

## Submission Requirements & Timeline

Please submit a brief interim report if you are currently being funded.

Proposals should be typed and should not exceed 5 pages. **You are required to submit the original, plus 5 copies of each component.** Attachments such as news clippings, photos, statistics, maps, etc. may be included if available, but are not necessary. All proposals must be postmarked no later than midnight on **Friday, August 8, 2008.**

## Information Sessions for Grant Applicants

To learn more about our organization and grant-making program, please join us at one of the following information sessions. These sessions are particularly helpful, especially for first time applicants.

**Long Island Fund for Women and Girls**  
1740 Old Jericho Turnpike, Jericho  
Conference Room

■ Session 1 ■

**Wednesday, June 18, 2008**  
10:00AM - 12:30PM

■ Session 2 ■

**Thursday, June 19, 2008**  
10:00AM - 12:30AM

Please RSVP

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DIRECTIONS: From the East take Exit 41N to Rt 106/107/N Oyster Bay, turn right onto 106/107- Stay to the right for 106N, take first right onto Old Cedar Swamp Rd, which becomes Old Jericho Tpke. Stay to the right at Maine Maid Inn. 1740 is the second house on the right hand side.

We encourage organizations that have not previously been funded by LIFWG to apply.

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LONG ISLAND FUND  
FOR WOMEN & GIRLS

# 2008 Request for Proposals

## Our Vision

The Long Island Fund for Women and Girls shares a common vision with women's funds throughout the country.

Our vision is a world of justice and opportunity for women and girls, where we are paid equitably for work, live in homes and communities without fear of violence, have equal voices in the political process and serve as the primary decision makers about issues that affect us.

# Our Mission

The Long Island Fund for Women and Girls funds programs that improve the lives of women and girls, highlight and address women's issues, and develop women's philanthropy.

## Grants Offered

We are pleased to announce that the Long Island Fund for Women and Girls will make our 15th round of grants. Grants will be awarded in amounts up to \$10,000 to organizations in response to written proposals based upon the criteria contained in this request for proposals. Grants will be announced at the Fund's November 5, 2008 breakfast event honoring women and girls who have achieved against the odds.

## Who May Apply

We encourage collaborative efforts that result in greater impact than can be achieved individually. Priority will be given to organizations or groups in which women are the primary decision makers.

- Informal groups of women or emerging grassroots organizations that would be able to secure the cooperation of a 501(c)(3) organization willing to serve as fiscal agent.
- Formal nonprofit organizations with tax-exempt status under the Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3).
- In some instances, 501(c)(4) organizations—exclusive of lobbying and electoral activities.
- The Fund will not support individuals, religious organizations for religious purposes, or programs and projects outside of Nassau or Suffolk counties.
- Organizations may receive funds for 3 consecutive years, then must take 2 years off before applying again.

## Funding Categories

Women have an unequal share of resources in our society. The Long Island Fund for Women and Girls funds programs, projects, services, or initiatives that address this inequity. Your proposal must address one of the categories described below:

1. Enhancing the skills and abilities of women and girls, particularly those necessary for leadership, positive self-image and increased earning power. Leadership development is an important program emphasis for 2008 funding.
2. Promoting physical and mental health, and ensuring the safety of women and girls.
3. Addressing systemic problems that have a negative effect on women and girls such as discrimination based on gender, sexual orientation, age, race, creed or physical ability.
4. Highlighting the issues of gender equity in education with programs that encourage girls and young women to pursue math, science, engineering, technology, the trades and sports.
5. Establishing initiatives that deal with problems of harassment in schools or the workplace, or the rise in bullying and/or gang-related violence.
6. Focusing on ensuring that women's voices are included in the political process, especially concerning decisions and choices that affect them.
7. Promoting education and activism that address gender related issues, including reproductive choice and civil liberties.

*No general operating support will be provided to agencies with budgets over \$350,000. We give priority to smaller, grassroots organizations. Larger organizations may apply for start-up program grants but may not apply for general operating support.*

## Proposal Format

In developing your proposal, you must decide which ONE of the funding categories you are addressing. Please limit your request to no more than \$10,000 as larger requests will not be entertained. Although a proposal may follow any form, the following elements must be included. Failure to supply the necessary information and paperwork with your proposal may disqualify your organization from consideration.

- Proposal cover sheet;
- Background information about your organization or group (how, when, by whom, and for what purposes it was started);
- Identify if this is a new or ongoing program;
- A statement of need describing the problem you will address with this grant;
- The objectives that you plan to accomplish through this grant;
- The methods for achieving the stated objectives;
- A timeline reflecting the period of proposed activities;
- A budget for the grant you are requesting (include an overall organizational budget if one exists). All budgets must show income as well as expense;
- How future or carry-on funding will be secured if it is needed;
- Your 501(c)(3) letter from the IRS and your Board list with affiliations;
- Letters of agreement from the board chair of any organizations with which you plan to collaborate on a program.

## Questions & Additional Information

Our website [www.lifwg.org](http://www.lifwg.org) has updates about our grants program. If you have questions please contact us at 516.396.9857. We will call you if we need additional information.

## Mail Proposals To:

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