

FOOT LOCKER FOUNDATION COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM

Grantees from Rounds 1 +2

ROUND 1 GRANTEES

Sixteen organizations across 12 metro areas received grants ranging from \$25,000-\$100,000 each.

Atlanta

- [City of Refuge](#) – Workforce/career development, sports, mentorship, and STEM programming for youth in the Bankhead community.

Baltimore

- [Safe Alternative Foundation for Education](#) – Training for youth ages 18-24 in construction and technology skills and STEAM, along with workshops for middle school students in West Baltimore.

Chicago

- [Spark Chicago](#) – Mentorship program that matches students with committed mentors for 13 weeks of engagement each spring.
- [AeroStar Avion Institute](#) – Aviation/aerospace STEM education and training for Chicago Housing Authority youth ages 13-20.

Dallas

- [Mercy Street](#) – Sports, mentoring, and leadership programs in West and South Dallas, which were constrained due to COVID-19.

Detroit

- [Detroit Phoenix Center](#) – Drop-in program for young adults ages 13-24 at risk of and/or currently experiencing homelessness, offering services such as personal care, job training, and after-school enrichment.
- [Cody Rouge Community Action Alliance](#) – Customer service and sales associate training for youth, with direct exposure to relevant careers and work environments.

Houston

- [Civic Heart Community Services](#) (formerly known as Change Happens) – Each One of Us mentoring program for boys and young men in the city's Third Ward to help address day-to-day challenges, build self-confidence, and promote well-being.

Los Angeles

- [Step Up](#) – A cohort-based program for teen girls, which encompasses social-emotional skill development, career experiences, and mentorship.

Miami

- [Overtown Youth Center](#) – College and career readiness program that provides services ranging from financial literacy to educational support for marginalized youth in Miami-Dade County.

New York City

- [Peter Westbrook Foundation](#) – Saturday Fencing Program and Academic Enrichment Program, which provide youth with health and wellness opportunities, mentoring, and academic support with a pathway to quality jobs.
- [Figure Skating in Harlem](#) – Coaching, tutoring/STEAM, fitness, and ice time for more than 200 girls in the I Can Excel (ICE) and Summer Dreams Programs.

Oakland

- [Health & Human Resource Education Center](#) – Enhancement of Downtown TAY Program, through which youth participate in peer support groups, mentoring sessions with coaches and job readiness workshops.

Philadelphia

- [HopePHL](#) (formerly known as People’s Emergency Center) – Hiring of youth as Community Connectors to assist with emergency food distribution and information dissemination throughout the federally designated West Philadelphia Promise Zone.

San Francisco

- [City of Dreams](#) – After-school and Saturday programming in San Francisco's Bayview District, including mentoring, field trips, access to a health & wellness advocate, and gardening education/skills.
- [LYRIC](#) – Workforce program to provide low-income, LGBTQ+ youth of color with culturally competent, identity-affirming services that promote education and workforce development.

ROUND 2 GRANTEES

Twenty community organizations across 10 metro areas received grants ranging from \$25,000-\$100,000 each.

Atlanta

- [The National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Inc.](#) – Provide civic education with hands-on participation in student government, workshops led by prominent leaders, and meaningful local projects.
- [Science, Engineering and Mathematics Link, Inc.](#) – Support STEM programs, launch a new mobile lab in the community, and upgrade their facility.

Baltimore

- [10:12 Sports Inc.](#) – Support growth and development of mentoring, workforce training and community outreach.
- [Ballet After Dark](#) – Advance dance therapy programs and aqua ballet for survivors of violence.
- [Mentoring Male Teens in the Hood](#) – Fuel tutoring, work skills, career exploration, mentoring and cultural enrichment programs.

Chicago

- [Project SYNCERE](#) – Promote engineering academy that provides curriculum, technology, tools, instructors and role models as well as peer mentoring and internship opportunities.
- [Totally Positive Productions](#) – Provide after-school and Saturday programs at crime prevention organization focused on youth.

Dallas

- [Rae's Hope](#) – Offer leadership development, social-emotional training, technology, and financial education in conjunction with volleyball development program for girls from age 5-18

Detroit

- [Developing Kingdoms In Different Stages \(K.I.D.S.\)](#) – Renovate and refurbish a newly purchased property, adding a coffee shop and banquet facility to serve the community and provide hands-on training and paid work experience to youth.
- [Give Merit, Inc.](#) – Increase the number of both high school and alumni participants in the college/career readiness and leadership program called Design Your FATE.
- [MACC Development](#) – Support K-12 students with sport for development, career experiences, social-emotional learning, tutoring and mentoring.
- [Single Family Living](#) – Provide an after-school work program where 10th-12th graders are paid to learn leadership and financial education skills, manage the IT lab and community library, and mentor 6th-9th graders.

Los Angeles

- [Peace4Kids](#) – Enhance the Transition Age Youth (TAY) program with deeper engagement on a range of self-care and self-acceptance skills, as well as independent living skills like financial management.
- [Pete Brown Jr. Tennis Program](#) – Provide free tennis instruction plus mentoring, leadership and life skills development as well as nutrition and wellness coaching.

New York City

- [Hands That Make A Difference](#) – Support after-school program for youth ages 5-12, including the addition of individual and group mentoring activities.

- [The Community Initiatives of NY](#) – Fund “Teaching a Generation” (TAG) program to give youth a safe space each week to express their thoughts, feelings and outlook on various aspects of their lives.

Oakland

- [Battle Tested Kids, Inc.](#) – Offer week-long summer basketball and soccer camps, weekend sports clinics and enrichment program focused on communication, conflict resolution and leadership.

Philadelphia

- [Soul Food CDC \(Unity in the Community\)](#) – Support Carpentry Academy for youth ages 14-19 to learn the basics of carpentry, connect with mentors and discover career opportunities.

San Francisco

- [Ladies In Power](#) – Advance Project Elevate, a three-month course for older youth that focuses on mental and physical health, career enhancement, community connections, and financial education.
- [Museum of the African Diaspora \(MoAD\)](#) – Support MoAD teacher visits to student classrooms, museum field trips and additional visits where 3rd and 4th grade students will create their own African-inspired works of art.