

ARIZONA

Ajo Plaza Microenterprise Project

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| Member | National Bank of Arizona | ISDA will create a microenterprise investment fund to encourage entrepreneurship and grow businesses in the cultural town center at Ajo Plaza. Local low-income entrepreneurs will be offered equity investments from the fund and technical services to help them start, plan, and develop a business. |
| Sponsor | International Sonoran Desert Alliance (ISDA) | |
| Location | Ajo, AZ | |
| Project Category | Entrepreneurial/ Microenterprise | |
| Grant Amount | \$35,000 | The grant will be used to establish the equity investment fund and help pay staff and operations costs. |

CPLC Pickle House Makerspace and Innovation Center

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| Member | National Bank of Arizona | In 2014, CPLC purchased Arnold's Pickle House, an abandoned 33,000 square foot manufacturing and distribution warehouse near downtown Phoenix. As part of an adaptive reuse and revitalization project, the building will be turned into a community makerspace, housing light manufacturing such as 3-D printing, a small business incubator, and a workforce development program to train skilled labor. Pickle House is estimated to create 200 new jobs over the first ten years of the project. |
| Sponsor | Chicanos Por La Causa, Inc. (CPLC) | |
| Location | Phoenix, AZ | |
| Project Category | Other Economic Development | |
| Grant Amount | \$30,000 | The grant will be used to support a Project Coordinator staff position and an external marketing consultant. |

Expanding Community Employment Options in Phoenix Area for People with Disabilities

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| Member | Wells Fargo Financial National Bank | <p>This project is the expansion of a successful employment program that creates supportive work opportunities for developmentally disabled individuals in the Phoenix area. New community worksites that offer assembly, packaging, collating, and document shredding services to local businesses will provide disabled individuals with training, work experience, and support to help them make the transition to full-time employment.</p> <p>The grant will be used to pay for staff to develop the worksites and market services to local business.</p> |
| Sponsor | Beacon Group | |
| Location | Phoenix, AZ | |
| Project Category | Job Training | |
| Grant Amount | \$35,000 | |

SEDI Dollars for Dreams Microloan Program Expansion

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| Member | Sunwest Bank | <p>SEDI works with businesses, educational institutions, and government to increase social equity and ecological health and promote a resilient economy in Northern Arizona. This project will support the expansion of Dollars for Dreams, a microlending program that serves women-owned businesses and Native American community members with little or no credit history or collateral who want to start a small business. After initial program success in one Arizona county in 2014, SEDI intends to expand the program to four additional counties in Northern Arizona, specifically targeting Native American and low-to-moderate income families.</p> <p>The grant will support a revolving loan fund, staff salaries, and marketing efforts.</p> |
| Sponsor | Sustainable Economic Development Initiative (SEDI) | |
| Location | Flagstaff, AZ | |
| Project Category | Entrepreneurial/ Microenterprise | |
| Grant Amount | \$20,000 | |

Vocational Training for Veterans (VTV)

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| Member | National Bank of Arizona | Vocational Training for Veterans combines a job training program with a social enterprise to help homeless veterans find jobs. Participants will receive personalized career assessments; help preparing an employment plan; work readiness, communication, and personality awareness skills development; and job placement assistance. A café and private-label coffee social enterprise will offer on-the-job work experience, and veterans working in the areas of warehouse assembly, delivery, marketing, and management will be paid a stipend. The grant will be used for staff and participant training materials, uniforms and safety tools, and worker stipends. |
| Sponsor | Catholic Charities Community Services, Inc. | |
| Location | Phoenix, AZ | |
| Project Category | Job Training | |
| Grant Amount | \$35,000 | |

CALIFORNIA

Breaking the Cycle of Poverty for Low- to Moderate-Income Richmond Women Through Small Business Ownership

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| Member MUFG Union Bank | <p>In 2014, REC took over the programs and services of the defunct Women’s Initiative. These much-needed, women-focused programs and services, offered in both English and Spanish, include small business training classes and workshops, financial education and support services, individual consulting and technical assistance. The programs are designed to assist women in building skills, accessing resources and networks, and gaining the confidence needed to become successful small business owners.</p> <p>The grant will help pay staff and overhead expenses for the Richmond program.</p> |
| Sponsor Renaissance Entrepreneurship Center (REC) | |
| Location Richmond, CA | |
| Project Category Entrepreneurial/ Microenterprise | |
| Grant Amount \$30,000 | |

Build EIFD (Enhanced Infrastructure Financial Districts) Database and Vet EIFD Consultants for Statewide Access

