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New District Funding Source for Non-Profits Opens First Grant Proposal Process

Diverse Women's Group Looks to Make a Positive Impact

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A new grant proposal process was launched on Jan. 26, by IMPACT100 DC, the local chapter of a nationwide coalition that desires to leave its mark on communities by providing funding to nonprofit organizations in the District of Columbia.

"This is such an exciting moment for IMPACT100 DC. We are ready to roll up our sleeves and be about the essential work of this association," said president Ann Vaughn who explained the organization began its work in August 2019 throughout the metro area. "We are proud to build an organization that reflects the diversity of the greater DC area and can help build bridges across the divides in our community."

At a "Big Reveal" event on Jan. 26, IMPACT100 DC announced



Board members and members-at-large at the Big Reveal of their 2021 grant for \$103,000. From left: Carole Mumin, member; Sharon Dennis, chair - Grants Committee; Katy Gathright, co-chair - Membership); Ellen Sivon, co-chair - Membership); Dorothy Durden, board secretary; Susan O'Neill, member; Dorothy Hsiao, member; and Jane Lyder, member. (Photo supplied by IMPACT100 DC)

that \$103,000 will be distributed to a single 501c3 organization. The grant application is now open. Impact100 DC will consider grant applications from nonprofits in the District of Columbia, plus Montgomery, Prince Georges, Fairfax, and Arlington Counties, and the cities of Alexandria, Fairfax, and Falls Church. Grants will be considered in five focus areas including arts & culture, education, environment, family, or health & wellness. The grant proposal deadline is March 8.

An award of \$103,000 will be giv-

en to an organization voted upon by the IMPACT100 DC membership, with priority consideration given to transformational projects that address disparate outcomes resulting from structural racism. The grant recipient will be announced in September 2021.

Impact100 DC is an all-volunteer women's philanthropic community with a mission of improving lives in the Greater Washington, D.C. area by collectively funding transformational grants to local nonprofit organizations. The Impact100 model was created by Wendy Steele in 2001. Impact100 DC is part of a network of more than 60 chapters in the U.S. which have donated nearly \$80 million to local causes.

"We look forward to making a grant to an organization working to address unmet needs in our community, particularly those arising from systemic racism and structural inequity," said Vaughn.

To learn more about the grant application process with a proposal deadline of March 8, visit IMPACT-100DC.org. **W1**