

Response, Recovery & Resilience

COLLABORATIVE FUND

Women's Funds and Foundations are rapidly adapting and recasting their work for the greatest impact during the pandemic.

Due to their deep, cross-sector relationships and the trust of front-line service providers, these organizations are positioned to understand the areas of greatest need within their communities. This positioning is critical to providing strategic, targeted support to nonprofit infrastructures.

These Women's Funds and Foundations – both led by and serving women and girls of color – are often the only feminist funding organizations in their area, and they are facing an increasing shortage of resources. Similarly, 37% of RRRCF grantees are led by women of color, and are collectively serving over 940,000 women and girls in the United States.

RRRCF BY THE NUMBERS

\$400k

Awards Dispersed

16

Recipients

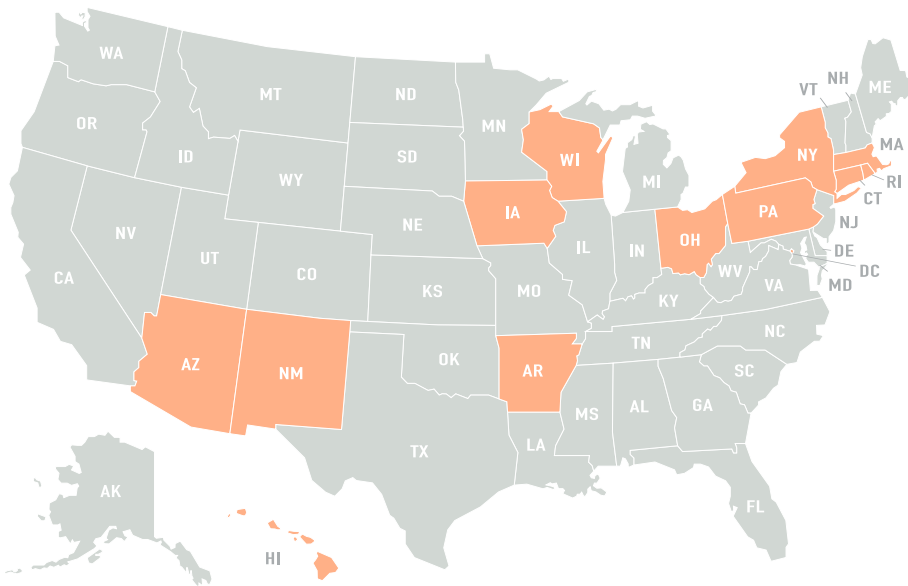
\$30k

Average Award Size

13

States and the District of Columbia Served

GEOGRAPHIC REACH



RRRCF grantees serve more than 940,000 women and girls across the country¹

44% serve urban communities

29% serve rural communities²

26% serve suburban communities

On average, organizations have 185 days or 6 months cash on hand. The range is 42 days (6 weeks) to 488 days (16 months).³

¹ Projections from 2019 grantmaking by grantees

² All but 4 grantees serve multiple types of communities

³ Two organizations did not provide cash on hand information

“WFN’s partnership with our 2020 grant-making will ensure our commitment to Iowa’s women and girls would be fulfilled. Together, we will make a difference!”

– Dawn Oliver Wiand, Executive Director, Iowa Women’s Foundation

AWARDEES

Women’s Fund of Hawaii
Chester County Fund for Women and Girls
NewMexicoWomen.Org
Arizona Foundation For Women
Aurora Women and Girls Foundation, Inc.
Fairfield County’s Community Foundation, Inc.
The Women’s Fund of Central Ohio
Women’s Fund of Western Massachusetts

Boston Women’s Fund, Inc.
Iowa Women’s Foundation
Washington Area Women’s Foundation
Women’s Fund of Rhode Island
WNY Women’s Foundation
Women’s Fund for the Fox Valley Region
Women’s Foundation of Arkansas
Women’s Foundation of Southern Arizona

