

Foundation Awards \$70,000 in Innovation Fund Grants

(June 29, Minneapolis) — The Women's Foundation of Minnesota has awarded a total of \$70,000 in grants to five organizations through its new 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:

Minnesota Indian Women's Resource Center (Minneapolis) | **\$15,000** — To provide general operating support to the organization to address systemic gender inequities across boundaries, focusing on the disproportionate violence against American Indian women and girls.

Planned Parenthood of Minnesota North Dakota South Dakota (Statewide) | **\$15,000** — To provide general operating support to the organization as a leading provider of reproductive health care, sexuality education, and advocate of reproductive health.

Pro-Choice Resources (Minneapolis) | **\$15,000** — To provide general operating support to the organization for its work to ensure that all people and communities have the power and resources to make sexual and reproductive health decisions with self-determination and dignity.

Regents of the University of Minnesota (Minneapolis) | **\$10,000** — To support the production, dissemination, and evaluation of the *2016 Minnesota Adolescent Sexual Health Report*, produced by the Healthy Youth Development—Prevention Research Center (HYD-PRC) at the University of Minnesota.

Women's Health Center of Duluth, P.A. (Duluth) | **\$15,000** — To provide general operating support for the Center to provide and advocate for confidential, affordable family planning and reproductive health care, respectful of personal and cultural diversity.

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About the Women's Foundation of Minnesota

The Women's Foundation of Minnesota is a statewide community foundation that invests in innovation to drive gender equity in Minnesota. Through annual statewide grantmaking, research and policy, the Foundation builds pathways to economic security for women and girls who experience the greatest disparities in outcomes, particularly low-income women and girls, women and girls of color, and women and girls from greater Minnesota. Founded in 1983, it is the first and largest statewide women's foundation in the country. More at WFMN.ORG.