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CFT AWARDS \$250,000 ACROSS 20 LOCAL NONPROFITS IN SUPPORT OF RACIAL EQUITY

Grants will support nonprofits addressing systemic racial inequity in our communities

Dallas, TX – January 16, 2023 -- Communities Foundation of Texas (CFT) recently partnered with [The Dallas Foundation \(TDF\)](#) to support nonprofits addressing systemic racial inequity in our communities. Supported programs include mentoring and tutoring for youth, social emotional and mental health services, access to healthy food, maternal healthcare, legal services for citizenship, and connection to living wage jobs. A total of \$250,000 was awarded across 20 nonprofits.

“As we work to advance equity, we are eager to increase our understanding of the landscape and needs of equity-focused organizations across North Texas,” said **Wende Burton**, CFT’s Chief Philanthropy Officer.

After hosting a [Racial Equity grant process](#) in 2022, The Dallas Foundation made 25 grants to nonprofits working to address the ongoing disparities and systematic and persistent gaps in outcomes in Dallas for Black & Hispanic residents. CFT had the opportunity to continue this effort in fully funding or partially funding additional grant applications.

“We received more than 250 requests during the application stage of our inaugural racial equity funding cycle in 2022,” said The Dallas Foundation’s Chief Impact Officer **Drexell Owusu**. “There is a significant need for more donors and partners to work with us to close this gap. We appreciate the spirit of partnership from Communities Foundation of Texas in stepping up to support this funding cycle by making grants to additional nonprofits doing this important work. Our continued collaborative efforts across so many facets of our work are truly making Dallas a brighter place for all our neighbors.”

“CFT is grateful that we had this opportunity to help amplify the impact of The Dallas Foundation's equity-focused efforts by fully funding or partially funding additional nonprofits who applied for grant funding,” said Burton. “Our goal from this collaboration is to learn from and elevate the nonprofits that are working hard, and often without adequate support or attention, to confront systemic racial inequity in our communities.”

The 20 nonprofits who received funding from Communities Foundation of Texas are: **Any Step Community Services**, **Big Thought**, **Community Does It**, **Dallas Bethlehem Center**, **Delighted to Doula Birth Services**, **Empowering the Masses**, **Firme DFW**, **Frazier Revitalization, Inc.**, **Harmony CDC**, **Heart of Courage**, **Homeward Bound, Inc.**, **Leadership Forward Mentoring Program**, **Light of Hope Immigration Law Center**, **POETIC**, **Rae's Hope**, **Southern Dallas Link, Inc.**, **Texas Muslim Women's Foundation**, **Viola's House**, **Youth Believing in Change**, and **Youth Guidance**. 90% of these nonprofit grantees have an executive leader that is a person of color.

Learn more about each of the nonprofits that received funding from CFT and what the grants will support below:

Name of Organization	Grant Amount Awarded	What's Being Funded
<u>Any Step Community Services</u>	\$5,000.00	High nutritional foods for senior households
<u>Big Thought</u>	\$25,000.00	A two-year, dual generation cohort model to support youth and their families in South Oak Cliff and Vickery Meadows
<u>Community Does It</u>	\$15,000.00	Family mental health services in Pleasant Grove
<u>Dallas Bethlehem Center</u>	\$15,000.00	Resources to build Fair Park neighborhood's communication, collaboration, and resilience
<u>Delighted to Doula Birth Services</u>	\$30,000.00	Community-based postpartum doula program, one year of support, at-home visits, and education

<u>Empowering the Masses</u>	\$20,000.00	Personalized life skills, educational training, and access to healthy food in underserved communities
<u>Firme DFW</u>	\$5,000.00	Scholarships and a four-year mentorship program to Oak Cliff high school students
<u>Frazier Revitalization, Inc.</u>	\$10,000.00	Restorative Farm's Grow Boxes and Community-Supported Agriculture participation for South Dallas residents
<u>Harmony CDC</u>	\$5,000.00	Career and financial pathways to increase earnings, job security and financial empowerment
<u>Heart of Courage</u>	\$10,000.00	Parent peer mentoring program for mothers involved with CPS in Southern Dallas
<u>Homeward Bound, Inc.</u>	\$10,000.00	Internships and scholarships for students who are Persons of Color to pursue behavioral health employment

<p><u>Leadership Forward Mentoring Program</u></p>	<p>\$15,000.00</p>	<p>Bridging the racial equity gap through high touch, one-on-one mentoring for students from under-resourced DISD schools</p>
<p><u>Light of Hope Immigration Law Center</u></p>	<p>\$20,000.00</p>	<p>Expansion to serve low-income immigrants in Dallas County access citizenship</p>
<p><u>POETIC</u></p>	<p>\$5,000.00</p>	<p>Supportive services to empower youth and break the generational cycle of exploitation, trafficking, and incarceration</p>
<p><u>Rae's Hope</u></p>	<p>\$5,000.00</p>	<p>Team sports and life skills building for girls from under-resourced communities in Southern Dallas</p>
<p><u>Southern Dallas Link, Inc.</u></p>	<p>\$5,000.00</p>	<p>Linking Southern Dallas residents to living wage jobs</p>
<p><u>Texas Muslim Women's Foundation</u></p>	<p>\$5,000.00</p>	<p>Culturally responsive support for BIPOC domestic violence survivors in Dallas County</p>

<u>Viola's House</u>	\$20,000.00	Support for Baby Benefit Boutique for mothers who complete parenting and pregnancy classes
<u>Youth Believing in Change</u>	\$5,000.00	Academic tutoring for students from under-resourced communities
<u>Youth Guidance</u>	\$20,000.00	Social emotional programs in DISD schools with high dropout rates and high poverty

In 2022, our partners at The Dallas Foundation awarded \$2.5 million across 25 nonprofits through their inaugural racial equity funding cycle to address the ongoing disparities and systematic and persistent gaps in outcomes in Dallas for Black & Hispanic residents. [Learn more about these 25 grants here](#), and learn more about their Racial Equity Fund [here](#).

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About Communities Foundation of Texas

The mission of Communities Foundation of Texas (CFT) is to improve the lives of all people in our community by investing in their health, wealth, living, and learning. CFT works to accomplish this by growing community giving, expanding community impact, and advancing community equity.

With a vision of building thriving communities for all, CFT works locally and across the state with many individuals, families, companies, foundations, and nonprofits through a variety of charitable funds and strategic grantmaking initiatives. CFT professionally manages more than 1,200 charitable funds and has awarded more than \$2.5 billion in grants since its founding in 1953.

CFT is committed to serving and understanding donor needs, expertly handling complex gifts, wisely managing charitable funds, and leveraging its community knowledge to increase charitable impact, in addition to powering several initiatives including the W. W. Caruth, Jr. Fund at CFT, CFT for Business, Educate Texas at CFT, Emerging Leaders in Philanthropy at CFT, GiveWisely, and CFT’s North Texas

Giving Day. CFT's North Texas Giving Day raised over \$62 million on a single day in 2022 to help over 3,200 North Texas nonprofits. Learn more at www.CFTexas.org.