



# The Road to Justice:

Paving a path towards  
gender equity

Community Report  
September 2022 - December 2023





We are the **FIRST** and **ONLY** fund in Puerto Rico with the mission of supporting, resourcing, and accompanying organizations that advocate for women, girls, and the non-binary community.



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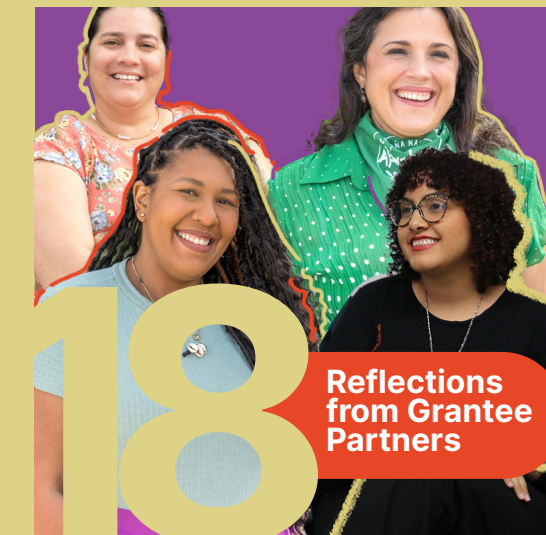
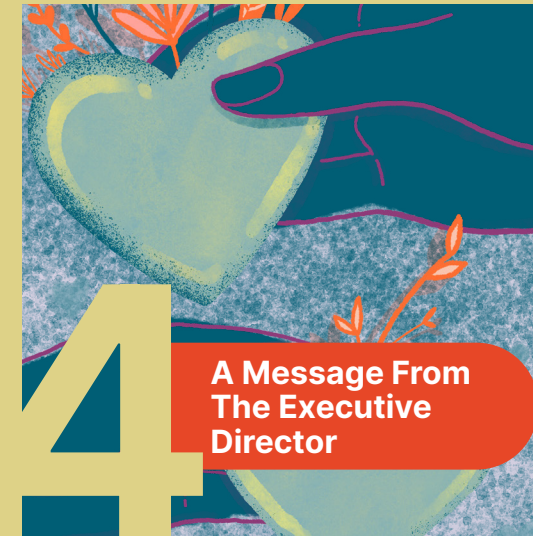


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# A Message from our Executive Director

Dear colleagues,

Puerto Rico has faced severe challenges in recent years that have delayed our progress toward equity. Rebuilding and rethinking our future with a focus on gender and racial equity will require us to challenge traditional philanthropic practices and shift the narrative. **This report highlights the importance of Feminist Funding in Puerto Rico and our conscious and intentional approach to grantmaking before, during and after socio-natural climate disasters.**

Since the beginning, our grantmaking efforts have been centered around providing crucial funding to organizations close to the communities and, in several cases, acting as their first and only source of funding. Our primary focus has been to strengthen institutional capacity as a means of ensuring that they are better prepared to tackle future challenges, including climate change and socio-climatic disasters. We are investing in feminist, women-led, and LGBTQ+ organizations, trusting their capacity to drive economic growth that will result in success for their families and communities.



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Since Hurricane Fiona in 2022, we have invested more than \$800,000 in organizations that are working towards the safety, well-being, economic success, and building power with women, girls, and gender-expansive communities in all the archipelago of Puerto Rico. This investment has resulted in nearly \$1.6 million in grantmaking since the Foundation launched four years ago. Foundations, individual donors, and our extended community of supporters, are part of this story. For that, we are sincerely grateful.

Thank you for your continuous support and your generosity since day one. If I have learned anything over the last two years serving as the Foundation's first Executive Director, it is that we can only do this work if we all come together to build community.

Hasta la equidad,



**Thank you... we can only do this work if we all come together to build community.**





For a Puerto Rico where **WOMEN, GIRLS,**  
and **GENDER-FLUID PERSONS** are  
the protagonists of their own lives.

The Puerto Rico Women’s Foundation or Fundación de Mujeres en Puerto Rico (FMnPR), is the first and only grantmaking entity with the exclusive mission to advance gender and racial equity in Puerto Rico. Founded as a collaborative effort between Puerto Rican women living in the diáspora and Puerto Rico, we exist to promote social justice and to support the economic security, safety, health, reproductive autonomy, and general empowerment of women, girls, and gender-fluid individuals living in Puerto Rico.



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OUR PILLARS

Feminist Philanthropy in Action

We operate on a horizontal model of social relationships, inspired by solidarity and grounded in trust building between donors and grant recipients.

Transformative Support

We contribute to social transformation by showing up and participating in actions led by feminist organizations advancing the holistic well-being of women and their communities.

Spaces for Change

We make room for and center women leaders as protagonists in the fight for human rights and gender equality.

Knowledge Sharing

We honor and promote women’s expertise, their voices and their ideas – including our own – and provide opportunities for knowledge exchanges within our network.

Intentional Partnership

We accompany and invest in the personal and professional development of the women we support so that they reach their full potential as agents of change.

