



**Omaha Community
Foundation**

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Fund for Omaha

2022 INSIGHTS & IMPACT REPORT

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The Omaha Community Foundation is committed to mobilizing support through the Fund for Omaha for organizations leading racial and social justice work in our community.

Goals of the grant program include working to ensure equitable access to opportunity and supporting advocacy efforts to address systems change in communities of color.



\$487k

We awarded **\$487,639** to **22 local nonprofits** through Fund for Omaha grants, advancing racial equity and social justice.

\$3.17m

The demand for operating support and flexible grant funding has never been higher. We received a record **140 applications** for funding, totaling \$3.17 million.

\$9m

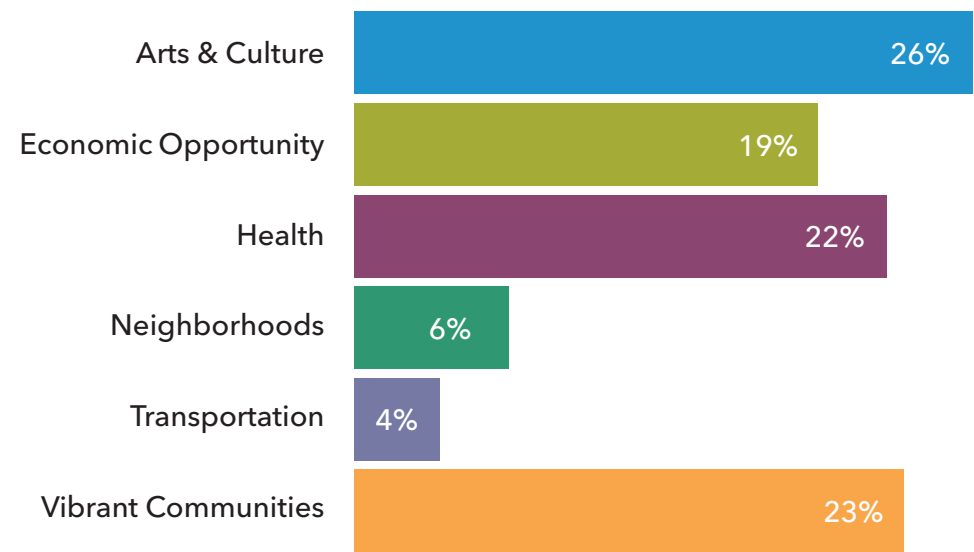
Since the Fund for Omaha's inception 34 years ago, we have awarded **more than \$9 million**.

PRIORITY AREAS

Funding priorities focus on the following six areas with an overarching emphasis on racial equity, a change made in 2020.

Arts & Culture Providing equitable access to the tools and resources needed to engage the community in arts and culture programming	Neighborhoods Ensuring safe and affordable housing, homeownership paths, and public spaces for social connection
Economic Opportunity Expanding access to job opportunities and equitable pay in our community	Transportation Advocating for and supporting expanded options for reliable and efficient transportation to areas with the most jobs
Health Enabling access or removing barriers to quality healthcare, mental health, and nutrition	Vibrant Communities Amplifying voices of those least often heard

Out of 140 applications, the most common request for funding was related to arts and culture initiatives. Nonprofits were often seeking support for artist grants, capacity building, general operating, and cultural festivals.





Abundance Garden at The Union for Contemporary Art

2022 Grant Recipients

Fund for Omaha granted a total of \$487,639 to 22 local nonprofits that are working to increase opportunity and equity. A majority of requests were for the maximum fund amount, but often, that only covers a portion of the total project budget.

ARTS & CULTURE

Bluebird Cultural Initiative

\$25,000 for General Operating. Bluebird Cultural Initiative's mission is to provide meaningful programming to the community that enriches their understanding of the history and cultural traditions of Native American peoples of the Great Plains. Bluebird strives to revitalize the past through the arts and culture in order to energize the future for Native youth.

Total Project Budget: \$457,891

El Museo Latino

\$25,000 for General Operating. El Museo Latino is the only museum of Latino culture and history between Chicago and Denver. Funding will help develop and offer Latino arts and cultural programming. Through authentic Latin American cultural experiences, El Museo Latino shares the history, traditions, and culture of the countries and people of Mexico, Central America, and South America.

Total Project Budget: \$500,000

Great Plains Black History Museum

\$25,000 for General Operating. Great Plains Black History Museum features exhibits and educational programs that focus on history told through the lens of African Americans. Funding will help the museum increase its hours of operation and provide new museum exhibits, traveling exhibits, community workshops, and presentations.

Total Project Budget: \$25,000

The Union for Contemporary Art

\$13,500 for the Abundance Garden. The Union plans to expand its Abundance Garden to meet the needs of the community and strengthen food security. Their 6,500-square-foot urban agriculture initiative increases food access, provides opportunities for youth and families to learn about nutrition, and contributes to a wider network of community efforts to overcome hunger.

Total Project Budget: \$123,390

Funded



36

applicants
requested
\$778,780

ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

Code Black Professionals Tech Network

\$10,000 for Entry-Level IT Opportunities. CODE Black Professionals Tech Network is made up of supportive pillars that include training, career development, networking, professional development, and partnerships. This grant will primarily support two entry-level career tracks in technical support and quality assurance under their training pillar.

Total Project Budget: \$57,000

GROW Nebraska Women's Business Center

\$15,000 for Business Planning 101: Snap and Boost. This seven-week program will provide insight and information to female entrepreneurs and small business owners who launched without a solid foundation. GNWBC will offer four cohorts in English and one in Spanish.

Total Project Budget: \$25,000

International Council for Refugees and Immigrants

\$25,000 for RAISED Program. The International Council for Refugees and Immigrants provides culturally-sensitive and linguistically-appropriate case management to meet the needs of participants. ICRI helps secure basic needs and then works with clients through case management and community education to help them become self-sufficient.

Total Project Budget: \$250,000

MAYS Foundation

\$25,000 for the Heroes Program. MAYS works with youth to develop skills to be contributing community members. Increasingly, they are seeing stunted empathy, conflict resolution abilities, and communication skills contributing to the struggles of our youth. Through basic reporting and supervision, mentoring, gang intervention, and educational development, MAYS can focus on helping youth and families with skill development, behavior management, and interpersonal interactions.

Total Project Budget: \$195,000

Funded



27

applicants
requested
\$588,799

HEALTH

A Mother's Love

\$25,000 for Doula Services in North Omaha. A Mother's Love provides doula, birthing, and support services to underserved mothers of color in North Omaha to mitigate unfavorable maternal and fetal/infant health outcomes. They intend to provide a support system and create a village of Black women, healthcare advocates/professionals, and community liaisons that support young mothers during vulnerable times.

