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## UNITED WAY OF DANE COUNTY AWARDS NEARLY \$100,000 IN MICRO-INVESTMENT FUNDS TO LOCAL GRASSROOTS ORGANIZATIONS

Madison, WI (June 2, 2022) – On June 1, 2022, United Way of Dane County hosted a virtual reception honoring the recipients of our 2022 Micro-Investment Grants. While funding for this grant cycle was originally set for \$25,000, we're thrilled to announce that we've added a one-time increase of \$75,000 in grant funding – making a total of \$100,000 available in celebration of our Centennial year.

With this increase in funding, we were able to grant \$90,805 to 19 eligible organizations that applied. Recipients include community groups, nonprofit agencies, faith-based organizations and other groups (with an annual operating budget of \$50,000 or less) that are working to achieve racial equity and/or social justice for Black, Indigenous, Latinx, Southeast Asian or individuals and/or families of color in Dane County.

"At United Way, we're known for mobilizing the caring power of our community to create lasting change for multiple generations," says Renee Moe, President & CEO of United Way of Dane County. "That work takes collaboration, shared accountability and a commitment to addressing root causes. We also know that cross-sector work doesn't always include small organizations who know our neighborhoods and families the best, and who are incubating new ways to solve community challenges. That's why we are so excited to invest nearly \$100,000 into grassroots organizations strengthening Dane County by providing culturally-competent financial, educational and health-focused services."

Recipients of these grant dollars include:

- African Center for Community Development
- Fabulove Enterprises
- Get Kids Outside
- Guardians of the Rainbow
- IP Ministries
- Latino Professionals Association
- Latinos Organizing for Understanding and Development
- Latinos United for College Education Scholarships
- Madison Gospel 5K Foundation

- Midwest Mujeres
- Nips and Babes
- People Building Opportunity Through Grace and Action
- Scholars of Excellence
- Seein' is Believin'
- Southwest Madison Action Coalition
- Stop Homelessness in Wisconsin
- Think & Grow. LLC
- Wisconsin Hmong Association
- Wisconsin Integration Network

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## **About United Way of Dane County:**

For 100 years, United Way of Dane County has mobilized the caring power of our community to create lasting change for multiple generations. With a mission to unite the community to achieve measurable results that change lives, we are committed to being a catalyst for inclusion and systemic change – working collaboratively with local nonprofits, businesses, community leaders, donors, volunteers and families to solve big-picture issues no one person or organization can address alone. Together, we are The Power of Many. Working for All. And we invite every Dane County resident to be a part of the change we all wish to see. Visit <a href="https://www.unitedwaydanecounty.org">www.unitedwaydanecounty.org</a> to learn more.