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Triangle Capacity Building Network Awards \$312,000 in Capacity Building Grants to Local Nonprofits Led by and Serving People of Color

Research Triangle Park, May 17, 2021: Triangle Capacity Building Network, comprised of a collaborative of local funders, has awarded \$312,000 in capacity building grants as part of their continued commitment to the nonprofit ecosystem in the region. These grants, ranging between \$10,000 - \$15,000 and awarded to 24 local organizations, prioritize nonprofits led by and serving people of color. The grants will support staff and leadership's ability to invest in an organizational capacity-building project that will allow their organization to better serve the community.

The grant recipients are as follows: Abundance NC, Amir Institute, BUMP: The Triangle, Communities In Schools of Wake County, Education Justice Alliance, El Pueblo, Inc., Emancipate NC, Equity Before Birth, H.E.A.R.T.S., Hispanic Liaison, KIRAN, Inc., Partners for Environmental Justice, Raleigh Immigrant Community Inc., Raleigh Police Accountability Community Taskforce (PACT), School of the Arts for Boys Academy, Self-Discovery Transitional Living Program, Shepherd's Care Medical Clinic, StandUp-SpeakOut of North Carolina, StrongHER TogetHER, Student U, The Marian Cheek Jackson Center for Saving and Making History, The Gifted Arts, Inc., Village of Wisdom, and Walltown Children's Theatre.

"We are excited about this slate of grants. When we started working together as funders, we aimed to support the capacity of nonprofits in the Triangle region. As we did the research, we learned that only 10% of nonprofits are led by people of color, despite there being leaders of color with the education, experience, and willingness to lead. Also, white-led groups have historically had greater access to resources. This all pointed to the need to address structural racism by changing how we did the grantmaking and who received the funding," said Millie Brobston, Programme Officer, Special Interest Grants at Oak Foundation. "For the how, we are using participatory grantmaking by engaging an advisory committee made up of community leaders to make the grantmaking decisions. For the who, the funding is directed to organizations led by and serving people of color. The research shows that those most "proximate" to the community are most effective in moving forward solutions to address the concerns of the community."

Triangle Capacity-Building Network, in partnership with other funders and donors, is committed to funding as part of their collaborative strategy to strengthen the business models, financial health, and sustainability of nonprofits in our region. The Network also provides education and learning resources to Triangle-based nonprofits.

The Network welcomes other funders and donors to join this funding effort for future capacity-building measures related to COVID-19 and other critical needs in our community. For more information, contact Tanaya Suddreth Lynch at tanaya@trianglecf.org. To donate directly, visit www.trianglecf.org/donate and choose "Fund for the Triangle."

Triangle Capacity-Building Network

The Network is actively made up of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina Foundation, Fidelity Charitable Trustees' Initiative, John Rex Endowment, Oak Foundation, The Mary Duke Biddle Foundation, and Triangle Community Foundation, with other regional funders and nonprofit consultants also participating. It is focused on disrupting the status quo, changing the narrative, and doing things differently in the nonprofit sector and the community it serves. Since its creation in 2014, they have commissioned research, engaged nonprofits in conversations about capacity building, and built a strategic direction with a desired outcome of creating strong nonprofits in the Triangle region of North Carolina.