

U.S. WILPF'S GRANT PROGRAM INFORMATION AND GUIDELINES

The Women's International League for Peace and Freedom was founded in April, 1915 with the mission of advocating fundamental changes in economic and social relations to minimize the conflicts that erupt into war. For over 93 years women have worked to end war, and to confront and challenge oppression in all its forms. WILPF addresses a broad range of issues, and engages in study and education, direct action, and advocacy at the local, national, and international (UN) level. The WILPF grants program is broad, with our purpose being to support and nurture the work being done by Issue Committees, Branches and members, as well as fund new initiatives and emergent issues in a timely manner, within the framework defined by the Program Committee.

Our grants are limited only to the requirement that the projects serve WILPF's mission and vision [see page 2]. The tiered levels of funding, currently ranging from \$250- 4,000, are designed for flexibility and a diversity of needs, and may fund small one- time projects, seed larger efforts to help procure outside funding, and strengthen and expand on-going work from the local to UN level.

Approximately \$14,000 has been committed to the July- December 2008 grants program, and **the application deadline for this cycle is September 30, 2008**. Notice of award will be sent within 6 weeks. The Grant Committee (5) consists of 1 Program Co-chair (US WILPF Board) and 4 members selected by the Program Committee.

Emergency funding may also be available on a case by case basis.

The Grant Oversight Committee, comprised of the 2nd Program co-chair, the WILPF recent past president, and 2 members appointed by the Program Committee, is available to provide support and help grantees obtain training during the project's duration, as well as help evaluate its progress and outcomes.

The number of grants awarded will be contingent on the amounts requested and awarded.

The size of the requested grant should take into consideration the expected outcomes, reach and scope of the proposal.

Eligibility: All Issue Committees and Branches. Individual members are encouraged to join Issue Committees, or talk to the Program Co-chairs to see how your political work can best be supported.

Issue Committees in good standing will receive annual funding of \$400 in addition to being eligible for Grants.

For description of "Issue Committee" and "Branch" please go to http://wilpf.org/issue_committee_definition

We appreciate applications that are typed and submitted electronically, if possible.

Applications may be sent electronically to: programsupport@wilpf.org

Or 5 paper copies mailed to: WILPF, 1213 Race St, Philadelphia, PA 19107

If you have questions, or need help with this application , please

email : programsupport@wilpf.org

or call: Tura Campanella Cook- 512-795-9702.

Please Note: 2008 is the inaugural year of this program, and will evolve over the next funding cycles. The Committees will include staff when possible, and the mechanism refined according to members' input.

FACTORS CONSIDERED WHEN REVIEWING THE FUND PROPOSALS

1. **Political/ community need**- Does your proposal aim to meet a specific political need in your local or greater community that is new, or has been overlooked in the past? If so, please describe the communities or populations you envision working with, and the need /issue, and how you know there's a need (statistics, previous work, etc)
2. **Collaboration**- Does your proposal involve collaboration with other branches and/ or issue committees, or other grassroots organizations? If so, please describe. If issue is being addressed by other groups, please describe how they are representative of the communities, and what your intended contribution/ impact will be on the larger effort.
3. **Capacity and Movement building**- a) Does your proposal help to build long-term capacity (increased involvement/ diversity, skills, and resources) in your community/ branch/ issue committee? Can it be a model for, and replicated by, other WILPF branches and issue committees, and can the results of your proposal be shared/ communicated with US WILF (and/or other activist organizations)? Innovative approaches are welcomed.

b) How does your work help build solidarity with Building the Beloved Community? Does it in some way confront white privilege or challenge other oppressive relationships? WILPF welcomes resources, observations and lessons learned; and to the best of our ability we will offer assistance and training to contribute to a positive outcome.
4. **WILPF's Mission**- Because we recognize that WILPF's mission is very long-term and difficult to realize, proposals articulating short-term achievable goals and clarity of strategy are greatly valued. While local, targeted goals that connect to WILPF's US or International program will be funded, priority may be given to those who have a proven track record of accomplishment with the greatest geographic reach.
5. **Leveraging resources**- WILPF's grant program seeks to complement the cultivation of outside funding, which will be supported by WILPF's Development committee and staff.

For U.S. Section Vision and Mission Statement

Go to: <http://wilpf.org/vismis>

VISION STATEMENT

WILPF envisions a transformed world at peace, where there is racial, social, and economic justice for all people everywhere - a world in which:

- The needs of all people are met in a fair and equitable manner,
- All people equally participate in making the decisions that affect them,
- The interconnected web of life is acknowledged and celebrated in diverse ways and communities, and
- Human societies are designed and organized for sustainable existence.

U S Section WILPF Program Grant Application

Please complete all questions

PART I

Issue Committee/Branch/ _____

Contact (#1) _____

Mailing Address _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Contact (#2): _____

Mailing Address _____

Email: _____ Phone _____

Number of members actively working on the issue: _____

Type of request: (Human Rights, Disarmament, Racial Justice, etc; Education, Advocacy, etc)

Brief summary of proposal _____

Size of Requested Grant _____

Dates for use of the Grant Funds: Starting date: _____ Ending date _____

In order to accomplish your goals, do you need additional assistance with publicity, organizing, fundraising, networking, etc.? Yes _____ No _____

If so, in what areas would you like assistance?

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Please submit to: programsupport@wilpf.org

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Your proposal narrative (parts 2 and 3 combined) should not exceed 2 pages

PART 2

Profile of your individual, branch or issue committee work. Include some background of previous work on this issue (or other work accomplished, if this is a new issue), members involved, population served, geographic reach, legislation effected and any other information that will give the committee the sense of the importance of this issue.

PART 3

Profile of your request: Please describe your project, using the following points as a guide:

- Indicate the specific amount of funding requested and how it will be spent
- Describe relevance of the project to other WILPF issues, and indicate how your project relates to International program and priorities.
- Describe the community need that exists and why this project is important to your constituents/ community.
- Describe what you plan to accomplish and how you will measure your progress
- Are you working in coalition with other groups? If so, who?
- Indicate how you will publicize this project in the community
- Describe how outcomes will be shared with US WILPF.
- If additional funding is needed, indicate plans for securing that funding
- When this project is completed, what is your follow-up strategy to further your larger goals?

PART 4

Please include your project budget with line item expenses and sources of income

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