

# COMMUNITY HEALING FUND

## YEAR 1

### MISSION

The Community Healing Fund has been established to promote peace and healing in the Black community.

### FINANCIAL IMPACT

A \$277,630 initial investment resulted in a total one year investment of \$709,284.50 for small to medium Black-led organizations who had never applied to UWGK before!

## IMPACT

- All organizations who applied were provided a free one year membership to the Alliance for Better Nonprofits and 5 free classes
- 12,524 people served through 11 organizations
- Increased:
  - educational skills, such as grammar and math
  - nonprofit staff pay
  - application of mindfulness strategies
  - use of coping skills
  - attendance for chronically absent students
  - safe spaces and activities for the community
  - awards for STEM students
  - student confidence
  - emergency housing
  - transportation for the unhoused

## 2021-2022 FUNDED ORGANIZATIONS

- **A 1 Learning Connections**
- **Drums Up Guns Down**
- **Freedom Village of Hope DBA East TN Freedom Schools**
- **Iota Alpha Foundation**
- **KARATE FIVE ASSOCIATION, INC.**
- **Keenan Grimes Community Outreach Center**
- **Penultimate Development**
- **Real Talk Mentoring Inc**
- **The Bottom**
- **UUNIK Academy**
- **Youth Outreach in Science Technology Engineering and Math**

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# COMMUNITY HEALING FUND YEAR 2

## WHAT'S DIFFERENT THIS YEAR

The first round of the Community Healing Fund showed great impact to the organizations who received funding and the people they serve, but the United Way of Greater Knoxville and the Community Healing Fund Committee acknowledge that we need to better understand the barriers that small to medium size (under \$1 million in annual expenses) Black-led organizations experience when applying for grants and create space for more community voices to speak into what peace and healing look like for our community. The committee has created a grant process that will provide unrestricted funds to Black-led small to medium size organizations who are rooted in community and willing to work together to create a shared aspiration for the community. This shared vision will directly influence the future priorities of the Community Healing Fund and the grant process itself. Our hope is to create a more equitable and supportive grant process built directly on the needs of the nonprofits and the community they serve.

48 organizations applied (45% increase in applicants) for 15 spots in the cohort.

## 2023 FUNDED ORGANIZATIONS

- **A 1 Learning Connections**
- **Battlefield Farm**
- **Beyond the Cover Academy**
- **Drums Up Guns Down**
- **Free Indeed Int'l Ministries**
- **East TN Freedom Schools**
- **Gennisi Charitable Birth Services**
- **Knoxville College**
- **Net's Nest Shelter**
- **Real Talk Mentoring Inc**
- **Royal Youth Dance Ensemble**
- **The Change Center**
- **The Mend House**
- **UUNIK Academy**
- **Youth Outreach in Science Technology Engineering and Math**

## QUICK FACTS ABOUT THE 2023 COHORT

- 8 organizations have not received funding from a traditional UWGK grant process before.
- This is the first grant that 4 organizations have ever received.
- All 15 organizations had not received funding from UWGK before last year's Community Healing Fund process.
- 12 organizations have budgets of less than \$250,000.
- They represent services focused on: substance abuse/mental health, youth, culture, adult education, food/basic needs, workforce development, education, mentoring, domestic violence/violence, women's health, housing, and more.

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