

For Immediate Release

The Women's Foundation of Colorado Announces Nearly \$1 Million in 2016 Grants

DENVER (Feb. 9, 2017) — Today, [The Women's Foundation of Colorado](http://www.wfco.org) (WFCO) announced that in 2016 it awarded more than \$941,000 in grants to help women and girls on their paths to economic self-sufficiency. WFCO's strategic statewide grantmaking program funded 32 organizations throughout Colorado. Other sources, including donor-advised funds held at WFCO; Beyond Our Borders, a group-advised fund held at WFCO; and the Girls' Leadership Council funded an additional 36 organizations in Colorado and beyond.

In alignment with The Foundation's 2012-2016 strategic plan, the strategic statewide grantmaking program supports several strategies to help women and girls reach economic self-sufficiency, including:

- Keeping girls in school, so they are prepared for college or career
- Helping single moms succeed through job training and education
- Paving the way for women and girls to enter, succeed, and advance in STEM fields
- Developing girls as leaders to drive change in their own communities
- Creating systemic change through public policy and advocacy

"The Women's Foundation of Colorado uses research, public policy and advocacy, and grantmaking together to maximize our impact on the economic advancement of women and girls across the state," said Lauren Y. Casteel, president and CEO of The Women's Foundation of Colorado. "While much of our work is done at the statewide level with lawmakers, many of our grantees also provide critical, on-the-ground support for women who are trying to meet the basic needs of their families right now."

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WFCO 2016 Strategic Statewide Grantmaking

Girls Graduate Initiative

- Boys & Girls Clubs of Pueblo County
- Colorado Youth for a Change
- Denver Kids, Inc.
- Florence Crittenton Services
- Full Circle of Lake County
- New Legacy Charter School
- Passage Charter School
- Soccer Without Borders
- YouthPower365
- Victim Offender Reconciliation Project of Denver
- Women's Resource Agency
- YWCA of Boulder County

Single Moms Succeed

- Center for Work Education & Employment
- Colorado Mountain College – Rifle
- Community Partnership for Child Development
- Durango Adult Education Center
- Emergency Family Assistance Association
- Partners in Housing
- Project Self-Sufficiency
- Warren Village

STEM

- Colorado Education Initiative
- Community College of Denver Foundation
- Girls Inc. of Metro Denver
- "I Have A Dream" Foundation of Boulder County
- OpenWorld Learning
- Walking Mountains Science Center

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Public Policy

- Colorado Center on Law & Policy
- Colorado Children’s Campaign
- Colorado Fiscal Institute
- Colorado Succeeds
- The Bell Policy Center
- 9to5 Colorado

The Women’s Foundation of Colorado’s grant guidelines, updated in alignment with The Foundation’s 2017-2021 strategic plan, will be released in June 2017.

Donor-Advised Funds

A donor-advised fund enables you to make a charitable contribution, receive an immediate tax benefit, and recommend grants from the fund over time. You can contribute to multiple non-profits, leverage our expertise to fulfill your giving wishes, inspire the next generation, and build a legacy of philanthropy for your family. For more information, contact Renee Ferrufino, Vice President of Development, at reneef@wfco.org or 303-285-2969.

About The Women’s Foundation of Colorado

Since 1987, The Women’s Foundation of Colorado has been and continues to be the only community foundation in our state dedicated to the economic self-sufficiency of women, girls, and their families. We harness collective passions and resources to leverage tools for systemic change, including research, advocacy, grantmaking, and leadership development. For more information, visit www.wfco.org.

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