Total Project Budget: \$25,000

Carole's House of Hope

\$25,000 for Mental Health and Housing Services. Carole's House of Hope offers transitional living for young women and mothers who have aged out of foster care or have become homeless. The goal is to address the mental health needs of up to 60 residents of color (between the ages of 19-26) with children. By providing a safe supportive environment and free mental health services, Carole's House of Hope instills self-sufficiency, promotes healing, and works to help young mothers retain or regain custody of their children.

Total Project Budget: \$776,679

Heart Ministry Center

\$20,000 for Monen Healthcare Clinic. The clinic provides free medical, dental, vision, and mental health services to uninsured clients. Specifically, funding will help support mental health services. Services provided by practitioners are person-centered, trauma-informed, and recovery-oriented while including a comprehensive holistic approach. The overall goal is to improve clients' quality of life and support their future success.

Total Project Budget: \$410,649

Intercultural Senior Center

\$20,000 for Health Care Coordination for Older Adults. The health care coordinator and assistant help clients see doctors for chronic or emerging conditions, arrange for health education and clinics at ISC, and coordinate the logistics of care with ISC interpreters and transportation as necessary. This program not only helps clients access health care but also builds the skills that clients and their caregivers need to do so independently.

Total Project Budget: \$170,792

Nebraska AIDS Project

\$25,000 for North Omaha Expansion. Funding will support establishing a North Omaha location that provides a combination of case management and clinical services. This site would provide a hybrid of all Nebraska AIDS Project services including case management for people living with HIV, testing for HIV, PrEP access, and testing and treatment for sexually transmitted infections.

Total Project Budget: \$327,070

Funded



31

applicants
requested
\$693,771

NEIGHBORHOODS

Project Houseworks

\$20,000 for Increasing Equitable Paths to Homeownership. By increasing efforts to authentically engage communities of color, Project Houseworks can help address racial and ethnic differences in homeownership. Socioeconomic variables and decades of structural racism have denied paths to homeownership and subsequent inherited wealth. Funding will support Home Affordability Program activities to create and promote paths to homeownership that are open and accessible.

Total Project Budget: \$2,401,500

Funded



9

applicants
requested
\$219,289

TRANSPORTATION

Bike Walk Nebraska

\$14,139 for the Nebraska Equity in Active Transportation Initiative. Bike Walk Nebraska intends to partner with Heartland Bikeshare, the University of Nebraska Medical Center, Nebraska Medicine, and local nonprofits serving immigrant, refugee, and under-resourced populations to identify barriers to active transportation (biking, walking, or using public transit). This initiative will be the basis for developing a package of active transportation resources for local nonprofits to offer to those they serve, a curriculum, and trained instructors for Adult Learn to Bike classes.

Total Project Budget: \$22,513

Funded



5

applicants
requested
\$117,263



VIBRANT COMMUNITIES

ACLU of Nebraska

\$25,000 for Smart Justice. The ACLU of Nebraska addresses pretrial justice and immigrants' rights issues in Omaha and Douglas County. In immigration court, odds of having legal representation are low as there is no right to a court-appointed public defender. Only 7% of those appearing are proficient in English. Engaging in court watching reinforces that there is oversight, and data analysis will highlight injustices that are not recognized or addressed.

Total Project Budget: \$25,000

Centro Latino of Iowa

\$25,000 for General Operating. Centro Latino of Iowa is dedicated to improving the quality of life of Iowans of Hispanic/Latino heritage as well as the most recent immigrants in Council Bluffs and Pottawattamie County. The organization's main programs are Community Outreach (resource navigation and advocacy); Community Development (workforce education and entrepreneurship); Community Engagement (leadership formation and civic participation); and Community Heritage (cultural competency education and community celebrations).

Total Project Budget: \$269,691

EPIC! for Girls

\$20,000 for Elevating Programming. EPIC! for Girls has been supporting, providing resources, advocating, and increasing the number of girls and women in sports. EPIC! impacts girls in under-resourced and under-served areas through sports, safe spaces, access to quality training and development, and equitable access to opportunities serving as a change agent to empower girls in sports. EPIC! provides a culturally-specific approach to encourage girls (primarily girls of color) to gain confidence, engage socially, and excel as leaders in their communities.

Total Project Budget: \$438,924

Heartland Workers Center

\$25,000 for Leadership Education and Training of Immigrant and Underrepresented Communities. Heartland Workers Center strives to build a community that works for all by ensuring equitable access to leadership and civic engagement opportunities for underrepresented groups including immigrants, people of color, and youth. This program encourages purposeful engagement and growth, creating a more equitable professional landscape and building community capital. Core services include leadership development, community organizing, and workers' rights/empowerment.

Total Project Budget: \$188,414

Nebraska Journalism Trust

\$25,000 for Omaha News Academy. The Nebraska Journalism Trust is launching the Omaha News Academy, an accessible, high-quality series of classes that teach essential journalism skills. Experienced journalists and journalism faculty will cover ethics, reporting, public records, writing, editing, and more. These free classes aim to increase diversity in the local news workforce. As a result, local newsrooms will become better at building trust with communities and seeing perspectives they've previously overlooked.

Total Project Budget: \$52,500

Refugee Women Rising

\$25,000 for Capacity Building. Refugee Women Rising is an emerging nonprofit that has built meaningful and mutually beneficial relationships with refugees, refugee leaders, and refugee service providers throughout Omaha. They serve thousands of refugees annually, offering intentional, social-emotional programming through culturally competent means. Refugee communities they partner with have requested expanded services, including driving instruction. While their services are highly utilized, the commitment to intentionality and relationship building requires dedicated staff time and resources.

Total Project Budget: \$41,000

Spark CDI

\$25,000 for Community Development Course. Spark's mission is to help transform disinvested neighborhoods into prosperous and thriving communities. This course intends to educate, connect, and support community leaders of color. Within this program, they will support neighborhood leaders as they develop and implement placemaking and community development projects.

Total Project Budget: \$122,615

Funded



32

applicants
requested
\$768,830

FUNDING OVERVIEW

22

Nonprofits received a
total of **\$487,639**

118

Nonprofits did not
receive a grant.
Unfunded requests
totaled **\$2.63 million.**



Giving Opportunities

We see it as a fundamental human right and sign of a healthy, inclusive community for Black, Indigenous, and people of color to thrive in the place they call home. This work can happen through investments that address racial equity gaps.

Fund for Omaha focuses on advancing racial equity and social justice in six priority areas. The following nonprofits applied for grant funding with requests totaling \$2.63 million.

ARTS & CULTURE

- Providing equitable access to the tools and resources needed to engage the community in arts and cultural programming

African Culture Connection

\$25,000 for General Operating. African Culture Connection combines a cultural arts curriculum with the expertise of teaching and performing artists to bring African music, dance, drumming, visual arts, and culture to performance venues, schools, youth organizations, and out-of-school time programs in Nebraska.

