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### DC JUSTICE LAB AWARDED A 2023 COMMUNITY GRANT THROUGH MICHAEL JORDAN AND JORDAN BRAND'S BLACK COMMUNITY COMMITMENT

WASHINGTON D.C., February 17, 2023 - DC Justice Lab has been selected for a one-time grant from Michael Jordan and Jordan Brand's Community Grant Program, an initiative of its joint 10-year, \$100 million Black Community Commitment (BCC), created in 2020.

Jordan Community Grants are awarded once a year to grassroots, non-profit organizations that are driving action and leading sustainable solutions to improve Black lives in their neighborhoods. As part of the 2023 BCC Community Grant cycle, and in honor of Michael Jordan's 60<sup>th</sup> birthday, \$2.3M in grant funds were awarded to 48 organizations, including DC Justice Lab, with a local connection to the initiative's four key focus areas of economic justice, education, narrative change, and social justice.

Building on the efforts of the BCC, DC Justice Lab will use the grant funds to invest further in researching, organizing, and advocating for large-scale changes to the District of Columbia's criminal legal system. "It's an honor to be recognized by Michael Jordan and to receive this generous award from him and Jordan Brand," said Executive Director Patrice Sulton. "Like him, we are setting out to change the game for everyone who follows in our footsteps."

"Creating more equitable futures for Black people starts with an intentional journey. So, as our Jordan Brand family celebrates Michael's 60<sup>th</sup> birthday, we are thrilled to welcome these organizations committed to accelerating progress in their communities," says Craig Williams, Jordan Brand President.

This is the third cycle of the Community Grant Program as part of Michael Jordan and Jordan Brand's commitment to the Black community.

#### **About DC JUSTICE LAB:**

DC Justice Lab is a team of law and policy experts researching, organizing, and advocating for community-rooted reforms to the District's criminal legal system. We develop smarter safety solutions that are evidence-driven, community-rooted, and racially just. We aim to fully transform the District's approach to punishment and public safety and make it a national leader in justice reform.