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### WOMEN'S FUND ACCEPTING LETTERS OF INQUIRY FOR 2011 ACTION AWARD CYCLE

**NEW BEDFORD** – The Women's Fund at the Community Foundation awarded over \$125,000 in grants in support of women and girls in 2010. The organization is now accepting letters of inquiry for 2011 grants.

Interested organizations must submit a Letter of Inquiry by March 1. The Women's Fund will review initial letters and contact organizations directly if they are invited to submit a full proposal. The deadline for full proposals is March 30.

The mission of the Women's Fund is to support programs that promote the educational and economic advancement of women and girls. The Fund focuses on supporting Bristol and Plymouth County-based organizations, and because the Fund is small and seeks to effect social change, it is particularly interested in funding neighborhood-based efforts that provide programs and services to low-income women and girls.

Programs that include leadership development, team work, and decision-making skills to enhance participants' ability to stay in school are welcome. Action Award grants are limited to \$5,000 per organization, and are made only to organizations that maintain Section 501(c)3, tax-exempt status.

During 2010, grants were made to local groups including: Our Sisters' School; the Ocean Explorium in support of Women in Science month; the Coalition for Buzzard's Bay for a leadership project; and Keith Middle School for after-school programming for middle-school girls.

For additional information about the Women's Fund Action Awards, and an application, please log on to <http://www.womensfundsema.org/grant-apply.html>, or contact Jeannette Doyle at the Women's Fund at 508-717-0283.

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