Total Project Budget: \$2,520,788

Amplify Arts

\$20,000 for Artist Grants Program. This program provides direct financial support to local artists of all disciplines in four categories: Micro Grants, Artist Support Grants, Generator Grants, and Public Impact Grants. Each grant provides opportunities for recipients to explore new ideas, question dominant systems, evolve within their creative practice, and engage with the community.

Total Project Budget: \$105,268



Arts For All & 10SOUNDS Music Publishing

\$25,000 for Music First Program. 10SOUNDS Music Publishing created curriculum for a pilot program for youth of all abilities, focusing on communities of color. They plan to teach students how music is made, covering everything from songwriting and vocals to production and sound engineering.

Total Project Budget: \$72,900

BFF Omaha

\$25,000 for BIPOC, LGBTQIA2S+, Refugee, and Immigrant Artist Development. BFF Omaha supports the arts and community by advocating for education, inclusion, opportunity, and unique experiences. While continuing to build community in Benson and Omaha, BFF envisions using their 10-year history as a template to expand the mission to build community through arts engagement in other neighborhoods and cities.

Total Project Budget: \$45,250

BLUEBARN Theatre

\$25,000 for YK Hong: Anti-Oppression Education and Consultation. BLUEBARN Theatre is seeking to offer anti-oppression educational training to staff and artists. YK Hong would lead the sessions and conduct an internal audit to evaluate the entire organization from an anti-oppression framework.

Total Project Budget: \$52,450

Channel Love

\$25,000 for General Operations and Programming. Channel Love provides programming for at-risk youth to redirect energy toward something positive and creative. They offer programs in the areas of fine art, crafting, painting, sculpting, fashion design, sewing, photography, videography, and modeling.

Total Project Budget: \$110,000

Cinco de Mayo Omaha

\$25,000 for General Operations. In addition to the annual festival, Cinco de Mayo Omaha offers an internship program and the Miss & Mister program. The goal is to not only educate and enrich the lives of the Omaha community with a celebration of Hispanic heritage but also to provide much-needed personal and professional development opportunities for low-income youth living in South Omaha.

Total Project Budget: \$628,000

Circle Theatre

\$15,000 for 2022/23 Mainstage Season: Unifying Outreach with Productions. Circle Theatre began inclusive-focused programming for people with disabilities in 2015. To increase organizational impact, Circle Theatre intends to bring outreach programming and mainstage season productions together in a unified way that creates a wholistic experience for participants through mentorship, community partnerships, and inclusive casting.

Total Project Budget: \$34,930

Council Bluffs School Foundation

\$5,000 for Instrumental Music Program Expansion. The Council Bluffs Schools Foundation will engage the community to ensure all students in the Council Bluffs Community School District have an opportunity to participate in orchestra and band and have access to quality instruments at no cost to them or their families. The funding will be used to purchase instruments and offset the cost of annual maintenance and care for each instrument.

Total Project Budget: \$88,452

Culxr House Omaha

\$25,000 for Cultural Economics for North Omaha Creatives and Capacity Building. Culxr House is an innovative community hub that focuses on providing artists and creatives a safe space to grow their talent and obtain access to resources necessary to turn their art into economic opportunities. This cultural economics program funds capacity building and educational programs administered with subject-matter experts in areas such as copyright law, establishing credit, and accounting services.

Total Project Budget: \$150,000

Dreams V Reality

\$15,000 for Mister K's Clubhouse. Dreams V Reality provides educational and meaningful content for young children to provide them with the range of skills they need to grow. This request for funding is to produce season three content for the educational preschool series, "Mister K's Clubhouse."

Total Project Budget: \$39,957

Eat N' Talk Africa

\$25,000 for Bridging the Gap in Our Community. Through the universal language of food, Eat N' Talk Africa's purpose is to improve racial and social relationships by creating forums for education and intercultural exchanges. Another goal is to establish a sustainable system that enables access to equitable and inclusive offerings within the Omaha hospitality industry and offers tools for workforce development.

Total Project Budget: \$31,900

Freedomtainment

\$25,000 for Capacity Building and Omaha Freedom Festival. Founded in February 2020, Freedomtainment operates the Omaha Freedom Festival, Level Up Career Fair, and other educational and wellness programs that align with the mission of education, empowerment, and entertainment.

Total Project Budget: \$306,380

Go Beyond Nebraska

\$15,000 for Leadership Through Nature. Go Beyond Nebraska provides life-changing, nature-based opportunities to 12-15 year olds from across the community by building connections to the outdoors through a growing year-round cohort/mentoring program. Each summer, they go on a trip of a lifetime that includes whitewater rafting, rock climbing, and backpacking in the Rocky Mountains.

Total Project Budget: \$330,000

Great Plains Theatre Commons

\$25,000 for Community Programs at Yates Illuminates. The Great Plains Theatre Commons is opening its first home base for community arts programming at Yates Illuminates in the Gifford Park neighborhood with a focus on serving the immigrant and refugee populations who live there. This support will help provide community-responsive theater arts workshops for priority populations and amplify diverse stories.

Total Project Budget: \$148,102

Jesuit Academy

\$20,000 for Broadening the Minds of our Young Men through the Arts. Jesuit Academy aims to provide young men with a well-rounded education, which includes incorporating the arts. The school aims to partner with local organizations and community members to bring art, music, dance, and more to students in grades 4-8.

Total Project Budget: \$23,700

Juneteenth Joy Fest

\$25,000 for General Operating. Juneteenth Joy Fest is an annual Black arts and culture festival to honor the history of Black heritage for Juneteenth. The free festival supports Black entrepreneurs and artists, provides space for communal healing, and builds community on North 24th Street. Funding would provide operational support to expand community programming to two days with increased attendance.

Total Project Budget: \$50,066

KANEKO

\$15,000 for Community After School. The main goal of the KANEKO Community After School program is to promote growth and healing through creative exploration and artistic expression. The program also provides a safe space for ROSS Leaders and Youth for Greater Good to offer their youth academic support consistently throughout the year.

Total Project Budget: \$25,687

KindAir at the Benson Theatre

\$25,000 for Season 2023. The upcoming season, titled "Undiscovered Country," will include Asian and LGBTQIA2S+ stories. The intent is to spotlight partners and local artists, aid marginalized voices in finding an audience, and lay the foundation for wider and greater collaboration within the Omaha theatre community.

Total Project Budget: \$64,900

Nebraska Thespians

\$16,000 for Thespian Festival Registration Scholarships. At the Nebraska State Thespian Festival, students take workshops, visit with college representatives, audition for college scholarships, network, and celebrate the power of theater to change lives. Thespian Festival Registration Scholarships would be made available for underserved students with priority going to people of color and LGBTQIA2S+ populations.

Total Project Budget: \$25,008



Cinco de Mayo Omaha Parade

Nebraska Writers Collective

\$15,000 for All Writes Reserved. This program pays over 50 local poets to visit over 40 Nebraska high schools, providing eight months of free mentoring to over 600 diverse students in the art of performance poetry. Funding would support program delivery in schools with high percentages of students who identify as people of color. It would also support efforts to conduct an equity audit and revise curriculum accordingly.

