**Information & Instructions**

* Read everything through first before you start
* Funding decisions are guided by our Mission Statements and Areas of Emphasis; please refer to this information when filling out your application
* You will be asked to identify which of the Areas of Emphasis your proposal best fits
* Events & Projects with no cost to participate/attend are strongly preferred. The exception to this is fundraising events, which will be evaluated on an individual basis using the same criteria.
* Refer to Funding Levels/Reporting Requirements Table to ensure you have included all necessary application materials – different funding levels require additional application materials
* For applicants requesting over $500, please complete and include a Budget Worksheet with your Application
* Please keep application answers fairly brief – around 100 words, or a short paragraph, should be enough of an explanation for us ☺

**Our Areas of Emphasis and Examples:**

**Parent Engagement & Skill-Building**

* **Parent Peer Support groups**
* **Fatherhood projects**
* **Education & Self-Advocacy**
* **Free, family-friendly activities**
* **Interpretation for Events**

**Trauma Informed/Resiliency Building Trainings:**

* **Self-care & Self-Compassion**
* **Getting to know Refugee & Immigrant Neighbors**
* **Psychoeducation & Learning Opportunities**
* **Trauma-Informed Yoga**

**Neighborhood Leadership:**

* **Support for Parent-Teacher organizations**
* **Opportunities to practice leadership in everyday life**
* **Support for Neighborhood Associations**
* **Opportunities to facilitate civil discourse**

**Community Justice, Addressing Disproportionality, and Building Equity:**

* **Courageous Conversations**
* **Implicit Bias Trainings**
* **Diversion programs**
* **Justice Circles**
* **Mediation projects – including peer mediation & volunteer programs**
* **Encouraging healthy youth expression**

**Youth Transitioning out of Foster Care, and Youth Transitioning to Adulthood:**

* **Employment & Education Engagement Programs**
* **Ongoing Relationship Building & Mentoring**
* **Peer Support**
* **Research**
* **Mental and/or Physical Health Programming**

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**Funding Levels & Reporting Requirements**

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| **COMMUNITY GRANT REQUEST AMOUNT** | **NUMBER OF GRANTS AVAILABLE** | **APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS**(in addition to request form) | **REPORTING REQUIREMENTS** |
| $1-$500 | **10** | Signed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) | Event/program attendance, demographic information, noteworthy outcomes |
| $501-$1,000 | **10** | Signed MOU +Invoice & Budget Narrative | “ ”See Reporting Form below |

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| **Community Grant Reporting Template Example** |  |
|  **Fiscal Year 20** | **# New African-American** | **# New Hispanic** | **# New Asian/ Pacific Islander** | **# New Native American** | **# Multiracial or Biracial** | **# Other:**  | **Total # Served**  |  |
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| **Total:** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Event Summary / Noteworthy Outcomes:** |  |

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**FY20 Funding Application**

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| **Requestor Name:**  |
| **Contact Name & Email Address:**  |
| **Contact Phone Number**:  |
| **Applicant Agency/Organization**:  |
| **Please Describe Your Proposed Project/Program/Event: (What do you need the money for?)** |
| **Date & Location of Project/Program/Event:** |
| **Project Area:** |
| **[ ]** Parent Engagement/Skill-Building[ ]  Trauma Informed/Resilience Skill Building**[ ]** Neighborhood Leadership**[ ]** Community Justice & Equity**[ ]** Youth Transitioning out of Foster Care | **[ ]** Other - *please specify*: |
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| **Funding Amount Requested:** **$** |
| **Are you requesting between $501-$1,000 in Community Grant support?** |
| **[ ]** YES If yes, please also submit an invoice along with a one-paragraph description of how the funds will be spent. Please note: funds cannot be spent on electronics (hardware or software.)**[ ]** NO |
| 1. **What is your organization’s mission statement?**
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| 1. **Please identify who will be engaged in the project or program you are proposing:** (Who will be served or engaged / who is the target audience / who will be invited?)
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| 1. **What are the goals of the proposed project/program?** (Why is it important / how will it help your community or neighborhood?)
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| 1. **Describe how the proposed service and/or programming is compatible with at least one of the listed Mission Statements.**
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| 1. **Describe your participation in Polk Decat, Polk CPPC, or MYFI/Breakthrough Series Collaborative activities.**
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| 1. **Describe what will happen if Polk Decat/CPPC is not able to provide financial support for this project/program:**
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**\*\*\* APPLICANTS DO NOT FILL OUT THIS SECTION \*\*\***

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| **For Steering Committee/Shared Decision Making Evaluator Use Only** |
| Question 1 | Does the applicant org’s mission statement align with Decat/CPPC/MYFI goals?  | **[ ]** YES**[ ]** NO |
| Comments:       |
| Question 2 | Does the target audience of the project overlap with Decat/CPPC/MYFI identified target audiences? | **[ ]** YES**[ ]** NO |
| Comments:       |
| Question 3 | Do the goals the proposed project, program, or event align with the areas of emphasis and/or types of specific examples of activities given in the application that Decat/CPPC/MYFI wants to support in Polk County? | **[ ]** YES**[ ]** NO |
| Comments:       |
| Question 4 | Is the proposed project, program, or event related to: assisting at-risk youth & families through engagement/collaboration; child abuse prevention; and/or addressing disproportionality? | **[ ]** YES**[ ]** NO |
| Comments:       |
| Question 5 | Does the applicant org participate in Decat/CPPC/MYFI events or activities? | **[ ]** YES**[ ]** NO |
| Comments:        |
| Question 6 | Does the proposed project, program, or event require Community Grant support in order to take place? | **[ ]** YES**[ ]** NO |
| Comments:       |
| SDM MEMBER INITIALS |       |
| For Decat Use Only | **[ ]  #** YES**[ ]  #** NO |

***Scoring: 4/6 YES criteria = individual YES vote // Majority of SDM YES votes = Approval***

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| Applicant Organization:       | Date:       |