Women’s foundations and funds have been pioneers in grant-making to women and girls. Giving from these organizations is substantial and helps create meaningful change in communities. New research reveals patterns across more than 200 women’s foundations and funds — and shows the important role these organizations play in catalyzing funding for women’s and girls’ causes.

Most donors to women’s foundations and funds are women.

Only 1 in 5 women’s foundations and funds are member-based, meaning donors have a voice in where funds are granted.

92% of women’s foundations and funds are publicly funded: anyone can donate.

71% of women’s foundations and funds were established between 1990 and 2010, making them relatively young organizations.

Most engage in activities besides grant-making, such as events, research, advocacy, and collaboration.

Two-thirds are affiliated with host organizations, such as community foundations.

Women’s foundations’ and funds’ assets vary widely, from less than $1,000 to more than $500 million.

Women and girls are the primary recipients of funding from women’s foundations and funds.

Education and economic empowerment are key priorities for their grant-making.

Grant sizes differ, with individual amounts ranging from $500 to $1.31 million.

76% of women’s foundations and funds grant to local community organizations.