Mission
The John L. Warfield Center for African and African American Studies is dedicated to the intellectual, political, artistic, and social development of people of African descent throughout Africa and the African Diaspora. Through its focus on research, community engagement, and programming, the Center is committed to activist and academic scholarship and engaged artistic work that seek to foster social justice for Black people around the world. Our approach to scholarship and the production of culture rests on the intersections of Critical Race Theory, Black Feminist Theory, and Queer Theory. We collaborate with local organizations in the enhancement and investigation of the lives of Black people, we promote the activist and/or academic careers of our faculty affiliates, and we coordinate with Black staff on University of Texas issues of relevance to all Black people.

Community Organization Sponsorships
Through the WCAAAS Community Connections Initiative, the Warfield Center fosters collaborations with Austin area organizations by providing resources such as community linkage, publicity, and financial support. We also partner to create events and conferences that enhance and strengthen ideas and action in the community at large.

In selecting recipients, the Center will give priority to:

- Events that align directly with the Warfield Center’s mission;
- Sponsorship requests that are submitted at least three (3) weeks in advance; and
- Requested financial support not exceeding $300.00.

To apply for these funds, please submit an application letter that includes the information below. Decisions are made on a weekly basis until funds are depleted.

1. Name of contact person/Chair of event;
2. Amount Requested:
3. Title of Event:
4. Date and Location of Event:
5. Number of attendees expected:
6. Brief Description of Event and/or relevant speakers (attach promotional material if available):
You may submit your request by email to:
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