



# 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

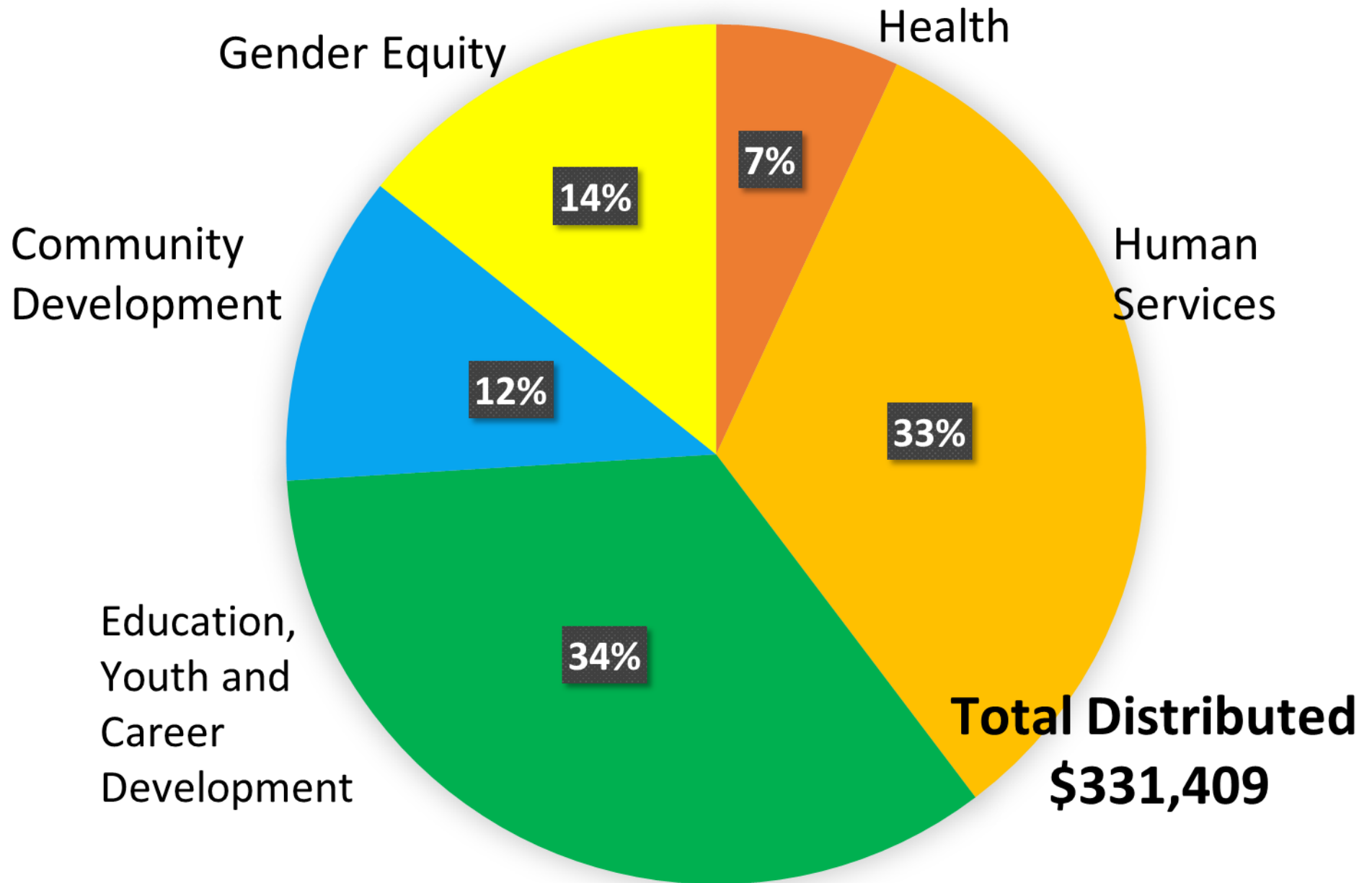
- Sold building to Ithaca Neighborhood Housing Services for affordable housing
- Funds invested and used for grants & scholarships
- All grants are made to local projects that benefit women and/or girls



# 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 project areas:
  - Community Development and Engagement
  - Education, Youth Development, Career Development
  - Gender Equity
  - Health
  - Human Services

# CFWO Grants and Endowments 2013-2020



# WBC Innovation Grant \$10,000

- "Big" idea or innovation to existing program
- Usually awarded in the Spring
- Collaborated with the COVID-19 Philanthropy Coordinated Response Group in 2020

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
  - Emergency fund for clients impacted by COVID-19
  - Scholarship for children's farm program
  - Maintenance contract for upgraded HVAC





# Women Building Community

## Up to \$5,000 grants

### 2019

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

### 2020

- 12 applications
- 10 grants awarded; total of \$43,500



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

## Timeline

- Apply in Sept 2021
- Notified by end of Nov
- Project in 2022
- Final Report due Jan 31 2023

**Applications Due:  
Thursday, September 23<sup>th</sup> by 5:00 PM**



# Application Materials

[www.womenbuildingcommunity.org](http://www.womenbuildingcommunity.org)

- Guidelines
- Application
- Tips



- **Criteria for Funding**

- Fits within our project areas
- Potential benefit to women and/or girls
- 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.

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