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\$1.2 Million Awarded to Support Youth of Color During the Transition to Young Adulthood

The Hogg Foundation for Mental Health, in partnership with the Chan Zuckerberg Initiative, is excited to award 20 Texas nonprofit organizations \$54,000 each over two years to participate in the Pathways for Success for Transition-Age Youth of Color and their Families (PST) project.

These awards will support Black, Indigenous, and/or people of color (BIPOC)-led organizations with a history of providing innovative, community-based, and culturally relevant programs; and resources for youth of color as they transition into young adulthood.

Funds will be used to launch or expand existing services that support the mental health and well-being of transition-age youth (14-24 years) of color and their families (TAYCF) during this particularly challenging time of COVID-19, other race-related trauma and injustice.

“Strengthening the mental health and well-being of youth of color and their families during the pivotal transition into young adulthood is central to increasing their opportunities for success,” says Vicky Coffee, director of programs at the Hogg Foundation. “We’re honored to support BIPOC-led organizations who have experience and a commitment to supporting BIPOC youth and their families”.

Through developing supportive relationships with young people, PST grant partners will work to bolster youth resiliency and equip them with life skills tools necessary to live independently as adults. Another goal is to ready youth for future leadership and taking control of their destinies.

“The Hogg Foundation is committed to taking action that addresses the negative impact of long-term racial trauma, oppression, and stressors on people of color,” says Dr. Octavio N. Martinez, Jr., executive director of the Hogg Foundation. “The services and support offered by these grant partners will play an important role in promoting mental health and well-being of BIPOC youth and communities across Texas.”

The Pathways to Success for Transition Age Youth of Color and their Families grant partners are:

- **African American Youth Harvest Foundation**, Supports and Opportunities for Transition-Age Youth of Color and their Families, Austin
- **Amala Foundation**, Circle Up Youth Support Program, Austin

- **BRAVE Communities**, Brave Makers, Austin
- **Center for Urban Transformation**, Youth Leadership Program, Houston
- **Change Happens**, Each One of Us Pathway, Houston
- **Ciudad Nueva Community Outreach**, The Alcance Initiative, El Paso
- **Communities in Schools of San Antonio**, Project WRAPP: Wraparound Retention and Persistence Program, San Antonio
- **Dallas City Temple (CTCDC/DCT)**, Project TeenTime, Dallas
- **Family Roots for Life, Inc.**, Wraparound Mental Health Services and Support for Transition-Age Youth of Color and their Families, Richmond
- **Harmony Community Development Corporation**, Harmony Youth Empowerment Services, Dallas
- **Helping Others Prioritize Education**, Connecting Cass County, Dallas
- **HYPE Freedom School**, HYPE is Helping Young People Excel, Houston
- **Just Do It Now, Inc.**, Addressing the Mental Health of Youth of Color, Wharton
- **Kingdom Mercy Missions International (KMMI)**, Minding the Gap, McKinney
- **Light and Salt Association**, To Engage, Establish, Equip, and Empower Transition-Age Youth in the Houston Asian American Community, Houston
- **People with Ideas of Love, Liberty, Acceptance and Respect (PILLAR)**, Youth Empowerment Project, Laredo
- **Teens Grounded**, Teens Grounded Leadership Academy, Victoria
- **The University of Texas at San Antonio**, Rising Runners, San Antonio
- **U.S. Dream Academy, Inc.**, Scott Street Neighborhood Impact Project, Houston
- **Wiley College**, B-WOW (Bettering the Wellness of Women), Marshall

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