Year of the Woman
Grant Program

Overview
In 2020, three important anniversaries in voting rights occur: Utah Suffrage (1870), National Suffrage (1920), and the Voting Rights Act (1965). A statewide organization, Better Days 2020 (https://www.betterdays2020.com/), has developed significant resources for celebrations, and Cache Valley has a vibrant local group.

These important benchmarks in our nation’s history commemorate the importance of voting and its role in our society. They also highlight the significant role of women in our history. We plan to celebrate these achievements, but they also provide the foundation for acknowledging the history of women students, faculty, and staff at Utah State University. As a result, USU will designate 2019-2020 as “The Year of the Woman.” A university website will offer a calendar of events that feature this theme (e.g., a CHaSS Tanner Symposium on Voting Rights, March 19-20, 2020), and it will also highlight achievements of women students, faculty, and staff from our past and present.

To support activities associated with Year of the Woman, the Office of the President, is offering grants up to $5000. Applications will be on a rolling basis and will be reviewed by the Year of the Woman Steering Committee.

Objectives

Scholar Carolyn Heilbrun noted that “women in the past have a dreadful tendency to disappear in a cloud of anonymity and silence . . . and one does feel impelled to recover their voices and stories.” Utah State University, from its first days in 1890, has welcomed women and girls. The first student to enroll was a woman. Women served on the first faculty. In an effort to maintain this longstanding tradition, USU is offering grants for faculty, staff, and students with the following aims:

- Increase awareness among our students about the importance of exercising their rights as informed voters, vital to our country.
- Expose students to the long history in Utah of women’s leadership and their place in the nation as “First to Vote” as well as home of the first female state senator (Dr. Martha Hughes Cannon).
- Introduce the complex history of voting rights—that even with suffrage, not everyone won the right to vote.

Figure 1. First UAC students and faculty, 1891.
vote (hence the 1965 act).

- Empower women and girls to see their leadership potential and increase their representation in visible segments of Utah and the USA (e.g., government leadership, community activism).
- Celebrate USU’s past and present women.

The purpose of this grant program is to fund events and activities that define the Year of the Woman. Such activities might include speakers, sporting events, exhibitions and performances, readings, development and roll out of apps, podcasts, historic signage, works of art, film festivals, oral histories, contests, community engagement events, or research and presentations.

**Guidelines**

a) This grant program is open to faculty, students, and staff in the statewide system of Utah State University.

b) Proposals should be routed to the appropriate administrator for approval and support (e.g., faculty to department head).

c) Proposal funding is limited to no more than $5,000, and matching funds are encouraged.

d) Funding is for support of events, not for salaries or wages.

e) Proposals should note the timeline of the event or activity.

f) Include the lifespan or impact of the activity. Will the results be permanent, ongoing artifacts/structures or one-time, nonrecurring activities?

g) Describe the impact of the activity/event.

h) If the grant is awarded, the overall budget designations cannot change.

i) All expenditures must be made according to university policies and procedures.

j) Activities must be posted in a timely fashion on the website.

k) Assessment of the activity is encouraged.

l) End-of-project report: A report of the project must be submitted to the Steering Committee at the conclusion of the activity.

m) Budget items must be clearly defined and justified.

**Procedures**

a) Submit one copy of the proposal to your department/unit for review and signature. Ensure that the administrators above that person are informed of the proposal. When approved by both, please submit an electronic copy to the Steering Committee via Sydney.peterson@usu.edu.

b) All proposals will be examined by a review committee.

c) Notification of awards will occur within two weeks following submission of the proposal.

**Format of Proposal**

Proposal length: Proposals should be 2-3 pages with a separate budget page. Please insert page numbers.
Cover Page
a) **Title**: Include a concise but descriptive title of the proposal.
b) **Personnel**: Who will be involved?
c) **Beginning Date and Project Duration**: When will the activity begin and end?
d) **Total Requested Amount**: Include requested amount up to $5,000
e) **Project Summary**: Provide a description of the project (one paragraph maximum), including project objectives.
f) **Signatures**: Include lines for the proposers and department/unit head(s).

Body of Proposal
The proposal must include:

a) An introduction to the project describing in clear, concise language the proposed activity and how it ties into the Year of the Woman initiative;
b) Objectives: What do you wish to accomplish? Who is the target audience?
c) How will students benefit?
d) Outcomes: A description of anticipated outcomes. What are their significance and impact?
e) Role assignments: who is involved, and what will they do?
f) A budget narrative explaining how each budget item will be spent;
g) Budget Summary Sheet.

Resources:

Download at [https://digitalcommons.usu.edu/usupress_pubs/176](https://digitalcommons.usu.edu/usupress_pubs/176)

Possible titles for Book Clubs are included on the Year of the Woman website (TBD).

Timeline of Significant Dates in Voting Rights
- 1870, February 12: Utah Women Enfranchised; February 14: First Voting
- 1870, Fifteenth Amendment enfranchising all males.
- 1887, Utah women disenfranchised; re-enfranchised in 1896 with state constitution.
- 1920, August 26: 19th Amendment enfranchising women passed.
- 1924, Indian Citizenship Act
- 1952, Act permitting Asians to become citizens
- 1947, Utah permits Native Americans to vote.

Other Dates of Interest:
January 11: Alice Paul's birthday
February 6: National Women in Sports Day
March: Women's History Month
March 8: International Women’s Day; USU Founding
October 11: International Day of the Girl aims to highlight and address the needs and challenges girls face, while promoting girls' empowerment and the fulfillment of their human rights.
October 15: International Day of Rural Women
December 2, 1916: Suffragists fly over President Wilson's yacht and drop suffrage amendment petitions.
Title

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Total Requested Amount

Project Summary:

Signatures (Digital okay):

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Proposer

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Email Address; Telephone

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Department/Unit

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Approval: Department/Unit Head

DATE: