

# WIF Begins 13<sup>th</sup> Season of Grant Making

By Susan Patterson

If it's September, it's kick-off time for WIF's grant process, our 13<sup>th</sup> season of grant making.

About 50 WIF members will be part of the grant review process this year.

Led by Chair Lisa Miller and Incoming Chair Kathleen O'Bannon, the Grants Committee has team leaders for each of the five areas in which WIF makes grants. This year's team leaders are: Sandy James Gordon and Laurie Schwartz, Arts and Culture; Anne Perper and Mary Sherrill Ware, Education; Linda Martin and Juanita Wade, Environment; Kari Kalgren and Gina Lawrence, Health; and Rose Herring and Pearl Houck, Human Services.

New to the Grants Committee this year and for the first time ever: WIF co-founder Mary Lou Babb.

Grants Committee members will gather next week for the official launch, just as the LOI (Letter of Inquiry) door opens. Committee members will get an overview of the year's schedule and process and will have time to discuss impactful grant making.

The Grants team is organizing a member-wide training opportunity, "Intro to WIF Grant Making," at noon October 6 via conference call. Dial-in number: 712-775-7031, access code: 299-315-264#. All are welcome!

"We look forward to another terrific year and pool of applicants," said Grants Committee Chair Lisa Miller. "We look forward to our members spreading the word about this funding opportunity to their colleagues and acquaintances in the non-profit community."



Lisa Miller, Pearl Houck & Caroline Grier Kraich

Non-profits will have until October 7 to apply. As a reminder, WIF funds programs that apply compelling, substantive solutions to critical community needs and emerging issues. Funding can go toward launching new programs as well as sustaining or expanding successful existing programs.

More information is available on the WIF website.