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# Black Lives Matter sent millions to Canada charity to buy mansion

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Black Lives Matter Global Foundation Network transferred millions of dollars to M4BJ to buy the mansion for the equivalent of \$6.3M in cash.

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Black Lives Matter transferred millions to a Canadian charity run by the wife of its co-founder to purchase a sprawling mansion that had once served as the headquarters of the Communist Party, public records show.

M4BJ, a Toronto-based non-profit set up by Janaya Khan and other Canadian activists, snagged the



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Toronto property records viewed by The Post.

Khan is the wife of Patrisse Khan-Cullors, a co-founder of Black Lives Matter Global Foundation Network and a self-avowed Marxist.

She resigned from the group last year, a month after The Post revealed that she had spent **\$3.2 million** on homes in Georgia and Los Angeles. Khan-Cullors vigorously denied that BLM donations were used to

buy the homes.

The purchase of the Toronto property, named the Wildseed Centre for Art and Activism, came to light amid mounting concerns over the US activist group’s **lack of transparency** in its finances.



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In Canada, the purchase was criticized by two senior members of the group who resigned earlier

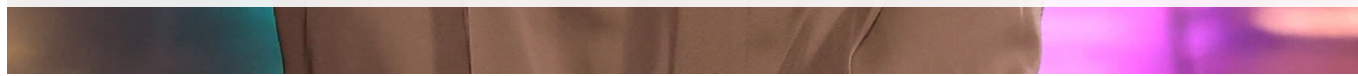




For BLM Canada to take money from BLM Global Network for a building without consulting the community was unethical,” [tweeted](#) Sarah Jama earlier this month. “For BLM Canada to refuse to answer questions from young black organizers goes against the spirit of movement building.”

The questions were raised as BLMGNF is going through its own internal turmoil as two activists who were put in place to manage the organization after Khan-Cullors’ resignation, abruptly left in September, according to a [report in the Washington Examiner](#).





Janaya Khan is the wife of Patrisse Khan-Cullors. She founded the Toronto-based non-profit M4BJ with other activists. It spent the equivalent of \$6.3 million on a Canadian mansion.

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Makani Themba and Monifa Bandele told the newspaper that they didn't know who was managing the group's more than \$66 million windfall from Thousand Currents, a non-profit that managed its donations.

Thousand Currents transferred the cash to BLMGNF in Oct. 2020 when it broke with the group, according to public filings.

"Unfortunately, this appears to be an epic abuse of public trust in which an entire movement's resources are being squandered on the whims and financial mismanagement of one person and their inner circle of friends and family," said Tom Anderson, director of the Government Integrity Project of the National and Legal Policy Center, a Virginia-based watchdog group.

Neither Black Lives Matter in the US nor the Canadian non-profit returned The Post's emails seeking comment.

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