

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.

\$10,000-\$15,000 has been committed to the 2014 grants program. There will be 3 funding cycles, with application deadlines of February 1, June 1 and October 1. Depending on successful fundraising, may be available above the budgeted \$10,000. Notice of award will be sent within 6 weeks. ***Emergency funding may also be available on a case by case basis.***

The Grant Allocation 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://wilpfus.org/story/forming-and-maintaining-issue-committee> and for "Branch" go to <http://www.wilpfus.org/sites/default/files/docs/BranchResponsibilitiesAndBenefitsApril2011.pdf>

Applications must be typed and submitted as attachments to emails. Submit to: programsupport@wilpf.org

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

Application and report forms may be downloaded from <http://wilpfus.org/resources/minigrant-program>

*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://wilpfus.org/story/vision-and-mission>

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.