Chicago Community Foundation Funding Update

Closing Equity Gaps at Harper and in the Community

Board of Trustees Meeting August 17, 2022

Presentation Agenda

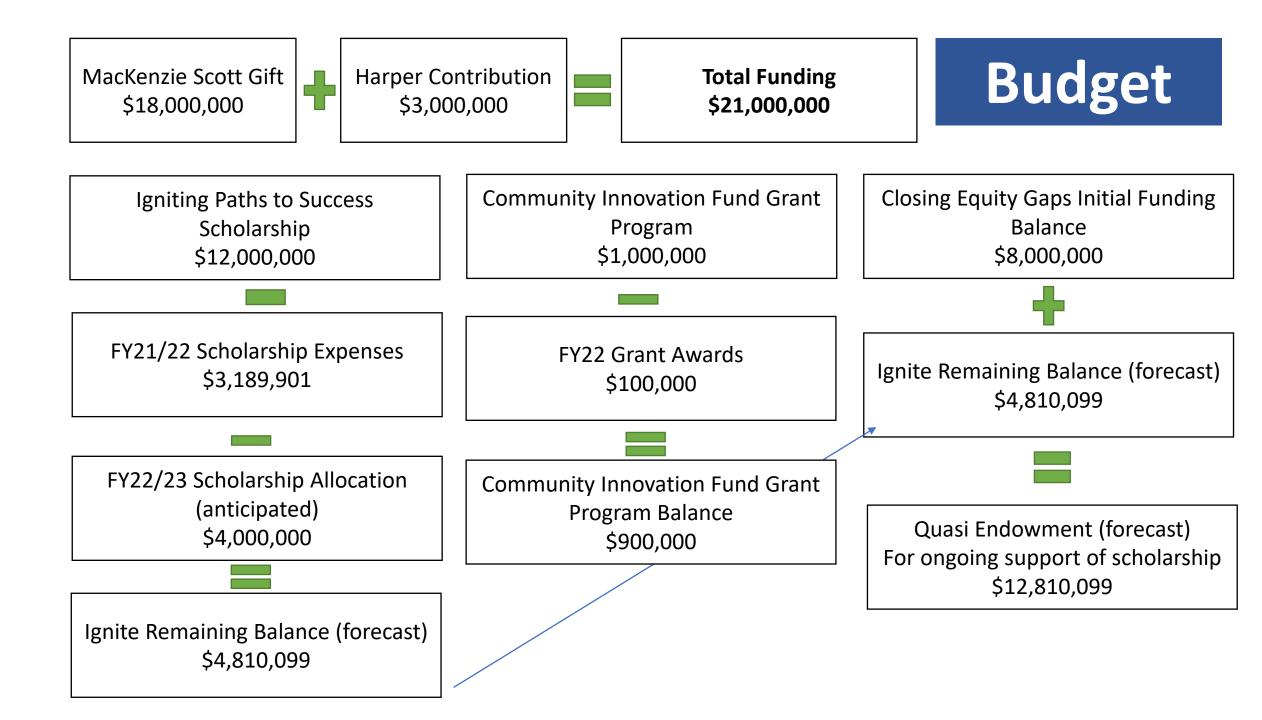
- History & Igniting Paths to Student Success Scholarship
 - Heather Zoldak, Associate Executive Director/Major Gifts
 - Carmen Alonso, Student Recipient
- Community Innovation Fund Grant Program
 - Dr. Susanne Brock, Senior Director, Innovation and Development
- Questions

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

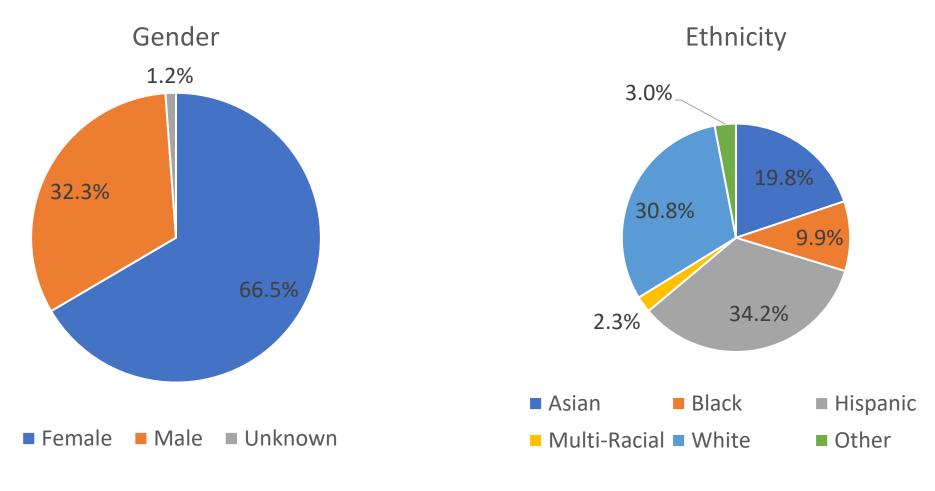
Harper in-district and Business EdVantage students

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