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2022 Spring Grant Making – Black Women-Led Organization Capacity Building Grant Awards

Affinity Community Services	Black Women-Led Organization Capacity Building	Award: \$52,000
<p>Organization Description Affinity is a social justice organization serving the needs of the Black LGBTQ+ community with a particular focus on Black women. We envision a society where being your authentic self is not a liability and differences are fully embraced. Our priorities are in supporting education, health, wellness and safety, as well as advocacy, organizing and civic engagement.</p>		
Black Girls Dance	Black Women-Led Organization Capacity Building	Award: \$22,800
<p>Organization Description Not only will Black Girls Dance® cultivate, empower, and support women in pursuing their dream of performing, but we will also grant monetary scholarships to pre-professionals so they can train at the studio or institution of their choice! The vision of Black Girls Dance® is to expand its conferences nationally and globally until it becomes the largest monetary scholarship resource for female dancers of color.</p>		
Ladies of Virtue	Black Women-Led Organization Capacity Building	Award: \$65,000
<p>Organization Description Ladies of Virtue’s (LOV) mission is to instill purpose, passion, and perseverance in girls, while preparing them for college, careers, and to become change agents in their communities. LOV launched in 2011 with six girls and has grown to serve 245 girls (ages 9 to 24) annually who live across Chicago’s South and West Sides. Since its founding, LOV has served more than 2,000 girls and families. LOV empowers Black girls to become confident and purpose-driven leaders so they may overcome the challenges of racial inequity and succeed in their careers and communities. It matches our girls with culturally aligned, successful women as mentors and prepare girls for leadership through character development, career readiness, and civic engagement. LOV supports graduates up to 6 years after high-school. Today, it is the only Black founded organization offering a unique community-based model that integrates career readiness training, mentoring, & mental health support specifically for girls.</p>		

Love, Unity & Values Institute	Black Women-Led Organization Capacity Building	Award: \$65,000
Organization Description Inspire hope and empower underserved youth with economic opportunities while building resiliency and social-emotional competencies.		

Of Color	Black Women-Led Organization Capacity Building	Award: \$42,000
Organization Description Of Color, Inc. is Black woman-led organization with rich history delivering workforce development and housing services. Located on the South Side of Chicago, its mission is to help people of “all colors” enhance their own economic and education goals. Of Color Inc believes that people “Of All Colors” can grow economically and together while contributing to the larger society, if they are exposed to the positive resources that their communities and that same larger society has to offer them. Helping one person in the family unit is an extension to the whole family and is an ongoing goal to close the racial and ethnic wealth gap in the city of Chicago. Of Color Inc works hard to assist economically disadvantaged families that walk through its doors in one uniform and holistic manner, not excluding any person that has a need. Most of the families that the agency serves are minorities and women-led households.		

Southside Center of Hope	Black Women-Led Organization Capacity Building	Award: \$49,000
Organization Description Southside Center of Hope’s program combines evidence-based practices with the 12 Step Program. This model addresses addiction as the main problem while also addressing related issues of genetic predisposition; health consequences; shame; isolation; trauma; history of mental, physical and sexual abuse; and behavioral health issues.		
Southside Center of Hope collaborates with hospitals, physicians, medication assisted treatment programs, social services and community agencies to women with substance use disorders to receive the care they need. We believe women can achieve recovery and build a strong and stable foundation for their family. Through daily schedules, women develop healthy habits necessary to be successful and learn to live drug and alcohol free.		