



**FIGHTING POVERTY  
FROM THE GROUND...**

# UP

**2.7 MILLION**

More than two in five New York City households struggle to meet their basic needs—that's more than 2.7 million men, women, and children.



## FPWA: FIGHTING POVERTY FROM THE GROUND UP

FPWA is an anti-poverty policy and advocacy organization committed to economic opportunity and upward mobility for low-income communities.

A prominent New York presence for nearly 100 years, FPWA has long served New York City's social service system, providing support grants to help low-income groups meet basic needs while advocating for fair public policies on behalf of people in need and the agencies that serve them. FPWA's member network of 170 human service and faith-based organizations reaches some 1.5 million people in New York's underserved communities each year.

## ROOTED IN COMMUNITY AND THE CORRIDORS OF POWER, FPWA SEEKS TO:

1. Dismantle systemic barriers and harmful policies that undermine upward mobility;
2. Drive policy and systems change to enhance economic opportunity for low-income groups;
3. Strengthen nonprofits and the communities they serve by informing and inspiring leadership.

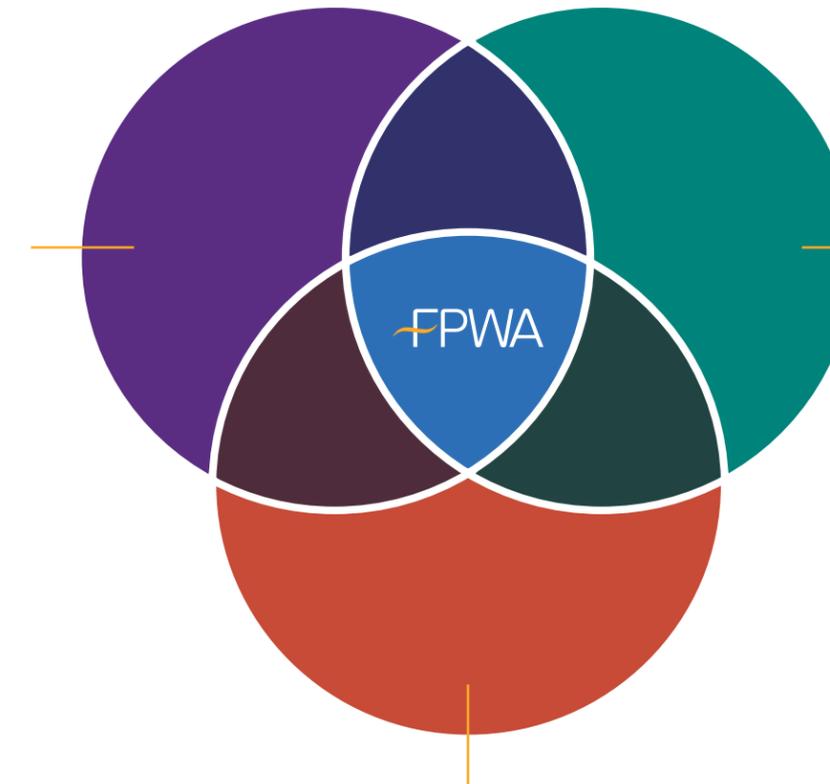
## OUR IMPACT

It's not enough to move people out of poverty. FPWA strives for true economic security and stability, grounding its efforts in the Self-Sufficiency Standard—a more accurate measure of a household's actual cost of living—in laying the groundwork for a more inclusive and equitable economy.

FPWA strengthens low-income communities, eliminates barriers to upward mobility, and fights entrenched poverty by fostering economic equity in three critical ways:

### Creating Ground Breaking Change

Advocating for policy changes that improve the lives of millions of New Yorkers.



### Supporting Nonprofits from the Ground Up

Strengthening the capacity of human service agencies, faith-based institutions, and community leaders to meet the needs of the communities they serve.

### Strengthening Individuals and Families at the Ground Level

Ensuring targeted financial support to help thousands of New Yorkers meet basic needs.



