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Long Island Doula Association, Inc. continues the Black Maternity Wellness Collective Project with support from AAUW Community Action Grant

Long Island, NY— July 1, 2019 — Long Island Doula Association (LIDA) continues the work of its recently launched Black Maternity Wellness Collective, and as of July 1 will do so with the support from AAUW Community Action Grant, for a period of 2 years. The Black Maternity Wellness Collective is a group of trained doulas and lactation consultants concerned with improving the birth outcomes for black women on Long Island and New York City.

This group is comprised of 10 women located in Long Island. The project is led by birth doulas, Danielle Bailey and Stephanie Henriques. “It is very exciting for the women in the collective to think about where our strengths are and what we would like to do, as a group, to continue to service the LI community” says Stephanie Henriques.

The continuation of this project was funded by American Association of University Women (AAUW). The AAUW is an organization that strives to advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education and advocacy. LIDA has received funding for a period of two years to impact the raising maternal mortality and morbidity rate for black women on Long Island. With the current trained cohort of doulas, the Black Maternity Wellness

Collective will be working with community partners to inform, educate and advocate for the needs of black women in the community. This project plans to train doulas and childbirth educators in the future, to join the cohort. Grant funds will also provide doula and childbirth education as well as lactation support for families in the community who, because of various barriers, cannot access these services.

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