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

*Deadline – August 1, 2015*

**St. Paul, MN – June 5, 2015** – Mary's Pence is pleased to announce our next Mary's Pence Grants application deadline of August 1, 2015.

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** – 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 opinion about justice issues,
  - Forming alliances and collaborations across diverse populations,
  - Creating change in unjust structure 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 in the past may reapply.
- An applicant can receive a grant up to three times. Awards are a maximum of \$4,000.

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.*