

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 nine decades 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.

We fund projects that serve [WILPF's mission and vision](#) by building our program. We favor projects that can be shared and replicated and that will have a national impact. The tiered levels of funding, currently ranging from \$250- 2,500, 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.

Due to limited funds, we do not fund international travel. We do give funds for domestic travel as part of a program-related project. We are a volunteer organization and expect that the labor involved in this project is performed by volunteers. When contracted services are part of the project the provider may be a WILPF member or a like-minded organization or business that treats its workers and the environment in ways we value: union, fair trade, green. Contracted work must be put out for bid, and the person/ business contracted with may not be an author of this grant. The applicant or her branch, issue committee or family may not profit from this grant.

\$14,000 has been committed to the 2010 grants program. There will be 2 funding cycles, with application deadlines of May 15th and October 1, 2010. Notice of award will be sent within 6 weeks. ***Emergency funding may also be available on a case by case basis.***

The Grant Committee consists of 1 Program Co-chair (US WILPF Board) and 4-6 WILPF members.

The Grant Monitoring Committee consists of the 2nd Program co-chair and 2 WILPF members, and is available to provide support to grantees during the project's duration, as well as to help evaluate its progress and outcomes.

Eligibility: All Issue Committees and Branches in good standing.

For a description of "Issue Committee" go to http://www.wilpf.org/issue_committee_definition, and for "Branch" go to <http://www.wilpf.org/files/BranchResponsibilities&BenefitsApril2007.pdf>.

Applications may be downloaded from http://www.wilpf.org/grant_program. Hard copies may be obtained from the National WILPF office: WILPF, 565 Boylston St, 2nd Floor, Boston MA 02116

We prefer applications that are typed and submitted as attachments to emails, if possible. Applications may be sent electronically to: programsupport@wilpf.org

Or 5 paper copies mailed to: WILPF, 565 Boylston St, 2nd Floor, Boston, MA 02116

A final report must be submitted upon completion of the project.

***If you have questions, or need help with this application, please
email : programsupport@wilpf.org or call: 617-266-0999***

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?

Please submit to: programsupport@wilpf.org

Or Mail 5 copies to: WILPF, 565 Boylston St, 2nd Floor, Boston, MA 02116

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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