

# Long Island Fund for Women & Girls 2005 Grantees

\$150,000

*FUNDING CATEGORY #7 – Promoting education and activism that address gender related issues, including reproductive choice and civil liberties.*

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**Communities of Faith Task Force on Domestic Violence** \$5,000  
*Outreach and luncheon for survivors of domestic violence. The goal is for women to feel more empowered, accepted and honored in order to build a better life for themselves and their families.*

**The Maurer Foundation for Breast Health Education  
"Peer Education Program"** \$5,000  
*To educate adolescents about early detection of breast cancer and lifelong good health habits that can reduce their risk of getting breast cancer. High school seniors will be trained as educators of their freshman peers.*

**Planned Parenthood of Nassau County (PPNC)** \$5,000  
*"Students for Choice" initiative to promote reproductive rights education and activism among young women on Nassau college campuses. Funding will be used to underwrite the student internship program.*

*EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION FUNDING INITIATIVE – Supporting parent and community-wide education about the vital importance of quality early care and education.*

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**Child Care Council of Nassau/Child Care Council of Suffolk/ECELI** \$41,000  
*Organizations specializing in early childhood education and parenting will collaborate with pediatricians across Long Island to create child development materials that can be distributed by health care professionals.*

**National Association of Mothers' Centers** \$9,000  
*"Parent/Community Education Program – The Early Years: What Parents Need to Know." Will utilize 12 existing Mothers' Centers in Nassau and Suffolk to provide educational forums that will be open to the public.*

*Horace Hagedorn Award for the Empowerment of Women and Girls – Building Skills, Abilities, and Character*

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**Alternatives Counseling Services** \$4,580  
*"Millennium Girls" after-school program for 5th and 6th grade girls in Riverhead helps girls explore attitudes, feelings and values for happy, effective functioning; increases competence in making healthy, positive choices and enhances feelings of self-worth and confidence through interactive exercises, field trips, role modeling, guest speakers and community service projects.*

**Molloy College** \$4,500  
*"Mentoring Latinas," a successful partnership with the Mineola School District trains bi-lingual, bi-cultural female college students to mentor high school Latinas in an after-school program. Strengthened self-esteem and academic skills result in improved academic performance, a significant reduction in the drop-out rate and more college applications and acceptances. Parents' programs maintain support and involvement.*

**North Shore Holiday House** \$3,169  
*"Girl Power" empowers girls to make wise choices in their lives through literature and writing. Books give each girl the tools to continue the concepts of self-knowledge, self-acceptance and self-empowerment.*

*FUNDING CATEGORY #1 – Enhancing the skills and abilities of women and girls, particularly those necessary for leadership, positive self-image and increased earning power.*

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**Cornell Cooperative Extension of Suffolk County** \$4,500  
*Implementation of a Kitchen Garden at Suffolk County Correctional Facility to be designed, cultivated and maintained by female inmates.*

**Long Island Council of Churches** \$5,000  
*Continued support of "Women at the Well," for women released from Nassau County Jail. Program provides spiritual, emotional, social and material support to facilitate successful re-entry into home communities and reduced recidivism.*

**FUNDING CATEGORY #2 – Promoting physical and mental health, and ensuring the safety of women and girls.**

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**John T. Mather Memorial Hospital** **\$4,320**  
Continued support of the “Health and Wellness Education Program for Incarcerated Women” in Suffolk County Jail. Classes taught by registered nurse educators for over 300 inmates provide education, resources, referrals, support and advocacy. Topics include: breast health, heart disease, stroke, smoking and substance abuse.

**Peconic Community Council, Inc.** **\$4,600**  
Emergency financial relief for women and their children in crisis, especially those in danger of homelessness. Toll-free hotline enables them to maintain housing when encountering temporary financial difficulty.

**South Fork Community Health Initiative** **\$2,500**  
“Bosom Buddies” is a breast cancer program where patients, many of whom do not speak English, are able to access services, cancer treatment and support. The “buddy” assists the patient and works with community members so patients understand which treatment options will increase quality of life and eliminate health disparities.

**Suffolk County Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Inc.** **\$5,000**  
Implementation of a language translation service on their 24-hour hotline, eliminating language barriers and allowing access to services for underserved women in Suffolk.

**FUNDING CATEGORY #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.**

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**Airmid Theatre Company** **\$3,000**  
“All She Wrote” reading and discussion designed to address systemic, culturally-based negative biases which are deterrents to women and girls.

**Herstory Writers Workshop** **\$5,000**  
Three different workshops are taught: for women incarcerated in the Riverhead Correctional Facility; for families and loved ones of men and women who are incarcerated; and for women struggling with ongoing or recent domestic violence.

**Interactions for Social Purposes “TLC Mentoring Program”** **\$5,000**  
Adolescent girls address problems that effect girls and women of color. Strategies enhance the girls’ skills and abilities for positive self-image. One-to-one mentoring by Hofstra University undergraduate students exposes girls to behaviors and dispositions that broaden their understanding of college and careers.

**Long Island Crisis Center** **\$5,000**  
“Pride for Youth,” a peer education program for lesbian and bisexual young women. Four educators to undergo 48-hour training to provide support to other lesbian and bisexual young women and educate their communities about homophobia.

**Shinnecock Community Health Worker Program** **\$5,000**  
“Our Daughters of Tradition,” a project for Native American girls which helps them understand and apply spiritual values for healthy lifestyles, strong character and harmony in their lives through their heritage. This will prepare healthy community leaders who can effectively run their governmental, social and economic programs.

**Touro Law Center** **\$3,500**  
A Public Interest Law Fellowship for a student to be placed at an agency that addresses women’s issues. The student chooses a placement from among a variety of organizations and works in areas that affect women.

**FUNDING CATEGORY #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 sport**

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**Selma Greenberg Memorial Fund Grant**

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**Phillips Avenue School** **\$2,520**  
Will fund a chaperone for “Girl Power 21st Century” to ensure the safety of female students on trips from Riverhead to the Stony Brook University campus. This program inspires and provides girls with technology-related skills for successful futures.

**FUNDING CATEGORY #5 – Establishing initiatives that deal with problems of harassment in schools or the workplace, or the rise in bullying and/or gang related violence.**

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**Child Abuse Prevention Services** **\$5,000**  
“What’s Up? Girl Talk” increases the number of relational aggression programs presented to girls during the school year. The follow-up lessons, implemented by guidance counselors, will be taught in workshops for mothers/parents of girls.

**Hispanic Brotherhood of Rockville Centre, Inc.** **\$3,000**  
A series of educational presentations to Hispanic girls and teens regarding gang-related activity. Provides academic and vocational assistance and placement, educational presentations regarding the dangers of gang activity, alternatives to gang involvement, resources, self-esteem and more.

**“Get.A.Voice” Project – Interaction for Social Purposes** **\$3,600**  
Addresses the power of language and name-calling. Seventh and eighth grade girls understand and change negative messages in rap culture, providing positive models of female musical expression. Writing and performing music inspire the girls to be voices of change.

**FUNDING CATEGORY #6 – Focusing on ensuring that women’s voices are included in the political process, especially concerning decisions and choices that affect them.**

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**Pronto of Long Island** **\$3,000**  
Two educational conferences instructing women and girls about the abilities and skills needed to participate in the political process. Conferences will include speakers and question and answer sessions with various political entities and elected officials as well as voter registration.

**St. Brigid’s Casa Mary Johanna** **\$3,200**  
“You Got the Power,” “Tu Tienes el Poder,” a four-session workshop for a minimum of 28 young Latina mothers and 38 Latina young women.