



The needs of women are often better represented by fellow women who hold elected office



4 of PA's

18 members of US Congress are women, up from zero in 2016 (2021)

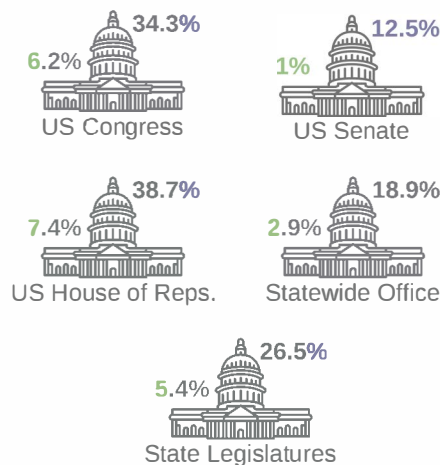


2 out of 3

commissioners in Chester County are female (2021)

Women of Color in Office

(2016 vs. 2021)



Voting Rates in Pennsylvania

(2020)

Women

Men



34%

of elected state and local seats for governing bodies and row offices in Chester County are held by women (2021)

What The Fund Will Do

ENCOURAGE young women through our Girls Advisory Board and GirlGov Chester County programs to become politically informed and involved.

EDUCATE the community about the findings of the Blueprint Report through informative events, print and social media.

CONVENE women's groups, organizations, community members and other stakeholders to develop a collective plan to promote female political participation.



What You Can Do

- Maintain a searchable database of vacancies on county and/or municipal boards, commissions, and committees in order to motivate women in Chester County to become more involved in public life. Recruit women to fill these vacancies, both elected or volunteer.
- Encourage girls to be involved in public life and give them opportunities to meet female community leaders and politicians.
- Provide campaign training for female candidates.
- Create leadership programs for all women with an emphasis on women of color.
- Encourage women, and women of color specifically, to run for public office. Most people do not go from zero participation to running for office. Help on campaigns, knock on doors, work with a local party, or donate to campaigns.
- Encourage voter turnout.



The Fund for Women and Girls leads and unites the community through philanthropy and advocacy to ensure that women and girls have resources and opportunities to thrive. For the full Blueprint Report: www.thefundcc.org/research