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

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

CHICAGO June 1, 2023 – <u>Impact Grants Chicago</u> awarded \$460,000 in grants to eight Chicago nonprofits at its Grant Awards Celebration on May 31 at Venue West in Chicago. Members of **Impact Grants Chicago**, an all-volunteer women's collective giving organization, heard presentations from eight finalists and voted to award the following grants:

FOUR- \$100,000 IMPACT GRANTS TO:

Lawndale Christian Legal Center <u>https://lclc.net/</u> Revolution Workshop <u>https://www.revolutionworkshop.org/#/</u> Friends of the Children <u>https://friendschicago.org/</u> Open Books <u>https://www.open-books.org/</u>

FOUR - \$15,000 MERIT GRANTS TO:

LYTE Collective <u>https://www.lytecollective.org/</u> Meals on Wheels Chicago <u>https://www.mealsonwheelschicago.org/</u> Poder English Works <u>https://www.poderworks.org/</u> Working Credit <u>https://www.workingcredit.org/</u>

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

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.