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Black Trans Women's Wellness Grants: Impact Report

TAKE

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TAKE (Transgender Advocates Knowledgeable Empowering) Birmingham

Based in Birmingham, Alabama, the TAKE Resource Center works together as a community to empower Trans People of Color by meeting their needs and increasing accessibility to wellness resources.

FUNDED PROGRAM: Healing Justice Project

This projected allowed 28 trans women to receive therapy.

"I am truly excited to have been supported by BEAM and most of all centering the mental wellness of Black trans folx."

TAKE's Healing Justice Project provided nearly 30 folks with selfcare events, access to free, group therapy sessions, and designated space where participants could garner skills to support their mental health and wellness. Read more from their New York Times feature.

R.O.A.D
REUNITING OF AFRICAN DESCENDANTS

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R.O.A.D (Reuniting of African Descendants)

Reuniting of African Descendants (R.O.A.D) is a Black trans-led, grassroots initiative invested in equity, collective growth, and healing for LGBTQIA+/SGL people of African Descendants. ROAD's work is rooted in ending genocide against Trans and Queer people of African Descendants.

FUNDED PROGRAM: Artivism & Impact Program

5 Black trans women completed the mentorship program and a fellowship journey to Kenya to work with other LGBTQ+ activists.

"The environment was essential in creating this transformative and empowering space."

Through the Artivism & Impact Program, participants were connected with organizations, such as TransTech Social, which provided mentorship opportunities and supported their advocacy skills. They also learned from influential Black trans women who work in entertainment, business, and mental health.

SOLUTIONS NOT PUNISHMENT COLLABORATIVE

SNaP Co. (Solutions Not Punishment Collaborative)

Grant Purpose: Yakinii's Love is designed to afford young Black trans/gnc femmes and girls in Atlanta with a space to think about who they are, what they want for their future, and to build a plan to execute that strategy while cultivating sacred practices and memories that will ground them inside of their bodies, vulnerabilities and to also remind them of what's possible in their lives. **This program helped 5 Black trans women with gender affirming surgery costs and clothing.**

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FUNDED PROGRAM: Yakinii's Love

"Our girls deserve to be safe and in their bodies and for them to feel confident in their bodies. To have access, like other folks/cis women, to support without judgement and shame"