Total Project Budget: \$412,882

New Century Art Guild

\$19,800 for Vet-X-Press Art Workshops for Hospitalized and Incarcerated Veterans. New Century Art Guild uses the expressive and healing powers of artmaking with hospitalized and incarcerated veterans in the Omaha metro. The free exercise of creativity in Vet-X-Press workshops boosts self-awareness, reduces stress, and promotes social bonding. Funding would help pay art instructors and cover the cost of supplies.

Total Project Budget: \$39,600

North Omaha Music & Arts (NOMA)

\$25,000 for Capacity Building. NOMA provides musical experiences and conservatory-style music education to the North Omaha community. NOMA is working to build its infrastructure, including staffing capacity, so operations are properly developed and implemented.

Total Project Budget: \$127,000

Omaha Community Playhouse

\$5,980 for Artist Support. The ability to volunteer several months for rehearsals and performances is a privilege that many artists in our community can't afford. By providing equitable fee-based compensation, more community members can participate in productions.

Total Project Budget: \$122,505

Omaha Conservatory of Music

\$25,000 for Camera System for Concert Hall. String Sprouts is taught in 16 different locations throughout the metro area and Scottsbluff. Lessons are offered in these neighborhoods to reduce transportation barriers. A quality camera system to live stream each master class and performance would allow String Sprouts to partake in all activities, not just the classes near their homes.

Total Project Budget: \$57,424

Omaha Theater Company

\$10,000 for "I AM Dance" Workshops. The Omaha Theater Company provides opportunities for youth to attend dance workshops at schools, nonprofit organizations, and community locations in North, South, and downtown Omaha. "I AM Dance" workshops will be offered in two formats: single class and six-week sessions. The goal is to remove barriers to professional dance instruction including financial, transportation, and lack of exposure.

Total Project Budget: \$23,740

Partners for Livable Omaha

\$25,000 for Omaha Mobile Stage: N 24th Street Events Series. Omaha Mobile Stage is a mobile community venue for performing artists of all ages and a teaching venue to train the next generation of entertainment workers. Funding would support 2023 event production costs along North 24th Street. Omaha Mobile Stage partners with neighborhood-based creatives of color to build their capacity and ensure they have access to professional event production resources and program funding.

Total Project Budget: \$275,865

Pear Tree Performing Arts

\$25,000 for Capacity Building. Pear Tree Performing Arts was founded to make quality dance and performing arts instruction accessible and affordable. Their four core values are culture, confidence, community, and creativity. Funding would support capacity building efforts to meet the increased demand for programming, which has resulted in wait lists for classes and for community organizations requesting programming.

Total Project Budget: \$134,500

Rabble Mill

\$25,000 for The Bay Omaha. Rabble Mill provides unique, engaging, skills-driven out-of-school programming to low-income and at-risk youth in Omaha, focusing on skateboarding, music, digital storytelling, and art. This year, they've partnered with 20 schools and organizations throughout Omaha to serve over 500 youth. To continue the growth of Omaha programming, they need a dedicated space for storage and on-site activities. They are also looking to purchase a passenger van to help address any transportation barriers.

Total Project Budget: \$587,540

The Keys Foundation

\$10,000 for Confidently Me! This mentoring program focuses on helping girls develop their confidence while emphasizing a passion for STEAM. Funding would support expanding reach and provide enriching opportunities that promote success for young women of color. Long-term goals include acquiring vans to provide transportation for mentoring events and to travel to Black history museums to teach girls about their history and culture.

Total Project Budget: \$15,000

The Legacy Empowerment

\$23,000 for The Legacy Empowerment Fashion Show. The Legacy Empowerment is striving to close the knowledge gap in fashion and cultural norms that exist between the African and African American communities. Young industry professionals will have the opportunity to benefit from the organization's assistance in learning about textiles and patterns for the purpose of preserving heritage.

Total Project Budget: \$43,369

University of Nebraska at Omaha

\$25,000 for the Office Latino/Latin American Studies (OLLAS). In its 20-year history, OLLAS has taught and worked with hundreds of students, produced community events highlighting Latino culture, and developed almost 20 community-grounded research reports to help improve the lives of Latino community members. OLLAS is seeking funds to celebrate this milestone year with an event series highlighting the past, present, and future.

Total Project Budget: \$25,000

WhyArts

\$24,000 for BIPOC and Disability Programming. WhyArts contracts with professional teaching artists to conduct workshops, residencies, and activities for partners in visual arts, theater, dance/movement, music, spoken word, literature, storytelling, and animation. Funding will support DEI-related program development and artist training. It will also offset costs related to ensuring full program participation by at-risk students and students with disabilities.

Total Project Budget: \$115,500

ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

- Expanding access to job opportunities and equitable pay in our community

AIM Institute

\$14,999 for Youth in Tech. This program offers fun, hands-on tech experiences during critical interest-forming years with an emphasis on serving at-risk, underrepresented, and underserved youth. The goal is to inspire students to get involved in tech, diversify the sector, and gain meaningful employment.

Total Project Budget: \$73,605

Brighten Our Future Early Learning Center

\$15,000 for A Brighter Future. This program is designed to offer working families an opportunity to afford high-quality child care and early childhood education to improve the quality of life for families in North Omaha, a low-income neighborhood identified as a child care desert.

Total Project Budget: \$62,000

D2 Center

\$25,000 for Youth Academic Navigator Program. Navigators serve as mentors, academic coaches, and case managers for disengaged high school youth. As issues emerge, Navigators can connect students to needed community resources including those available at the D2 Center. The goal is increasing high school graduation rates for high-risk students.

Total Project Budget: \$50,500

DIBS for Kids

\$25,000 for In-Person Literacy Support. DIBS for Kids provides diverse, culturally representative, and leveled books for independent reading for 4,000 kindergarten through third grade students throughout Omaha. This provides exposure to, and curiosity about cultures, natural wonders, and fictional stories, while simultaneously encouraging and reinforcing literacy skills. Program support will place students in the best possible position to achieve third grade reading proficiency, which is a key educational metric for lifelong educational and economic opportunities.

Total Project Budget: \$412,582



Midlands African Chamber

Guide Right Omaha

\$12,000 for Kappa League Scholarship and College Tour Fund. Guide Right Omaha focuses on collaborative efforts to engage youth in year-round programs for mentoring, community engagement, and college readiness. Their flagship mentoring program, Omaha Kappa League, helps set up young men of color for success in high school and college. Program participants in middle and high school engage in monthly sessions for college preparation and financial literacy in addition to attending community events, conferences, and college tours.

