

The League of Women Voters of Illinois: 100th Anniversary Campaign
“Celebrating Our First 100 Years! Investing in Our Second!”

A Second Option for Giving – Making a Lead Gift of \$10,000 or more

Our plan is to raise the second half of our \$200,000 goal through generous contributions of \$10,000 or more by individuals, companies, foundations, and families supporting the work of the League of Women Voters of Illinois. We've already received the first \$25,000 so we're one quarter of the way there!

These funds will ensure our existing staff are fairly compensated with adequate benefits and provide the opportunity to expand our staff by at least one full time position. Although volunteers are the backbone of our organization, our paid professionals sustain the continuity and consistency of our work. They staff our state office insuring that our website is regularly updated, our accounting is accurate, and our events are well coordinated and promoted. They are busy right now working with LWWUS as we prepare to be a gracious host for the 2018 National LWWUS Convention in Chicago. They facilitate grant writing, administer the funds, and submit the reports for the LWVIL as a whole and for local Leagues who use the 501(c)(3) Education Fund status to accept tax-deductible gifts and apply for grants. Our Executive Director is frequently the voice and face of the LWVIL within our statewide coalitions. We will expand our existing staff by adding a Development Director, a smart and effective investment allowing us to be more intentional about developing donor relationships and expanding our fundraising capabilities.

For either giving option, the gifts can be made to the LWVIL Education Fund, our 501c3, so that the contribution may be tax deductible.