

1. Thinking About KFW's Mission

The mission of the Kentucky Foundation for Women is to promote positive social change by supporting varied feminist expression in the arts. When women and girls advance, so does Kentucky.

KFW carries out this mission through:

1. Two Grant Programs: Each year the foundation awards \$200,000 to feminist artists and arts/social change organizations in Kentucky through two grant programs: *Artist Enrichment* and *Art Meets Activism*. See *Thinking About Which Program Is Right For You* for more information

2. Hopscotch House Retreat and Residency Center: KFW owns and operates a five-bedroom house located on 10 acres of land in eastern Jefferson County. The house is available by request to provide a supportive setting for retreats and residencies for feminist artists, activists, artist groups and allied organizations. See *Thinking About Which Program Is Right For You* for more information.

3. The KFW Hot Flash: E-News for Everyone: KFW staff provide weekly and Special Edition emails, including announcements, opportunities, and action steps. Email sue@kfw.org to sign up for the Hot Flash.

4. Providing resources about feminism and social change: Check out the resource page and the KFW Feminist Timeline at www.kfw.org, or you can request time at Hopscotch House and visit the Library there.

Do I fit with KFW's mission?

This is the first question to ask yourself. The three major parts of the mission statement are “feminism,” “social change” and “art.” Please take a moment to think about how you would answer the following questions: What is feminist art? What does feminist art mean in Kentucky today? How does feminist art promote social change? What is positive social change? If you decide to apply for a KFW grant, the process of completing the application will challenge and inspire you to think through your own understanding and practice of feminism and social change, in your own context.

Which resources are right for me, at this time?

KFW is committed to supporting feminist, social change artists in all stages of their artistic journeys, from beginning, to emerging, to established artists. Where you are in your journey, and what you need to develop might influence how you access KFW support.

- For instance, if you are a beginning artist, just learning about feminism and social change, you could **sign up for the Hot Flash** to learn about opportunities in your area, connect with other feminist social change artists and find out about workshops, programs and retreats that will support the development of your work.
- Perhaps you're in between beginning and emerging, and there's a workshop that you think would move you forward by leaps and bounds. You may want to **apply for an artist enrichment grant** so you can participate.
- If you are an established artist who wants to explore something totally new for you, you might not have a work sample ready for the grant program. If so, you might want to consider **requesting a retreat at Hopscotch House** to develop your work so that you will have a work sample that “points in the direction” of where you want to go if you do apply for a grant.
- Or, maybe you want to use your artistic skills to engage others through art to create social change in some way. You may want to **apply for an Art Meets Activism grant** to support your work with the community.
- Maybe you don't need a grant at all, but what will help you most is the time and space away from your daily life to dedicate to your work. You could **request a retreat at Hopscotch House** for 1 day- 2 weeks, or **apply for a summer residency**.

There are many ways to access support in your community for your work and development, beyond applying for a KFW grant. There are also many ways to tap into the support that KFW offers. KFW staff asks you to think through what you really need, so that you can best access what makes the most sense for you at this stage of your journey.