**2020 EMPOWERMENT FUND AWARD NOTICE**

**Women in Power Empowering** creates opportunities for women to overcome obstacles by providing financial awards, mentoring, and support. The Empowerment Fund Award was established to assist women throughout our community with overcoming financial barriers.

**Funds may be used for the following needs**:

* Deposit and first month’s rent
* Transportation expenses (e.g. repairs; down payment assistance)
* Uniforms, tools, or equipment needed for new careers or educational programs
* Childcare expenses
* Tuition and/or educational expenses
* Or other financial needs that will improve the applicant’s current financial situation

**Who should apply? \***

Women who are current residents of Tarrant County and experiencing at least one of the following:

* Fleeing or have recently left an abusive relationship
* Experiencing homelessness
* Experiencing a temporary financial hardship
* Unemployed or underemployed
* Exiting foster care

\* Previous Empowerment Fund recipients are eligible to apply for new awards 24 months following their award date.

**How to apply?**

Submit the attached application with supporting documentation (e.g. invoice for car repairs with proof of ownership; verification of school enrollment and fee statement; childcare statement; lease or statement from property owner). **Applications that do not include documentation will not be considered.**

**Submit to:** [womeninpowerempowering@gmail.com](mailto:womeninpowerempowering@gmail.com) or mail to Women In Power Empowering at P.O. Box 8896, Fort Worth, TX 76124. **Applications submitted via mail must be postmarked no later than last day of the application period.**

Awardees will be contacted by phone and email. Awardees unable to be contacted by acceptance deadline will be disqualified.

***Awarded funds will be paid directly to vendors or service providers. No funds will be paid to individuals.***

**Application submission deadlines for 2020**

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| **Application Period** | **Awardees Contact Date** | **Awardee Acceptance Deadline** |
| February 15th-March 15th | March 20th | March 23rd |
| May 15th – June 15th | June 20th | June 23rd |
| August 15th – Sept. 15th | September 20th | September 23rd |
| November 1st- November 30th | December 4th | December 6th |

**WOMEN IN POWER EMPOWERING**

**2020 EMPOWERMENT FUND AWARD APPLICATION**

Last Name First Name

Address City State Zip

Phone Alternate Phone Email

**In the space provided below please answer the following questions.**

**Provide a statement of how these funds will empower you and assist you with overcoming a financial hardship?**

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**What caused the current financial hardship?**

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**What is the plan to sustain your living expenses moving forward?**

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**Please list any programs or services you are currently enrolled in that will assist you in maintaining financial stability?**

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If the Application Review Committee has questions may we contact you? Yes **** No ****

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**The following information will not affect the selection process.**

How many adults are in your household? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

How many children under the age of 18 are in your household? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

What is your total gross income? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ circle one: weekly monthly annual

How did you hear about the Empowerment Fund? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_