



connecting women for collective impact



Annual Report 2017/2018

our mission and values

Impact Grants Chicago connects, engages and inspires women to improve our community by collectively funding \$100,000 grants to Chicago nonprofits dedicated to addressing the challenges facing our city.



we value...

- connecting women for collective impact.
- offering our members an efficient and trusted philanthropic process.
- every woman having an equal voice in choosing our grantees.
- the integrity, commitment and collective knowledge of our members.
- providing our members the opportunity to gain firsthand knowledge of Chicago nonprofits.
- our role in raising the profiles of Chicago nonprofits.



letter from our president



Kristen Pettit Grube
President
Impact Grants Chicago

February, 2019

We are pleased to have concluded our inaugural year as Impact Grants Chicago! We launched as a new organization in June 2017 and successfully completed our first grant cycle in May 2018 with 470 Founding Members awarding \$470,000 to eight inspiring nonprofits in the city of Chicago.

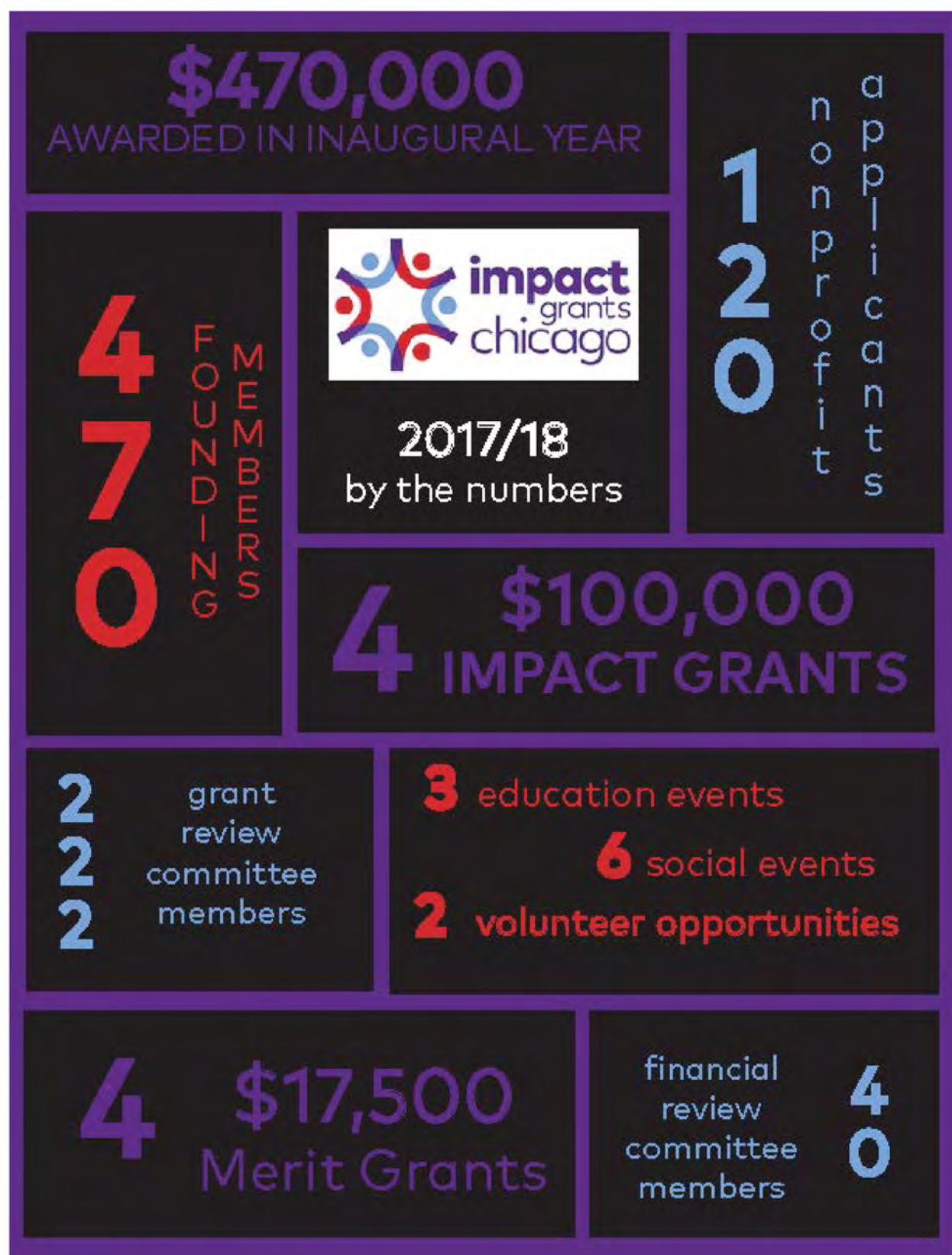
Congratulations to our four \$100,000 Impact Grant recipients: Communities In Schools of Chicago, Ignite (formerly Teen Living Programs), La Casa Norte, and One Million Degrees and our four \$17,500 Merit Grant recipients: Children's Research Triangle, Kaleidoscope, Storycatchers Theatre, and Uptown People's Law Center. We are proud to support these organizations who are working tirelessly to effect positive change in our city.

