

## **Sex-Based Violence Community Arts Center Grant Proposal**

**GOAL:** A cause-specific community center meant to inspire art, organizing, and community engagement. A feminist-minded space to empower women and girls towards female liberation.

**CAUSE:** Male Violence Against Women and Girls – i.e. Male Sexualized and Non-Sexualized Violence - beating, raping, murdering, etc.

**INTENT:** Empower, Educate, Create

**TARGET AUDIENCE:** Women and girls who want to get involved in art and organizing

### **PROBLEMS/NEEDS IN ANTI-MALE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN & GIRLS MOVEMENT - WHAT THE CENTER WILL ADDRESS**

- In-person and virtual place/space for meetings, workshops, etc. for grassroots feminist community organizers and coalitions
- Cause-specific physical space for creating art with a focus on organizing and community engagement
- A consistent place to exhibit art focused on female liberation
- A consistent place to access computers, software programs, print flyers, resources, work space, etc.
- A consistent place to access art creation tools (Wheat pasting, Painting, Print Making, etc.)
- Think tank space to reflect on issues related to sexism, misogyny, and patriarchy, with the goal of idea generation across a diverse group of women
- Trauma-informed wellness offerings – meditation, yoga, retreats, etc.

### **VISION OF SPACE:**

- Museum/ Archive of information: Interior walls covered in information to educate women on male violence (ex. infographics that make knowledge bite-sized and easily accessible), that includes both academic information and citizen information. The museum/archive will be built slowly over time.
- Mural on exterior that focuses on female liberation (“Feminist is a power word”)

### **OUTREACH METHODS:**

- Contact community stakeholders through physical and digital mailings, door-to-door visits, etc. (related nonprofits, schools, hospitals, community centers, religious centers, law enforcement, businesses, organizations, etc.)
- Contact local leaders who have access to power such as politicians, spiritual leaders, for-profit and non-profit CEOs, union presidents, school boards, etc.

### **FUNDING:**

- Hands-off Angel Investors, In-Kind Donations, Fundraising Campaign (GoFundme), Fundraising events, etc.
  - No Grants if possible
- **Costs:** storefront, utilities, salary of employee(s), speaker costs, art tools and supplies, technology needs, furniture, website with dedicated maintenance team

### **WORKSHOP EXAMPLES:**

**NOTE:** Workshops will be held as tools for education and culminate in the creation of community-engaged art projects such as interior infographic murals, art projects centered around annual female liberation events, etc.

- Feminism 101 (history, definitions, current issues)
- Feminist is a power word: taking the stigma out of feminism and womanness
- Feminism and intersectionality – race, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, etc.
- Art and feminists of the Women’s Liberation movement/ Civil Rights movement / Gay Rights movement
- Art as a tool for social change

