# Chicago Community Foundation Funding Update

Closing Equity Gaps at Harper and in the Community

Board of Trustees Meeting August 17, 2022

#### **Presentation Agenda**

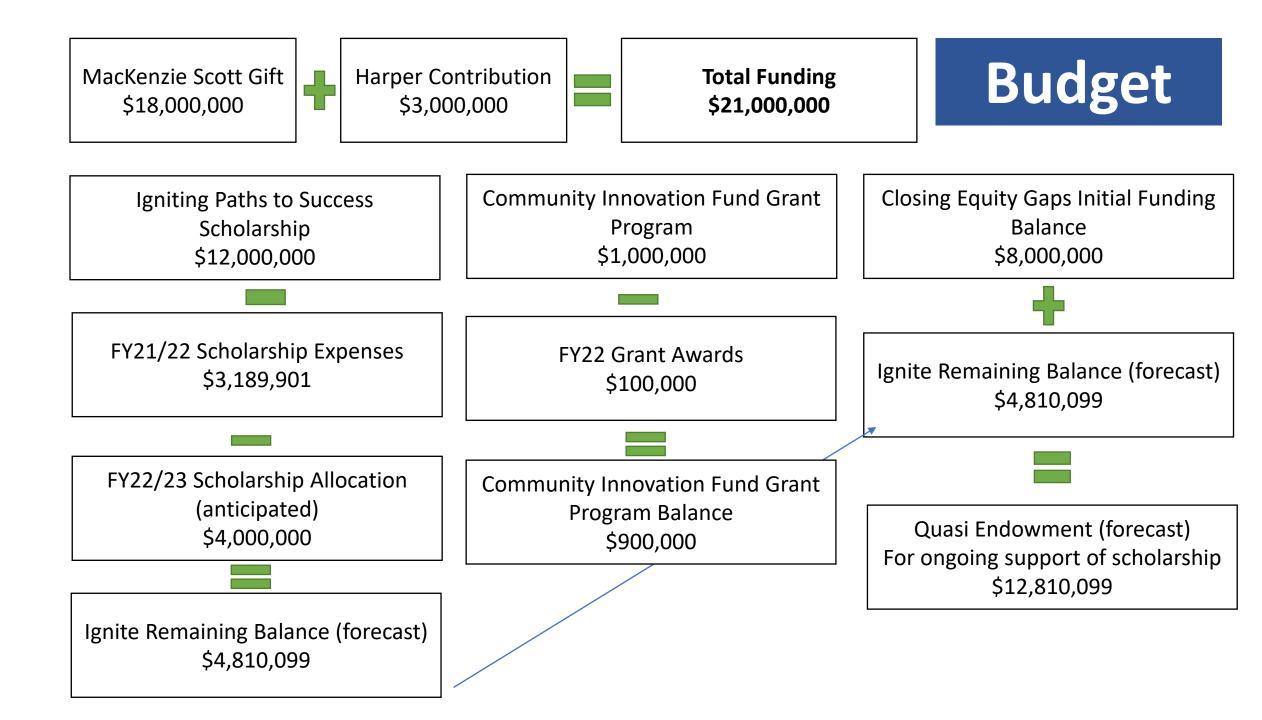
- History & Igniting Paths to Student Success Scholarship
  - Heather Zoldak, Associate Executive Director/Major Gifts
  - Carmen Alonso, Student Recipient
- Community Innovation Fund Grant Program
  - Dr. Susanne Brock, Senior Director, Innovation and Development
- Questions

#### Mission Alignment

Tied directly to the College's strategic goals around equity and student success.

