

QUANTUM FOUNDATION MAKES \$500,000 GRANT TO COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FOR PALM BEACH AND MARTIN COUNTIES' AAMRL PROJECT

Funding Will Support Architectural Design and Planning for AAMRL on Historical Roosevelt High School Site in West Palm Beach

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/EINPresswire.com/ -- [Quantum Foundation](#) has announced a \$500,000 grant to [Community Foundation for Palm Beach and Martin Counties'](#)

[newly established African American Museum and Research Library \(AAMRL\) Fund.](#) The grant will support architectural planning and design for the project. Quantum Foundation's mission is to inspire and fund initiatives that improve the health of Palm



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Beach County residents. Community Foundation is a nonprofit organization that leads partnerships with donors, nonprofits, and community members to solve the region's chronic and emerging issues.

Earlier this year, Community Foundation received approval for funding from the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners to plan and develop a new African American Museum at the historic Roosevelt High School site (1601 N. Tamarind Ave) in West Palm Beach. The AAMRL will celebrate and preserve African American

history and culture in West Palm Beach, the state of Florida, and beyond. The project will include exhibit space, a research library, and extensive opportunities for community engagement through lectures, educational programming, workshops, seminars, special exhibitions, cultural programs, oral history projects, research opportunities, and youth programs.

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physical and social conditions for residents in Coleman Park,” said Eric Kelly, president of Quantum Foundation. “These neighborhoods, which reflect the lowest life expectancy in Palm Beach County, are home to some of the most extraordinary cultural landmarks. While we’ve made strides, there is still much work to be done in addressing the underlying systems that impact this community. We are proud to support the African American Museum and Research Library, which serves as a powerful reminder of our shared history and furthers our ongoing commitment to this area.”



Danita DeHaney and Eric Kelly

"The Palm Beach County African American Museum and Research Library initiative would not be possible without the generosity and support of partners like Quantum Foundation," said Danita R. DeHaney, President & CEO of Community Foundation for Palm Beach and Martin Counties. "Quantum Foundation's \$500,000 grant, dedicated to architectural planning and design, represents a crucial first step in creating a lasting cultural institution that will preserve and celebrate African American history for generations to come."

According to DeHaney, the AAMRL will stand as a transformative anchor institution in the historic Coleman Park neighborhood, fostering community pride, economic growth, and cultural vitality while honoring the area's rich African American heritage. This initiative is a collaboration between the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners, Community Foundation for Palm Beach and Martin Counties, The School District of Palm Beach County, and various community stakeholders.

Once home to West Palm Beach's two all-Black high schools, in recent years, the Roosevelt High grounds became the Roosevelt Full-Service Center. The Roosevelt Center, owned by the The School District of Palm Beach County, became a community center with neighborhood resources, services, and alternative school programs on site.

The School District has already commenced phase one of the Roosevelt Center renovation project. Phase two of the project will provide for renovation of the buildings at the Roosevelt Center that will house the research library and for construction of a new 20,000 square-foot two-story building to house the museum.

For more information or to donate to Community Foundation for Palm Beach and Martin Counties, please visit yourcommunityfoundation.org/give-now/.

About Community Foundation for Palm Beach and Martin Counties

Community Foundation for Palm Beach and Martin Counties is a nonprofit organization that leads philanthropy locally. The foundation provides charitable expertise and vehicles to increase the investment options on behalf of individuals, family foundations, and corporations. Since 1972, the foundation has distributed nearly \$250 million in grants and scholarships aimed at closing the area's opportunity gaps. With its vast network of donors and nonprofit partners, the foundation supports initiatives that improve youth and education, economic opportunity, thriving communities, and crisis preparation and response. Learn more at yourcommunityfoundation.org.

About Quantum Foundation

Quantum Foundation is a health foundation that was formed from \$135 million in proceeds from the sale of JFK Medical Center. Now in its third decade of community investment, the foundation has assets of approximately \$170 million. Since its inception, Quantum Foundation has awarded \$175 million to hundreds of Palm Beach County nonprofit grantees. Every dollar the foundation grants stays in the county to benefit local communities. Learn more at quantumfnd.org.

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