm and survivors to take control of their own narratives, CAASE engages with underserved communities on Chicago's South side/suburbs to increase access to services for survivors and partners with community organizations to create networks of care.		

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Project Name: General Operating Support		
Proposed Use of Funds: CAASE's mission is to address the culture, institutions, and individuals that perpetrate, profit from, or support sexual exploitation (specifically sexual assault and prostitution). Our program areas are: 1) Free legal services to survivors of sexual harm. 2) Prevention education which teaches teens to recognize and resist harmful messages about masculinity and violence against girls/women. 3)Policy: CAASE seeks to improve criminal justice and social responses to sexual harm. From 2010-15, CAASE led 6 legislative campaigns that transformed state law related to prostitution and trafficking. Our work also seeks to improve criminal justice and social responses to rape. 4) Community engagement: Empowering people to take action against sexual harm and survivors to take control of their own narratives. CAASE engages with underserved communities on Chicago's South side/suburbs to increase access to services for survivors and partners with community organizations to create networks of care.		

Chicago Community Foundation	Immigrant Funders Collaborative	Award: \$5,000
Project Name: Immigrant Funders Collaborative		
Proposed Use of Funds: A group of Illinois funders formed the original collaborative (Illinois DACA Relief Initiative/IDRI) in 2012, in response to the Obama administration's Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) policy. In 2014, IDRI was renamed and its focus broadened, to encompass both DACA and new administrative immigration actions. In 2017, IFC's focus is extended to address challenges and opportunities in immigrant communities related to shifts in immigration policy. IFC will serve as a collaborative funding project, designed to respond to the need for immediate action by and capacity-building for non-profits to assist Illinois immigrants and refugees affected by executive orders and other policy changes related to immigration. A project management consultant has been retained to provide project support: planning assistance, grants review, grants management, programming, grantee convening, and research and production of an evaluation report.		

Chicago Community Foundation	Workforce Funder Alliance	Award: \$10,000
Project Name: Chicagoland Workforce Funders Alliance		
Proposed Use of Funds: The Chicagoland Workforce Funders Alliance (CWFA or the Funder Alliance) was launched in May 2012 by five founding workforce funders: the Chicago Community Trust, the Joyce Foundation, the Lloyd A. Fry Foundation, the Robert R. McCormick Foundation, and the Polk Bros Foundation. The CWFA has a geographic scope that includes seven Illinois Counties: Cook, DuPage, Kane, Kendall, Lake, McHenry, and Will. Since its founding the Funder Alliance has grown from 5 to 14 pooled funders (Leadership Funders), and has facilitated funder collaboration with over 20 other funders as well. It is a funder collaborative housed at the Chicago Community Trust with four dedicated staff. The Funder Alliance has come to be seen as the region's major convener of the philanthropic community interested in workforce development and employment. Using a combination of grant-making and civic leadership, the Funder Alliance has a unique position at the complex intersection point of workforce development, social justice, education, and economic development.		