Supports non-profit programs and services that impact chronically underserved communities

Focus on equity, diversity and economic mobility goals "Reaching students from communities that have been chronically underserved." - MacKenzie Scott



# Igniting Paths to Success Scholarship

2021-2022 Academic Year Outcomes



# Eligibility

New and returning underrepresented students with financial need working toward degree or certificate

Enrolled full or part-time (at least 6 credit hours in fall and spring) in any academic area

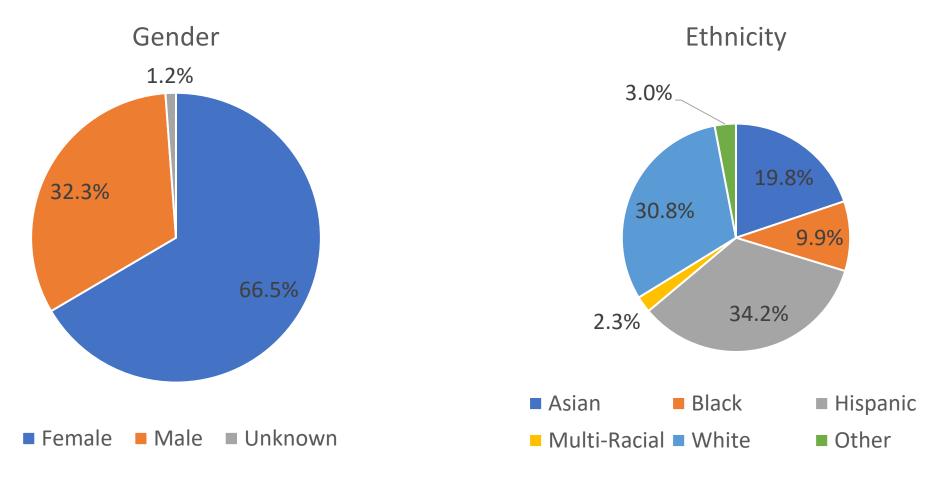
Harper in-district and Business EdVantage students

Funding awarded based on student earning eligibility each semester Students may qualify each semester for continued funding by:

• Maintaining GPA of 2.0

- Following required academic plan
- Attending at least one advising session during academic year for max of 2 years

# **Scholar Demographics**



67% First-Generation



# Impact (2021-2022)

1,121 Students Awarded the Ignite Scholarship

Over \$3M awarded in scholarships and book vouchers

Ignite Scholars completed and earned a higher average credit hours by 1.45 compared to non-Ignite Scholars

Ignite Scholars fall to spring persistence was 82.5% compared to non-Ignite 75.6%

71% of students retained their Ignite scholarship semester to semester; 183 students earned a credential while receiving Ignite

915 students receiving Ignite for the Fall 2022 semester

# **Student Testimonial**

**Carmen Alonso** 

# Community Innovation Fund Grant Program

Amplifying the Impact of MacKenzie Scott's Gift throughout Harper's Communities

### **CIFG Goals and Focus**

- Projects must focus on one or more of the three program goals:
  - Equity
  - Diversity
  - Economic Mobility
- Focus on uplifting activities with long-lasting outcomes that are measurable and positively impactful to chronically underserved communities and the individuals who live there

#### **CIFG** Criteria

- Non-profit organizations
- Must be external to Harper
- One request per year, per organization
- All grant-funded activities must be performed in Harper's district
- Organizations must apply each year, even if a multi-year project is proposed





# FY23 Budget

- Up to \$100,000 available for up to five awards
  - One award of \$50,000
  - Two awards of \$15,000
  - Two awards of \$10,000
- Grant period one year (07/01/22 06/30/23)

## Outreach

- Multi-faceted approach
  - Press Releases
  - Direct Mail
  - Email Blasts
  - Website Announcements
  - Word of Mouth
- CIFG Webpage Developed
- Technical assistance webinar



## **Planning and Implementation Process**



# Organizations and Impact

\$50,000 – **Partners for Our Communities**, Skyward Bound: Encouraging Marginalized Students & Their Families to Reach for the Sky

\$15,000 – **Gigi's Playhouse**, Math and Literacy One-on-One Program Project Expansion for People with Down Syndrome

\$15,000 – WINGs Program, Rapid Rehousing Program

\$10,000 – Fellowship Housing Corporation, Transitional Housing and Wraparound Services

\$10,000 – **Barrington Area Development Council**, *InZone for Sunny Hill* 

# FY 2023 CIFG Grantees





# Questions