



new hampshire  
**WOMEN'S FOUNDATION**

**Request for Proposals**  
**The Status of Women and Girls in New Hampshire**

**Overview:**

In 2018, the New Hampshire Women's Foundation (NHWF) will publish its first annual report on the status of women and girls in New Hampshire. The publication will report on key indicators of opportunity and equality for New Hampshire women and girls including topics such as safety and violence; education access and attainment; workforce participation, working conditions, and earnings; poverty; retirement security; health and healthcare access; family and parenting; and political participation. Widely distributed and designed to inform policymakers, the media, advocates, and the public, this dynamic and user-friendly publication will be the go-to resource for information about New Hampshire women and girls. Released annually, it will be a crucial tool for measuring progress over time.

In 2011, the Women's Fund of New Hampshire and the Women's Policy Institute (two of the four organizations that merged to form NHWF) published *The Status of Women and Girls in New Hampshire (2011 Report)*. There has been no statewide analysis of the status of women and girls since.

In addition to indicator data and analysis, the publication will feature organizations working on behalf of women and girls and highlight personal stories of New Hampshire residents.

Proposals are requested by email to [sarah@nhwomensfoundation.org](mailto:sarah@nhwomensfoundation.org) by July 19, 2017.

**Seeking Research Partner:**

NHWF seeks a research organization to complete the following in partnership and close consultation with NHWF:

- (1) Identify an array of key indicators of opportunity and equality for women and girls;
- (2) Collect and verify data on those indicators, including New Hampshire-specific data and data about subpopulations (e.g., women of color) and regional variations within New Hampshire (e.g., the North Country) whenever possible;
- (3) Conduct a comparative analysis evaluating the status of New Hampshire women and girls alongside the status of New Hampshire men and boys;
- (4) Conduct a comparative analysis evaluating New Hampshire alongside appropriate comparator states;
- (5) Draft findings; and
- (6) Draft recommendations for additional needed research.

**Outcomes/Deliverables:**

- (1) Development of a set of indicators that will provide meaningful information about women's and girls' opportunity and equality over time;
- (2) Credible, current data on those indicators, including New Hampshire-specific data and subpopulation/regional data;
- (3) Evaluation of the current relative status of men/women and boys/girls;
- (4) Evaluation of New Hampshire's current relative status as compared to selected other states; and

(5) Draft findings and recommendations that are readily adaptable for a publication that is highly readable and includes both text and infographics.

**Proposal Requirements:**

1. Title
2. Brief statement of interest
3. Research parameters:
  - a. Possible indicators, including indicators proposed to be included and others for consideration;
  - b. Methodology;
  - c. Partners (if any);
  - d. Sources;
  - e. Any other relevant details
4. Budget. The total budget must not exceed 20,000.00 USD, including a maximum of 10 percent for overhead. The budget should include, at a minimum:
  - i. Personnel (broken down by individuals);
  - ii. Supplies;
  - iii. Equipment; and
  - iv. Other
5. Timeline. The research shall be made available to NHWF within not more than six months, with strong preference given to individuals and organizations able to provide it more quickly. Please provide a proposed timeline and evidence of ability to comply with the timeline. Please include release dates for key sources (e.g., the Census Bureau's American Community Survey) and how your proposed timeline will provide for maximally current data.
6. References. Please provide a maximum of five bibliographic references evidencing capacity to perform this research and, if you wish, an appendix including a publication related to this project.
7. Personnel. Please provide the title and a brief biography of the lead researcher.

**Eligibility Requirements:**

Affiliation with a nonprofit research institution or nonprofit agency with a track record of successfully conducting scholarly research.

**Deadline/Schedule:**

Proposals due July 19, 2017 (email to [sarah@nhwomensfoundation.org](mailto:sarah@nhwomensfoundation.org))

Response from NHWF by August 4, 2017

Work commences August 21, 2017

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