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## **Black Funders of St. Louis Announces its 2021 Black Philanthropy Month Grant Cycle Prioritizing Civic Engagement**

Black Funders of St. Louis announces its 2021 Black History Month Grant Cycle

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**Black Funders of St. Louis (BFSTL)**, a giving circle promoting the economic mobility and transformation of the Black community, announces the first funding cycle of its 2021 grant-funding year. BFSTL will use its February, Black History Month grant cycle to highlight a crucial funding priority: providing general operating support for organizations focusing on civic engagement in the St. Louis region. “As Black Funders continues its mission to increase economic mobility in the Black community” says Founder and President Maranda Richardson, “we recognize that now more than ever an educated and engaged citizenry is necessary for long-term systemic change. When more Black people tap into the power and resources held within the various facets of our political systems, we will have the power to create the change we desire in our communities.”

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Black Funders defines civic engagement as “working to make a difference in the civic life of our communities and developing the combination of knowledge, skills, values and motivation to promote the quality of life in a community, through both political and non-political processes.” Examples of civic activities include but are not limited to voter engagement and/or turnout events, educating the citizenry on the role of government and public officials, and educating citizens on their role in government beyond voting. BFSTL continues to fund Black-led nonprofits whose missions align with that of the organization. Black-led is defined as the CEO, President or Executive Director identifying as Black or African American. BFSTL targets those organizations with Black/African American leadership to promote the concept of Black people giving back to Black people.

Black Funders of St. Louis will begin taking grant applications on February 1, 2021, with all applications due by February 28, 2021. For more information, please refer to the Black Funders of St. Louis’ website: [www.blackfundersstl.com](http://www.blackfundersstl.com).

Black Funders of St. Louis giving circle is a nontraditional form of philanthropy with a mission that encourages its membership to pool time, talents, and treasures to invest in the Black community and positively impact the well-being of Black children, youth, adults and families in the St. Louis Metropolitan Area.

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