

Cleveland Black Futures Fund announces nearly \$2 million in grants 49 organizations supported by first round of grantmaking

CLEVELAND (June 29, 2021) - The Cleveland Foundation and its partners today announced \$1.89 million to 49 organizations in the initial round of grantmaking from the Cleveland Black Futures Fund (full list of recipients below). The Fund has amassed more than \$4.3 million since its inception in late 2020 to support the capacity of Cleveland-based nonprofit organizations that are both Black-led and Black-serving.

The overarching goal of the Cleveland Black Futures Fund is to strengthen the ecosystem of Black leaders and Black-serving organizations in Greater Cleveland by providing intentional resources to help grow organizational infrastructure and capacity. Long term, the foundation aims to deepen the field of leaders working to dismantle systemic racism and advance the community towards racial equity.

The foundation received more than 220 submissions during the initial application period - more than 40% of which represented first-time applicants to the foundation. A seven-person committee comprised of community leaders and foundation representatives worked to select the recipients.

"The outstanding application response to the fund was not entirely unexpected because we knew the need is there, but now we know how great the need is in service of this work," said Courtenay Barton, Cleveland Foundation program director for arts & culture and racial equity initiatives. "As our community continues to give generously to this fund, we will be able to support a wide array of organizations that are doing the hard work on the ground each and every day."

It was also announced that KeyBank made a \$250,000 contribution to the fund, joining initial partners Facebook, George W. Codrington Charitable Foundation, The HealthComp Foundation, Saint Luke's Foundation and the Treu-Mart Fund.

"At KeyBank, we value diversity, are committed to equity and foster inclusion throughout our business and in the communities we serve. We are proud to be part of the Cleveland Black Futures Fund and support its efforts to eliminate disparities that exist along racial lines," said Timothy Burke, KeyBank Northeast Ohio Market President. "We stand with the Cleveland Foundation and its partners in their work to strengthen Black-led and Black-serving social change organizations and to advance our community toward racial equity in a meaningful, sustainable way."

A second round of grantmaking will take place in the fall of this year. For more information or to donate to the Cleveland Black Futures Fund, visit ClevelandFoundation.org/Futures.

2021 Cleveland Black Futures Fund Recipients - Round 1

- * 99 Treasures Arts & Culture (\$25,000)
- * American Association of Clergy and Employers (\$25,000)
- * Birthing Beautiful Communities (\$50,000)
- * Black Lives Matter Cleveland (\$25,000)
- * Black Lives Matter Lake County (\$25,000)
- * Black Space Productions (\$25,000)
- * The Block Club Community Development Corporation (\$25,000)
- * Brandnew Community Inc. (\$25,000)

- * Burten, Bell, Carr Development, Inc. (\$50,000)
- * The Cleveland Observer (\$25,000)
- * Cleveland VOTES (\$50,000)
- * CollectivExpress Inc. (\$25,000)
- * Community Suds Inc. (\$25,000)
- * Cory Glenville Community Center (\$25,000)
- * The Diaper Bank of Greater Cleveland (\$25,000)
- * East Mount Zion Baptist Church (\$25,000)
- * Environmental Health Watch, Inc. (\$100,000)
- * Fab Foundation (\$50,000)
- * Food Depot to Health (\$25,000)
- * Gardening in the District Nonprofit Organization (\$25,000)
- * Hands-On Health (\$25,000)
- * Jordan Community Resource Center (\$75,000)
- * Journey On Yonder (JOY) (\$25,000)
- * LGBTQ Community Center of Greater Cleveland (\$100,000)
- * Little Africa Food Cooperative (\$25,000)
- * Men and Women of Central (\$25,000)
- * Metropolitan Cleveland Alliance of Black School Educators (\$25,000)
- * Minority Organ and Tissue Transplant Education Program of Cleveland, Inc. (\$25,000)
- * Motivated and Empowered Inc. (\$50,000)

- * Museum of Creative Human Art (\$25,000)
- * My Brother My Sister Global Inc. (\$50,000)
- * NAACP Cleveland Branch (\$50,000)
- * Northeast Ohio Alliance for Hope (NOAH) (\$50,000)
- * Peel Dem Layers Back (\$25,000)
- * Pregnant with Possibilities Resource Center (\$50,000)
- * Promise of Democracy Foundation (\$25,000)
- * Recess Cleveland (\$50,000)
- * The Rid-All Foundation (\$50,000)
- * RollinBuckeye Foundation (\$25,000)
- * See You At The Top (SYATT) (\$50,000)
- * Shooting Without Bullets (\$50,000)
- * Somali Bantu Community Cooperation of Cleveland (\$50,000)
- * Time for A Change Community Diaper Bank (\$25,000)
- * Union Miles Development Corporation (\$25,000)
- * Urban City Codes (\$40,000)
- * A Vision of Change, Inc. (\$100,000)
- * We Think 4 A Change (\$25,000)
- * William E. Sanders Family Life Center Inc. (\$25,000)
- * Writers in Residence (\$50,000)

