

Chicago Foundation For Women



Foundation announces nearly \$1 million in statewide grants

(March 14, 2007) Chicago Foundation for Women broke all records in its grantmaking by announcing today nearly \$1 million in grants to community organizations, academic institutions and coalitions across Illinois for innovative projects that will help prevent violence against women and girls.

"This is an amazing day for the Foundation," said Lois J. Lipton, board chair. "Not only do these grants go to organizations, who are thoughtfully working to prevent violence against women and girls, but this is also the largest amount of money we have ever awarded at once – and we are statewide."

The Foundation was able to make these 34 awards thanks to a grant from the State of Illinois for a yearlong initiative, "What Will It Take? Building the Safest State for All Women and Girls."

"These grants are part of a strategic effort to help answer the question 'What will it take?' " said Hannah Rosenthal, the Foundation's executive director. "We know that much of what these groups are doing will also help people understand that it is not just one form of violence that affects women and girls – but a cradle-to-grave epidemic of violence.

"From child abuse and incest to bullying and elder abuse, as well as domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, prostitution and the trafficking of women, violence against women and girls permeates our world."

"Many of the state's service providers or advocates have wanted to build coalitions and collaborations, but did not have the resources to do so," said Shelley Davis, director of programs for the Foundation. "Many of these grants will allow those alliances to happen."

The grants will support a wide variety of projects, including:

- cutting-edge research, such as documentation of the sex trade industry and the long term impact of trauma on victims and survivors of gender-based violence;
- engaging high school boys and college-aged men in community education and outreach activities, and
- assessing the needs of communities of color, lesbians, bisexual and transgender women, women with disabilities and incarcerated women in the state.

"It was a deliberate and careful grantmaking process – a difficult one because we had more than \$5 million worth of requests to sort through," Lipton said. "But we are proud of the 34 organizations we have identified and have been able to fund."

Grants Awarded March 2007

A Safe Place/Lake County Crisis Center, in Zion

\$35,000

A Woman's Fund, in Urbana	\$35,000
Access Living of Metropolitan Chicago, in Chicago	\$10,000
ADV & SAS, in Streator	\$25,000
Beyondmedia Education, in Chicago	\$20,000
Brighton Park Neighborhood Council, in Chicago	\$30,000
Chicago Alliance Against Sexual Exploitation, in Chicago	\$30,000
Chicago Legal Advocacy for Incarcerated Mothers, in Chicago	\$30,000
Chicago Metropolitan Battered Women's Network, in Chicago	\$35,000
Coalition for Education on Sexual Orientation, in Chicago	\$25,000
DePaul University College of Law Schiller DuCanto & Fleck, in Chicago	\$40,000
Domestic Violence & Mental Health Policy Initiative, in Chicago	\$40,000
Family Resources, Inc., in Moline	\$20,000
Guardian Angel Community Services, in Joliet	\$25,000
Health & Medicine Policy Research Group, in Chicago	\$30,000
Heartland Human Care Services, Inc., in Chicago	\$25,000
Illinois African American Coalition for Prevention, in Chicago	\$10,000

Illinois Center for Violence Prevention, in Chicago	\$25,000
Illinois Coalition Against Domestic Violence, in Springfield	\$40,000
Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault, in Springfield	\$40,000
Jewish Women International, in Morton Grove	\$20,000
Korean American Women in Need, in Chicago	\$25,000
Metropolitan Area Group for Igniting Civilization, Inc., in Chicago	\$20,000
Mujeres Latinas en Acción, in Chicago	\$20,000
National Immigrant Justice Center, in Chicago	\$30,000
PHASE, Inc., in Rockford	\$30,000
Prairie Center Against Sexual Assault, in Springfield	\$35,000
Prevention Partnership, Inc, in Chicago	\$30,000
Questioning Youth Center, in Naperville	\$12,524
Rogers Park Young Women's Action Team, in Chicago	\$20,000
Sarah's Inn, in Oak Park	\$20,000
Southwest Youth Collaborative, in Chicago	\$20,000
The Phoenix Center, in Springfield	\$15,000

Voices and Faces Project, in Chicago

\$30,000