Supporting organizations in solidarity involves going beyond funding.

The Team



# We practice solidarity beyond funding.

## PILLARS IN ACTION

### Feminist Philanthropy in Action

Over the last year, we've connected **THREE GRANTEE PARTNERS** with funders, enabling them to receive a total of **\$165,000** in direct grants.

### Transformative Support

Participated in the **"BANDERA VIOLETA"** or "Purple Flag" initiative which recognized municipalities developing and implementing **EFFECTIVE POLICIES TO PROMOTE GENDER EQUALITY**.



### Spaces for Change

**SPONSORED "LA RUTA DE MUJERES"** or "The Path of the Woman": spaces centering popular education on public policy and evaluation of political party platforms to **MONITOR LEGISLATIVE AGENDAS THAT MAY HINDER PROGRESS TOWARDS GENDER EQUITY**.

### Knowledge Sharing

Participated in the Feminist Funded conference of the Women's Funding Network: **FOCUSED ON THE ROLE OF FEMINIST FUNDS DURING CLIMATE DISASTERS** and highlighted the crucial work of grantee partners on the frontlines.

### Intentional Partnership

**HOSTED 7 WORKSHOPS:** 4 on operational capacity, 2 on fundraising, 1 on importance of human capital.



RESOURCE MOBILIZING BY THE NUMBERS

Since September 2022...

\$1,012,000

Total Amount Awarded in Grants

Women are the first in the line of defense in the fight for social justice, but they are also the ones who receive the least support. At the Puerto Rico Women's Foundation, our purpose is to transform this.

43  
Organizations Supported





# 2022

## Hurricane Fiona Emergency Fund

Following the devastating impact of Hurricane Fiona in September of 2022, we were presented with an opportunity to mobilize resources and provide grants aimed at mitigating and strengthening the work of organizations and community initiatives who assumed the role of first responders.

### \$150,000

Funds Raised

### \$150,000

Distributed

# 13

Organizations  
Supported

# 100%

## of funds Disbursed!

\*operational and overhead costs  
were covered by current funders.



**We prioritize re-distribution of  
resources to organizations with  
boots and roots on the ground  
during climate disaster  
recovery and response.**

*Asoc. Agro-Mujer de Puerto Rico*

*Asoc. de Mujeres Agroempresarias de P.R.*

*Caderamen*

*Casa Juana Colón Apoyo y  
Orientación a la Mujer*

*Centro de la Mujer Dominicana*

*Coordinadora Paz para las Mujeres,  
Centro Paz para Tí*

*Coordinadora Paz para las Mujeres,  
Integrantes albergues de emergencia*

*La Colmena Cimarrona*

*Mujeres de Islas*

*Proyecto Matria*

*SIEMPREVIVAS RUM*

*Todas PR*



**2023** Grantee Partners

We support emerging organizations as they expand and evolve, providing flexible funding to address the gaps.

**\$862,000**  
**FUNDS DISTRIBUTED**

**33** Organizations Supported

**98%** of funds flexible and operational



**REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE FUND**  
**\$60,000 - 6 GRANTEES**

Supports educational activities and programming, particularly with a popular education approach, offering tools to analyze, understand and position themselves on the issues surrounding sexual and reproductive rights.

**GENDER JUSTICE FUND**  
**\$200,000 - 6 GRANTEES**

Invests in initiatives with a focus on creating prosperous, safe and just communities through access to economic, social and political resources. We affirm that gender and racial justice will exist only when all people can live without fear, discrimination and violence.

**ECONOMIC JUSTICE FUND**  
**\$305,000 - 6 GRANTEES**

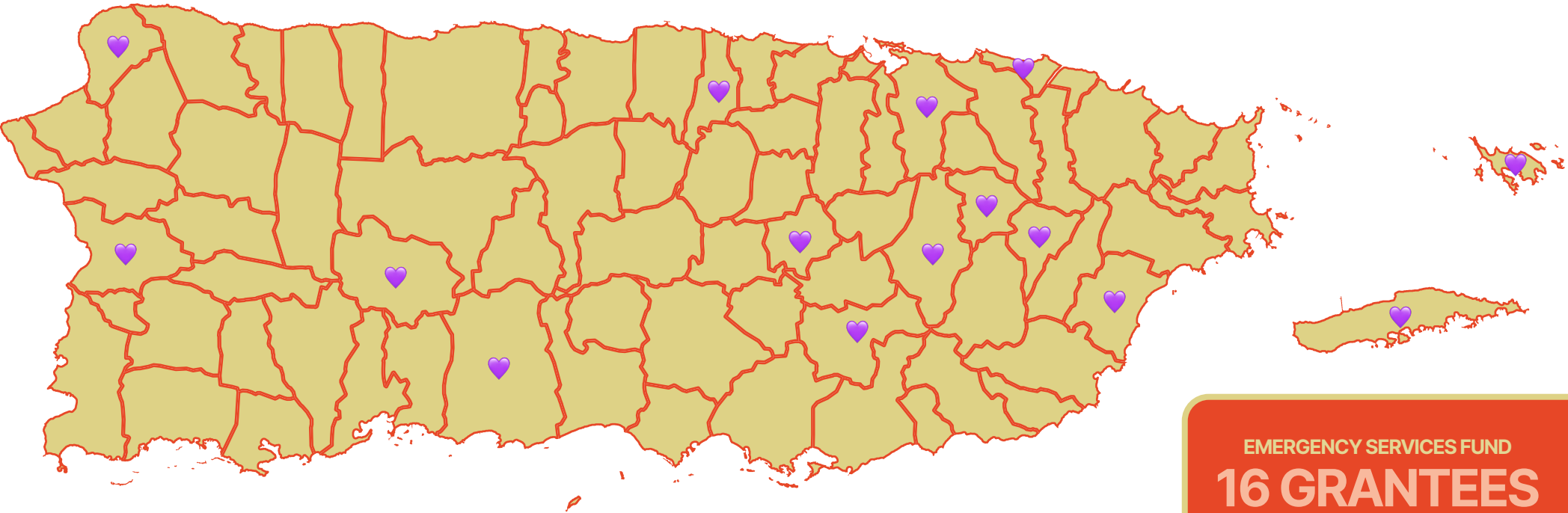
Invests in the economic development of women led organizations through subsidies aimed at the development of economic projects that promote sustainability, organizational development, administrative support and access to seed capital.