Chicago Therapy Collective	General Fund	Award: \$9,000
Project Name: Advocating at Intersections of Violence: MMIWG2S and Trans & Non-Binary Individuals		
Organization Description and Proposed Use of Funds:		
<p>CTC believes that the reason we see such significant mental health disparities in LGBTQIA2S+ communities—especially Queer and Trans BIPOC communities—is rooted in social inequity and injustice. This truth has directed our collective’s attention commitment towards a Transformative Justice approach to Healthcare, which centers the individuals, organizations, and communities to which LGBTQIA2S+ people belong. We understand systemic issues require multi-disciplinary solutions and political support. Through therapy, training, advocacy, and the arts, we strive to embody that multi-disciplinary approach in order to coordinate multi-faceted interventions for LGBTQIA2S+ mental health and wellbeing. Since 2018, CTC has produced art exhibits, organized direct actions, curated high-quality educational experiences, and more, to increase understanding of the identities, experiences, and needs of LGBTQIA2S+ people.</p> <p>As an organization, we are very aware that the only group of people that faces greater violence than Trans Women and Non-Binary People of Color, and thus is in need of greater coordinated collective action, is Indigenous Women, Girls, and Two Spirit people. On May 5th 2021 CTC joined forces with the American Indian Health Services Chicago (AIHSC) and Waking Women Healing Institute (WWHI) to host a day of awareness on the northside of Chicago for MMIWG2S. Embracing the opportunity to show up as a committed partner in gender justice, we worked to recruit a number of additional partners including, Indivisible Illinois, 40th Ward Chicago, Women & Children First, and the Andersonville Chamber of Commerce to help raise local awareness on this day.</p> <p>This 2022 our three organizations wish to partner again and take the awareness raising a step further. First, we aim to broaden the intended reach of our efforts beyond the northside of Chicago. Second, we will include a more strategic and impactful call to action, driving call-to-action attention to a follow-up education and advocacy event to build cross-community awareness and solidarity.</p> <p>To successfully broaden our reach, we aim to enlist the support of not just Alderperson Andre Vasquez but the whole progressive caucus. We’ll also invite not just one Andersonville business, but all Andersonville. businesses to participate. Lastly, we will more aggressively promote via social media channels on digital outreach. Like last year, we will use the motif of the hanging red dress in a window to draw attention and raise engagement with the follow-up call-to-action.</p> <p>The education and advocacy portion of the project we would like to propose consists of a half-day gathering of communities that highlights the intersections of violence between Indigenous women, girls, and two-spirit people, and Transgender women and non-binary folks. While we do not presently have contact with any of the activists and advocates focused on missing and murdered Black women and girls in Chicago, we will strive to reach that parallel movement and facilitate an event that encompasses all three communities facing this disproportionate gender, race, and place violence. The emphasis of the event is building cross-community awareness and solidarity, sharing important advocacy resources, and deepening dialogue within and between communities on violences that facing BIPOC gender minorities. The event would favor an indigenous framing of the crisis.</p> <p>The project would launch on May 5th and the education and advocacy event would take place October 4th</p>		

CommunityHealth	Nancy M. Goodman Donor Advised Fund	Award: \$3,500
Project Name: General Operating Support		
Proposed Use of Funds:		

CommunityHealth is the leader in delivering comprehensive, high-quality, patient-centered health care at no cost to low-income, uninsured adults in need of a medical home. It accomplishes this through three key pillars of success: Philanthropy: Fostering broad-based support from individuals, foundations, corporations and institutions. Volunteerism: Building upon the long-standing commitment of thousands of individuals to its mission. Partnerships: Cultivating strategic collaborations – with hospitals, universities, training programs, health care companies and more.

Crossroads Fund	General Fund	Award: \$15,000
Project Name: General Operating Support and Cultivate: Women of Color Leadership		
Proposed Use of Funds: Crossroads Fund supports community organizations working on issues of racial, social and economic justice in the Chicago area.		
Crossroads Fund leads in the philanthropic sector by supporting innovative organizing models that build strong movements for racial, social and economic justice. By creating relationships between donors, grantees, grassroots groups and community members, we strengthen leadership, build sustainable communities and transform unjust conditions, institutions and policies to create greater equality and opportunity for all.		
Crossroads Fund is the lead partner in the Cultivate: Women of Color Leadership program. Cultivate builds and sustains a cadre of energized women leaders of color who are well connected across movements. Developed in partnership with the Crossroads Fund, the Woods Fund of Chicago, and the Chicago Community Trust, the collaborative aims to strengthen the sustainability of women-of-color-led organizations and to encourage new models of leadership development and community organizing.		

Enlace Chicago	Jo and Art Moore Family Advised Fund	Award: \$5,000
Project Name: Community Health Workers in Little Village		
Organization Description and Proposed Use of Funds: Enlace convenes, organizes and builds the capacity of Little Village stakeholders to confront systemic inequities and barriers to economic and social access. It is dedicated to making a positive difference in the lives of residents by fostering a safe and healthy environment and by championing opportunities for educational advancement and economic development. Enlace adapts its work to meet the priorities, needs and interests of the community.		
Since 2013, Enlace has supported the training and employment of community leaders as Community Health Workers (CHW) and, in 2015, it began convening PAES, a network of local Spanish-speaking CHWs. Enlace and PAES CHWs receive extensive training and build a holistic skill set that allows them to engage in a variety of activities, including community outreach, health education, support group facilitation, public benefits and health insurance enrollment assistance, healthcare and social service system navigation and referrals, public health research, and policy advocacy.		
The mission of PAES is to support CHWs through continuous training and development in order to build their skills in health promotion and education in the community, create more opportunities for them to gain employment, and mobilize them to be advocates on behalf of the community. In 2018, PAES members identified the need for a basic college certificate program for Spanish-speaking CHWs to reinforce this mission. They worked with City Colleges of Chicago, Illinois CHW Association, Little Village Education		

