

# PROSPERITY TOGETHER

Prosperity Together is the collective effort of women's foundations to improve the economic security of low-income women and their families. On November 13, 2015, the foundations announced a \$100 million collective commitment over five years to investing in innovative programs and strategies in communities across the United States that create pathways to economic security.

The effort is comprised of 29 organizations from 23 states and Washington, DC. Prosperity Together envisions a future where women are economically secure. Children, families, and communities will thrive when we ensure access to childcare, education, and employment and earnings opportunities that promote pathways to good, stable jobs and leadership advancement.



## TRACKING THE \$100 MILLION COMMITMENT

One year after the announcement, Prosperity Together partners completed a survey on their economic security grantmaking and work during our first year of collaboration. 97% of Prosperity Together partners completed the survey.

In 2016, Prosperity Together members invested a collective **\$29,170,427!** In order to meet the goal of \$100 million over five years, the expected giving amount for the first year was \$20 million. The actual investment exceeds that goal by 46%.

The \$29 million supported **996 unique nonprofit organizations**. In addition, **over 4,016,725 women and girls** were directly impacted by women's foundations' dedication to women's economic security this year. It is important to note that this is a considerable underestimate. 38% of Prosperity Together partners do not track the number of women and girls served.

Women's foundations are experts in their communities. Each Prosperity Together partner works to meet women's needs in unique ways. Increasing access to education, developing financial literacy, advancing job training options, building the capacity of local organizations, and mobilizing community members to advocate for women are just examples of the breadth of work involved in ensuring women can lead economically secure lives. 69% of the \$29 million went towards grantmaking, 12% to policy change efforts, 8% to research, 5% to community awareness efforts, and 6% to other efforts.

## LOOKING FORWARD TO YEAR TWO

Next year, Prosperity Together partners will continue working in their communities to ensure low-income women and their families are economically secure. Top priorities for partners include:

1. Ensuring access to affordable, quality early childhood education
2. Providing access to educational opportunities
3. Increasing women's skills to seek employment
4. Advancing policy change generally
5. Changing the way women are suppressed in the corporate world
6. Enhancing financial literacy of women
7. Advocating for pay equity
8. Promoting paid leave
9. Developing supports for emerging female leaders



## PROSPERITY TOGETHER PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS

A Fund for Women (Madison, Wisconsin)

Chicago Foundation for Women

Dallas Women's Foundation

Iowa Women's Foundation

Jeannette Rankin Women's Scholarship Fund

Ms. Foundation for Women

The Fund for Women and Girls at Fairfield  
County's Community Foundation

The New York Women's Foundation

The Vermont Women's Fund

The Women's Foundation of California

The Women's Foundation of Colorado

The Women's Fund of Central Ohio

The Women's Fund of Greater Birmingham

The Women's Fund of Winston-Salem

Washington Area Women's Foundation

WNY Women's Foundation

Women and Girls Foundation (Pennsylvania)

Women's Foundation for a Greater Memphis

Women's Foundation of Minnesota

Women's Foundation of Mississippi

Women's Foundation of Montana

Women's Foundation of Oklahoma

Women's Foundation of Southwest Florida

Women's Fund for the Fox Valley Region

Women's Fund of Greater Milwaukee

Women's Fund of Omaha

Women's Fund of Western Massachusetts

Women's Funding Alliance (Washington)

Women's Funding Network