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Launched at The Orange County Community Foundation, Funding Will Support Three Organizations Serving Orange County's African American Community

Newport Beach, Calif. (September 8, 2020) – The African American Alliance Fund has awarded a first round of grants to 100 Black Men of Orange County (100 BMOC), Community Action Partnership of OC (CAP OC) and The G.R.E.E.N. Foundation (TGF). The Fund was launched at the Orange County Community Foundation (OCCF) in celebration of Juneteenth this year to raise awareness about systemic racism and support programs that advance African Americans within Orange County and surrounding communities.

“I launched this Fund to go beyond what I have done in the past, and with a vision to support the African American community in a thoughtful and deliberate way,” said Tammy Tumbling, founder of the African American Alliance Fund and OCCF executive vice president and COO. “I am humbled by the outpouring of support from the community, and thrilled to partner with the selected nonprofits to advance their mission-critical work for African Americans in Orange County and beyond.”

Tumbling launched the Fund with \$25,000 of her own resources. It has since grown sixfold with contributions reaching \$150,000 and counting. With a focus on programs designed to improve outcomes in the areas of education, health, human services, economic development and civic engagement, the Fund is already driving tangible impact in the community.

The first round of grants will specifically support:

- 100 BMOC’s Passport to the Future program, which serves African American males from 6th through 12th grade, providing mentorship, cultural appreciation and college preparation with an emphasis on STEM.
- A civic engagement initiative at CAP OC in partnership with the Nu Tau Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., the first intercollegiate Greek-letter fraternity established for African American Men, intended to increase voter participation and empower underrepresented communities to make a difference.
- TGF’s continued efforts to ensure that African American citizens complete the Census and understand its role in securing future funding for healthcare, education, job training, public transportation and more.

“We are honored to receive an inaugural grant from the African American Alliance Fund,” said Gregory C. Scott, president & CEO, CAP OC. “CAP OC and our partner, OC Alpha Phi Alpha, believe that we must capitalize on the national spotlight and rally around the political process now. By increasing voter registration in the African American community by 25%, we can help create long-term systematic changes within our community.”

To support the African American Alliance Fund and learn more about its impact in the community, visit oc-cf.org/AAAFund.

About Orange County Community Foundation

Founded in 1989, the Orange County Community Foundation (OCCF) works with donors, strengthens the local nonprofit sector and works to find solutions to community needs. Since its inception, OCCF has awarded more than \$730 million in grants and scholarships and ranks in the top one percent in grantmaking activity among more than 780 U.S. community foundations. For more information, visit oc-cf.org or call 949-553-4202. Be a part of our conversation on [Facebook](#) [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#). View OCCF's 2019 annual report [here](#).