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## **Mary's Pence Grants Available for Women's Social Justice Projects in US and Canada**

*Deadline – February 1, 2015*

**St. Paul, MN – November 18, 2015** – Mary's Pence announces the next Mary's Pence Grants application deadline of February 1, 2016.

Mary's Pence funds projects in the US and Canada that increase the economic security of women and amplify women's voices in their communities. We support efforts for systemic change that improves the status of women.

Our dream project would be:

- **Women-led** - for the benefit of women and their families
- **Community-centered** - created from a need identified within the community, and collaboratively led by members of the community
- **Focused on social justice values** – rooted in the values of human dignity, the common good, the right to economic security and dignified work, care for the earth, participation and subsidiarity, and nonviolence.
- **Working for long term sustainable social change** - addressing underlying causes of injustice by:
  - Shifting public perception about justice issues,
  - Forming alliances and collaborations across diverse populations,
  - Creating change in unjust structures or policies, or
  - Building capacity by building skills – leadership, organizing or other skills.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Organizations must have a budget of under \$200,000.
- Organizations in the U.S. and Canada are eligible for funding. Organizations in Latin America who have received a grant from Mary's Pence in the past may reapply.
- Organizations may receive a grant up to three times.
- Awards are a maximum of \$4,000.

For a complete list of past and current grantees, visit our website: <http://maryspence.org/grants-our-grantees.html>

Those interested in applying can download the application from our website at <http://www.maryspence.org/grants-apply.html>

*Photos and videos are available on request.*

