

# IRAF EXECUTIVE SUMMARY FY23



OVER 11,500 WOMEN AND GIRLS SERVED

The Immediate Response Action Fund (IRAF) addresses urgent and unanticipated needs of organizations or programs that primarily serve women, girls, and the gender-expansive community. From receiving a completed application to communicating a decision – the IRAF grant review process is completed in 10 business days. **No other foundation in the region is responding this rapidly.**



# of applications received: 19



Amount Requested: \$190,863

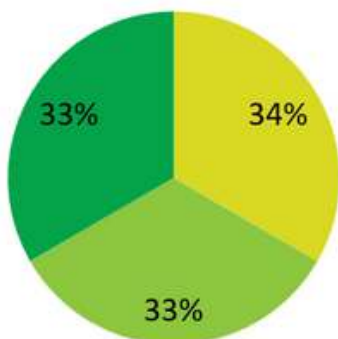


# of grants awarded: 12



Amount Awarded: \$119,600

## Unanticipated Need



- Operational expense
- Increase in demand
- Loss of funding

GRANTS UP TO \$10,000 FOR A PERIOD OF UP TO 12 MONTHS

## Pillars Addressed by Grants Awarded\*

- 67% Economic Self-Sufficiency and Justice
- 58% Safety Against Gender-Based Violence
- 42% Reproductive Justice and Sexual Health
- 33% Leadership Development of Girls and Young Women

*\*Some grants address more than one pillar*

## Counties served by Grants Awarded\*

- Philadelphia - 67%
- Chester - 17%
- Bucks - 33%
- Montgomery - 25%
- Delaware - 25%
- Burlington - 17%
- Gloucester - 8%
- Camden - 17%

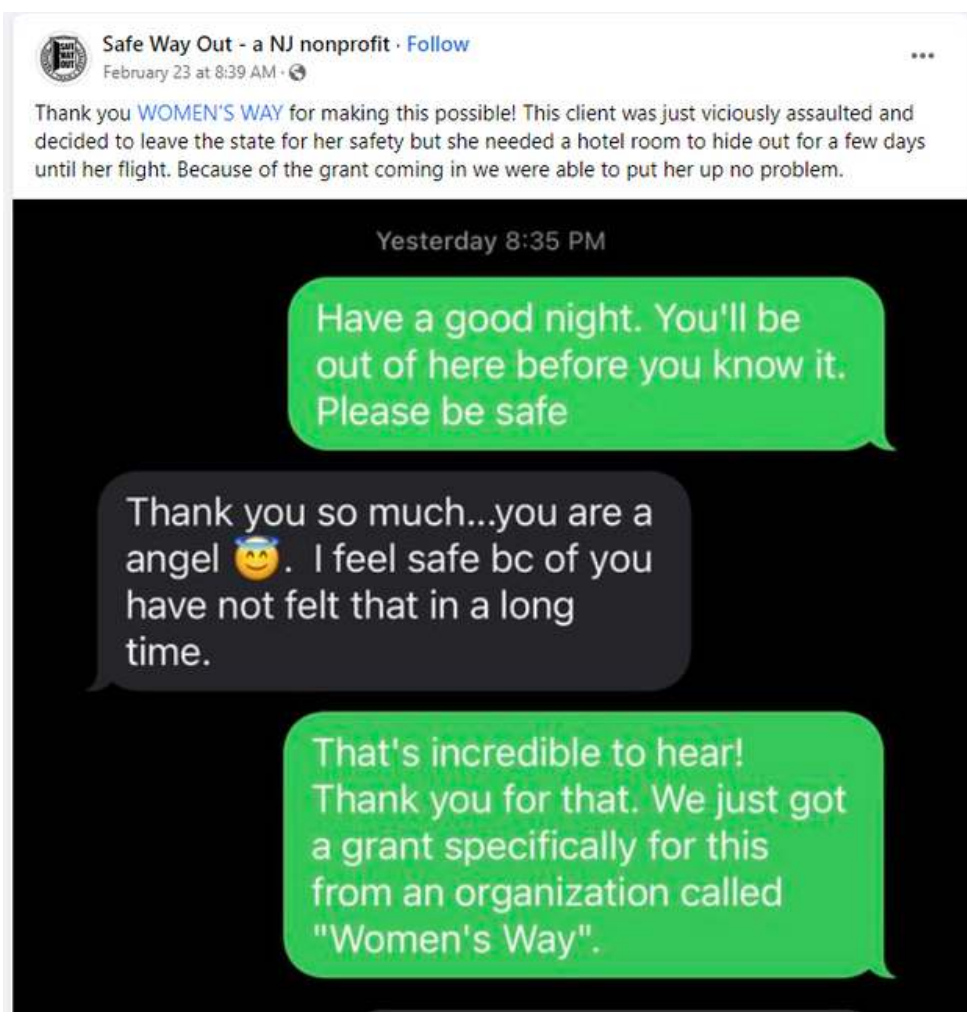
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**The most frequently funded population was women experiencing Intimate Partner / Domestic Violence**

