

## FY24 BCC GRANTEES

### National:

#### Economic Empowerment

- **Black Girl Ventures** (Alexandria, VA) supports its efforts to provide Black/Brown woman-identifying founders with access to community, capital and capacity building to support entrepreneurship. Learn more: <https://www.blackgirlventures.org/>

#### Education Innovation

- **Black Girls CODE** (Oakland, CA) changes the narrative surrounding racial and gender diversity in STEM by educating and empowering girls and young women of color to step into the industry. Learn more: <https://www.wearebgc.org/>

- **All Star Code** (New York City, NY) prepares underserved groups, particularly Black and Latino men, for careers in the innovation economy through computer science education organization. Learn more: <https://allstarcode.org/>

- **YMAN (Youth Mentoring Action Network)** (Los Angeles, CA) is a youth power-building organization facilitating transformative mentoring, education and wellness opportunities with young people across the globe. Learn more: <https://www.yman.org/>

#### Social Justice Reform

- **National Coalition on Black Civic Participation** (Washington, D.C.) increases civic engagement and voter participation in Black and underserved communities, striving to create an enlightened community by engaging people in all aspects of public life through service/volunteerism, advocacy, leadership development and voting. Learn more: <https://www.ncbcp.org/>

- **NAACP Empowerment Programs** (Washington, D.C.) builds inclusive criminal justice policies, healthcare systems, economies and classrooms through its commitment to dismantle racism and disrupt inequality. Learn more: <https://naacp.org/empowerment-programs>

### Local:

#### Boston:

- **Citizens for Juvenile Justice (CfJJ)** prioritizes illuminating, addressing and ending racial ethnic disparities that impact young people at every decision point throughout Massachusetts' youth justice system. Learn more: <https://www.cfjj.org/>

- **Youth Guidance Boston** creates and implements school-based programs that enable children to overcome obstacles, focus on their education and, ultimately, to succeed in school and in life. Learn more: <https://www.youth-guidance.org/youth-guidance-boston/>
- **Roca, Inc.** is focused on being a relentless force in disrupting incarceration, poverty and racism by addressing the young adults, police and systems at the center of urban violence to address trauma, find hope and drive change. Learn more: <https://rocainc.org/>

### **Chicago:**

- **Chicago Scholars** works to develop deep collaborations with community-based organizations in partnership with more than 190 selective enrollment and Ivy League college and universities. Learn more: <https://chicagoscholars.org/>
- **Grow Greater Englewood** works with residents and developers to create sustainable local food economies, green businesses and land sovereignty to empower residents to create wellness and wealth. Learn more: <https://www.growgreater.org/>
- **Austin Coming Together (ACT)** provides backbone support for a 50+ network of non-profit, faith-based, public and private entities, increasing the collective impact of their member organizations by improving education and economic development outcomes. Learn more: <https://austincomingtogether.org/>
- **The Bloc** contributes to the momentum of improving Chicago's future by attracting youth least likely to join mentoring and tutoring programs – kids who like to fight. Learn more: <https://theblocchicago.org/>
- **Dion's Chicago Dream** improves health outcomes and centers health equity through its industry-leading approach to addressing food security at the intersection of last-mile delivery and logistics. Learn more: <https://dionschicagodream.com/>
- **Young, Black & Lit** increases access to children's books that center, reflect and affirm the experiences of Black children. Learn more: <https://youngblackandlit.org/>
- **The Gray Matter Experience** inspires, educates and empowers the next generation of Black changemakers by bridging the entrepreneurial knowledge gap and driving positive community change. Learn more: <https://www.graymatterexperience.com/>
- **Coffee, Hip Hop & Mental Health** educates and removes the financial, systematic and emotional barriers to make therapy more accessible for the Black communities of Chicago. Learn more: <https://chhamh.org/>

### **Los Angeles:**

- **Our Own** dismantles systemic barriers in nutrition, education, entrepreneurship, mental health and physical fitness to further bridge the gap to ensure racial equity and social justice. Learn more: <https://www.ourown.com/>

