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### **Black Belt Community Foundation announces grant support from W.K. Kellogg Foundation for local Truth, Racial Healing & Transformation Engagement**

BBCF named as TRHT place grantee joining 13 other TRHT places nationwide. BBCF will organize all TRHT Selma place activities.

**June 29, 2017 (Selma, AL)** The Black Belt Community Foundation announces a \$3 million grant over 4 years from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation (WKKF) in support of its local Truth, Racial Healing & Transformation (TRHT) work in Selma, Alabama.

TRHT is a comprehensive, national and community-based process to plan for and bring about transformational and sustainable change, and to address the historic and contemporary effects of racism. A primary focus of the TRHT is jettisoning the deeply held, and often unconscious, beliefs that undergird racism – the main one being the belief in a “hierarchy of human value.” This belief, which has fueled racism and conscious and unconscious bias throughout American culture, is the perception of a person’s or group’s inferiority or superiority based on physical characteristics, race, ethnicity or place of origin.

The TRHT was initiated in January 2016 by the Kellogg Foundation. Now in its implementation phase, TRHT Selma is one of 14 places throughout the country receiving support from the Kellogg Foundation to implement this work, building on the TRHT process and framework co-developed in the 2016 design phase.

BBCF President Felecia Lucky states, “We are so very excited to be joining the national process that the Kellogg Foundation, long a leader in philanthropy, has started. We feel that our deeply seated connections and network of team players, professionals and volunteers across all of Alabama’s Black Belt will be able to hit the ground running with what TRHT has begun. Symbolically, Alabama’s Black Belt represents a crucible for all of the issues that TRHT explores and addresses, from pre Civil War days through Reconstruction, the Jim Crow and Civil Rights eras up unto this very day. There is much work to be done, and we are proud to be partners. Having the opportunity to partner with the Selma Center for Nonviolence, Truth and Reconciliation is a huge plus given its deep history and proven track record of work addressing these issues.”

The Selma Center for Nonviolence, Truth and Reconciliation founded after the 50th Anniversary of Bloody Sunday and the Selma to Montgomery March addresses violence in all of its forms will become an integral community partner for BBCF’s TRHT outreach activities.

Ainka Jackson, Executive Director of the Selma Center states, “We believe that broken relationships have led to a broken economy which has led to broken communities. The TRHT gives us an opportunity to heal those relationships, our economy and our community and the Selma Center for Nonviolence is excited to be a partner in this journey of healing and transformation!”

**ADDITIONAL RESOURCES FOR THIS RELEASE:**

**ONLINE TRHT RESOURCES:**

**W.K. Kellogg Foundation PRESS RELEASE, JUNE 28**

<http://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/wk-kellogg-foundation-announces-14-truth-racial-healing--transformation-engagements-throughout-the-united-states-300480654.html>

The TRHT framework and Implementation Guidebook is available for download here:  
<http://www.racialequityresourceguide.org/TRHTSummit>.

Learn more about TRHT at <http://healourcommunities.org/>.

*About the W.K. Kellogg Foundation:*

To learn more, visit [www.wkkf.org](http://www.wkkf.org) or follow WKKF on twitter at @wk\_kellogg\_fdn.

*About the BBCF:* To learn more, visit: [www.blackbeltfound.org](http://www.blackbeltfound.org) or join our FB community at <https://www.facebook.com/BBCF2004/>

*About the Selma Center for Nonviolence, Truth and Reconciliation:*

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