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THE HILL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION RECEIVES \$100,000 RESPONSE AND RECOVERY GRANT FROM HILLMAN FOUNDATION

On August 22, 2020, the Hill Community Development Corporation (CDC) announced a \$100,000 Hill District COVID-19 Relief Fund to support Hill District residents and businesses. This fund was made possible due to being awarded a Response and Recovery Grant from the Hillman Foundation this Summer. The Hill CDC's focus is to reduce barriers with access to funding for those in our community who are in need and have been financially impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Funds will be distributed electronically on a weekly basis through PayPal, and by check for those who are unable to utilize the expedited payment method. Grants will be available until funding has been extinguished.

"We are grateful to the Hillman Family Foundation for recognizing the ongoing needs of residents and main street businesses in the Hill District. Many businesses and residents continue to struggle due to the ailing economy, and while this fund cannot cure all needs, it will bring some immediate relief to those who need assistance," says Marimba Milliones, Hill CDC President and CEO.

The Hill CDC is providing micro grants in the following areas: Main Street & Business Support; Creatives & Artists Relief; Residential Rent, Utility & Prescription Relief; and Greenspace & Home Gardening Support. **Grants will range from \$500 to \$5,000 depending on the category an individual applies for and is awarded. Only Hill District residents and businesses are eligible to apply.** For more information about the eligibility and use requirements for each grant and to apply, please visit www.hilldistrict.org/covid19.

As of August 28th, less than a week after launching, the Hill CDC had already received almost 250 applications requesting in excess of \$250,000.00 and

continue to be received. It is clear from this level of response that Black Pittsburgh is suffering the rippling economic effects of COVID-19 very deeply and is in need of more support. As we continue to review and award applications, we are seeking additional assistance to meet the demand of our community. If you are interested in supporting the Hill District COVID-19 Relief Fund, please contact Felicity Williams, Programs and Policy Manager at fwilliams@hilldistrict.org.

About the Hill Community Development Corporation:

The Hill CDC works in partnership with residents and stakeholders to create, promote, and implement strategies and programs that connect plans, policies and people to drive compelling community development opportunities in the Greater Hill District. Visit www.hilldistrict.org for more information.