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The Women's Foundation of Colorado Awards \$802,200 in Q4 Grants

*35 Organizations Receiving Grants Help Fulfill WFCO's Mission
to Help Women and Girls Achieve Economic Self-Sufficiency*

DENVER (Jan. 15, 2016) —Today, [The Women's Foundation of Colorado](http://www.wfc.org) announced it awarded \$802,200 in Q4 2015 to 35 nonprofit organizations across the state. The organizations provide programs that help fulfill WFCO's mission of leading change and building resources so every woman and girl in Colorado achieves her full potential. Women, girls, and families in more than 16 Colorado counties – from La Plata to Larimer – will benefit from the grantees' programs, in addition to many grantees statewide that work on their behalf through public policy and advocacy.

Each grantee supports one of WFCO's impact areas to help women and girls achieve economic self-sufficiency, which include:

1. Keeping girls in school, so they are prepared for college or career.
2. Helping single moms succeed through job training and education.
3. Paving the way for women and girls to enter, succeed, and advance in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) fields, where salaries are greater.
4. Developing girls as leaders to drive change in their own communities.

"We know that when women prosper, families, communities, and the entire economy are more likely to prosper," said WFCO President and CEO, Lauren Y. Casteel. "Our community partners are doing essential work to remove systemic barriers and open doors for women and girls so they can move toward economic independence and their families can thrive. We're thrilled that many of our grantees have a two-generation focus, helping to create opportunities for women and their children, too."

WFCO 2015 grantees include:

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Girls Graduate Initiative

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

Single Moms Succeed

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

STEM

- Colorado Education Initiative
- Community College of Denver
- Girls Inc. of Metro Denver
- Open World 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

In 2015, WFCO granted a total of more than \$1.2 million to community partners throughout the state, and since 1987, WFCO has invested more than \$14.2 million in Colorado communities.

About The Women's Foundation of Colorado

The Women's Foundation of Colorado is committed to boldly leading systemic change to advance economic opportunity for all women and girls in Colorado; using research to build knowledge and guide action; building philanthropy that supports and champions women and girls in Colorado; demonstrating and promoting inclusiveness and commitment to a diversity of people, partners and ideas; and creating strategic partnerships throughout the state to service our mission. For more information, visit www.wfco.org or call 303-285-2960.

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