



Emergency Fund Grant **GUIDELINES**

IWF Emergency Fund Grants 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, for immediate emergency funding needs for servicing clients. These grants for short-term projects or tasks are awarded to organizations that address at least one of the six major barriers that IWF research has identified as most critical to the success of Iowa's women and girls: child care, education and training, employment, housing, mentors, and transportation. If your organization is addressing any of these barriers we encourage you to apply for an IWF Emergency Fund Grant.

IWF will consider funding requests for the following:

- Purchase of products, supplies and equipment
- Emergent, unexpected or urgent tasks
- Expenses not built into the annual budget
- Emergency funds required and not budgeted to keep you in business and providing services to your clients

IWF will not consider funding requests for the following:

- Political campaigns / PAC's
- Capital campaigns and endowments
- Ongoing annual operating expenses
- Grants to individuals, for-profit entities and sectarian religious programs
- Loans
- Scholarship/tuition reimbursements
- Travel

Guidelines and requirements for Emergency Fund Grants:

- Once funds have been allocated for the year, emergency grant requests will close and reopen in January of the following year.
- Applications may be submitted at any time throughout the calendar year.
- Funds must be used within 30 days of check receipt unless special arrangements have been approved in advance.
- Grant recipients will complete a report within 45 days of when the project/task is completed.
- The maximum request is \$1,000 and the minimum request is \$300. Larger grant requests should be made to our Core or Community Childcare Solutions grants programs. Application forms and guidelines are available on the IWF website (iawf.org).
- Notification of Emergency Fund Grant awards takes approximately 72 hours.
- Organizations may not receive more than one Emergency Fund Grant per calendar year.
- Only nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations and grassroots groups serving women and girls in Iowa are eligible to apply for IWF Emergency Fund Grant.

The Emergency Grant Fund Application Form is available on the IWF website (iawf.org).
If you have any questions please call IWF at 319-774-3813 or email to grants@iawf.org