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The Women's Foundation of Colorado Opens Two Funding Opportunities for Organizations Advancing Equity for Women

The Women & Girls of Color Fund and WINcome increase flexible and holistic resources for organizations pursuing gender, racial, and economic equity

DENVER (July 5, 2021) – The Women's Foundation of Colorado (WFCO) today began accepting grant applications for the Women & Girls of Color Fund and WINcome. **From July 5 – August 2, 2021**, Front Range and statewide direct-service organizations can submit grant applications for the Women & Girls of Color Fund, and direct-service and public policy organizations across the state can submit grant applications for WINcome. Both funds invest in the inherent gifts and talents of women through flexible and holistic resources, so they have what they need to be leaders in their lives, their families, their businesses, and their communities.

Women & Girls of Color Fund

Through the Women & Girls of Color Fund, WFCO is committed to undoing philanthropic norms that result in women of color receiving just .5% of all philanthropic dollars each year. Given the immense contributions that women and girls of color make to the health, well-being, and economic advancement of our communities, WFCO launched the fund in 2020 to directly invest in women and girls of color and their leadership.

In January 2021, The Women's Foundation made its first cycle of grants from the Women & Girls of Color Fund to 12 rural organizations totaling \$192,000. The second cycle will award grants to Front Range and statewide organizations. Colorado's Front Range includes Larimer, Boulder, Broomfield, Jefferson, Denver, Arapahoe, Douglas, Adams, and El Paso counties.

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The fund focuses on organizations **led by women of color, girls of color, or nonbinary persons of color** who are committed to building economic power and dismantling oppressive systems through direct service or community organizing. Other funding priorities for WFCO include organizations that are:

- Focusing on women and girls of color
- Colorado-based and Colorado-focused
- Practice liberatory leadership
- Advance economic security
- Prioritize marginalized communities that are underfunded

WINcome (Women + Income = Women Thriving)

Through grant investments and partnerships, WINcome supports gender, racial, and economic equity for Colorado women and families of every background and identity. WINcome is the evolution of The Foundation's WAGES (Women Achieving Greater Economic Security) 2017-2021 grantee cohort that included 23 nonprofit organizations. WINcome direct-service and public policy grantee partners will align with WFCO priorities of improving access to flexible and holistic resources to women, such as:

- Direct cash assistance;
- Jobs with pay and benefits that satisfy basic needs, close the gender and racial income; gap, and support economic security;
- Education and training, and ongoing opportunities to upskill and reskill;
- Capital for women entrepreneurs;
- Child care and other caregiver support; or
- Support for basic human needs, such as food, housing, health care, and transportation.

For more information

Learn more about The Women & Girls of Color Fund, read the FAQs, or download the application [here](#). Learn more about WINcome, read the FAQs, download the application, or sign up for upcoming drop-in sessions on July 7 and 27 [here](#).

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ABOUT THE WOMEN'S FOUNDATION OF COLORADO

WFCO is the only statewide community foundation dedicated to gender, racial, and economic equity. Since 1987, WFCO has served as an essential partner, resource, voice, and catalyst in strengthening Colorado's families, communities, and economy through the power of women. In its 34-year history, WFCO has funded dozens of research reports that identify the systemic barriers that keep women from earning a livable wage, helped pass key legislation to spur women's economic advancement, and granted more than \$19 million to nonprofits that work with women and families in communities statewide. For more information, please visit www.wfco.org.

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