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Voqal Announces \$225,000 in Grants to Organizations Working to Address Education Opportunity Gaps

July 24, 2020—Voqal is proud to announce its latest round of Education Opportunity Project grants focused on supporting organizations that are using innovative approaches to address opportunity gaps in education. The grants to Capita (returning grantee), TrainingGrounds, CommunityShare, and the Partnership for the Future of Learning reflect Voqal’s dedication to helping create a more equitable education system for all.

Capita – \$75,000

Capita started as a creative space to explore how the great cultural and social transformations of our day affect young children and foster new ideas to ensure a future in which children and their families flourish. It provides insight into pressing challenges and great transformations to leaders, thinkers, innovators, and all those working to positively change the future for children and their families.

TrainingGrounds – \$50,000

TrainingGrounds is a women- and BIPOC-led organization that provides learning experience workshops for parents, professional development training for early childhood educators, and a WE PLAY Center where parents and children (three and under) can grow and learn together by enjoying age-appropriate toys and activities while developing social-emotional skills in a safe play space. It provides a consistent message about the importance of the first five years of life and how everyone can take ownership in improving early childhood outcomes.

CommunityShare – \$50,000

CommunityShare reimagines the relationship between communities and schools by helping educators find and connect with community partners to provide real-world learning opportunities for students. Its innovative, research-based model includes two key components: an online matching platform and offline education programming.

The Partnership for the Future of Learning –\$50,000

The Partnership for the Future of Learning is a diverse network of education and social justice field leaders from 100 organizations and 18 foundations that exists to protect, strengthen, and advance education equity and meaningful learning — and the policies

and practices that help get there. Voqal's grant is helping support the Partnership's build-out of an "education resourcing shopping cart" game that will help individuals understand the true cost of educational opportunity.

Voqal's Education Opportunity Project seeks to measurably reduce educational opportunity gaps by providing capital and strategic advice to entrepreneurs and organizations working to improve educational outcomes for disadvantaged populations. We believe these organizations are on the front lines of this work and are excited for the positive education outcomes they will no doubt achieve.

Voqal is a national collaboration of EBS (Educational Broadband Service) licensees that work to advance social equity by creating an educated, empowered, and engaged public. Voqal makes grants and impact investments, expands internet access and digital equity, offers fellowships, and protects the public airwaves. Our efforts focus on the education and enrichment of all, not just those who are well-off socially, economically, and politically.