Collaborative and Illinois Department of Public Health to launch this program. For CHWs interested in enrolling, PAES hosts workshops that focus on how to communicate with partners and family members about their plans to continue their studies, with the goal of garnering their support. After students are enrolled, PAES provides support with cost of the program, transfer of foreign credits, child care, transportation and other needs. The PAES Coordinator, a CHW who is a Latina immigrant, supports members in preparing customized professional goals and plans so that they develop comprehensive skills and overcome barriers to employment, and she helps facilitate connections between graduates and job opportunities through Enlace and local partners.

GirlForward	Jo & Art Moore Family Advised Fund	Award: \$2,000
Project Name: General Operating Support		
Proposed Use of Funds: GirlForward is a community of support dedicated to creating and enhancing opportunity for girls who have been displaced by conflict and persecution. Founded in 2011, GirlForward is the first and only organization in the United States dedicated to this mission. GirlForward Chicago runs three core programs: the Mentoring Program, Education Program and the Safe Spaces Project. Its Mentoring Program pairs girls with mentors to engage in "4W" activities (Wellness, Wisdom, Wallet and World) in order to explore their passions and graduate from high school. Its Education Program provides spaces for girls to simultaneously build their English skills while exploring their identities and learning about the world around them. The Safe Spaces Program provides safe spaces for girls to explore their identities, connect with other girls, and access the resources they need. All GirlForward programming is offered to girls at no cost to them or their families.		

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Project Name: General Operating Support		
Organization Description and Proposed Use of Funds: GirlForward's mission is to create a community of support dedicated to creating and enhancing opportunities for girls displaced globally by conflict and persecution. We envision a future where all girls can access and lead, affirming intergenerational and multicultural spaces for social change. Founded in 2011, GirlForward is the first and only organization in the United States dedicated to this mission. Our model supports refugee, asylee, undocumented, and immigrant girls between 19 and 21 from over 30 home countries, including Afghanistan, Syria, Burma, the Democratic Republic of Congo, and Ethiopia . GirlForward addresses the biggest challenges faced by refugee girls who have resettled in the United States: poverty, language barrier, limited/disrupted education, social isolation, and trauma through mentorship, education, and creating safe spaces through education, mentorship, and community building.		

Healing to Action	Nancy M. Goodman Donor Advised Fund	Award: \$1,500
Project Name: General Operating Support		
Proposed Use of Funds: Healing to Action's (HTA) mission is to end gender-based violence by building the leadership and collective power of the communities most impacted. HTA develops the leadership of survivors of these communities, supports dynamic grassroots campaigns developed by survivor leaders, and builds		

organizations' capacity to mobilize. Organizing survivors from low-income, black and brown, immigrant, disability and LGBTQ communities, HTA achieves its mission through survivor-led community organizing of grassroots campaigns, leadership development through its Healing Generations political education program, and capacity-building partnerships with grassroots social justice organizations. Healing to Action envisions a future free from gender-based violence.

Human Rights Watch	Fay Clayton Donor Advised Fund	Award: \$10,000
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Project Name: Women's Rights Project

Proposed Use of Funds:
 Human Rights Watch is a nonprofit, nongovernmental human rights organization made up of roughly 400 staff members around the globe. Its staff consists of human rights professionals including country experts, lawyers, journalists, and academics of diverse backgrounds and nationalities. Established in 1978, Human Rights Watch is known for its accurate fact-finding, impartial reporting, effective use of media, and targeted advocacy, often in partnership with local human rights groups. Each year, Human Rights Watch publishes more than 100 reports and briefings on human rights conditions in some 90 countries, generating coverage in local and international media. With the leverage this brings, Human Rights Watch meets with governments, the United Nations, regional groups like the African Union and the European Union, financial institutions, and corporations to press for changes in policy and practice that promote human rights and justice around the world.