- **Children Striving Together** supports at-risk youth and children in LA and Orange Counties by offering a variety of activities and events that foster their growth as individuals. Learn more: <https://www.childrenstrivingtogether.org/>

- **ThinkWatts Foundation** focuses on community grassroots activations, including developing financial literacy programming with rental assistance and utility bill relief, custom container-housing solutions for the homeless and re-entry population, food and essential goods distributions, and charitable fundraising through entertainment industry efforts. Learn more: <https://www.thinkwattsfoundation.org/>

- **LA Jets Track Club** supports Black elementary youth in the LA area in track and field. Volunteer coaches prepare the athletes to compete in meets and potentially gain track and field scholarships to universities and colleges around the United States. Learn more: <http://www.lajetstrackclub.org/>

- **Yetunde Price Resource Center** (fiscal sponsor Driving Force Group) collaborates with partner organizations to offer trauma-informed programs that promote individual and community-wide healing and resiliency. Learn more: <https://www.yprcla.org/>

## **Memphis:**

- **Junior Achievement Memphis** ensures that all children in Memphis and the Mid-South have the tools they need to build the careers and futures they want. Learn more: <https://jamemphis.org/>

- **Soulsville Foundation** perpetuates the soul of Stax Records by preserving its rich cultural legacy, educating youth to be prepared for life success and inspiring future artists to achieve their dreams. Learn more: <https://soulsvillefoundation.org/>

- **New Ballet Ensemble** brings children and youth together by providing a professional standard of dance training, regardless of the ability to pay. Learn more: <https://newballet.org/>

- **HBCU Awareness Foundation** establishes programs and partnerships to support students attending, or planning to attend a Historically Black College or University. Learn more: <https://hbcuawarenessfoundation.org/>

- **PURE Youth** provides an outstanding education, athletic and living experience, which equips students with academic, critical thinking and character development, to become productive men who contribute positively to the community around them. Learn more: <https://pureacademy901.com/>

- **Streets Ministries** engages, encourages and equips youth to achieve their potential by realizing their God-given purpose. Learn more: <https://www.streetsministries.org/>

- **Vance Avenue Youth Development** maximizes the learning potential of the children in the Memphis community through after school and summer enrichment programs that emphasize core academic studies. The center is also focused on the physical and emotional well-being of the children by providing essential items as well as promoting life skills such as self-esteem, effective decision making, and drug and alcohol abuse prevention. Learn more: <http://youthdevcenter.org/>

- **Schoolseed Foundation for Whitehaven High School Band** enhances the learning and well-being of students and teachers in public schools by providing resources and support in the classroom and support that extends beyond the classroom. Learn more:

<https://www.schoolseed.org/>

- **Knowledge Quest** equips youth and their families to maximize their potential through education, wellness and economic stability. Learn more: <https://knowledgequest.org/>

- **Habitat for Humanity Memphis** helps local families build or improve places they can call home through affordable home mortgages, rehabilitation projects and renovations to help seniors live in their homes longer. Learn more: <https://www.memphishabitat.com/>

- **Black Seeds Urban Farm** is a local food movement that is rooted in the desire to grow honest, non-toxic fruits and vegetables for Memphians who have little or no access to sustainable foods. Learn more: <https://www.blackseedsurbanfarm.com/>

- **Girls Inc** works to advance the rights and opportunities of girls and young women through public policy and advocacy. Girls Inc. of Memphis increases opportunities for our girls while making society more equitable for all girls. Learn more:

<https://www.girlsincmemphis.org/>

- **Kudzukian** creates "turn-key" production of on-demand virtual, in-studio, and livestream content across all media platforms. Kudzukian, an independently owned branded audio and visual content producer, was created to fill an opening in the digi-sphere for distinctly unique voices.

