

Foundation Awards \$100,000 in Innovation Fund Grants

(May 10, Minneapolis) — The Women's Foundation of Minnesota has awarded a total of \$100,000 in grants to three organizations through its Innovation Fund.

Through the Innovation Fund, the Women's Foundation awards grants to organizations and programs in alignment with the Foundation's goals of driving gender equity throughout the state. Because gender inequality looks different in every community, the Foundation uses an intersectional frame to look at how gender, race, place (geography), and equity (class, age, ability, LGBTQ, immigration status) intersect to help identify the most innovative solutions to build greater equity. Priority is given to organizations that ensure women's safe and healthy lives.

Grantees:

The Advocates for Human Rights (Statewide) | **\$20,000** — To provide general operating support to the organization to implement international human rights standards to promote civil society and reinforce the rule of law. By involving volunteers in research, education, and advocacy, Advocates for Human Rights builds broad constituencies in the United States and select global communities.

Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota (Statewide) | **\$20,000** — To provide general operating support to the organization to support legal assistance to low-income immigrants and refugees in Minnesota. ILCM also works to educate Minnesota communities and professionals about immigration matters, and advocates for state and federal policies which respect the universal human rights of immigrants.

Planned Parenthood MN, ND, SD Action Fund (Statewide) | **\$60,000** — To provide general operating support to the organization as a leading provider of reproductive health care, sexuality education, and advocate of reproductive health.

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About the Women's Foundation of Minnesota

The Women's Foundation of Minnesota is a statewide community foundation investing in innovation to drive gender equity. The Foundation envisions a world of equal opportunity where women and girls – and all people – hold the power to create and lead safe, prosperous lives. Through grantmaking, research, and public policy, the Foundation is building pathways to prosperity for girls and women in Minnesota with the greatest disparities in outcome. Founded in 1983, it is the first and largest statewide women's foundation in the country. More at WFMN.ORG.