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Hill-Snowdon Foundation Commits an Additional \$5.5 million dollars to Black-led Organizing and Movement Infrastructure

Washington, DC (August 10 2020) – On the sixth anniversary of Ferguson Uprising, the [Hill-Snowdon Foundation](#) (HSF) announces its commitment of \$5.5 million dollars over the next 5.5 years to support Black-led organizing and movement infrastructure under its ***Meeting the Moment: Black Movement Infrastructure for Racial Justice strategy***. These resources will come from HSF’s endowment and are in addition to HSF’s on-going commitment to Black-led organizing through its [Making Black Lives Matter Initiative](#). Overall, HSF seeks to help build a more robust, powerful and lasting infrastructure for Black-led organizing and movement to ensure that all Black people are thriving.

For the past five years, HSF and other funders have been explicitly funding and [stressing the importance of strengthening the infrastructure for Black-led organizing and movement](#). “The difference in scope, scale and impact of the current uprisings in response to the murder of George Floyd is in large part due to the expanded infrastructure for Black organizing over the past several years,” said Nat Chioke Williams, Executive Director of the Hill-Snowdon Foundation. “We can’t waste or underestimate the momentum for achieving racial justice in this moment and in the coming years.”

The Meeting the Moment: Black Movement Infrastructure for Racial Justice strategy will focus on five key areas of Black organizing and movement infrastructure:

1. **Support Grassroots Black-led Organizing Groups** – focus on Community Safety and Wellness (e.g., #defundthepolice; #policefreeschools; divest/invest; alternative structures, etc.), and would be expanded depending on the needs on the ground.

2. **Support Black Movement Intermediaries and Networks** – to strengthen the movement intermediaries themselves (e.g., Movement for Black Lives; Dignity in Schools, etc.), as well as to provide support for local members of the network through re-granting or other types of supports.
3. **Support Black Organizing & Movement Ecosystem Development** - to understand the full scope, breadth, needs and capacities of the overall ecosystem of Black organizing and movement building through mapping the entire ecosystem and facilitating strategic coordination across the ecosystem.
4. **Support Healing Justice for Black Organizers and Movement Leaders** – to promote the sustainability of Black organizing and movement by supporting the well-being, rejuvenation and self-care of Black organizers and movement leaders.
5. **Support Culture/Narrative Change/Communications** – to strengthen and expand access to culture/narrative change and communications initiatives for Black organizing and movement groups, particularly for digital organizing in the COVID-19 age.

HSF also hopes to initiate a participatory grantmaking approach with Black organizers and movement leaders in implementing this grantmaking strategy.

Beyond grantmaking, HSF staff plan to work with its philanthropic colleagues to enhance the strategic coordination of new and existing foundation resources committed to Black-led organizing, movement building, racial justice and anti-racism efforts. “We are happy to be part of the more than \$500 million dollar surge in recent philanthropic support for racial justice work,” Williams says. “And we understand that philanthropy has to be coordinated, strategic and in partnership with Black organizers and movements to maximize the impact of these and other funds to strengthen the power of Black communities to achieve racial justice. We look forward to working with our colleagues towards this goal.”

The Hill-Snowdon Foundation is a Washington, DC-based family foundation whose mission is to work with low-income families and communities to create a fair and just society. HSF seeks to accomplish this mission by providing grants to organizations that work directly to build power in low-income communities of color; leveraging its and others’ resources; and promoting opportunities for learning and growth. The Foundation recently launched its Meeting the Moment-COVID 19 plan in response to the pandemic, committing to double its grants budget for 2020.

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