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THE EWING MARION KAUFFMAN FOUNDATION AWARDS BMF \$15,000 GRANT FOR RACES UNITED'S R.E.A.L. (Racial Equity and Learning) PROJECT

Leavenworth - The **Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation** has awarded Burnett Music Foundation a \$15,000 grant for **Races United** in support of its **R.E.A.L (Racial Equity and Learning) Project**. See: [SPECIAL PROJECTS](#)

*"The BMF made it possible for Races United (a grassroots activist group dedicated to ending systemic racism in the Black community through social media ad campaigns, face-to-face communications, advocacy, and education) to accept tax deductible donations and grants from foundations as fiscal sponsor," said **Races United Founder, Toni Gates**. "RU was able to raise over \$28k because of its partnership with the BMF whose mission is in alignment with RU's desire to educate others as well."*

About The **Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation**: In the spirit of Ewing Marion Kauffman, we seek to build inclusive prosperity through a prepared workforce and entrepreneur-focused economic development. The Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation is committed to [racial equity, diversity, and inclusion \(REDI\)](#). We believe all people – regardless of their race, gender, or geography – should have the opportunity to achieve economic stability, mobility, and prosperity. Our grant-making covers more than 20 initiatives. Explore our grants database, to see our commitment to supporting ideas, projects and organizations that improve education, boost entrepreneurship, and help individuals and communities thrive.

The goal of the **Burnett Music Foundation (BMF)** is to promote youth development and awareness of Jazz music as an original art form in the United States. Considering Jazz originated in the African-American communities of New Orleans in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, with roots in two additional genres (blues and ragtime) also originating from the African-American communities, the motivation to support **Races United's** efforts to create the **R.E.A.L Project** is not different from the activities of the BMF. It is Black history. The R.E.A.L Project of course includes all aspects of the contributions made by Black Americans (Jazz being just one among many areas of benefit to society) not just from a viewpoint of oppression but also including Black Joy, which educationally, is in direct alignment with our mission. For more information and details about all programs, visit BMF online.

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We are a Tax Exempt Organization under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 501 (c) (3). Donors can deduct contributions they make to us under IRC Section 170. We're also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under Section 2055, 2106, or 2522. Effective Date of Exemption: Feb 06, 2020.

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