Despite great strides made by the international women's rights movement over many years, women and girls around the world are still married as children or trafficked into forced labor and sex slavery. They are refused access to education and political participation, and some are trapped in conflicts where rape is perpetrated as a weapon of war. Around the world, deaths related to pregnancy and childbirth are needlessly high, and women are prevented from making deeply personal choices in their private lives. Human Rights Watch is working toward the realization of women's empowerment and gender equality—protecting the rights and improving the lives of women and girls on the ground.

ICAN, a Project of Alliance Chicago	Fay Clayton Donor Advised Fund	Award: \$5,000
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Project Name: General Operating Support

Proposed Use of Funds:
 Illinois Contraceptive Access Now (ICAN!) is a statewide initiative to advance reproductive health equity by improving the quality and coverage of contraceptive care at community health centers. We believe that every person should have the ability to decide if, when, and under what circumstances to be pregnant and parent. ICAN!'s digital platform provides birth control education and connects anyone to trusted, highly skilled contraceptive care providers at our Quality Hub locations.

Love, Unity & Values Institute	Marc and Jeanne Malnati Family Fund	Award: \$10,000
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Project Name: General Operating Support

Organization Description and Proposed Use of Funds:
 The Love, Unity & Values (LUV) Institute was founded in 2012 as a nonprofit organization by a group of psychologists, social workers, and community members to support the aspirations of youth and young adults living in high burden communities impacted by trauma and violence. The LUV Institute's programs

were built on the premise that social-emotional competencies, coupled with practical life skills, can fuel academic success and sustained employment while preparing youth for brighter futures.

LUV Institute equips underserved and justice-involved youth ages 16-24 who face social, emotional, economic, and academic challenges. With a staff of 15, LUV Institute provides academic support, training in restorative practice, job-readiness development, internships, and job placement for nearly 200 youth annually in Cook County.

LUV Institute's Ladies of Leadership is designed to disrupt violence and other negative social behaviors while delivering intensive employment training to underserved young women, ages 16 to 24. The program runs for 6 weeks, four days a week and includes leadership development, college and career readiness, and social/emotional competence using a gender lens.

The program creates a therapeutic environment using restorative justice practice, trauma-informed care, and brain-based strategies to build empathy, respect, acceptance, and significance. Through this training the young women gain the skills and confidence to communicate authentically and openly. Participants work closely with mentors who help each young woman discover her potential. The program's ultimate goal is to develop a new generation of young female leaders in Cook County.

Heartland Alliance's National Immigrant Justice Center	Jo and Art Moore Family Advised Fund	Award: \$5,000
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Project Name: Gender Justice Initiative

Organization Description and Proposed Use of Funds:
 The National Immigrant Justice Center's (NIJC) mission is to ensure human rights protections and access to justice for immigrants, refugees, and asylum seekers and their ability to fully participate in our communities. NIJC ensures human rights protections for low-income immigrants and refugees, including women, girls, and LGBTQ+ immigrants, with the ultimate goal of promoting access to justice, family integrity, and community safety. NIJC has more than 30 years of experience of advancing justice for immigrants and refugees. To achieve its goals, NIJC collaborates with a diverse group of community partners, universities, and civil rights groups and leverages a network of approximately 2,000 pro bono partners to provide legal services to approximately 10,000 individuals annually. NIJC draws on this extensive direct service work to inform its advocacy and litigation priorities.

The Gender Justice Initiative draws on NIJC's broader work to advance protections for immigrant women, girls, and transgender and non-binary individuals. NIJC's vision of an immigration system that upholds equality and justice for immigrant women, girls, and LGBTQ+ individuals cannot become a reality without continued zealous pressure and thoughtful strategies that are responsive to a changing political and social environment.

Literature for All of Us	Jo & Art Moore Family Advised Fund	Award: \$2,000
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Project Name: General Operating Support

Proposed Use of Funds:
 Literature for All of Us uses books and writing to facilitate circles of connection, healing, and growth in the face of social inequity. By inviting participants to explore the transformative power of their own voices, we help build resilience.

Midwest Access Project	Fay Clayton Donor Advised Fund	Award: \$5,000
Project Name: General Operating Support		
Organization Description and Proposed Use of Funds: Midwest Access Project envisions a society in which every person has access to comprehensive, high quality, patient-centered sexual and reproductive health care in their community. Our mission is to improve access to comprehensive reproductive health care by training providers in abortion, miscarriage care, contraception, and pregnancy options counseling. Rooted in the Midwest, MAP's innovative training model fills gaps nationwide in medical education and clinical training. To accomplish its mission, MAP provides health care professionals with individually tailored training rotations, lectures and workshops to increase clinical skills and knowledge of comprehensive reproductive health care. MAP builds relationships with organizations and allies to grow opportunities for training nationwide and to nurture supportive community networks for providers.		