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COMMUNITY NEED

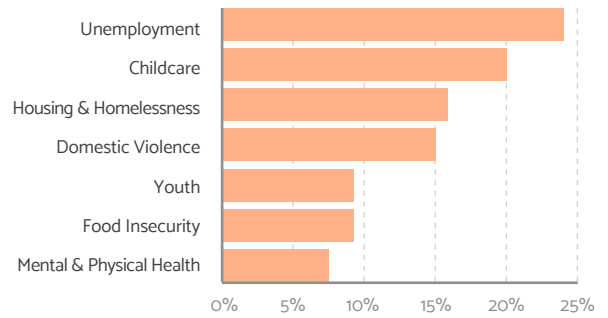
The top challenges reported in the communities served by grantees of the RRRCF include rising unemployment, decreased access to childcare, and threats of homelessness. Communities are also seeing increases in domestic violence and food insecurity. Grantees frequently describe how COVID-19 is escalating the already prevalent disparities based on documentation, status, and race.

These growing challenges mean community organizations are seeing a greater demand for services and, in some cases, a complete pivot in services to meet changing needs. Decreases in revenue from canceled annual fundraising events means that these organizations are increasingly relying on Women's Funds and Foundations to help fill budgetary gaps.

“The individuals served by our grantmaking and strategic initiatives as well as our advocacy work have faced a number of challenges due to the pandemic. These challenges range from unemployment and the resultant financial stress, access to technology to shift to learning and working from home, bearing the brunt of child care at home, and access to child care for essential employees.”

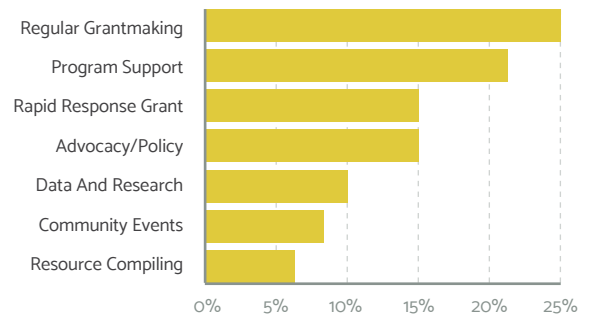
— Sheri L. Scavone, Executive Director, WNY Women's Foundation

TOP CHALLENGES FOR NONPROFITS & THE COMMUNITIES THEY SERVE, IDENTIFIED BY GRANTEEES



14% Average Unemployment Rate
(As of April 2020)

HOW WOMEN'S FUNDS & FOUNDATIONS ARE MEETING THOSE NEEDS



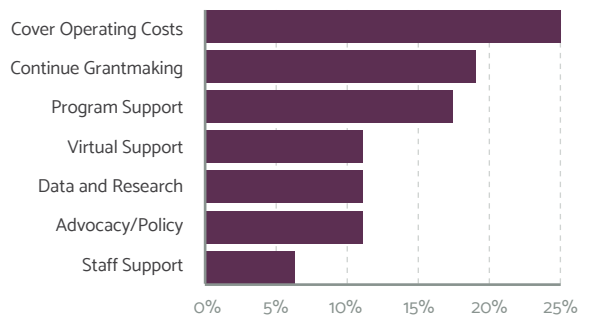
RRRCF IMPACT

Women's Funds and Foundations are experiencing unprecedented financial insecurity due to the canceling or shifting of annual fundraising events and decreases in individual donations and foundation support. These revenue challenges are forcing funds and foundations to shift operational costs.

While these funds and foundations continue to meet their grantmaking commitments, support is necessary to insure that essential resources continue to flow to underfunded organizations. Due to the impact of COVID-19, it is clear that without these funds, grantees will be unable to meet the rising critical needs of their communities.

The Response, Recovery & Resilience Collaborative Fund will help Women's Funds and Foundations continue their important work.

HOW RRRCF WILL HELP WOMEN'S FUNDS & FOUNDATIONS



“WFSA’s investment in organizations that serve communities of color, with special focus on women and girls, is so needed in this moment. We need to continue our work of supporting these critical services in our border communities, where so many neighbors have not been eligible for the Federal emergency relief stimulus funds, and are struggling severely—not just to make ends meet, but to keep their families housed.”

— Amalia Luxardo, Chief Executive Officer, Women's Foundation of Southern Arizona