# 1 CREATING GROUNDBREAKING CHANGE

**FPWA addresses the historical, structural, and institutional inequities that continue to foster cycles of poverty and prevent low-income individuals and communities of color from moving up the economic ladder. Rooted in our communities and in the corridors of power, FPWA’s policy and program work aims to dismantle systemic barriers and harmful policies and drive large-scale policy change to promote economic opportunity and inclusion for low-income communities.**

## EXAMPLES OF FPWA IN ACTION

- **Fiscal Policy Analysis and Advocacy**  
FPWA engages in fiscal, tax, and budget policy analysis and advocacy to strengthen federal, state, and city investments in programs that serve low- and middle-income New Yorkers.
- **Legislative Advocacy**  
FPWA advocates for legislation that sustains social safety nets, expands access to affordable healthcare, and narrows the economic divide across New York State.
- **Criminal Justice Advocacy**  
FPWA’s “Ending the Poverty to Prison Pipeline” initiative aims to strengthen policies and health and human services programs for low-income, justice-involved groups.
- **Support for Older Adults**  
To ensure a stronger safety net for older adults, FPWA spearheads advocacy efforts in New York City to secure millions in city funding to address historic underinvestment.
- **Human Services Sector Investments**  
To ensure quality services, FPWA advocates for city and state investments in the human services sector—its workforce, infrastructure, and public contracts.
- **Workforce Development**  
FPWA campaigns for city funding for alternative small business models and support for New York’s growing day laborer workforce.

# 30,000

**FPWA’s advocacy efforts secured wage increases and a \$15/hour minimum wage for nearly 30,000 human services workers.**



## 2 SUPPORTING NONPROFITS FROM THE GROUND UP



**Nonprofits and faith institutions are often the first line of defense in combatting poverty by providing critical services to our hardest-to-reach residents. Recognizing this vital role, FPWA works to strengthen the capacity of human service agencies and faith institutions through workshops and trainings in leadership development, organizational management, and civic engagement. In equipping agency leadership and staff with the skills and tools to empower their communities, FPWA inspires change and helps lead critical conversations centered on advocacy and equity.**

### EXAMPLES OF FPWA IN ACTION

- **Center for Leadership Development**  
FPWA's CLD provides training and technical assistance to strengthen the capacity of community- and faith-based organizations to help local leaders more effectively engage their communities.
- **Faith-Rooted Trainings**  
FPWA offers comprehensive trainings for faith leaders and activists on effective government engagement and mobilizing on-the-ground advocates for social justice-centered policy advocacy.
- **Innovation Grants**  
FPWA provides program grants, technical assistance, and ongoing guidance to support the development of creative nonprofit programs serving critical community needs.
- **Group Purchasing Services**  
FPWA's purchasing partnership allows member agencies and 501(c)(3) nonprofits to tap significant benefits and discounted pricing on high-quality products and services regardless of quantities.

# 500

Since 2015, FPWA has trained more than 500 community leaders and activists serving in human service and faith-based organizations.





# 3 STRENGTHENING INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES AT THE GROUND LEVEL

**Millions of New Yorkers struggle to meet basic needs every day. To assist families and individuals facing financial hardship, FPWA provides a range of financial assistance grants through its member network of 170 human services agencies and faith-based institutions. These cash grants allow FPWA to provide direct support for low-income New Yorkers struggling to meet basic needs.**

## EXAMPLES OF FPWA IN ACTION

- **Youth Supports**  
FPWA provides financial assistance grants to help families access quality summer camps and awards scholarships to help low-income college juniors stay enrolled in higher education.
- **Emergency Grants**  
FPWA distributes a range of one-time emergency grants to help households meet basic needs or unforeseen emergencies—whether transportation, food, clothing, or household costs, etc.
- **Food and Shelter Program**  
FPWA assists families and communities experiencing food insecurity by coordinating and supplying a network of faith-based food pantries and soup kitchens across New York City.
- **Senior Stipends**  
FPWA provides financial assistance to New York City residents 66 years of age and older, ensuring that those living on fixed incomes have access to ongoing support, services, and dignity at home.

25,000

FPWA's support grants helped more than 25,000 families meet critical needs in 2016 alone.



# JOIN US: HELP FIGHT POVERTY FROM THE GROUND UP

FPWA promotes economic opportunity and upward mobility for low-income communities by laying the groundwork for a more inclusive and equitable economy—creating groundbreaking change, supporting nonprofits from the ground up, and strengthening individuals and families at the ground level.

We invite you to get involved, support our work, and follow our progress:



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**Our vision for economic equity requires an economic system that enables people to sustain themselves, their families and their communities, eliminating the injustices and disparities that create and perpetuate poverty.**



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