Mujeres Latinas en Accion	Jo & Art Moore Family Advised Fund	Award: \$4,000
Project Name: General Operating Support		
Proposed Use of Funds: Mujeres Latinas en Acción's mission is: "to empower Latinas through providing services which reflect their values and culture and being an advocate on the issues that make a difference in their lives." For nearly 50 years, Mujeres Latinas en Acción (Mujeres) has been vital to the Latino community. Mujeres is building comprehensive community wellness that includes access to health resources, mental health services care and the empowerment of survivors and their families. Our therapists, counselors, advocates, organizers, community educators, and case managers understand Latinas, their families, and their cultures, and how those dynamics play an important role in their healing and thriving journeys. Our programs include Healing & Prevention of Domestic & Sexual Violence, Parent Support, Community Engagement & Mobilization, Latina Leadership, and our entrepreneurship training, Empresarias del Futuro. Programs are designed for trauma survivors to heal, thrive, and lead.		

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Project Name: General Operating Support		
Organization Description and Proposed Use of Funds: Mujeres Latinas en Acción's mission is: "to empower Latinas through providing services which reflect their values and culture and being an advocate on the issues that make a difference in their lives." In 2023, Mujeres will be celebrating five decades that (Mujeres) has been vital to the Latino community. Mujeres is building comprehensive community wellness that includes access to health resources, mental health services care and the empowerment of survivors and their families. Our therapists, counselors, advocates, organizers, community educators, and case managers understand Latinas, their families, and their cultures, and how those dynamics play an important role in their healing and thriving journeys. Our programs include Healing & Prevention of Domestic & Sexual Violence, Parent Support, Community Engagement & Mobilization, Latina Leadership, and our entrepreneurship training, Empresarias del Futuro. Programs are designed for trauma survivors to heal, thrive, and lead.		

NARAL	Fay Clayton Donor Advised Fund	Award: \$1,000
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<p>Project Name: Chicagoland Workforce Funders Alliance</p> <p>Proposed Use of Funds: NARAL Pro-Choice America Foundation was established in 1977 to provide a policy and educational component to the work of our sister organization, NARAL Pro-Choice America.</p> <p>Mindful of the horrors of back-alley abortions and fueled by a strong conviction that women’s personal reproductive-health decisions are theirs alone, NARAL’s foundation arm gives voice to the 7 in 10 Americans who believe that abortion should remain legal and accessible.</p> <p>With more than 2.5 million member activists representing every state in the union, we are on the front lines of the fight to preserve and expand reproductive freedom and abortion access in the 21st century. We believe in the power of people to make a difference, and we help to drive that positive change by educating Americans about the threats to reproductive freedom and holding bad actors accountable at every level.</p> <p>Together, we can ensure an environment that guarantees every woman the right to informed and empowered choices.</p>		

National Council of Jewish Women	S. Hedy and Rose Ratner Fund for Advocacy	Award: \$1,500
<p>Project Name: General Operating Support</p> <p>Proposed Use of Funds: The National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW) is a grassroots organization of volunteers and advocates who turn progressive ideals into action. Inspired by Jewish values, NCJW strives for social justice by improving the quality of life for women, children, and families and by safeguarding individual rights and freedoms.</p> <p>Our work has shifted over the last century in response to the most pressing challenges facing not only Jewish women but all vulnerable women, children, and families. Just some of this work includes aiding immigrants, providing resources for refugees, pioneering juvenile justice reform, advocating for family leave and child care, protecting reproductive health, rights, and justice, and passing critical civil rights legislation. Our work now focuses primarily on safeguarding and expanding access to abortion and contraception, protecting and promoting the vote, and pushing for fair, independent, and qualified judges on federal courts.</p>		