This would not have been possible without the generous support of our members. When you join Impact Grants Chicago, 100% of your membership donation goes directly to fund our grants. We are grateful to those members who chose to join at our Membership Plus level and above to provide additional funding for our operations, which includes expenses like our grant, communications and membership software and our website. Thank you, too, to those members who chose to sponsor additional memberships for women who were not able to make the financial contribution to join. And finally, thank you to our non-member donors and sponsors who also generously contributed to help fund our operations.

As an all-volunteer organization, Impact Grants Chicago depends on the dedication and hard work of our member volunteers. I would especially like to thank our Founding Board of Directors for their extraordinary commitment and generosity during our inaugural year, and our Grant Review and Financial Review Committee Chairs for their thoughtful leadership. During this 2017-18 year, over 260 members also served on committees and participated in our grant review and financial review process. And each member, no matter their level of involvement, had the opportunity to vote to select the grant recipients at our Grant Awards Celebration in May.

Thank you for being an important part of our philanthropic community and helping us to fulfill our mission of connecting women for collective impact.

IGC by the numbers



our grant recipients

\$100,000 Impact Grant Recipients



Communities
In Schools

Chicago

Communities In Schools of Chicago's mission is to surround students with a community of support, empowering them to stay in school and succeed in life.

The Impact Grant partially funded an expansion of the Intensive Program to two new schools by placing a full-time MSW-level Student Supports Manager in each school to provide case-management and counseling to students who are at high risk of dropping out.



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with
promise

Ignite (f/k/a Teen Living Programs) stands with youth on their journey to a home and a future with promise.

The Impact Grant funded the new Professional Readiness and Placement Program, providing employment, education, support, advocacy and placement; one on one meetings with a program case manager; intensive job readiness classes; and workplace etiquette and individualized support to obtain and maintain employment.



One Million Degrees empowers low-income, highly motivated community college students to succeed in school, in work and in life.

The Impact Grant funded a portion of new Leveraging Technology to Launch the Next Decade of Capacity-Building Initiative, which includes the development and installation of two new technologies for an employee on-boarding and training program and a mobile website, allowing for more efficient updates and additions to curriculum and easier access to supplementary resources.



More than housing...hope!

La Casa Norte's mission is to serve youth and families confronting homelessness by providing access to stable housing and delivering comprehensive services that act as a catalyst to transform lives and communities.

The Impact Grant funded a portion of The Foundation Project, which is furnishing the Pierce House, a new development providing housing for homeless and at-risk youth and families, with a teaching kitchen, cafe and food pantry serving the residents and the surrounding community.

our grant recipients



\$17,500 Merit Grant Recipients



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We also want to extend our heartfelt thanks to all of our generous members who made gifts this year over and above their \$1,000 membership donation. A majority of our members (279) joined at the Membership Plus level, which provides \$100 to cover operating expenses, while 29 members joined at even higher levels to provide additional funding for operations. In addition, members sponsored the memberships of more than 30 women this year and provided generous in-kind donations of time, food and meeting spaces. Your support truly has allowed us to achieve our annual goals – we could not do it without you!



our financials

IMPACT GRANTS CHICAGO

Statement of Financial Position

August 31, 2018

ASSETS

Assets	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 447,260
Prepaid expenses	9,352
Deposit	3,000
Total Assets	<u>\$ 459,612</u>

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Liabilities	
Grants payable	\$ 368,500
Total Liabilities	<u>368,500</u>
Net Assets	
Unrestricted net assets	46,462
Temporarily restricted net assets	44,650
Total Net Assets	<u>91,112</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u>\$ 459,612</u>

Based on Audited Financial Statements.



our financials

2017-18 SUPPORT & REVENUE



Membership Donations	78%	\$433,650
Member Events	7%	\$36,180
Membership Plus Donations	5%	\$27,900
Sponsorship Grants	3%	\$19,000
Corporate Sponsorships	3%	\$17,500
Board, Friend & Other Donations	3%	\$14,615
In-Kind Donations	1%	\$5,952
TOTAL SUPPORT & REVENUE		\$554,797

2017-18 EXPENSES



Grants Awarded	84%	\$470,000
Member Events & Other Program Expenses	10%	\$56,450
Processing and Professional Fees	2%	\$12,272
Administrative Support	2%	\$10,279
Marketing and Recruiting	1%	\$5,333
Hospitality	1%	\$4,027
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$558,361
Program Expenses	94%	\$526,450
Management & General	6%	\$31,911

Based on Audited Financial Statements.