



**Women in Health Collaborative Fund  
Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)  
August 2024**

**What is the purpose of the Women in Health Collaborative Fund?**

The Women in Health Collaborative Fund is a pilot giving circle led by women working in healthcare who aim to improve health outcomes for women and girls in Central Indiana.

**From where will funding come?**

Funding will come from a generous grant from Indiana University Health, Women's Fund grant dollars and individual donations. We aim to have at least \$120,000 in the Fund, with approximately \$108,000 available for grantmaking.

**What will the grantmaking focus be in 2024/2025?**

The focus will be on reproductive health and Black girls' mental health.

**Who is on the Steering Committee?**

The Steering Committee is made up of women in the healthcare field. See a list of steering committee members at [www.womensfund.org/health-fund](http://www.womensfund.org/health-fund).

**How will the grant guidelines and application be developed?**

Focus groups of practitioners and those with lived experience will provide information on community needs in reproductive health and Black girls' mental health. The Steering Committee and donors will use the focus group findings during the review process and development of the grant guidelines/application.

**What is the review process and who will make funding decisions?**

Through a collaborative approach, Women's Fund aims to create an equitable, participatory, community-centered process with high impact.

- Women's Fund staff will review applications and gather additional information.
- The Steering Committee will review applications and determine which ones will go to donors for review and voting.
- Donors will have the chance to vote on the applications vetted by the Steering Committee.
- Final funding recommendations will be sent to Women's Fund Advisory Board for review and approval.

**What percentage of my donation will go to grantees?**

100% of your donation will be used for grantmaking.

**Is there a minimum donation to have a vote?**

NO - Every dollar has dignity so everyone who donates at any level will get a vote.

**Can men working in healthcare contribute?**

We welcome the support of men as donors. However, donor voting on the applications will preference the voices of women.

**What is the Timeline for this initiative?**

August 2024 – Grant guidelines posted

October 1 – 31, 2024 – Application is open

November 12, 6:00 – 8:00 pm – Invitation only fundraising event at Black Iris Estate (5801 E. 116<sup>th</sup> St., Carmel)

February 2025 – Steering Committee reviews applications

March 2025 – Donors vote on applications and Women's Fund Advisory Board reviews funding recommendations and approves grants