**October, 2020**

**International Women’s Forum of New Mexico (IWFNM)**

**2021-2022 Leadership, Empowerment and Advocacy Program Award (LEAP) Application Instructions**

The International Women’s Forum of New Mexico (The Forum) [www.nmwomensforum.com](http://www.nmwomensforum.com) is currently seeking an application from your non‐profit organizations for the 2021‐22 Leadership, Empowerment and Advocacy Program (LEAP) Award. The mission of the IWFNM is sharing women’s knowledge and ideas, enriching lives, providing network support, exerting influence, and preparing future generations of women leaders.

The IWFNM will be making a total award of $10,000 ($5000 per year for two years) to one applicant that best addresses the mission of the Forum supporting pathways for young women.

The proposed project by the applicant must have tangible benefits to young women in New Mexico and must fulfill the requirements of the application.

The application deadline is August 31, 2021 by 5 PM. The award will be made in November 2021. (Awards were suspended in 2020-2021 due to Covid-19).

Please use the attached application form as your proposal. Please keep your response to each question to less than 500 words. Projects will be evaluated in the following manner:

Organization Information 10 points

Project Information 75 points

Budget and Financial Information 15 points

**Applications must be submitted via email to:**

**Faye McCalmont**, Chair of the LEAP Committee: Faye.McCalmont@wnmu.edu

**You will have a contact person from the LEAP committee that can help answer questions. She will be your first point**

**of contact on the grant process and remain your contact through the process.**

*NOTE: The applications will be reviewed by the LEAP Committee who will determine the top 3 applicants. Those applicants are required to meet in-person with the Committee in October to talk about their organization and how the grant will help them achieve the goals of the project they submitted. The selected applicant will make a presentation of the project and how the grant is being used at the November 2021 meeting of the Women’s Forum.*

*Thank you and we appreciate the work you do on behalf of young women!*