

Four Local Nonprofits Receive Grants from African American Community Foundation *BlackTech CLT, Smart Girls, Teen Health Connection and Urban League Receive Grants*

CHARLOTTE – The African American Community Foundation has announced its 2018 grant award recipients. The grants were awarded in August, in honor of Black Philanthropy Month. The following grant awards support a range of activities benefitting Charlotte’s African-American community:

1. **BlackTech CLT** (\$2,500) provides a six-week mentorship program pairing BlackTech CLT members with corporate executives and business leaders to help them grow their businesses and develop professional skills to achieve their career goals.
2. **Smart Girls** (\$2,500) offers rich and engaging STEM experiences for elementary-aged girls in Charlotte, free of charge.
3. **Teen Health Connection** (\$2,500) assists with planning and preparation for the 2019 Youth to Youth Leadership Conference, and supports alcohol and substance abuse prevention initiatives.
4. **Urban League** (\$2,500) supports the Urban League of Central Carolinas’ Career Fair at Stratford Richardson YMCA on Wednesday, Oct. 17. The career fair will include more than 45 employers with full-time, part-time and apprenticeship opportunities. ULCC will also purchase two student kits for its HVAC curriculum, focused on providing knowledge and hands-on skills for certification and immediate entry-level employment.

The AACF is a grantmaking program managed by Foundation For The Carolinas. The grant funds were made possible through the Lethia Henderson Fund Endowment and the Elizabeth S. Randolph African American Fund Endowment managed by Foundation For The Carolinas. The Henderson Fund was established at FFTC in 1981 to support nonprofit programs and organizations with an emphasis on health and community service. The Randolph Fund was established in 1993 at FFTC to foster philanthropy and to support nonprofit programs and organizations that address African-American concerns.

With the 2018 grants, the Henderson and Randolph Funds have made nearly \$500,000 in grants to nonprofit organizations. Persons or groups interested in contributing to the Henderson and Randolph Funds or opening a new fund may contact Qiana Austin at Foundation For The Carolinas: 704.973.4535 or qaustin@fftc.org. All contributions are tax deductible.

The application process for the 2019 funding cycle will begin in February 2019. For more information on grant award requirements and funded projects, visit www.fftc.org/grants.

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