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IMPACT GRANTS CHICAGO TO AWARD \$460,000 IN GRANTS TO CHICAGO NONPROFITS

Four \$100,000 Impact Grants and four \$15,000 Merit Grants to be awarded at annual celebration on May 31

CHICAGO May 11, 2023 – <u>Impact Grants Chicago</u> has selected eight Chicago nonprofits as finalists for the 2023 Grant Awards Celebration. Each of the finalists will present on Wednesday, May 31, at the annual Grant Awards Celebration to members of **Impact Grants Chicago**, an all-volunteer women's collective giving organization.

At the Grant Awards Celebration, members will gather for a cocktail hour "meet and greet" with the nonprofits before the presentations begin. Once the program concludes and the members vote, coffee and dessert will be served while the results are tabulated. At the end of the evening, four nonprofits will receive \$100,000 Impact Grants and the remaining four finalists will receive \$15,000 each in Merit Grants.

With the awarding of these grants, Impact Grants Chicago will have awarded nearly \$3M in grants to Chicago nonprofits in its first six years.

The 2023 finalists are:

Friends of the Children https://friendschicago.org/
Lawndale Christian Legal Center https://lclc.net/
LYTE Collective https://www.lytecollective.org/
Meals on Wheels Chicago https://www.mealsonwheelschicago.org/
Open Books https://www.poderworks.org/
Poder English Works https://www.poderworks.org/
Revolution Workshop https://www.revolutionworkshop.org/#/
Working Credit https://www.workingcredit.org/

The 2023 Grant Awards Celebration will be held at Venue West (https://www.venuewestchicago.com/)
221 N. Paulina Street from 5:45-9:30pm. Tickets are \$90. Members of the press may request a press pass.

Impact Grants Chicago is an all-volunteer women's collective giving organization with members from all over the Chicago area. Women join by making a donation of \$1,000 for the grant year. 100% of member donations are pooled to create Impact Grants of \$100,000 to be awarded to nonprofit organizations in Chicago. In the fall of each year, nonprofits submit applications, which are vetted over the course of six months by member

committees to determine the finalists. At the Grant Awards Celebration, each member is given one vote and the grants are awarded that night. 100% of donations go to the nonprofits.