Planned Parenthood of Illinois	S. Hedy and Rose Ratner Fund for Advocacy	Award: \$1,500
<p>Project Name: General Operating Support</p> <p>Proposed Use of Funds: 1. Medical Services: PPIL’s 17 community-based health centers provide affordable, high-quality reproductive health care to over 70,000 patients throughout Illinois each year.</p> <p>2. Community Outreach and Education: PPIL delivers medically-accurate sex education to thousands of young people each year. Facilitated in partnership with schools, community-based organizations, and health departments, PPIL provides youth with the knowledge and resources they need to make informed decisions.</p>		

3. Public Policy: Through a bold, proactive policy agenda, PPIL works to keep the people of Illinois safe and healthy by advocating for policies that protect and expand reproductive rights. We monitor and draft legislation, build and participate in strategic coalitions, and engage those we serve in our advocacy efforts.

Project Unloaded	General Fund	Award: \$20,000
<p>Project Name: General Operating Support</p> <p>Proposed Use of Funds: Project Unloaded, a fiscally-sponsored project of the New Venture Fund, is a new initiative launching in 2021 with the mission to prevent gun violence by changing the cultural narrative that guns make us safe. Through creative, cultural campaigns, Project Unloaded will create safe spaces for open conversations about guns and inspire the next generation to choose not to own a gun on their own terms. Project Unloaded was developed through a process of expert convenings, research, pilot campaign development, and testing beginning in 2017 through early 2021, led and funded by the Joyce Foundation.</p> <p>Project Unloaded respectfully requests support for its start-up phase, including organizational development, partner outreach and engagement, and the launch of Project Unloaded’s first campaign: SNUG (Safer Not Using Guns).</p> <p>A portion of the campaign will include public education. In this phase of the campaign, youth will learn more about SNUG from their peers who have made the choice to be Safer Not Using Guns. We will provide educational messages about the risks associated with gun ownership, delivered by messengers who are tailored to the audience. Educational messages will focus heavily on two topics, which demonstrated the highest level of engagement during the pilot phase: the risk posed by guns to women, including domestic violence; and the intersection between guns and mental health, including the risk of suicide.</p> <p>For example: About 4.5 million U.S. women have been threatened with a gun, and nearly 1 million women have been shot or shot at by an intimate partner. Guns and domestic violence are a lethal combination. Nearly half of all women murdered in the United States are killed by a current or former intimate partner, and more than half of these intimate partner homicides are by firearm.</p> <p>Women are five times more likely to be murdered by an abusive partner when the abuser has access to a gun. More than one in four homicides in the United States are related to domestic violence, and the use of firearms in domestic violence situations increases the risk that there will be multiple fatalities. Even when a weapon is not discharged, abusers often use the mere presence of a gun to coerce, threaten, and terrorize their victims, inflicting enormous psychological damage. While domestic violence affects women and men all over the world, domestic violence perpetrated with a firearm disproportionately affects American women. American women are 21 times more likely to be shot and killed than women in other high-income countries.</p>		

Public Narrative	Grantee Capacity Building - General Fund	Award: \$10,000
<p>Project Name: Storytelling and Media Relations Training Series</p> <p>Proposed Use of Funds: For 32 years, Public Narrative has been teaching nonprofit thought leaders and staffers how to find and tell better stories. It’s vital that we tell our stories because storytelling is a powerful tool. It can connect all of us. Effective storytelling can also:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • further our goals, • promote our organization, 		

- reinvigorate our staff,
- reconnect us to our mission and
- move our audiences to action.

But you have to consider what story you want to tell and how will that story reflect on your organization. Truth is we are all communicating all the time, but understanding how to do so effectively is what we teach.

Chicago Foundation for Women is partnering with Public Narrative to offer grantees a Storytelling and Media Relations Training Series. This series aims to help grantees:

- Increase knowledge of ways to communicate effectively about their organization’s work
- Increase confidence in communicating about their organization’s work, as spokespersons or otherwise
- Increase knowledge about the ways communications affect other aspects of their organization’s work (for example: fundraising, board development)
- Advance their organization’s mission.
- Change how they do their work.

Training Sessions:

Virtual Session 1: Storytelling Training (90 minutes)

Storytelling is the cornerstone of Public Narrative’s communications curriculum. We teach participants the importance of telling a story when talking about their work, their life and their experiences. Participants will learn to communicate effectively, identify best practices for digital storytelling that promotes their organization’s community engagement cohesively and demonstrate how stories can be used to nurture relationships. Participants will be equipped to engage diverse audiences online and offline.

