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## **WCA Foundation implements invitation code, expands grant ranges effective in 2019**

Eden Prairie, MN. (January 29, 2019) – The WCA Foundation is pleased to announce it has implemented an invitation code for grant seekers and expanded grant ranges. Changes take effect for the May 1, 2019 deadline. The invitation code requires grant seekers to contact the office prior to grant proposal submission to determine eligibility. New grant ranges are \$10,000-\$30,000 for operating and project requests. The WCA Foundation funds organizations and projects under the following criteria:

### **General Operating Support**

Organizations must be located in the 7 County area and provide direct services to only female clients, 18 years and older, in the 7-County area. In addition, the organization's mission and primary services must meet the fundamental needs of women in education, economic stability, shelter, safety or health.

### **Project Support**

An organization may apply for project support if the project provides direct services to only female clients, 18 years and older, in the 7-County area. In addition, the purpose of the project must meet the fundamental needs of women in education, economic stability, shelter, safety or health. Projects are expected to support the organization's mission.

In 2017, the WCA Foundation completed its new strategic plan. This plan serves as the root of the work of WCA Foundation. The Strategic Plan and its components—core principles, values, mission, strategic vision, goals—have created a shared vision for members, clarified the role of the WCA Foundation, identified opportunities to strengthen our impact on the lives of women through our grants, and respond to the changing needs of the community.

To learn more and apply for a grant from WCA Foundation, please use the online application at [www.wcafoundation.org](http://www.wcafoundation.org). Application deadlines going forward remain May 1 and November 1.

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### **About the WCA Foundation**

Founded in 1866, the WCA Foundation is the oldest benevolent nonprofit organization in Minnesota. Over its long history it has evolved into a private foundation which makes grants to organizations and projects in the Twin Cities 7-county metropolitan area that provide direct services to women 18 years and older to meet their fundamental needs with priority given to education, economic stability, shelter, safety, and health.

The WCA Foundation is led by all-female volunteer membership and two full-time staff. [www.wcafoundation.org](http://www.wcafoundation.org)