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## **Women's City Club of New York Receives Nearly \$50,000 in Grants to Support New York City Communities**

**(New York, N.Y.)**—Women's City Club of New York (WCC) today announced that the century-old nonprofit has received three grants totaling nearly \$50,000 to support initiatives that strengthen services and support to all communities in New York City.

The grants are from the Sy Syms Foundation to support the *Citywide Guides to Services and Resources*; FPWA (Federation of Protestant Welfare Agencies) to support WCC's civic engagement initiatives; and an anonymous foundation.

"For more than a century, the Women's City Club has worked tirelessly to improve the lives of all New Yorkers, and these *Citywide Guides* provide much-needed information to people who are seeking information, help and opportunity," said WCC Chief Executive Officer Carole J. Wacey. "We thank the Syms Foundation for this support, which will put these *Citywide Guides* into the hands of more New Yorkers who need them most."

Since its founding in 1985, the Sy Syms Foundation has supported education, public television and radio, and medical research as well as civic and cultural organizations that improve life in our communities. The WCC grant will help support the *Citywide Guides*, which provide details on hundreds of low- and no-cost programs and services in the city.

FPWA promotes the social and economic well-being of greater New York's most vulnerable by advocating for just public policies and strengthening human services organizations. The grant will enable WCC to create and organize programs that will improve civic engagement in New York City, especially in communities of low voter participation.

The third grant, from an anonymous foundation, was shepherded by WCC Board Member Mary Ann Arisman and her husband, Frank. The grant will support updates to the *Citywide Guides* and further relationship building with organizations featured in the Guide.

### **About Women's City Club of New York**

Women's City Club of New York (WCC) is a nonprofit, non-partisan, multi-issue activist organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for all New Yorkers. WCC shapes public policy through education, issues analysis, advocacy, and civic participation. As WCC enters its second century of activism, it continues to pursue economic, racial, and gender justice with the

goal of dismantling the social inequities that deprive citizens of the opportunity to thrive. Through member-led Task Forces, WCC conducts research, publishes reports, fosters dialogue with public officials, and launches public education and multi-year advocacy campaigns in the following issue areas: Criminal Justice, The Environment, Good Government, Health, Housing and Homelessness, Income Inequality, and Public Education. For more information about the Women's City Club of New York, visit <http://www.wccny.org>.

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