



JANUARY NEWSLETTER



Grantees gathered together virtually on January 6th for the Annual Check Presentation. Each grantee shared their program with attendees and made connections with each other to strengthen the opportunities for women and girls all across the state. Grantees are improving the lives of Iowa's women and girls by working to shatter one of the six barriers to women's economic self-sufficiency: employment, child care, housing, education/training, transportation and mentoring. Here is a link to learn more about each of the grantees: <https://iawf.org/grantmaking/grant-partners/>. A recording of the check presentation may be viewed here: <https://iawf.org/grantmaking/>. Congratulations to the 2021 Grantees!

The 3rd Session Advocacy Team is assembling! As the 89th General Assembly of the Iowa Legislature has begun, Governor Reynolds has made child care a number one priority. Several child care bills have been presented to house subcommittees for review.

This team will be monitoring legislation, making connections with legislators – at both the state and national level, planning listening posts and events, and advocating specifically for child care. If you would like to be a part of the 3rd Session Advocacy Team, and receive regular updates, email Ann at ann@iawf.org to be added to the list.



2021 Grant Applications

Micro Grants

The IWF is introducing a new form of grants – Micro Grants! These are small, one-time-only cash awards given to non-profits and other community organizations, including organizations that may not be eligible for traditional grant funding. These grants for short-term projects or tasks are awarded to organizations that address at least one of the six barriers critical to economic self-sufficiency for women and girls: employment, child care, housing, education/training, transportation and mentoring.

Further details may be found here: <https://iawf.org/micro-grants/>

CORE Grant Applications

Applications for Core Grants will be available for submission on February 1, 2021 for grants for the 2022 calendar year. To apply for a Core Grant, follow the steps outlined on the IWF website: <https://iawf.org/core-grants/>

If you would like to request a volunteer mentor to help you develop your proposal, please email grants@iawf.org and include “Mentor Inquiry” in the subject line no later than March 5, 2021.

Building Community Child Care Solutions Grants (BCCSF)

Letters of Interest (LOI's) for BCCSF Grants will open June 15, 2021. Details are available on the IWF website: <https://iawf.org/child-care-solutions-fund/>

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Ovation

A TRIBUTE TO IOWA WOMEN AND GIRLS

2021 promises to be a special year for the 8th Edition of Ovation, with stories of courage, support, grit, community leadership, and impact. Who would you like to honor in the 2021 OVATION: *A Tribute to Iowa Women and Girls*? Gather your family, or a group of friends, board members, or colleagues and together honor

an Iowa woman or girl and exemplify them for others to follow in their historic footsteps. Check out the IWF website for all of the details, and view a digital copy of the 2020 edition! <https://iawf.org/whats-happening/events/ovation/>

Coffee With Dawn

Don't forget – Coffee with Dawn, February 2 – 8:30 am!
Click the coffee cup in Dawn's hand for the zoom link to join us virtually.

See you then!



Volunteers – New Year's Resolution

Looking for a new endeavor in 2021? Kick off the new year by sharing your time and talents as a volunteer for IWF! Your time equals impact, and the more impact we have, the stronger we are. We'd love to have you join one or more of our monthly committees. For more details: <https://iawf.org/your-support/volunteer/>