Agenda

01 Welcome
02 RFP Postponement
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Welcome from Ellen Katz
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Dora Anim
Chief Operating Officer

Rickell Howard Smith
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Senior Grants Manager

Michael Coffey
Senior Program Officer

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Zohar Perla
Program Officer
Housekeeping Items

- Submit questions through the Zoom chat
- Questions will be answered at the conclusion of the presentation – time permitting
- Outstanding questions will receive responses via email
- Meeting is being recorded and shared via email and posted on GCF’s website
Request for Proposals
Postponement
Responding to Shifting Needs

2020 RFPs have been postponed

- Covid-19 pandemic created a large shift in community needs
- Rapid responses
- Deploying resources based on intel from families and organizations directly impacted
- Monitoring policy changes in key focus areas
- Continued focus on advancing racial equity and contributing to an equitable recovery
New RFP schedule for 2021-2022

• Providing a Safety Net for Individuals and Families
  (Next Cycle: Q1 2021)
• Supporting Educational Success
  (Next Cycle: Q1 2021)
• Strengthening Communities Through Organizing and Advocacy
  (Next Cycle: Q2 2021)
• Vibrant Arts and Culture
  (Next Cycle: Q3 2021)
• Creating an Inclusive Community Training
  (Next Cycle: Q2 2022)
• Ensuring Environmental Sustainability
  (Next Cycle: Q3 2022)
Grantmaking Strategy: Looking Forward
Overview of 2020 Grantmaking

What is Proactive Grantmaking?
• Utilizing the information gathered from organizations, families directly impacted, and policy makers to deploy resources

On which areas will GCF focus?
• Continued focus on advancing racial equity, expanding access to affordable housing, and economic mobility in our region
• Covid-19 recovery needs
• Education, Environment, Community Organizing, Racial Justice Fund
Overview of 2020 Grantmaking

How will GCF continue to gather information on evolving community and nonprofit needs?

GCF Inquiry Portal
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**Connect with GCF**

Greater Cincinnati Foundation has created a centralized inquiry portal to provide clear and comprehensive guidance on potential support.

**Submit inquiries and project ideas through the portal**

- Weekly review
- Follow-up
- Sponsorship requests
- Covid-19 requests
- Education, Environment, Community Organizing requests
- Affordable Housing and Economic Mobility
- Racial Justice Fund

https://www.gcfdn.org/Grants/Submit-an-Inquiry
Review of Grantmaking Areas
**Education**

To improve the equity and quality of remote or hybrid learning across our region with a focus on black and low-income students.

Learning Links application due August 7th (K-12 Educators)

- For creative and interesting projects or events they would like to bring to their school or classroom.
- Initiate programming and/or obtain equipment or devices to address learning loss due to COVID-19.
Environment

- For the preservation or conservation of greenspace and/or the environmental beautification of public areas serving predominately low-income communities or communities of color.
- For educational opportunities that connect children and youth the environment with a focus on low-income and/or children and youth of color.
- To provide fresh food access through horticulture and gardening efforts in low-income communities or communities of color.
Racial Justice Fund

- Commitment of at least 5 years by GCF Board
- Goal is to get to the root cause of racial inequities created by and sustained by structural racism
- Responsive, proactive and capacity building grants
- Leverages all the tools of GCF as a community foundation
Organizing & Advocacy

- To build intentionally anti-racist systems through leadership development, coalition building and collective action
- To strengthen the capacity of constituent-led organizations that work directly with people of color who are economically marginalized
Contact Us

Have an inquiry or project idea? Submit an inquiry: https://www.gcfdn.org/Grants/Submit-an-Inquiry

Still have questions? Schedule a conversation:

Michael Coffey – Organizing & Advocacy, Racial Justice Fund
https://calendly.com/connectwithmichael/30min

Rosie Polter – Environment, Arts & Culture
https://calendly.com/rosie-polter/call

Zohar Perla - Education
https://calendly.com/zoharperla/call
Questions?