

UNITED WAY OF DANE COUNTY AWARDS \$25,000 IN MICRO-INVESTMENT FUNDS TO LOCAL GRASSROOTS ORGANIZATIONS

Madison, WI (June 8, 2022) – On June 7, 2023, United Way of Dane County awarded 2023 Micro-Investment Grants. A total of \$25,000 in grant funding was awarded to six grassroots organizations working to advance racial equity and/or social justice for Black, Indigenous, Latinx, Southeast Asian or individuals and/or families of color in Dane County. Recipients include groups and organizations with an annual operating budget of \$50,000 or less.

“These grants provide innovative funding for exciting programs led by leaders of color that aren’t yet able to apply for traditional investments. Organizations such as Literacy Network, Centro Hispano and Operation Fresh Start, started with microgrants and we know these grants can make a big difference,” says Renee Moe, President & CEO, United Way of Dane County. “We are excited to be supporting these grassroots organizations strengthening Dane County by providing culturally competent community, education and health-focused services.”

Recipients of these grant dollars include:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Childhood Hunger Initiative Power Pack (CHIPP)• Backyard Mosaic Women's Project• BLIPS (Black Leaders in Plain Sight)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cultural Treasure• Miss Grand Hmong's Scholarship• Reimagining Full Spectrum Doula Services
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United Way knows that collective impact is the key to community well-being and the micro-investment grant process is an example of working collaboratively with our community, network of local nonprofits, businesses, community leaders, donors, volunteers and families to address big-picture issues that no one individual or organization can solve alone.

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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 www.unitedwaydanecounty.org to learn more.