- **LITE Memphis:** is committed to guiding Black and Latino/a/x students through transformative entrepreneurship education, aiming for systemic economic change in Memphis and beyond. . Learn more: <https://www.litememphis.org/home>

- **MIFA** is meeting the emerging needs of aging neighbors and families in crisis in Memphis and Shelby County. Learn more: <https://www.mifa.org/>

- **LeMoyne Owen College** is Memphis' only HBCU, delivering transformative and inspiring educational experiences to prepare students for a lifetime of leadership, scholarship, service and success. Learn more: <https://www.loc.edu/>

### **New York City:**

- **Bronx Community Foundation** supports and invests in community power to eradicate inequity and build sustainable futures for all Bronxites. Learn more: <https://thebronx.org/>

- **Center for NYC Neighborhoods** promotes and protects affordable homeownership in New York so that middle- and working-class families can build strong, thriving communities. Learn more: <https://cnycn.org/>

- **Dance Theatre of Harlem** carries forward a message of empowerment through performances, community engagement and arts education. Learn more: <https://www.dancetheatreofharlem.org/>

- **Good Call NYC** works to disrupt the cycle of mass incarceration. The organization empowers communities of color and create systemic transformation by using technology

and community organizing to provide immediate access to legal support. Learn more: <https://goodcall.org/en/>

- **Harlem Grown** inspires youth to lead healthy and ambitious lives through mentorship and hands-on education in urban farming, sustainability and nutrition. Learn more: <https://www.harlemgrown.org/>

- **Heart, Body & Soul** is a resource to Black men, particularly in underserved communities, as it relates to their physical and mental health, and improving communication between Black men, their healthcare providers and their families. Learn more: <https://iamhbs.org/>

- **The HOPE Program** empowers New Yorkers to build sustainable futures through comprehensive training, jobs, advancement and lifelong career support. Learn more: <https://www.thehopeprogram.org/>

- **One Love Community Fridge** works to eradicate hunger, food insecurity, malnutrition and the stigma associated with all three, through an integrated, multi-generational and inclusive movement that centers access to fresh foods, nutrition education and sustainability. Learn more: <https://www.onelovecommunityfridge.org/>

- **Robin Hood Foundation** is finding, fueling and creating the most impactful and scalable solutions to lift families out of poverty in New York City, partnering with over 250 nonprofits to support food, housing, education, legal services, workforce development and more to New Yorkers living in poverty across all five boroughs. Learn more: <https://www.robinhood.org/>

### **Portland:**

- **Portland Opportunities Industrialization Center** provides the highest quality services in alternative education, mentoring, family outreach, employment training and placement. Learn more: <https://www.portlandoic.org/>

- **Elevate Oregon** empowers young people toward success and leadership, with the goal that they become a strong, positive influence in the community through long-term, culturally responsive instruction and mentoring support. Learn more: <https://www.elevateoregon.org/>

- **Word is Bond** supports a truth and reconciliation process between young Black men and law enforcement through leadership development, critical dialogue and engagement. Learn more: <https://www.mywordisbond.org/>

### **St. Louis:**

- **Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis** empowers African Americans and others throughout the region of St. Louis in securing economic self-reliance, social equality and civil rights. Learn more: <https://www.ulstl.com/economic-opportunity.html#/>

- **ArchCity Defenders of St. Louis** helps people who are inescapably targeted and punished by the criminal justice legal system. Arch City uses holistic legal advocacy to fight with our clients in court, help families rebuild their lives together, and bring civil rights lawsuits to

challenge the direct abuses of the criminal legal system. Learn more: <https://www.archcitydefenders.org/our-impact/expungement/>

- **Riverview West Florissant Development Corporation** focuses on strengthening and stabilizing neighborhoods north of St. Louis City, and has developed, or rehabbed, using green building techniques, over 150 homes for low to moderate income families since 1994. Learn more: <https://www.facebook.com/riverviewwestflorissant/>

- **BKM for Life - Foundation** empowers people in the St. Louis community to become healthier citizens by becoming more active and encouraging healthier food choices. Learn more: <https://www.bkm4life.org/about>

- **The Sophia Project** engages, educates and empowers young women to make sound decisions, embrace personal awareness and build healthy relationships, asking each young woman to invest in their development with human capital, trusting relationships and weekly exposure to role models based in the St. Louis area. Learn more: <https://www.thesophiaproject.org/>