Virtual Session 2: Media Relations Training (90 minutes)

Whether it’s an unexpected opportunity or an unwanted crisis, are you ready to respond to the media? Learn how to stay in control of your message in this session. Craft your elevator speech, learn interview techniques and skills needed to present to different audiences. Learn to identify keywords, messaging and numbers relevant to your role as an effective spokesperson.

Session 3: Pitch the Media (90 minutes)

Participants will pitch their stories to invited journalists. While there is a chance journalists may publish their stories, it is not guaranteed. This session allows participants to establish a connection with journalists while gathering feedback from them directly.

Rivendell Theatre Ensemble	Jo & Art Moore Family Advised Fund	Award: \$2,000
<p>Project Name: General Operating Support</p> <p>Proposed Use of Funds: Founded in 1994, Rivendell Theatre Ensemble is dedicated to advancing the lives of women through theatre.</p> <p>An award winning, critically acclaimed professional theatre company Rivendell’s productions explore the unique female perspectives of everyday stories in an intimate, salon environment. Since our inception, Rivendell has grown to fill an important role in the Chicago theatre community as the only Equity theatre in Chicago committed to women’s stories. Rivendell has become a leader in new play development, a major port for new writers, and today, offers a brick and mortar artistic home for women theater artists to develop their work.</p>		

After years of being an itinerant company, we moved into our own theater space in 2011 in Edgewater. We are focused on becoming an integral community partner and serving as a catalyst to engage our audiences in a discussion of social issues.

Rivendell Theatre Ensemble	Jo and Art Moore Family Advised Fund	Award: \$4,000
Project Name: General Operating Support		
Organization Description and Proposed Use of Funds:		
<p>Founded in 1994, Rivendell Theatre Ensemble is dedicated to advancing the lives of women through theatre.</p> <p>An award winning, critically acclaimed professional theatre company Rivendell's productions explore the unique female perspectives of everyday stories in an intimate, salon environment. Since our inception, Rivendell has grown to fill an important role in the Chicago theatre community as the only Equity theatre in Chicago committed to women's stories. Rivendell has become a leader in new play development, a major port for new writers, and today, offers a brick and mortar artistic home for women theater artists to develop their work.</p> <p>After years of being an itinerant company, we moved into our own theater space in 2011 in Edgewater. We are focused on becoming an integral community partner and serving as a catalyst to engage our audiences in a discussion of social issues.</p>		

Roger Baldwin Foundation of the ACLU, Inc.	S. Hedy and Rose Ratner Fund for Advocacy	Award: \$1,500
Project Name: Women's and Reproductive Rights Project		
Proposed Use of Funds:		
<p>For 100 years, the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) has stood as America's first line of defense against violations of civil rights and liberties. With affiliate offices representing all 50 states, Washington D.C., and Puerto Rico, the ACLU defends the freedoms afforded by the Bill of Rights and works to promote racial justice, LGBTQ rights, and reproductive health access and autonomy.</p> <p>The ACLU of Illinois (ACLU-IL) works with communities across the state to advance litigation, public education, and community engagement to protect and expand civil rights and liberties at the local, state, and federal levels. For fifty years, ACLU-IL's pioneering Women's and Reproductive Rights Project (WRRP) has steadily advanced its strategic agenda to safeguard reproductive rights and access, promote gender equality, and fight the imposition of religiously-based limitations on healthcare.</p>		

Roger Baldwin Foundation of the ACLU, Inc.	Fay Clayton Donor Advised Fund	Award: \$10,000
Project Name: Women's and Reproductive Rights Project		
Organization Description and Proposed Use of Funds:		
<p>For 100 years, the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) has worked to hold the U.S. to its fundamental vision of an equitable society with civil rights and civil liberties for all. With independent offices representing all 50 states, Washington D.C., and Puerto Rico, the ACLU upholds the freedoms afforded by the U.S. Constitution and laws. The ACLU uses litigation, policy reform, and public engagement to seek justice for</p>		

personal harms experienced by clients via systems and policies that fail them, and works to create shifts in institutions, societal norms, and policies to prevent harm to others in the future. The Women’s and Reproductive Rights Project (WRRP) is a signature program area of the ACLU.

