

**The Russell Family Foundation  
2018 Quarter 2 Grants**

**Detroit Food Academy, \$25,000**

Support for leadership training and data recording and analysis systems

The grant will allow Detroit Food Academy (DFA) to institute a clear training program through which all staff are prepared for the leadership and management portions of their roles – to lead, to coach, and to grow their teams. The organization will also plan year-round individual and group training and coaching. DFA will also work to develop a comprehensive recordkeeping system that unites all of its data streams. It is anticipated that this will allow the organization to enhance its management best practices and decision-making by having great information available. The organization will refine and expand its alumni database, so that they can better keep in touch with students and learn how DFA has impacted them over time.

**Downtown Boxing Gym, \$25,000**

Support for a partnership with the Detroit Achievement Academy

The grant will support a partnership between the Downtown Boxing Gym (DBG) and the Detroit Achievement Academy (DAA), a public charter school. DBG seeks to increase the effectiveness of its day-to-day academic support by enlisting the professionals at DAA as technical partners. Having created a “second home” for kids, DBG is now working to ensure that it has the most effective structure for student assessments, is able to track student progress, can determine an appropriate staffing configuration, can implement proven curricula, and identify appropriate professional development opportunities for staff and volunteers.

**Girls Group, \$25,000**

Support to expand the College and Career Preparation programs to all participants, including the development of new curriculum and programming for students as young as middle school age

Girls Group will create a College Mindset and Preparedness curriculum for all Girls Group participants. This new program will increase college prep programming for 200 middle school and 100+ high school students for the 2018/2019 school year.

The implementation of this program would include:

- Four grade-specific College Mindset and Preparedness sessions for the 2018/2019 school year for all middle school students and all high school students.
- New curriculum based on a more intentional College Mindset and Preparedness orientation, with elements for emotional readiness, academic readiness, and financial readiness.
- New summer enrichment programming to support the curriculum.
- Increased communication to all parents/guardians about the new programming, with opportunities for parent/guardian feedback and skill building.
- Additional opportunities for Girls Group alumni and community leaders to share their experiences and lessons learned with younger students.

**Midnight Golf Program, \$25,000**

Support for the College Access and Support program to support students from their high school year through college years

The Midnight Golf Program will develop the College Access and Support program to support students from their high school year through college years. Students enrolled in CASP will enter the program beginning in their senior year of high school and stay involved through their college years. They will be paired with a Student Success Coach (SSC) who will be their primary point of contact throughout their enrollment in CASP. These College Success Coaches will essentially be dedicated case managers, with the support of the mentors, who will formally track and support each assigned student.

**Racquet Up Detroit, \$25,000**

Support to build its capacity for program expansion

After nearly eight years of program success and growth, Racquet Up has reached the capacity of the classrooms and squash courts available for use at the Northwest Activities Center. The organization has a goal of ultimately being able to serve at least 200 youth on a continuous basis, but needs to establish a larger, permanent education and squash facility, as well as an expanded program infrastructure, to make this possible. Racquet Up will use the grant for the development of its "Case for Expansion," which will build vital elements of a major capital campaign and position the organization for a transformative expansion project.

**Girls on the Run of Southeastern Michigan, \$10,000**

Support for one Star Power site at Holmes Elementary School in Ypsilanti

Girls on the Run of Southeastern Michigan will add Holmes Elementary School in Ypsilanti as a Star Power Site. Star Power Sites (SPS) seek to overcome barriers to participation to encourage more girls to participate in programs. The current request would support two teams of girls at the school.