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.
- being an anti-racist organization that promotes a diversity of perspectives in our membership and in our support of the nonprofit community.
Our members join Impact Grants Chicago because they want to make a difference. We are proud of our process and the projects we have funded over the past three years, work that has brought our members face-to-face with the racial and economic inequity that exists in our city.

While many Chicago communities confront inequity, in this moment of racial reckoning we have to acknowledge the extra burden of racism faced by communities of color. This additional layer of inequity is reflected in the disparities we see in every measurable outcome of well-being, including health care, education, housing, and employment. The systems that create these profoundly disparate outcomes don’t just fail people of color – they fail all of us. Naming the racism we see brings us closer to defeating it, and to becoming even more effective grant-makers.

Moving forward, we will view the work we do through the lens of diversity, equity, and inclusion. Specifically:

- We have established an ongoing DEI Task Force to lead this effort.
- We will work to diversify our membership, which will broaden our perspectives and conversations and enable us to be more informed grant-makers.
- We will educate ourselves about structural racism and its effects through our training, educational offerings, sharing of resources, and honest discussion.
- We will ask our nonprofit applicants about the ways in which diversity, equity, and inclusion inform their work.

We are deeply committed to embracing diversity and working towards racial equity. We know this work is ongoing, and we will hold ourselves accountable to our members and our nonprofit partners.
When we began our 2019/20 Impact Grants Chicago grant cycle, we never could have imagined what we would be facing just a few months later in our city, our country, and our world. On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the COVID-19 outbreak a pandemic. As the virus impacted nearly every aspect of the way we lived and worked and the city of Chicago shut down, Impact Grants Chicago leadership was determined to find a way to complete our grant cycle and award grants to nonprofits that were needed now, more than ever.

Despite these enormous challenges, we were still able to award $520,000 to eight inspiring nonprofit organizations in Chicago. And as a response to the ever-changing needs during the pandemic, we made all of our grants unrestricted, allowing the Grantees the flexibility to use the money in a way they believed would make the greatest impact.

Congratulations to our four $100,000 Impact Grant recipients: Connections for Abused Women and their Children, El Hogar del Niño, I Grow Chicago, and Lakeview Pantry, and our four $30,000 Merit Grant recipients: Lawndale Christian Legal Center, Lawyers’ Committee for Better Housing, Renaissance Social Services, and St. Leonard’s Ministries. We are proud to support these organizations that rose to the challenge during the pandemic and swiftly scaled up to serve a variety of critical community needs.

This year would not have been possible without the generosity, hard work and flexibility of our Impact Grants Chicago leadership and membership. Our Board worked tirelessly and quickly to make decisions to adjust to a virtual environment, and our Grant Review and Financial Review Committees adapted with meetings first by conference call and later by Zoom. Although we had to cancel our in-person Grant Awards Celebration, all of our members still had the opportunity to read our finalists’ Executive Summaries and vote electronically to choose our Grantees.

Throughout this year of uncertainty, our mission of connecting women for collective impact has never been more important. Thank you for being a part of our Impact Grants Chicago community as we continue to make a significant impact in Chicago.
$1,520,000 Awarded to Date

489 Members

4 Impact Grants

200 Grant Review Committee Members

6 Education Events

4 Social Events

4 $30,000 Merit Grants

140 Nonprofit Applicants

Financial Review Committee Members
Our Four $100,000 Impact Grant Recipients

Connections for Abused Women and their Children’s mission is to “empower adults and their children with the skills they need to live a life that is free of fear and move forward on their healing journey.”

El Hogar del Niño’s mission is “to light the path for children and their families to reach their fullest potential within nurturing, culturally aware learning environments.”

I Grow Chicago’s mission is “to grow Englewood from surviving to thriving through community connection, skill building, and opportunity. We envision a world where love lives in public.”

Lakeview Pantry’s mission is “to eliminate hunger and poverty in our community by providing food to fill the basic need of hungry people; empowering our clients to gain independence through innovative social service programs; and raising awareness of hunger and poverty and working towards solutions to eliminate them.”
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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 (300) joined at the Membership Plus level, which provides $100 to cover operating expenses, while 32 members joined at even higher levels to provide additional funding for operations. In addition, members sponsored the memberships of 36 women this year. Your support truly has allowed us to achieve our annual goals – we could not do it without you!
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**Statements of Financial Position**

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