



# Grant Information Session

- Welcome and Introductions
- History and Impact of Grants
- Applying for a Women Building  
Community Grant
- Guidelines and Tips
- Questions?? Comments??

The mission of the City Federation of Women's Organizations of Ithaca, N.Y. (Inc.) is to support women and girls and to act as a catalyst for the improvement of the lives of women and girls in Tompkins County thus making a contribution to the community as a whole.

# COLLABORATOR AND INCUBATOR



**1895**

**Woman's Club Formed**  
Louisa Lord Riley's Home  
222 University Avenue



**1910**

**Federation Founded**  
Juanita Breckenridge Bates' Home  
Ithaca Woman's Club; Political Study Group (LWV-  
TC); Women's Christian Temperance Union

**1912**

**City Federation of Women's Organizations Incorporated**

# CATALYST FOR CHANGE

## PROVIDER OF SERVICES: 1920-2012



### 1920 Winton-Brooks Mansion Purchased

- Financed city housing and health surveys
- Community center
- Public rest room & waiting area
- Dormitory housing & emergency room for young women
- Rented a farm; converted Girl Scouts & Camp Fire Girls camp



### 1926 Annex Purchased

- Housing for elderly women

### 1960-2012 Women's Community Building

- Community center
- Rooms for classes, events, meetings, activities
- Non-profit office space

# FUNDER 2013 and Beyond

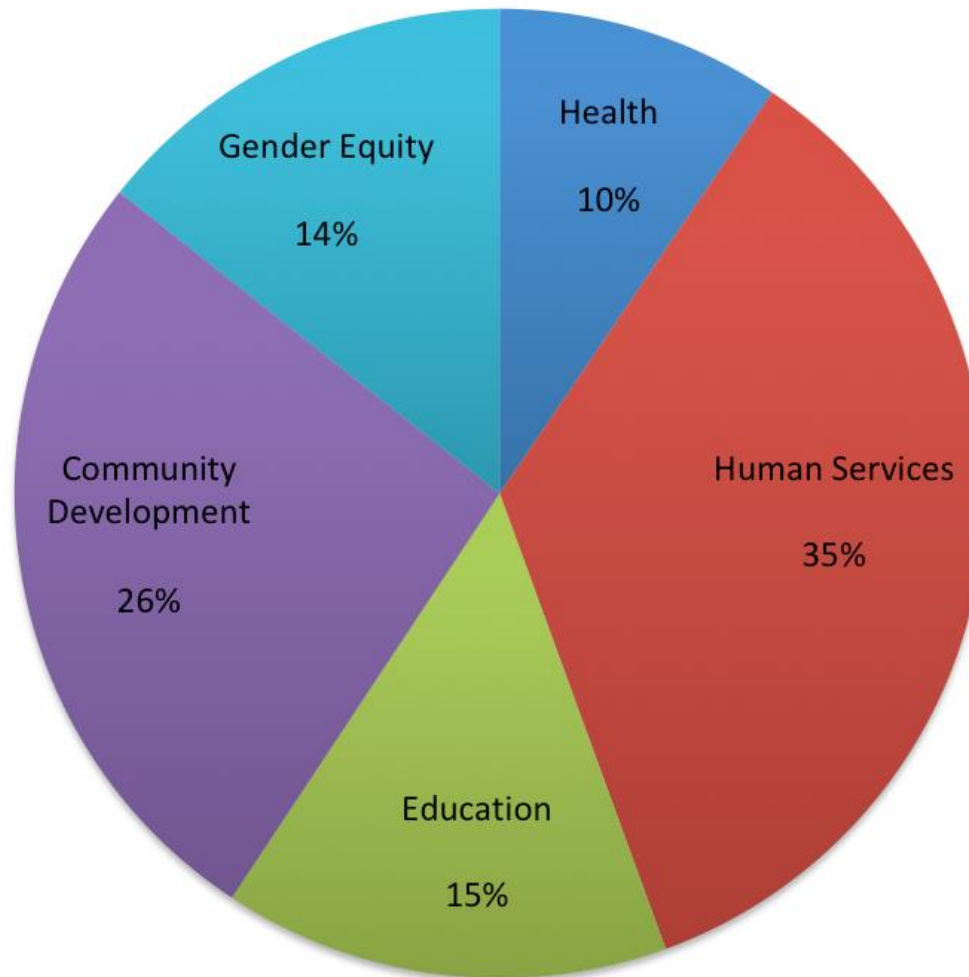
- Sold building to Ithaca Neighborhood Housing Services for affordable housing
- Funds invested and used for grants & scholarships
- All grants are made to local projects that benefit women and/or girls



# Areas Considered for Funding

- Must address community needs and opportunities that improve the quality of life for Tompkins County women and/or girls
- Meet at least one of these focus areas:
  - Community Development and Engagement
  - Education
  - Health
  - Human Services
  - Gender Equity

## Women Building Community Grants Distributions Since 2013



Total Distributed:  
\$282,859

## WBC Innovation Grant \$10,000

- "Big" idea or innovation to existing program
- Usually awarded in the Spring  
*Suspended this year due to the coronavirus crisis.*
- Instead collaborated with the COVID-19 Philanthropy Coordinated Response Group

More information and examples  
of previous awards on our website

# WBC Unexpected Needs Grants

(Up to \$1,000)

- Applications accepted at any time
- Grants for unexpected need or opportunity, or an emergency
- Examples of previous awards
  - Cell phones for clients to cover unexpected influx
  - Fire escape repair
  - Office lease cancelled with short notice





# Women Building Community

## Up to \$5,000 grants

### **2018**

- 27 applications received
- 15 grants awarded; total of \$42,268

### **2019**

- 18 applications received
- 13 grants awarded; total of \$58,226

**2020** Will award as much as we can



# Applying for a WBC Grant (Up to \$5,000)

## **Review Process and Timeline**

- Apply in September 2020
- Notified by end of Nov
- Project in 2021
- Final Report due Jan 31 2022

**Applications Due:**

**Thursday, September 24<sup>th</sup> by 6:00 PM**



- **Criteria for Funding**

- Fits within our focus project areas
- Potential benefit
- Likelihood of success

- **Application**

- Cover Page
- Narrative – details of your project
- Required Attachments
  - Budget and Board List
  - If applicable, fiscal sponsor letter and progress report



## Tips available to help polish application

- Have someone unfamiliar with your work read the application.
- Review the budget for clarity.
- Highlight connection or collaboration with other programs / organizations to show how CFWO funding will have greater impact.

Complete Guidelines and Tips  
on our website

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Comments?**

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