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RISE for Boys and Men of Color Awards \$400K in Grants for Field Scans

Philadelphia, PA (April 21, 2016): RISE is awarding grants to nine scholars for field scans to understand the key interventions and policies that improve life outcomes for boys and men of color. Scholars will review literature in education, health, juvenile and criminal justice, human services, economic opportunity and workforce development to identify interventions that have been found, or show great promise, to expand opportunity for African American, American Indian, Alaskan Native, Asian American, Pacific Islander, and Latino boys and men. This nearly \$400,000 investment is the first step in a larger grantmaking effort to inform evaluators and researchers working with boys and men of color, including communities that have accepted the President's My Brother's Keeper Challenge. RISE is a 3-year, \$10 million initiative launched in coordination with MBK by members of the Executives' Alliance for Boys and Men of Color, including The Atlantic Philanthropies, W.K. Kellogg Foundation, Annie E. Casey Foundation, and Marguerite Casey Foundation.

"We are thrilled to begin working with this interdisciplinary network of scholars," said Sharon Norris-Shelton, Equal Measure Senior Director and RISE Co-Director. "Their robust experience in research, evaluation, practice, and policy will add great value to the field scans, the findings of which could make a significant difference in improving the lives of boys and men of color."

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About RISE: RISE for Boys and Men of Color is a \$10 million field advancement effort that aims to better understand and strategically improve the lives, experiences, and outcomes of boys and men of color in the United States. RISE spans five fields (education, health, human services and social policy, juvenile and criminal justice, and workforce development) and focuses on four populations (Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, Blacks, Latinos, and Native Americans). RISE is supported by members of the Executives' Alliance to Expand Opportunities for Boys and Men of Color, a national philanthropic network committed to evaluating promising approaches, advocating for effective public policy and systems change, and investing in young men of color. The Atlantic Philanthropies, W.K. Kellogg Foundation, Annie E. Casey Foundation, and Marguerite Casey Foundation have agreed to invest \$8.5 million into this \$10 million three-year collaborative. For further information about RISE, please visit www.risebmoc.org/.

About Penn GSE: Penn GSE is one of the nation's premier research education schools. No other education school enjoys a university environment as supportive of practical knowledge building as the Ivy League's University of Pennsylvania. The School is notably entrepreneurial, launching innovative degree programs for practicing professionals and unique partnerships with local educators, and the first-ever business plan competition devoted exclusively to educational products and programs. For further information about Penn GSE, please visit www.gse.upenn.edu.

About Equal Measure: Headquartered in Philadelphia, PA, Equal Measure works with major private and community foundations, national and regional nonprofits and government organizations to elevate insights that help shape powerful investments and fuel sustainable social change. Equal Measure has extensive expertise in supporting philanthropic services, particularly in the areas of diversity, equity and inclusion. As a result, it brings deep knowledge in evaluation methods, and in philanthropic program management, grantmaking, planning and convening learning communities. For further information about Equal Measure, please visit www.equalmeasure.org.

About the Executives' Alliance to Expand Opportunities for Boys and Men of Color: The Executives' Alliance is a network of more than 40 national, regional, and community foundations driven by a bold vision that all boys and men of color will enjoy full opportunity and inclusion in all the opportunities America has to offer. Through strategic use of collective action and investments, and by elevating the collective voice of philanthropic leaders, the Alliance seeks to remove social and systemic barriers and increase economic, educational, civic and health opportunities that strengthen individuals, families, communities and the nation as a whole. For more information about the Executives' Alliance, please visit <http://bmafunders.org/alliance>.