Survey Results: The Operation of Women’s Funds at Community Foundations

What follows are the results of an eight question survey to a select few community foundations currently operating Women’s Funds, with 23 respondents completing the survey. These 23 respondents represent foundations of varying sizes:

1. **Does your community foundation maintain a Women’s Fund?**

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<th>Response</th>
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<td>Yes, my foundation maintains an endowed Women’s Fund.</td>
<td>60.9%</td>
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<td>Yes, my foundation maintains a non-endowed Women’s Fund.</td>
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<td>Yes, my foundation maintains both an endowed and a non-endowed Women’s Fund.</td>
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**Asset Size Distribution**

- >$250M: 9%
- $100-250M: 39%
- $50-100M: 22%
- $25-50M: 22%
- <$25M: 9%
2. Does your community foundation charge a traditional asset-based administrative fee on your Women’s Fund?

   a. If “yes,” please enter your traditional asset-based administrative fee:

   - The standard fee of 1% is charged by 8 of the 14 respondents who charge an asset-based fee.

3. Does your community foundation charge transaction fees on your Women’s Fund?

4. Is your foundation’s Women’s Fund supported by any other revenue sources?
   - 8 responded “no.”
   - Of the foundations who’ve responded “yes,” annual or semi-annual fundraising events or appeals were the most common alternative source of revenue, with 10 reporting such.
5. Is your Women’s Fund volunteer-run, staff-supported, or both?

6. “Please indicate what percent of the work each is responsible for (if “both”):”

†None of the respondents answered that their Women’s Fund was run exclusively by staff.

7. How often does the fund conduct its competitive grant cycle?

8. Do your Women’s Fund donors vote on vetted grant cycle applications?