# GRANTEE SPOTLIGHT

Safe Way Out provides services to survivors of Domestic and Intimate Partner Violence including: emergency housing for women and children escaping DV situations, personal security planning, personal security group classes, and residential security equipment for clients who remain in their homes. They serve Burlington, Camden, and Gloucester in New Jersey.

WOMEN'S WAY recently provided a \$10,000 Immediate Response Action Fund (IRAF) grant to Safe Way Out for their emergency housing program in response to an increase in demand and a loss of funding.



# IRAF GRANTEES FY23

ORGANIZATION NAME	URGENT NEED	AMOUNT	IMPACT
<b>The Everywhere Project</b>	Unexpected loss of in-kind donations of prepackaged and nonperishable nutritious foods due to discontinuation from the donor as well as loss of in-kind donations of pre-made, packaged sandwiches due to a fire.	<b>\$10,000</b>	Providing nutritious meals to over 4,000 women and their families at TEP's weekly distribution sites.
<b>Puentes de Salud</b>	Significant unanticipated increase in demand from clients requiring financial support for basic needs.	<b>\$10,000</b>	Providing 40 – 50 single mothers with children with food, transportation, and housing which they cannot access through traditional social safety net programs due to undocumented status. .
<b>Ardella's House</b>	Leak in basement preventing residents from moving into their transitional living facility for women returning from prison.	<b>\$10,000</b>	Installed a Full French Drain System, Full Vapor Barrier System, Mold treatment, and 2 Hp pumps. Additionally made repairs to the damaged drywall and flooring providing secure housing for 250 women returning from incarceration.
<b>Legacy Treatment Services</b>	Increase in demand for case management and a decrease in funding for women with mental illness experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness.	<b>\$10,000</b>	Providing short-term housing for women and families transitioning out of homelessness or psychiatric care. 10 families will receive 3-day hotel stays and 5 families will receive 30-day transitional housing stays coupled with case management services to help them shift to a more stable living environment.
<b>Women's Opportunities Resource Center (WORC)</b>	Enterprise-wide tech server unexpectedly and repeatedly crashing.	<b>\$10,000</b>	Replaced server and added a secondary firewall, enabling employees to access the shared drive and all data and documents needed to successfully serve their clients.
<b>NewView Institute</b>	Boiler broke at their community headquarters, preventing them from providing services.	<b>\$10,000</b>	Purchased and installed new boiler which enabling them to provide individual counseling, coaching, and psycho-educational groups for women and girls experiencing Intimate Partner Violence.
<b>Planned Parenthood Keystone</b>	Decrease in Title X funding which provides charitable care for patients otherwise not able to afford services.	<b>\$10,000</b>	Fully cover the cost of 100 patients' care.

<b>Why Not Prosper</b>	Heat stopped working due to corroded pipes in a mostly inaccessible crawl space despite performing all required maintenance.	<b>\$10,000</b>	Replaced pipes and fixed damage caused by the system's depressurization enabling them to continue their transitional residential program for formerly incarcerated women as well as their resource center which serves 160 women.
<b>Safe Way Out</b>	Loss of funding to provide emergency housing to survivors of Domestic / Intimate Partner Violence.	<b>\$10,000</b>	Providing emergency temporary housing to 50 women and children fleeing Domestic / Intimate Partner Violence.
<b>Lutheran Settlement House</b>	Increase in demand for emergency housing services for Domestic Abuse Survivors as well as an increase in the amount of funding needed per survivor.	<b>\$10,000</b>	Providing urgent housing related needs for survivors of Domestic Violence including, but not limited to: security deposits, moving costs back-rent (to prevent eviction), short-term rent support, and lock changes.
<b>Esteem Girls Inc.</b>	Loss of funding was threatening the continuation of their programming.	<b>\$9,600</b>	Providing STEM programming to girls through a full-time stem summer camp and Introduce a Girl to Engineering on Saturdays for 6 months.
<b>Immigrant Rights Action</b>	Unexpected increase in demand for services: 120% increase for walk-in clients and 60% increase in phone calls.	<b>\$10,000</b>	Refugee and Immigrant clients will have access to health care and legal options in the client's native languages.
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$119,600</b>	<b>11,625 served</b>