Total Project Budget: \$20,000

Imagine Omaha

\$25,000 for General Operations and Programming. Imagine Omaha is built by a volunteer workgroup made up of local Black nonprofit professionals that has spent nearly three years researching and designing the program. This request for funds will support increasing the employment of staff currently receiving limited payment, and provide consulting and services related to starting the organization.

Total Project Budget: \$25,000



Institute for Urban Development

\$25,000 for North Omaha Legacy Tour. The Institute for Urban Development educates and acts to raise the quality of life for all with an emphasis on economically disadvantaged, diverse, and multi-ethnic populations. This tour emerged as a grassroots economic development initiative to tell North Omaha's story and instill community pride.

Total Project Budget: \$81,500

Inter-Faith Response

\$25,000 for Program Fund. Inter-Faith Response provides referral services for those in need. They offer advocacy assistance and emergency financial assistance in partnership with the other agencies in our community, when possible. Inter-Faith uses the Program Fund to assist clients in Council Bluffs.

Total Project Budget: \$212,750

Latino Center of the Midlands

\$25,000 for Workforce, Education, and Innovation. The Latino Center of the Midlands is a growing hub of education, wellness, and opportunity for Omaha's Latino community. The Latino Center requests sustained support for Workforce, Education, and Innovation, which includes internship opportunities for young people and a series of literacy, language, GED, and citizenship classes for lifelong learners.

Total Project Budget: \$876,170

Learning For ALL

\$24,800 for ESL and GED Service Expansion. Learning For ALL supports adults in our community by helping them achieve the language, literacy, and life skills necessary to achieve their life goals. Learning for ALL seeks to increase the number of ESL and GED students they can serve and continue expanding their geographic reach, capacity, and awareness. Funding would support enrolling an additional 250 ESL students and 10 more GED students.

Total Project Budget: \$24,800

Midlands African Chamber

\$25,000 for Capacity Building. The Midlands African Chamber was established to help African, African American, and immigrant-owned small businesses grow. The proposed hiring of staff through this request will allow for the pilot launch of Rising CEOs and the year-long Pitch Black accelerator. Members will be more involved in program and service development, as well as matching and connecting members with small business resources, as MAC membership grows.

Total Project Budget: \$140,000

Midlands Latino Community Development Corporation

\$25,000 for Childcare Training for Immigrant and Refugee Women. MLCDC was founded to address the Latinx community's need for licensed and culturally sensitive childcare services. Funding will be used to provide job opportunities for 40 women of color in the childcare industry. It will also assist with salary expenses for a part-time Childcare Director, who will provide training and technical assistance to the MLCDC Childcare Academy for Immigrant and Underrepresented Communities.

Total Project Budget: \$95,000

MOMentum

\$25,000 for Employment and Support Services for Single Moms. MOMentum provides individualized employment and support services to moms of color in Omaha. They help by providing one-on-one assistance, identifying jobs and career paths that match interests, experience, schedule and financial needs; creating and updating resumes; filling out employment applications; preparing for interviews; negotiating job offers; and securing transportation and childcare.

Total Project Budget: \$90,000

Nebraska Black Women United

\$25,000 for Operating Expenses. Nebraska Black Women United's mission is to provide opportunities for Black women across Nebraska. Through outreach and engagement, they strive to improve and advance equity and access for participants and members of the minority business community.

Total Project Budget: \$240,000

New Life Family Alliance

\$25,000 for Support Services for Sudanese Families. New Life Family Alliance helps Sudanese/South Sudanese refugees eliminate barriers to financial viability and successful social integration through juvenile services, adult education, employment services, wraparound support services, and immigration services.

Total Project Budget: \$365,574

Omaha Bridges Out of Poverty

\$20,000 for Getting Ahead Program. This 10-week class uses an evidenced-based curriculum to help individuals learn necessary skills to lift themselves out of instability and poverty. Omaha Bridges Out aims to reduce poverty rates in the Omaha metro area by half in the next 10 years.

Total Project Budget: \$1,160,487

Omaha Skills Connection

\$25,000 for Career Readiness and Workforce Development Connection. Omaha Skills Connection was established in April 2022 to connect low-income, under-served individuals facing systemic poverty in the North Omaha community with skills and competencies needed to find long-term sustainable jobs that pay living wages.

Total Project Budget: \$61,000

Omaha Street School

\$10,000 for Victory Through Vocation. Omaha Street School is an alternative high school for students who have not found success in a traditional school setting. Often, this is the last chance for at-risk students to receive a high school diploma. They empower students to discover hope through education and vocation in a Christ-centered environment.

Total Project Budget: \$86,736

Partnership 4 Kids

\$17,000 for High School Program Enhancements. Partnership 4 Kids provides support and wraparound services to help youth in northeast and southeast Omaha reach their full potential. They are requesting funding to add a program coordinator to successfully implement a comprehensive intervention plan to address pandemic-related negative student outcomes.

Total Project Budget: \$34,828

Room for Roots

\$20,000 for Priscilla's Way Entrepreneurship Program. Room for Roots transforms the lives of individuals and the communities they live in through positive engagement, economic development, and community support for underserved and at-risk women and girls and women and girls of color.

Total Project Budget: \$77,500

Somali Community Service

\$15,000 for Career Training, Development, and Education Program. Somali Community Service is requesting funding to support its career training, development, and education program designed to provide support for Somalis, refugees, immigrants, and asylees as they enter the American workforce and navigate new financial systems.

Total Project Budget: \$83,475

The Hope Center for Kids

\$25,000 for The Hope Academies. The Hope Center for Kids inspires hope in the lives of youth and children through education, employability, collaboration and faith. The Hope Center for Kids is requesting funding to support its core programming, The Hope Employment and Learning Academies.

Total Project Budget: \$1,055,950

Urban League of Nebraska

\$25,000 for Capacity Building. Each year, Urban League of Nebraska provides educational programs and initiatives to over 1,400 students; employment services to 4,000 community members; and family support services to over 3,000 people. They are working to enhance programs by implementing two evidence-based practices across the agency.

Total Project Budget: \$2,632,403

HEALTH

- Enabling access or removing barriers to quality healthcare, mental health, and nutrition

Accepted Food Bank

\$10,000 for the Backpack Meal Program. This program provides meals to underserved kids in the Millard and Elkhorn school districts. With the rise in food costs, the cost of each bag is expected to rise. Funding would be used to purchase food with the intention of increasing the number of schools and students served.

Total Project Budget: \$30,000

Big Muddy Urban Farm

\$13,000 for Fresh Food Access in Northeast Omaha. Big Muddy Urban Farm is dedicated to making sustainable agriculture education accessible to all. The organization aims to increase food systems skills of beginning urban farmers, youth gardeners, and New American urban farmers.

Total Project Budget: \$216,162

Calistus Multiple Myeloma Foundation

\$25,000 for Disparities in Multiple Myeloma Patients. Calistus Multiple Myeloma Foundation helps decrease the misdiagnosis and mistreatment of the disease while extending support to caregivers to enhance their ability to improve the quality of life of their loved ones.

