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BOSTON WOMEN'S FUND TO AWARD \$50,000 TO LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS AS PART OF SPRING GRANT CYCLE

BOSTON (February 15, 2019) – The Boston Women's Fund, a progressive nonprofit supporting community-based organizations and grassroots initiatives run by women, girls, and gender nonconforming people will award \$50,000 to Boston area organizations as part of its 2019 Spring Grant Cycle.

Each grant, ranging from \$8,000 and \$12,000, will be awarded to five to seven organizations and is to cover the period from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

The deadline to submit grant proposals is Friday, March 15, 2019, at 5 p.m. EST. An online information session on the grant cycle and the application process will be held on Wednesday, February 27, 2019. All those interested can RSVP to secure a spot in the webinar by visiting www.bostonwomensfund.org. The webinar is free and open to the public.

The Allocations Committee of the Boston Women's Fund, which determines the grantee recipients, is reflective of the diverse communities served and BWF's commitment to democratize philanthropy. Anyone interested in joining this committee can apply by visiting <http://www.bostonwomensfund.org/get-involved/allocations-committee/>.

"The Boston Women's Fund believes change begins at the grassroots level," says Claudia Thompson, Chair of the Board of Directors. "Our grant program supports start-ups and ongoing grassroots efforts supporting women, organize in their communities for racial, social, political and economic equity."

Since 1985, the Boston Women's Fund has awarded over \$6.4 million to more than 338 organizations with a plan to help amplify the voices of women and girls who work

tirelessly for political, racial, social and economic equity. Past BWF grantees and the women leaders it has supported, have been integral in shaping the landscape of nonprofit organizations fighting for equitable outcomes in the Boston area.

As the first women's foundation in Massachusetts, the Boston Women's Fund, which is entering its 35th year, has three primary goals: Promoting intersectional grant-making to democratize philanthropy and strengthen organizations led by women and girls; create spaces to harness and amplify the power and voices of women and girls; and develop and support intersectional leadership that delivers transformative change.

“We believe that feminism that is *intersectional* is vital to achieving equity,” says Janet Santos, Executive Director. “By prioritizing funding to women at the grassroots level, we help empower organizations that work with women of color, low-income women, immigrants and refugees, LGBTQIA+ community, women with disabilities, elder women, and girls who are often excluded from full participation in our society.”

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About the Boston Women's Fund

The Boston Women's Fund is a progressive foundation that supports community-based organizations and grassroots initiatives run by women and girls in order to create a society based on racial, economic and social justice. We strive for a world free of racism, poverty, sexism and other oppressions. BWF raises money from an economically diverse base of donors to award grants and to develop programs that strengthen communities and help women and girls to develop the skills and confidence to organize, educate and lead their communities. Visit www.bostonwomensfund.org to learn more about BWF's work to invest, influence and inspire women and the philanthropic community in the Boston to support racial, political, economic and social equity.