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Freedom House Awarded NBA Foundation Grant
Grove Hall nonprofit receives investment from NBA Foundation

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Freedom House is one of 34 national nonprofits to receive grants totaling \$16.4 million to advance the Foundation’s goal of driving economic opportunity and empowerment in the Black community.

Freedom House provides holistic youth development centered programming and services that enable underrepresented students to overcome barriers to college completion while developing a civic mindset. “In Massachusetts, Black and Latinx students are up to 2.5 times less likely graduate from a post-second institution than their peers. Organizations like Freedom House have a great deal of work ahead of us to close that gap,” remarked Freedom House Chief Executive Officer Charmaine L. Arthur. Freedom House serves Black, Brown, and Immigrant students in Boston through a combination of intensive coaching, social-emotional development, identity building, community service, jobs, college preparation, and career exploration. “This partnership with the NBA Foundation allows Freedom House to expand our programs and services to support hundreds more students in overcoming barriers to college completion,” said Arthur. Grant funds from the NBA Foundation Foundation will be used to support the expansion of its Preparing Urban Students for Success in Higher Education (PUSH) to 1,000 more students annually through programming that empowers students to aspire towards and succeed in achieving a post-secondary education.

The NBA Foundation started with a 10-year, \$300-million commitment from the 30 team governors. Since its founding in 2020, the Foundation has awarded more than \$77 million to national and local organizations that provide skills training, mentorship, professional coaching and pipeline development to foster employment and career advancement for Black youth. “The NBA Foundation is proud to support Freedom House, Inc. and its college access program, PUSH,” said NBA Foundation Executive Director Greg Taylor. “Freedom House has a decades-long history of helping to create economic advancement through education and leadership development in communities where it’s needed most and we look forward to its continued impact on Boston’s Black youth.”

About Freedom House

Freedom House is building economic, racial and social equity in our communities through education and leadership development. For 72 years, Freedom House has been a leader in programs and services that champion educational equity and economic opportunities for Black and Brown youth throughout our communities. We see education as a pathway toward economic opportunities. We focus on college access and post-secondary success to increase college



graduation rates and career readiness by providing comprehensive services focused on holistic youth development to our students. Freedom House was founded in 1949 by Muriel and Otto Snowden as a catalyst for promoting equality for lower-income Bostonians; with an initial goal of centralizing community activism in the fight for neighborhood improvement, good schools, and harmony among racial, ethnic, and religious groups primarily in the Roxbury/Dorchester area. For more information about Freedom House, visit <https://freedomhouse.com/>.

About The NBA Foundation

Created in August 2020, the NBA Foundation is the league's first-ever charitable foundation dedicated to driving economic opportunity for Black youth. The Foundation invests in local and national organizations that promote school-to-career and workforce development opportunities. For more information visit nbafoundation.com.

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