Total Project Budget: \$25,000

Canopy Supportive Services

\$25,000 for Developing Vocational Garden Site. Canopy Supportive Services is seeking support for their vocational site, providing garden-based learning for individuals with developmental disabilities. Participants will learn about growing a garden that attracts pollinators. The opportunities at Canopy's garden will offer participants economic opportunities and equitable pay for their work.

Total Project Budget: \$56,059



Big Muddy Urban Farm

Duet Foundation

\$25,000 for the Community Behavioral Health Center. Duet Foundation provides support to those with developmental disabilities in eastern Nebraska. They are equipping eight treatment rooms at the Community Behavioral Health Center for youth and adults as they seek out services.

Total Project Budget: \$165,961

FAMILY, Inc.

\$25,000 for Engaging Families Through an Equity Lens. FAMILY's mission is to engage and educate our community, inspiring a healthy future through literacy, family, and public health services. FAMILY will launch health equity and family engagement efforts as part of their Title V Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health programs in Pottawattamie County. The goal is to enable access to quality preventative healthcare for children to ensure equitable access.

Total Project Budget: \$63,277

GOALS Center

\$25,000 for the Family Advocate Project. Absenteeism is a national problem that puts youth at risk of falling behind academically, dropping out of school, and serious long-term health, employment, and financial consequences. Funding will enable GOALS to expand and strengthen their existing programs and develop the Native American Outreach Program.

Total Project Budget: \$25,000

HEAL Omaha

\$25,000 for General Operations. HEAL Omaha is a new street medicine program that cares for neighbors who are unhoused. The fundamental approach of street medicine is to engage people experiencing homelessness exactly where they are and on their own terms to maximally reduce or eliminate barriers to care and follow-through.

Total Project Budget: \$55,280

Heartland Equine Therapeutic Riding Academy

\$11,055 for the Miniature Horse Onsite Learning Program for North Omaha Schools. This program provides hands-on learning opportunities to students by bringing miniature horses to schools within the Omaha metro who lack the ability to visit the HETRA campus. Licensed instructors collaborate with teachers and counselors to provide programming through activities with the horses that meets the students' academic, social, and emotional needs.

Total Project Budget: \$11,055

Heartland Hope Mission

\$25,000 for the Hunger and Homelessness Prevention Program. Heartland Hope Mission's primary program provides food, clothing, hygiene products, diapers, and household goods to low-income families facing a crisis. A critical aspect of the program is the option for clients to meet one-on-one with a Client Service Specialist who can assess client needs, offer navigational services to community resources, and address underlying causes of food insecurity.

Total Project Budget: \$4,287,705

HELP Equipment

\$25,000 for the Health Equipment Loan Program. HELP refurbishes, sanitizes, and services donated health equipment so it can be used by someone in need. During the pandemic, demand increased while donations decreased. HELP had to purchase more equipment than normal. Funds would be used to replenish some of this inventory.

Total Project Budget: \$386,500

I Be Black Girl

\$25,000 for Birth Justice Initiative. This initiative works with organizations and people across the full spectrum of maternal and reproductive health at the local, state, and national level to advance Black maternal health and justice. I Be Black Girl's goal is to expand access to quality and culturally relevant maternal health services through policy, research, and advocacy.

Total Project Budget: \$685,000

Inclusive Healers of the Heartland

\$25,000 for Multicultural Training Courses for Mental Health Providers. Inclusive Healers of the Heartland intends to launch a free directory of healthcare providers of color and host an e-learning platform for health professionals to learn about culturally competent care. They are working with a web development software company to design and publish the software, which is set to be live January 2023.

Total Project Budget: \$25,000

Methodist Hospital Foundation

\$25,000 for Nebraska Methodist College and MOMentum CNA+ Pilot Program. Nebraska Methodist College is an accredited, private, not-for-profit nursing and healthcare college. Support for NMC will help create a clear pathway for women of color into healthcare careers through an innovative Nebraska Methodist College certificate program. NMC, in partnership with MOMentum, proposes a pilot cohort of NMC's Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA)+ program comprised of MOMentum clients.

Total Project Budget: \$41,000



Whispering Roots

MilkWorks

\$25,000 for Increasing Access to Breastfeeding Support in Omaha. MilkWorks is a comprehensive community breastfeeding center. Currently, the capacity to serve families in our Omaha location does not meet demand for services. This project would allow MilkWorks to expand their Omaha office and add another dedicated nurse practitioner to the Omaha staff.

Total Project Budget: \$148,622

NAMI Nebraska

\$9,756 for Ending the Silence. This presentation covers the symptoms of mental health conditions, how to recognize early warning signs, and its importance. Funds would be used to implement presentations at schools and youth-serving organizations with a high population of underrepresented students.

Total Project Budget: \$9,756

Nebraska Appleseed

\$25,000 for Community Organizing to End Hunger in North Omaha. This project will build power with low-income communities of color, increase public awareness of hunger and race equity issues, fight stigma surrounding the SNAP program, and boost advocacy efforts to drive systemic policy change.

Total Project Budget: \$25,000

Nebraska Diaper Bank

\$25,000 for the Diaper Distribution Program. As the only agency in the Omaha metro with the mission of ending diaper need, Nebraska Diaper Bank is experiencing exponential growth. Diapers are essential for families with babies, yet there are no federal safety nets to help low-income families with the cost of this basic need.

Total Project Budget: \$339,758

Omaha Better Birth Project

\$25,000 for Doula's to Address Postpartum Depression within BIPOC Communities. The Omaha Better Birth Project seeks the opportunity to train Doula's serving people of color on how to implement the ROSE (Reach out, Stay strong, Essentials for mothers of newborns), an evidence-based program that has been shown to reduce cases of postpartum depression by half.

Total Project Budget: \$25,000

Project Hope

\$25,000 for General Operations. For over 35 years, Project Hope has served North Omaha and the surrounding communities with food and clothing. Their goal is to provide a choice full-service food pantry to every qualified family unit once a month with an adequate amount of nutritional products to feed the family for approximately one week.

Total Project Budget: \$153,593

Restoring Dignity

\$25,000 for the Welcome Home Family Education Program. This program teaches refugee families how to maintain a clean, safe, and comfortable western home. The program teaches participants about proper cleaning products and techniques, home and fire safety skills, and essential home maintenance.

Total Project Budget: \$288,678

Saving Grace Perishable Food Rescue

\$25,000 for Nourishing People, Nurturing the Planet. Saving Grace's mission is to connect perishable food from local food purveyors to local nonprofits that feed the hungry, while raising awareness and educating the community about wasted food and hunger. The funding will help rescue nutritious surplus food that would otherwise go to waste and deliver it into neighborhoods where community members have limited resources and less access to nutrition.

