Grantseeker Orientation
Black Girl Dream Fund
AGENDA

About the Southern Black Girls and Women’s Consortium

Overview of the Dream Fund & the Grant Application Process
The Southern Black Girls and Women’s Consortium (SBGWC) is a collective of funders, activists and community leaders working to advance the movements for Black girls and women in the South.
A NEW FUNDING MODEL FOR BLACK GIRLS & WOMEN

GIRL-CENTERED PHILANTHROPY IS IN ALIGNMENT WITH THE VALUES OF BLACK WOMEN.

Our model is rooted in love, joy, and self-determination. We center black girls and women to improve the quality of our lives, for our communities and ourselves.

Girl-Centered Philanthropy is LED (Anchors), CENTERED (voices of girls) and INFORMED by (Girls and girl-serving organizations) Black girls and women.
We are creating space for Black girls to dream dreams wide enough for JOY.

During a series of listening sessions held across 12 states, Black girls told the Consortium about their needs and perceptions of themselves in this country.

When given the opportunity to envision a world that values Black women and girls --- the space to state their needs/wants for themselves, but also for the communities in which they live --- girls dreamed for:

- **Themselves:** Empowerment, Learning Experiences, Counseling, Mentoring, Healthy Relationships
- **For their Communities** Place/space, Healthcare and health-related needs, Workforce development, Equity, Safety
KEY FINDINGS THAT INFORMS OUR WORK

GIRLS EXPERIENCE RACISM & EDUCATIONAL GAPS
Girls want to see schools transformed into positive places rather than settings where they experience racism.

GIRLS ARE PERSONALLY RESILIENT; LESS CONFIDENT ABOUT THEIR INTELLECT
Black girls make a distinction between being good at school and being intelligent.

GIRLS EXPERIENCE ECONOMIC INSTABILITY & INSECURE HOUSING
Girls are concerned with quality health care and accessible mental health services for their families and neighbors; and affordable housing for their communities.

GIRLS ARE EQUALLY CONCERNED ABOUT THEIR COMMUNITIES, FAMILIES & THEIR ECONOMIC FUTURES
Girls are aware that larger systems impact how their families are able to support their growth.
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- Operational Grants
- Most interested in how your work centers Black Girls
- Selection committee comprised of Black Women-led organization from our 13 state region
- Very competitive
- The SBGWC is a network. Your grant application welcome you to the network.
2022 Award Cycle

Who applied?
299 of applicants

- 53% were organizations with budgets under $100,000
- 39% of applicants were had budgets between $100,000 - $1M.
- 6% of applicants had budget of $1M - $5M
- 2% of applicants had budgets of $5M or higher

Who was awarded?

- 71 awards from 12 states in the south
- **Average grant size $30,000 - $35,000.**
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BLACK GIRL JOY

**SOCIAL JUSTICE** - Black girls and women are provided opportunities to engage in activities that improve and uplift their communities in the spirit of justice and equity, and support their self-determination

- Advocacy
- Equity
- Systemic Inequalities

**ECONOMIC**: Black girls and women are provided opportunities and/or support to participate in career development and training, entrepreneurship, and financial literacy and wellbeing.

- Workforce Development
- Incubators
- Financial Literacy
- Entrepreneurship/Social Entrepreneurs

**EDUCATION**: Black girls are afforded opportunities to explore, travel, and learn within and beyond the experiences provided by their local schools and communities.

- Cultural Exposure
- Tutoring/After School
- Expanding Social Networks

**HEALTH & WELLNESS**: Black girls and women are provided safe, nurturing, and healing preventive and curative experiences by trained and caring health professionals (i.e., physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual)

- Counseling
- Mental Health
- Physical Activity
- Safety / Safe Space (to be)
- Health Services Access

**Possible Desired Outcomes**
The Application

- What is the name of the project?
- Request Amount
- What are your project start and end dates?
- Does your work address a new or an emerging issue?
- How long have you been doing this work?
- Describe your work with southern Black girls and women?
- Is your organization led by southern Black girls and women?
- Is your program led by southern Black girls and women?
- How does your work contribute to the dreams and aspirations of southern Black girls and women?
- How do you center southern Black Girls in your work and how are they involved in the leadership of your organization?
- How will your work make a significant difference in the lives of southern Black Girls?
- What is your annual operational budget?
- How can SBGWC help to overcome any challenges that you face in serving southern Black girls?*
Creating Your Profile on Foundant
1.) Click the link https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=sbgwc
2.) Select Create Account
3.) Every question with an * has to be completed
4.) Under Organization/Participant Information Section:
   - Enter Organization Name if you are a member of an organization
   - Enter Last Name if you are not a member of an organization
5.) Under EIN/Tax Id
   - Enter EIN/Tax Id number if you are a 501C3 non-profit organization or your fiscal agent EIN/Tax Id if it's a 501C3
   - Enter 00-0000000 if you do not have an EIN/Tax Id
6.) Under User Information enter Applicant's (your) contact information [the email address you enter will be your username]
7.) Under Executive Officer Section
   - Are you the Organization's Executive Officer?
     - Select YES if you are
     - Select NO if you aren't
8.) Additional Executive Officer Information enter additional contact information
9.) Create Password
10.) Select Submit
11.) Email Confirmation screen Select I have received email
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