

## **Black Giving Circle Vision Planning Request for Proposals**

### **I. Project Overview and Background**

The Black Giving Circle Fund (BGC) exists to create sustainable change in the Black community by leveraging philanthropic efforts of donors and celebrating Black philanthropy. Since 2015, the BGC has sought to channel the passion and commitment of its members to affect important community change through collaborative giving. This year, BGC is seeking to engage in vision planning through a project led by a professional consultant. This project will be designed to provide the Black Giving Circle with an exceptional opportunity to reflect on past work and plan for the future of the giving circle and its contribution to the Greater Hartford Community.

### **II. Proposal Requirements**

- 1) Duration of project: three months
- 2) Maximum award amount: \$10,000

### **III. Eligibility**

To be considered for this project, interested consultants must meet the following criteria:

- Experience working with communities of color and the Black community
- Knowledgeable about philanthropy and collective giving
- Understands the needs of Black lead and serving non-profit agencies in the Greater Hartford region

### **IV. Project Description:**

The project will be a facilitated and participatory asset-based process among the Black Giving Circle Steering Committee and membership. The culmination of the process will result in a three-year vision plan.

The project implementation includes the following Black Giving Circle's activities:

- Develop a common understanding of BGC's role in the community at large;
- Review and assessment of educational sessions and other BGC convenings;
- Develop a grantmaking vision and plan

To support the project, a lead consultant will facilitate the development of a vision plan for the following activities and deliverables:

1. Work with the Hartford Foundation and Black Giving Circle Steering Committee members to develop and finalize the vision plan.
2. Facilitate and manage participatory planning sessions with all **BGC** members. The consultant may need to develop protocols, templates, and other tools to generate, capture information and ideas emerging from these sessions.
3. Compile and synthesize ideas and information generated through the facilitated planning process.
4. Co-present the finalized vision plan with BGC Steering Committee at a BGC meeting.
5. Produce a final project with recommendations and highlighting lessons learned.

**V. Specific Items to be Submitted to Michael Wotorson, Senior Community Impact Officer at [mwotorson@hfg.org](mailto:mwotorson@hfg.org)**

- Please submit for our review and consideration, the following:
- Names of two references (preferably previous clients)
- Complete plan/proposal
- Implementation Timeline
- Full Budget
- Resume/Qualifications

**VI. Additional Information**

For questions about this RFP, please contact Michael Wotorson, Senior Community Impact Officer at [mwotorson@hfg.org](mailto:mwotorson@hfg.org)

**VII. Key Dates**

Proposal Release Date:	April 29, 2021
Deadline for submission of Proposals:	May 28, 2021
Anticipated process start date:	July 26, 2021