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## FACT SHEET

### *What is Women's Impact Fund?*

- Women's Impact Fund is a diverse group of more than **500 women** coming together to effect change.
- Women's Impact Fund has funded **70 grants** totaling nearly **\$5.5 million** since its inception.
- Grants are given to Mecklenburg County non-profits in **five** focus areas: **arts & culture, education, environment, health, and human services.**

### *How does it work?*

- Women's Impact Fund utilizes a collective giving model in which like-minded women pool their charitable contributions, research critical community needs, and decide as a group where to give grants. Giving together magnifies the power of philanthropy and enriches the philanthropic experience.
- Women's Impact Fund is dedicated to creating a membership of educated philanthropists who will understand the community's emerging issues and become informed, experienced grant-makers.
- Women's Impact fund hosts several philanthropy education and social events each year to bring members together for networking and enrichment opportunities.

### *How did it start?*

- Claire Tate and Mary Lou Babb, two of Charlotte's philanthropic all-stars, started Women's Impact Fund in 2003. After recruiting 158 first-time members, Women's Impact Fund awarded its first grants in June 2004.

### *What's happening in 2018-19?*

- Women's Impact Fund hosts a number of member education, networking and social events throughout the year. Guests are welcome at many of these gatherings. For a list of upcoming opportunities, visit <http://womensimpactfund.org/upcoming-events/>.

### *How can my organization apply for a grant?*

- All eligible non-profit organizations may submit a **Letter of Inquiry** for consideration in the grant cycle beginning in mid-September. For more information on eligibility and deadlines, visit <http://womensimpactfund.org/grants/grants-process/>

### *How can I become a member?*

- Membership in Women's Impact Fund is open and inclusive. The women who make up Women's Impact Fund share the common goal of enhancing lives in Mecklenburg County. To share in this mission, visit <http://womensimpactfund.org/membership/join-now/>.