Total Project Budget: \$910,122

The Big Garden

\$25,000 for the Community Garden Program. The Big Garden works with schools, faith communities, nonprofits, and other organizations to start community gardens on their properties. Sites receive training, equipment and supplies, regular technical support, and educational programming. Produce grown is used for residents, food banks, shelters, and pantries in areas of need.

Total Project Budget: \$155,000

Visiting Nurse Association

\$24,960 for Welcoming (ALL) Infants Into Neighborhoods: Project WIN. This project will provide accessible health education and support for 35 minority families in Omaha who are expecting or have a child under three. Through a personalized family service plan and regular home visits, Project WIN's public health nurse and parent coach will equip families to better care for themselves and achieve their goals for health and family life.

Total Project Budget: \$114,438

Whispering Roots

\$25,000 for Food Access and Sustainability. Whispering Roots works to bring healthy, culturally appropriate food to individuals who are living in the gaps of society, reducing hunger and food insecurity in the home. Nutritious food is brought directly to community members through farm stands, emergency food drop offs and distribution, and a food pharmacy.

Total Project Budget: \$852,550

NEIGHBORHOODS

- Ensuring safe and affordable housing, homeownership paths, and public spaces for social connection

Healthy Housing Omaha

\$25,000 for NEST: Navigation, Education, and Stabilization for Tenants. Healthy Housing Omaha advocates for families in our community by providing environmental assessments, construction upgrades, and healthy housing education. They are seeking funding to provide more intensive case management for clients for housing counseling, service navigation, tenant and landlord mediation, and other supportive housing services.

Total Project Budget: \$124,997

Holy Name Housing Corporation

\$25,000 for Financial and Homeownership Education. Holy Name Housing was founded by residents who wanted to restore the area to its diverse and stable roots. Their mission is to provide quality affordable housing options and homeownership education in Omaha and surrounding communities; to strengthen neighborhoods and empower individuals and families; and to respect all residents' rights to quality affordable housing in a safe and healthy community.

Total Project Budget: \$264,085

inCOMMON

\$20,064 for the Walnut Hill Commons Neighborhood Resource Center Program Launch. The mission of inCOMMON Community Development is to alleviate poverty at a root level by uniting and strengthening vulnerable neighborhoods. The organization seeks to ensure equitable access to opportunities for marginalized populations in the Walnut Hill and Orchard Hill neighborhoods for the first year of programming of the new Walnut Hill Commons Neighborhood Resource Center.

Total Project Budget: \$241,767



La Casa del Pueblo

\$25,000 for South Omaha Social Services. La Casa del Pueblo works to address several pressing social and community issues. The organization is seeking funds to support efforts to connect South Omaha community members with much needed resources, including rental assistance, housing referrals, and counsel to other nonprofit leaders.

Total Project Budget: \$25,000

Nebraska Urban Indian Health Coalition

\$25,000 for Safety Measures on the Eagle Heights Campus. The Nebraska Urban Indian Health Coalition is dedicated to improving healthcare for all urban Indians within its service area. Their affordable housing units on the Eagle Heights Campus backs up to an alley. Per the Omaha Police Departments' visit and report, the area needs more lighting and security cameras to proactively improve safety.

Total Project Budget: \$25,000

North Omaha Community Partnership

\$25,000 for Bridge the Gap. Through this program, North Omaha Community Partnership will recruit neighborhood ambassadors within the community. They will identify needs, provide resources, host neighborhood fellowship events to promote unity. Youth events will offer mentorship, professional trade resources and training opportunities.

Total Project Budget: \$33,600

Omaha's Finest

\$25,000 for Grand Avenue Land Acquisition Funds. Omaha's Finest focuses on socio-emotional health, using basketball as a way to keep participants engaged while also enhancing teamwork, mental focus, confidence, and physical fitness. Funding would help purchase a 10,000-square-foot lot and build capacity.

Total Project Budget: \$30,000

The 712 Initiative

\$24,225 for Community Outreach. The 712 Initiative works to improve the quality of life in Council Bluffs by redeveloping distressed properties and creating public spaces and events that bring the community together to share experiences. They want to increase participation among residents of color through a multifaceted engagement plan.

Total Project Budget: \$48,450

TRANSPORTATION

- ▶ Advocating for and supporting expanded options for reliable and efficient transportation to areas with the most jobs

Community Bike Project Omaha

\$20,000 for the Earn-a-Bike Program. The Community Bike Project Omaha provides free bikes, helmets, and locks to program graduates. To expand, they need to hire a part-time program coordinator.

Total Project Budget: \$23,411

Eastern Nebraska Community Action Partnership

\$25,000 for Senior Transportation Services. ENCAP's mission is to reduce the power of poverty in eastern Nebraska through direct service and results-driven partnerships. The organization is seeking support to ensure no-cost transportation services to low-income Omaha seniors so they can continue to readily access ENCAP Senior Wellness programming.

Total Project Budget: \$25,000

Heartland Bike Share

\$25,000 for Bike Share for All. Heartland Bike Share operates three bike sharing systems across Nebraska and Southwest Iowa. Their Equity Program partners with community-based organizations to distribute free annual bike share memberships to remove financial barriers for people to ride ebikes for transportation, exercise, and/or recreation.

Total Project Budget: \$412,800

Omaha Center for Refugee & Immigrant Services Inc.

\$24,750 for Employment Transportation. OCRISI is a growing agency with a variety of programs for those in need in the community, especially immigrants, refugees, and newcomers. This grant will be used to help job-seeking clients without reliable transportation, as well as to provide resources that could help them to become more self-sufficient.

Total Project Budget: \$24,750



Eastern Nebraska Community Action Partnership

VIBRANT COMMUNITIES

► Amplifying voices of those least often heard

100 Black Men of Omaha

\$25,000 for Mentoring the 100 Way. Members volunteer their time, talent, and resources for mentors and hundreds of at-risk youth, also known as Youth with Promise. The organization is creating momentum to recognize their potential through building a meaningful relationship with a positive role model.

Total Project Budget: \$472,902

Abide

\$25,000 for the Lighthouse Program. This community revitalization program starts with the refurbishment of a condemned or abandoned house in North Omaha. The program has three primary desired outcomes: a reduction in crime; an increase in neighbor connections; and a network of relationships that leads to supporting children, youth, and families in their development and success.

Total Project Budget: \$125,000

American Muslim Insitute

\$25,000 for American Muslim Youth Impact. This initiative focuses on connecting the narratives of Muslims in the Omaha metro. The American Muslim Institute will assist students in telling their unique experiences in a secure and inclusive atmosphere devoted to developing future leaders.

Total Project Budget: \$148,000

Banisters Leadership Academy

\$25,000 for Family University: Building Family Foundations. Banisters Leadership Academy provides at-risk and low-income K-12 students opportunities to build leadership and self-sufficiency through programming when students might be out of school but unsupervised.

