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Triangle Capacity-Building Network Awards \$290,000 in COVID-19 Stabilization Grants for Local Nonprofits Led by and Serving People of Color

Research Triangle Park, July 8, 2020: Triangle Capacity-Building Network, comprised of a collection of local funders, has awarded \$290,000 in new general operating support grants as part of their phase two response to the COVID-19 pandemic. These grants of \$10,000, awarded to 29 local organizations, prioritize nonprofits led by and serving people of color. The general operating grants will support staff and leadership's ability to change business models as well as provide for technical upgrades in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The grant recipients are as follows: [BUMP: The Triangle](#) | [Centre for Homeownership & Economic Development Corporation, Inc.](#) | [Communities In Schools of Wake County](#) | [Durham Center for Senior Life](#) | [Durham Colored Library, Inc.](#) | [Durham Community Land Trustees](#) | [Durham Public Schools Foundation](#) | [El Centro Hispano, Inc.](#) | [El Pueblo, Inc.](#) | [Emancipate NC](#) | [Hispanic Liaison of Chatham County \(aka El Vínculo Hispano\)](#) | [IDA and ASSET BUILDING COALITION](#) | [Immersion for Spanish Language Acquisition](#) | [Jubilee Home](#) | [Loaves and Fishes Ministry, Inc.](#) | [North Carolina Business Council](#) | [NorthStar Church of the Arts](#) | [Pardoned By Christ](#) | [Partners for Youth Opportunity](#) | [Raleigh-Wake County Dental Society Community Dental Health Program, Inc. \(Wake Smiles\)](#) | [StandUp-SpeakOut of North Carolina](#) | [StrongHER](#) | [TogetHER](#) | [Student U](#) | [TABLE](#) | [The Hope Center at Pullen](#) | [The Marian Cheek Jackson Center for Saving and Making History](#) | [Triangle Bikeworks](#) | [Village of Wisdom](#) | [Walltown Children's Theatre](#)

"There's no better time to move from talking about our intentions to change, than to acting in ways that show we are serious about changing – by shifting power, trusting more, and letting resources flow to our communities of color," said Valerie Stewart, Director, Healthy Communities, Blue Cross NC Foundation & Triangle Capacity Building Network member. "We have to own our role in the relationships and networks we've designed that create barriers to leaders who are Black, Indigenous, people of color, and it's past time to give them the resources, support, and capacity to do what they do best – meeting community needs while in deeply rooted, authentic relationships. We want to do more than talk, and that's why we're committed to this type of funding – let's disrupt, act differently, and spend the dollars to engage the difference we want to see – communities with leadership that includes and values the voices and lived experiences of people of color. That is the healthy, strong, nonprofit ecosystem our community deserves."

Triangle Capacity-Building Network, in partnership with other funders and donors, has committed to additional grant funding as part of this collaborative strategy to strengthen the business models, financial health, and sustainability of nonprofits in our region. The Network will also provide 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.