



## 2025-2026 Application Basic Information

1. **Name of Organization**  
Give the legal name of the organization for which you are requesting funding.
2. **Executive Director Name, Email Address, and Telephone Number**  
Enter the name, email address, and telephone number of your executive director or equivalent.
3. **Financial Contact Name, Email Address, and Telephone Number**  
Enter the name, email, and telephone number of a person connected to your organization that may serve as a financial contact for your organization with WIF (could be Executive Director, CFO, Board Treasurer, third-party accountant, etc.). For those selected as finalists, a WIF representative may communicate with your financial contact in early December to request financial information, such as prior year audits or third-party financial reviews, internal financial statements (e.g., historical, year-to-date, budgets), or requests for clarifications or explanations.
4. **Organization Website**  
Enter the web URL of your organization.
5. **Employer Identification Number (EIN)**  
Enter your IRS tax identification number. If you are fiscally sponsored by another organization, you may enter their number here.
6. **Year Organization Founded**  
Give the year that the organization was founded and incorporated.
7. **Organization Mission**  
Enter the stated mission of your organization as appears on your website, etc.
8. **Confirm: Nonprofit Eligibility**  
Confirm your organization qualifies as tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, either individually or under the auspices of a qualified fiscal agent or sponsor. If relevant, please attach a letter of agreement indicating your fiscal sponsorship agreement as an optional attachment.
9. **Confirm: Mecklenburg County Eligibility**  
Confirm your organization is located in Mecklenburg County, NC or the majority of the clients you serve are located in Mecklenburg County. If you are a local chapter of a national or regional organization, please explain more in the optional attachment section below (e.g., please share your local budget, and other metrics related to your provision of services specifically in Mecklenburg County).
10. **Confirm: Organizational Eligibility**  
Confirm your organization is not a fraternal organization, capital or endowment campaign, or organization that requires or teaches particular religious beliefs in order to receive services. If clarity is needed, please share a short statement in the optional attachment section below (i.e., if your organization is primarily funded through or part of a religious organization, explain how you separate service delivery from religious teaching).

## 2025-2026 Application Detailed Information

Please refer to the funding principles ([womensimpactfund.org/what-we-fund/](https://womensimpactfund.org/what-we-fund/)) on our website as you compose your responses. Be as clear and concise as possible in the space allotted. Utilize the optional attachments to share additional information, as needed.

We look forward to hearing the story of your organization and those you impact.

### 1. Organization Overview

Who is your target population? What challenges does this population face that you seek to address? Help us understand WHY your organization is important to our community.

### 2. Core Services

Describe your work. What is your organization's approach to supporting the population described above? What information did you rely upon to develop your approach to serving this population? Help us understand HOW you achieve your mission.

### 3. Continuum of Community Services

Describe where your organization fits within the continuum of organizations working in a similar space. This could include how you collaborate with other organizations and/or fill a gap that other organizations do not.

### 4. Women's Impact Fund Funding Principles

Please refer to WIF's funding principles on our website ([womensimpactfund.org/what-we-fund/](https://womensimpactfund.org/what-we-fund/)). Share how your organization responds to or works toward one or more of these principles.

### 5. Measures of Success

How do you know you are successful? What qualitative or quantitative data do you collect to help you assess successful outcomes? Please explain how your organization's efforts and operations directly contribute to the measures of success that you cite.

### 6. Sustainability

Describe your ongoing ability to deliver on your mission including your plans for long-term sustainability (i.e., succession planning, board development, etc.). How have you worked to diversify and grow your revenue streams?

### 7. Leadership

Describe your leadership model. Help us understand who the primary decision makers are for your organization and the relevant skill set or experience they have. How does the organization ensure its leadership reflects the community it serves? How does your organization's leadership seek input from the community it serves? As is applicable, consider your executive director, senior leadership, board of directors, and/or other community leaders in your response.

### 8. Impact of WIF Grant

Unlike prior years, WIF is not asking applicants to request a specific funding amount. For the 2025-2026 cycle, WIF intends to award one larger grant to each of its five focus areas, and smaller awards to other finalists. Grant funds may be distributed over one or more years.

2025-2026 grants will be for unrestricted operating support. WIF understands that nonprofit needs change thus we do not seek a commitment with respect to how grant dollars would be spent. However, we would like to better understand how a WIF grant might enable and/or expand your organization's mission and impact. We invite you to share any comments related to your impact here.

### **Attachments**

1. Financial Information - Completed Template

You must use the Excel template available via download here (<http://bit.ly/4gl0jLX>) to share required and optional financial information. Save the file to your computer to edit, save your edits, and upload that version here.

2. IRS Form 990

Attach your organization's most recently-filed Form 990. If your Form 990 for the most current year has not yet been filed but is in final form, you may also attach it. If your organization is not required to file an IRS Form 990, please write and attach an explanation.

3. Optional Financial Information (optional)

You may choose to attach any financial documents that support the information in the completed 2025-26 Financial Information Template submitted above. Note that financial documents may be requested by WIF if your organization is selected as a finalist.

4. Optional Attachment (optional)

You may attach anything else that you think would be helpful to our review of your application. This could include an annual report, strategic plan, letter from clients, etc. This can also be a place to share additional clarifying information such as fiscal sponsor information, local chapter details if you are part of a national organization, or clarifying information related to your organization's relation to a particular religious tradition.