Total Project Budget: \$60,000



Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Midlands

\$20,000 for DEI. Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Midlands works to empower some of the Omaha metro's most underserved youth. The organization's vision is for all youth to achieve their full potential. They are seeking support for their Director of Belonging and Inclusion position. The funding will continue previous efforts and grow new initiatives such as DEI planning meetings, partnerships, and new trainings/expert-led group conversations.

Total Project Budget: \$165,961

Business Ethics Alliance

\$25,000 for Governing Board Diversity. The purpose of the Business Ethics Alliance is to promote a local environment where the discussion and practice of business ethics are encouraged and expected. They plan to provide online ethical board training to build their capacity.

Total Project Budget: \$25,000

Canopy South

\$23,832 for the Community Ambassador Program. Canopy South is launching a paid leadership development program for residents of the Southside Terrace-Indian Hill neighborhood. This eight session program will focus on supporting residents, growing their capacity, and enhancing their leadership skills.

Total Project Budget: \$33,835

East African Development Association of Nebraska

\$25,000 for General Operations. EADAN's mission is to provide service and support to refugees and immigrants, promote awareness and advocacy for quality inclusive services, and provide a community space that is welcoming.

Total Project Budget: \$25,000

Education Rights Counsel

\$25,000 for the Internship for Educational Equity Program. This program provides a unique opportunity for law students at Creighton University and the University of Nebraska to work with experienced attorneys through a paid internship. The purpose of the program is to ensure more support for marginalized students, including students of color and students with disabilities.

Total Project Budget: \$114,906

Equity Media

\$25,000 for "Divisible: A Redlining Documentary Series." Equity Media is seeking support for editing a documentary series called "Divisible," which focuses on the history and impact of redlining in Omaha. The desired outcome is that the final series brings widespread awareness to this issue and promotes dialogue that leads to tangible change.

Total Project Budget: \$559,734

First Responders Foundation

\$25,000 for Serving Communities through First Responder Connections. First Responders Foundation serves and honors all first responders, veterans, and their families. They build appreciation and respect for their work, and enhance public safety. This request will build relationships between first responders and individuals of varying race, ethnicity, and gender identifications.

Total Project Budget: \$25,000

Girls Inc. of Omaha

\$24,998 for DEI Advocacy & Roadmap Implementation. The Girls Inc. experience includes hands-on, minds-on programming designed to help girls navigate and create an equitable world in which to grow up strong, smart, and bold. Girls Inc. of Omaha intends to implement the national DEI Roadmap across all programs and through service delivery to girls and families.

Total Project Budget: \$40,000

Inclusive Communities

\$25,000 for Capacity Building. Inclusive Communities has a mission to confront prejudice, bigotry, and discrimination. In the past two years, they have seen a huge increase in demand for their programs and services. The organization needs to increase capacity to continue to meet the demand to cultivate a community that embraces diversity.

Total Project Budget: \$350,000

League of Women Voters Greater Omaha

\$15,000 for Empower All Voices. The League of Women Voters Greater Omaha is a membership organization that works to build participation in the democratic process. They want to support grassroots efforts to increase equitable access and opportunities for people of color to participate in democracy.

Total Project Budget: \$15,000

Lyfe Changes Resource Center

\$25,000 for Advocacy, Education, Mentoring, and Support. Lyfe Changes Resource Center addresses the three primary barriers that hinder people of color in marginalized settings: systemic trauma and racism; the lack of appropriate social relations; and the lack of social justice education, supports, and understanding of cultural needs.

Total Project Budget: \$173,400

Malcolm X Memorial Foundation

\$25,000 for General Operations and Staffing. Malcom X Memorial Foundation's efforts revolve around two things: preserving the memorial site and legacy of Malcolm X; and providing a safe public space for civic engagement and social justice advocacy. This year they began a three-year strategic plan that positioned them to focus on building the necessary staffing to execute some of their goals.

Total Project Budget: \$50,856

MENTOR Nebraska

\$25,000 for Changing the Face of Mentoring.

MENTOR Nebraska fuels the quality and quantity of mentoring relationships, strengthens collaboration, and advocates for mentoring. In their new strategic plan, they've identified the need to engage individuals, organizations, and communities that have long been overlooked in our mentoring sector.

Total Project Budget: \$51,470

National Community of the Disadvantaged Enrichment

\$25,000 for National Communities Innovations:

The Omaha Connection. NCODE aims to combat and decrease poverty by promoting effective and innovative national and community-based solutions that create self-reliance, economic justice, and food security. NCODE's strategy targets disadvantaged populations and provides open opportunities and a means to achieve personal potential and goals.

Total Project Budget: \$42,068

NOISE Omaha

\$25,000 for the Community Journalism Lab. NOISE's purpose is to educate people of color in Omaha about the many facets of media production and journalism. The Community Journalism Lab will contribute to this effort by offering a journalist-centered community resource and engagement space for community members to learn technical skills required to produce high-quality journalism.

Total Project Budget: \$165,210

North 24th Street Business Improvement District Association

\$25,000 for General Operations. The North 24th Street Business Improvement District advocates for social justice and economic equality by implementing strategies that seek to undo the effects of redlining, infrastructural loss, depopulation, and disinvestment. Projects include litter control, façade improvements, enhanced streetscapes, security, lighting, and marketing for the area.

Total Project Budget: \$240,000

One Omaha

\$25,000 for Developing Community Capacity

Programs. One Omaha focuses on the empowerment of individuals and neighbor-led groups. One Omaha would use these funds to continue growing capacity and increasing the leadership abilities of people and community-led groups who invest time and energy to actively engage and lead community improvement efforts rooted in inequity.

Total Project Budget: \$405,000

Owlish

\$10,000 for Inclusive Capacity and Impact Growth.

Founded in 2021, Owlish advocates for older LGBTQ+ adults through education, policy, and resource development. They serve anyone who identifies as part of the LGBTQ+ community and is over 50.

Total Project Budget: \$12,000

Police Athletics for Community Engagement

\$25,000 for General Operations. PACE provides free sports and educational programming to at-risk and disadvantaged youth in the Omaha metro. Local law enforcement agencies participate by mentoring and coaching youth participants recruited by PACE staff from area schools, parent referrals, juvenile probation checks, and neighborhood events.

Total Project Budget: \$1,128,319

Tri-Faith Initiative

\$24,960 for the Race, Religion & Social Justice Project.

Tri-Faith will develop a curriculum based on findings from this research project to promote social and racial justice and work with community partners, creating coalitions to increase awareness of discrimination in communities based on race and religion.

Total Project Budget: \$200,000

World Speaks

\$25,000 for Capacity Building. World Speaks' mission is to address socioeconomic gaps and injustices through cultural education, inclusion initiatives, and advocacy services. They offer community language courses, interpretation and translation services, tutoring, and cultural education. They also partner with other organizations to help perform community engagement work.

Total Project Budget: \$261,500



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