The ACLU’s decades of integrated advocacy successes at local and state levels have steadily laid a foundation to protect and expand reproductive rights and access in Illinois. With the celebrated passage of Medicaid reforms in 2018, the RHA in 2019, and the end of Illinois’ parental involvement law coming in 2022, Illinois has emerged as a national leader for reproductive health access at a time of unprecedented danger for reproductive rights nationwide. This danger feels especially salient after the Supreme Court’s decision to allow Texas’ six-week abortion ban and “vigilante justice” scheme to take effect, and as the Court considers Mississippi’s arbitrary 15-week abortion ban in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization*.

In a landscape so hostile to reproductive freedom, protecting reproductive autonomy and access to healthcare like abortion, contraception, and maternal care is a top priority for the ACLU. Fully implementing policy reforms like the RHA and PNA repeal will continue to play a key role in expanding access and removing remaining barriers to access. Simultaneously, we remain deeply invested in challenging gender-based discrimination and claims of “religious liberty” to limit reproductive health and access. We also understand that legal rights are meaningless if those impacted do not know about the rights or policies available to them, or have practical ability to access them. We work to break down obstacles to paying for abortion care, including advocating for Medicaid and insurance coverage. This also includes working with abortion providers in the State to expand the types of practitioners who can provide abortion care to improve access, particularly for underserved communities.

Shriver Center on Poverty Law	Jo & Art Moore Family Advised Fund	Award: \$6,000
<p>Project Name: Women's Law and Policy Project</p> <p>Proposed Use of Funds: The Shriver Center’s Women Law and Policy Initiative (WLPI) creates and promotes legal and policy solutions to improve the lives of low-income women and girls. The WLPI draws on the lived experiences of women and girls to help secure their rights and combat the barriers they face in accessing training, employment, housing, family law, healthcare, public benefits, and safety. The current WLPI agenda centers on two goals: (1) ensuring economic justice for low-income women, particularly in the workplace and (2) promoting freedom from gender-based violence. In light of its workload, the Shriver Center transitioned leadership of the Ensuring Success in School coalition to CAASE earlier this year. The WLPI’s work is especially critical as the pandemic and resulting economic crisis persist, and as women, girls, and families across Illinois struggle to safely live, work, and prosper.</p>		

Shriver Center on Poverty Law	Jo and Art Moore Family Advised Fund	Award: \$5,000
<p>Project Name: Women's Law and Policy Initiative</p> <p>Organization Description and Proposed Use of Funds: The mission of the Shriver Center on Poverty Law is to provide leadership in advancing laws and policies that secure justice to improve the lives and opportunities of people living in poverty. Over the past fifty years, the Shriver Center has secured hundreds of law and policy victories with and for people experiencing economic instability in Illinois and across the country. Everything the Shriver Center does is powered by communities most affected by poverty. Our country is rife with laws and policies that systematically disadvantage certain groups while affording unfair advantages to others based on their race, gender, and other facets of their identities. The Shriver Center believes that laws and policies—and</p>		

the institutions that apply them—should be designed to support people. The Shriver Center is building a future where all people, families, and future generations have equal dignity, respect, and power under the law.

The Women's Law and Policy Initiative (WLPI) creates and promotes legal and policy solutions to improve the lives of low-income women and girls and create strong employment, work supports, and safety-net programs. There are two overarching existential threats to all workers, but especially to low-wage, non-unionized workers generally and to Chicago and Illinois workers specifically. First is the misclassification of workers who are employees but are treated as independent contractors, such as domestic, temp, and gig workers, including, for example, rideshare and delivery drivers. By classifying employees as independent contractors, employers reduce their own costs and liabilities while workers and their families face greater harms and risks, including reduced compensation and benefits, uncertain schedules, and the denial of important employment protections, all which makes work less secure, safe, and economically viable.

The second is preemption, through which a state limits the authority of local governments to enact their own laws and policies (known as "home rule"). Preemption can be used to block a local government from enacting a law/policy or to dismantle an existing law/policy. In the course of negotiations on paid sick leave during the 2021 session, the business lobby insisted on preempting any local government from enacting its own paid leave policies and declared the Chicago and Cook County paid leave ordinances null and void. If this interference with home rule is enacted, not only will Illinois workers suffer, but its impact will be felt by workers across the country given Illinois' national importance as a "blue" state.