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Langeloth Foundation Announces Grantees From \$1.35 Million Reserve Fund for Civic Participation

The announcement comes less than 90 days before the 2020 election as the final installment of their \$10 million commitment to civic participation and engagement.

NEW YORK – The **Jacob and Valeria Langeloth Foundation** announced today the recipients of the final \$1.35 million from their \$10 million civic participation commitment. The original commitment, drawn from the Foundation’s endowment, was released in June, with the fund divided between the State Infrastructure Fund and the Heartland Fund, two funder collaboratives focused on civic participation and engagement. The latest round of rapid investment was held back to enable the foundation to be responsive to evolving needs closer to the election. Grantees for this round of funding received between \$50,000 and \$300,00 dollars.

As civil uprising and the COVID-19 pandemic continue to threaten the election process, these funds are going to organizations dedicated to supporting the rights of all voters to be heard through an accessible, democratic process while remaining safe and healthy. A number of the recipients have an explicit focus on supporting communities of color, given the disproportionate impact of voter suppression and disinformation on these communities.

“Since releasing the first \$8 million in June, we have been working to galvanize our fellow philanthropic leaders to meet the urgent needs of civic participation organizers working on the ground,” said Scott Moyer, President of the Langeloth Foundation. “We have received an overwhelming response to that call, but there remains a significant need for further investment. This commitment is the largest Langeloth has ever made, and we are proud to deploy this final \$1.35 million to support the incredible work being done by these groups.”

Funding will be distributed to eight groups working across the United States, largely in communities of color and underrepresented communities like young people and students. These organizations were chosen in consultation with colleagues and conversations with the recipients, with the final requests based on the target population, outreach and engagement strategy, geographic scope, and varying access points.

"This funding from the Langeloth Foundation comes at a critical moment as our team enters the final stretch ahead of election day," said María Teresa Kumar, President and CEO of Voto Latino. "Many of the communities we work with have been in a prolonged state of crisis, which makes it more critical than ever that their voices are heard through the electoral process. Our job is to make sure that they can vote in a safe and accessible way, and this funding is providing us with the resources we need to make it happen."

The funding will be distributed to the following organizations:

- **Voto Latino Foundation:** Voto Latino Foundation (VLF) is a grassroots organization focused on educating and empowering a new generation of Latinx voters, as well as creating a more robust and inclusive democracy. In this election cycle, VLF seeks to engage, register and activate over 500,000 new voters in 11 key states and to mobilize 1.5 million low propensity voters in total by November 2020. To date, VLF has collected over 230,000 complete voter registration applications across the 11 priority states, achieving over 45% of the 500,000 goal.
- **All Voting is Local (AVL):** All Voting is Local (AVL) fights modern-day voter suppression with a three-pronged approach of data-driven organizing, strategic communications, and building grassroots power. AVL's long-term goal is to eliminate barriers to voting, and leveraging the collective strength of local and national partners. With staff working on-the-ground in eight states, AVL is pushing for a set of reforms in response to how COVID-19 is impacting elections.
- **Feeding America:** Feeding America is a nationwide network of food banks that serve food-insecure families. Millions of people who are struggling with hunger face barriers that may discourage them from participating in the voting process. Feeding America has partnered with NonProfit VOTE to provide guidance and technical support to build out best-in-class models to help food banks as they work with clients to register to vote.
- **Head Count:** HeadCount is a nonpartisan 501(c)3 organization that promotes voter engagement through music and culture. Since 2004, it has registered over 650,000 voters and helped turn out millions. The goal for this cycle is to register 200,000 voters, and directly engage with a million total voters. When the COVID-19 pandemic hit, HeadCount launched digital initiatives centered around two key objectives: registering voters online, and getting voters prepared to vote by mail or early.
- **Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) /VotePH:** ASTHO is the national nonprofit organization representing public health agencies in the United States, the U.S. Territories, and the District of Columbia, and over 100,000 public health professionals employed by these agencies. ASTHO's VotePH (Vote Public Health) initiative is a coalition of national public health partners promoting "safe" voting and encouraging health departments to support state and local efforts to increase voter registration.
- **Fair Elections Center:** Fair Elections Center (FEC) is a national, nonpartisan voting rights and election reform organization that uses litigation and advocacy to remove barriers to

registration and voting, particularly those disenfranchising underrepresented and marginalized communities.

- **Youth Engagement Fund (YEF):** YEF invests in state-based youth-focused social justice organizations –mainly in the South and Southwest –that engage youth of color and marginalized young people in civic engagement, including non-partisan voter engagement, issue and electoral campaigns. Led by young women of color and former organizers under the age of 35, YEF is the only donor collaborative focused on deepening and expanding youth civic engagement led by and for young people of color.
- **Win Black/ Pa'lante:** In the current election cycle, Black and Latinx voters are being targeted by vast misinformation campaigns at a scale too big for organizing groups to tackle alone, including Vote by Mail disinformation. A/B Partners formed the Win Black / Pa'lante Network to combat misinformation alongside 80+ of the most accomplished organizers and strategists. Win Black is producing and distributing creative content designed to combat voter cynicism while re-centering Black people and their stories in the 2020 election.

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The **Langeloth Foundation** supports justice, equity, and opportunity for all people to foster and sustain safe and healthy communities. The Foundation envisions a society free of systemic barriers to equity where each individual has the opportunity and ability to reach their full potential.