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About the Cleveland Foundation: Established in 1914, the Cleveland Foundation is the world's first community foundation - and one of the largest today - with assets of \$2.8 billion and 2020 grants of more than \$130 million. Through the generosity of donors, the foundation improves the lives of residents of Cuyahoga, Lake and Geauga counties by building community endowment, addressing needs through grantmaking and providing leadership on vital issues. The foundation's program areas include arts and culture, economic and workforce development, education, environment, leadership development, neighborhoods, and youth, health and human services.
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New Projects Expected to Create More Than \$322 Million in Investments

(COLUMBUS, Ohio) -- Ohio Governor Mike DeWine and Lt. Governor Jon Husted today announced the approval of assistance for nine projects set to create 1,456 new jobs and retain 1,168 jobs statewide. During its monthly meeting, the Ohio Tax Credit Authority (TCA) reviewed economic development proposals brought to the board by JobsOhio and its regional partners. Collectively, the projects are expected to result in more than \$107 million in new payroll and spur more than \$322 million in investments across Ohio.

Projects approved by the TCA include:

CENTRAL

Amgen Inc., city of New Albany (Licking Co.), expects to create 400 full-time positions, generating \$40.9 million in new annual payroll as a result of the company's new project in New Albany. Amgen is a biotechnology medicines company that discovers, develops, manufactures, and markets medicines for illnesses. The TCA approved a 2.427 percent, 15-year Job Creation Tax Credit for this project.

Bold Penguin Inc., city of Columbus (Franklin Co.), expects to create 162 full-time positions, generating \$13.7 million in new annual payroll and retaining \$11 million in existing payroll as a result of the company's expansion project in Columbus. Bold Penguin is an insurtech company providing solutions to insurers and independent agents in the commercial insurance industry. The TCA approved a 2.063 percent, nine-year Job Creation Tax Credit for this project.

Midwest Molding Inc., Jerome Township (Union Co.), expects to create 55 full-time positions,

generating \$2 million in new annual payroll and retaining \$4.2 million in existing payroll as a result of the company's expansion project in Jerome Township. Midwest Molding is a plastic injection molding company. The TCA approved a 1.048 percent, six-year Job Creation Tax Credit for this project.

Path Robotics Inc., city of Columbus (Franklin Co.), expects to create 140 full-time positions, generating \$10 million in new annual payroll and retaining \$6 million in existing payroll as a result of the company's expansion project in Columbus. Path Robotics produces autonomous welding robots based on proprietary artificial intelligence and computer vision algorithms. The TCA approved a 1.877 percent, nine-year Job Creation Tax Credit for this project.

NORTHEAST

Nexus Engineering Group LLC, city of Cleveland (Cuyahoga Co.) and city of Maumee (Lucas Co.), expects to create 65 full-time positions, generating \$7.8 million in new annual payroll and retaining \$14.9 million in existing payroll as a result of the company's expansion project in Cleveland and Maumee. Nexus Engineering is an engineering firm that services the refining, midstream, chemical processing, utility, and manufacturing industries. The TCA approved a 2.076 percent, eight-year Job Creation Tax Credit for this project.

NORTHWEST

Findlay Machine & Tool Inc. (FMT Plastics), city of Findlay (Hancock Co.), expects to create 52 full-time positions, generating \$2.5 million in new annual payroll and retaining \$1.4 million in existing

payroll as a result of the company's expansion project in Findlay. FMT Plastics is a plastic injection molding company. The TCA approved a 1.276, six-year Job Creation Tax Credit for this project.

SOUTHEAST

Candle-Lite Company LLC, village of Leesburg (Highland Co.), expects to create 82 full-time positions, generating \$2.8 million in new annual payroll and retaining \$25.3 million in existing payroll as a result of the company's expansion project in Leesburg. Candle-Lite is a maker of candles. The TCA approved a 0.885 percent, six-year Job Creation Tax Credit for this project.

Winesburg Chair Company LTD, Paint Township (Holmes Co.), expects to create 50 full-time positions, generating \$2 million in new annual payroll and retaining \$9 million in existing payroll as a result of the company's expansion project in Paint Township. Winesburg Chair produces furniture from forest to fabrication. The TCA approved a 0.970 percent, six-year Job Creation Tax Credit for this project.

TBD

Protiviti and Robert Half International Inc. (Protiviti), TBD, expects to create 450 full-time positions, generating \$25.6 million in new annual payroll as a result of the company's new project in a to-be-determined location. Protiviti is a global consulting firm offering an array of risk, financial, technology, and business performance solutions to consumer product, financial, manufacturing, technology, and other industries. The TCA approved a 1.986 percent, 10-year Job Creation Tax Credit for this project.



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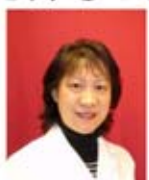
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