



## WOMEN'S FOUNDATIONS AND FUNDS: A LANDSCAPE STUDY

Women's foundations and funds have been pioneers in grant-making to women and girls. Giving from these organizations is substantial and helps create meaningful change in communities. New research reveals patterns across more than 200 women's foundations and funds — and shows the important role these organizations play in catalyzing funding for women's and girls' causes.



### DONORS

### WOMEN'S FOUNDATIONS AND FUNDS

### GRANTEES

Most donors to women's foundations and funds are **women**.

Only **1 in 5** women's foundations and funds are **member-based**, meaning donors have a voice in where funds are granted.

**92%** of women's foundations and funds are **publicly funded**: anyone can donate.

**71%** of women's foundations and funds were established between 1990 and 2010, making them **relatively young organizations**.

Most **engage in activities besides grant-making**, such as events, research, advocacy, and collaboration.

**Two-thirds** are **affiliated with host organizations**, such as community foundations.

Women's foundations' and funds' **assets vary widely**, from less than \$1,000 to more than \$500 million.

**Women and girls** are the primary recipients of funding from women's foundations and funds.

**Education and economic empowerment** are key priorities for their grant-making.

**Grant sizes differ**, with individual amounts ranging from \$500 to \$1.31 million.

**76%** of women's foundations and funds grant to **local community organizations**.