**EMERGENCY SERVICES FUND**  
**\$297,000 - 16 GRANTEES**

Awarded on an emergency basis in response to climate disasters, aimed at supporting operational, logistical, structural reconstruction, employment support, hiring of emergency personnel, acquisition of emergency equipment and other administrative matters.



# Our reach and investment across the archipelago.



Visit our website to learn more about their work:  
<https://fundacionmujerespuertorico.org/>

REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE FUND  
**6 GRANTEES**

Alianza Mujeres Viequenses  
Vieques

Caderamen  
Gurabo & southern region

Campaña Aborto Libre  
Islandwide

Mujeres de Islas  
Culebra

Nuestra Escuela  
Caguas & Loíza

Wet Justice  
Islandwide

GENDER JUSTICE FUND  
**5 GRANTEES**

Alianza Mujeres Viequenses  
Vieques

Casa Juana Colón Apoyo y Orientación a la Mujer  
Comerío

La Sombrilla Cuir  
San Juan & Islandwide

Proyecto Matria  
Caguas & surrounding area

Todas PR  
Islandwide

ECONOMIC JUSTICE FUND  
**5 GRANTEES**

A Flor de Piel  
Islandwide

Casa Juana Colón Apoyo y Orientación a la Mujer  
Comerío

Casa Protegida Julia de Burgos  
Islandwide

Todas PR  
Islandwide

Proyecto Matria  
Caguas

SIEMPREVIVAS RUM  
Mayagüez & western region

EMERGENCY SERVICES FUND  
**16 GRANTEES**

Caderamen  
Gurabo y área sur

Casa Juana Colón Apoyo y Orientación a la Mujer  
Comerío

Casa La Bondad  
Humacao

Casa Protegida Julia de Burgo  
Islandwide

Centro de la Mujer Dominicana  
San Juan

Colectivo Ilé  
Islandwide

Fundesco, Hogar La Piedad  
Caguas

Coordinadora Paz para las Mujeres, Centro Paz para Tí  
Adjuntas

Hogar Nueva Mujer Santa María de la Merced  
Islandwide

Hogar Ruth Para Mujeres Maltratadas  
Vega Alta

La Casa de Todos  
Islandwide

Mujeres de Islas  
Culebra

Proyecto Matria  
Caguas & surrounding area

SIEMPREVIVAS RUM  
Mayagüez & western region

SIEMPREVIVAS METRO  
San Juan



# Our Partners, Our Community



“Many of the inequalities that exist in Puerto Rico are not just a byproduct of colonialism, to understand the complexities we also have to look at it through a racial lens.”

Kimberly Figueroa Calderón,  
Director of Program for Colectivo Ilé



“Abortion is a health and human right. It should be available to any woman and pregnant person who needs it. We focus our efforts on deepening the conversation around abortion, and expanding these services for those that need it.”

Yari Vale Moreno,  
Cofounder of Aborto Libre Puerto Rico



“Food sovereignty is a way to secure the future. Having the possibility of producing your own food is liberating. We organize in our community to promote fair economic development for farmers and for people to consume local products in Vieques.”

Elda Guadalupe Carrasquillo,  
Co-Founder of La Colmena Cimarrona



“I am grateful and proud of the work that the foundation does because they make visible the conditions in which us women work and also prioritize the exchange of resources and experiences to support and strengthen the ecosystem of organizations and the leaders in their network”

Coraly León Morales,  
President of the Board of Directors of Red Nacional de Albergues de Violencia de Género

# WE DID THIS.

Grateful. This work is made possible thanks to the Foundations and individual donors that have committed to supporting this ecosystem of organizations.

2022 Hurricane Fiona Emergency Fund 179 Individual Donors



2023 Supporters 119 Individual Donors







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