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| Member Mississippi Valley Company | <p>This research project will compile and analyze information on the use of EIFD alternative funding structures and explore how nonprofit practitioners can best access these funding sources for community development activities in California. Legal and consulting experts in the field that have a track record or related experience in using this innovative financial tool will be identified and indexed. Based on the research, a resource guide will be produced and training provided to community development stakeholders interested in using EIFDs.</p> <p>The grant will be used to pay a consultant to prepare the resource guide and to fund program oversight, training, outreach, and project management.</p> |
| Sponsor California Community Economic Development Association (CCEDA) | |
| Location Los Angeles, CA | |
| Project Category Technical Assistance | |
| Grant Amount \$30,000 | |

Business Conversions Incubator

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| Member | New Resource Bank | <p>Project Equity is launching a business conversions incubator to help retiring business owners and interested employees develop plans to create worker-owned enterprises, with business assets and economic and professional opportunities transferred from owner to employees. Targeted to successful companies with low-wage workers, Project Equity will provide technical assistance, coaching, education, facilitation, mentoring, and access to pre-screened funders.</p> <p>The grant will be used to pay for staff to recruit, advise, and coordinate businesses interested in conversion.</p> |
| Sponsor | Project Equity | |
| Location | Oakland, CA | |
| Project Category | Entrepreneurial/ Microenterprise | |
| Grant Amount | \$30,000 | |

ChildCare Ventures

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| Member | Mendo Lake Credit Union | <p>SCCV will offer business coaching and workshops, aimed at improving affordable care options for low-income families, to childcare centers and family caregivers. The project will focus on a Watsonville community struggling with high unemployment, poverty, and health disparities. Technical assistance will help educate organizations and caregivers on how to best leverage their skills and services to operate a successful business. Business coaching for childcare providers and center directors will be provided via one-on-one consultation with a sponsoring staff member. Workshops will also be offered to educate the community and improve the quality of infant and toddler care.</p> <p>The grant will pay for staff, consultants, and supplies.</p> |
| Sponsor | Santa Cruz Community Ventures (SCCV) | |
| Location | Watsonville, CA | |
| Project Category | Entrepreneurial/ Microenterprise | |
| Grant Amount | \$20,000 | |

CREDIT Assistance – Creating Refugee Economic Development and Independence Through Assistance

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| Member | Western Alliance Bank | The IRC will implement this project to assist vulnerable refugees in San Diego in building a credit history and becoming economically self-sufficient. The project will provide 164 unique clients with access to credit-building loans, auto loans, career training loans, and small business loans. Clients will also have an opportunity to improve financial literacy and credit management skills. |
| Sponsor | The International Rescue Committee, Inc. (IRC) | |
| Location | San Diego, CA | |
| Project Category | Other Economic Development | The grant will help support staff positions. |
| Grant Amount | \$30,000 | |

EI Monte Promise Foundation/Scholars Savings Program

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| Member | East West Bank | The Scholars Savings Program, administered by the EI Monte Promise Foundation, aims to promote college savings among grade school students, and offers a matching contribution to savings for lower-income immigrant families whose children are likely to be the first generation to attend college. In parallel to the launch of the savings program, two local school districts have agreed to develop and incorporate district-wide financial education programming for students in first through eighth grades. |
| Sponsor | Community Partners | |
| Location | EI Monte, CA | |
| Project Category | Financial Education | The grant will be used to fund staffing, stipends for teachers, and financial education curriculum and materials. |
| Grant Amount | \$30,000 | |

Employment Training Center (ETC)'s Green Construction Training and Workforce Education Programs

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| Member | Silicon Valley Bank | <p>Targeting one of the highest state recidivism rates in the country, currently at 78.3%, this project will expand a successful ETC program to engage the ex-offender population. Intensive job training and a variety of case management and counseling services will be provided to address the needs of recently released individuals who are most at risk of returning to prison. To better prepare participants for jobs and re-integration into society, the program will focus on increasing literacy, earning GEDs, and obtaining driver's licenses or other appropriate identification.</p> <p>The grant will help fund part-time staff positions and the development of training materials.</p> |
| Sponsor | Asian Neighborhood Design, Inc. | |
| Location | San Francisco, CA | |
| Project Category | Job Training | |
| Grant Amount | \$40,000 | |

Eviction Prevention for Families At Risk of Homelessness

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| Member | Beneficial State Bank | <p>Hamilton Family Center's Project EveryChild, an eviction prevention and rapid re-housing program, provides families facing eviction with legal services, mediation with landlords, case management, and financial assistance to pay back rent. By preventing evictions, the project will reduce the demand for shelter beds while helping families, and especially children, avoid the trauma of homelessness. This initiative is intended to help the organization scale up the eviction prevention component of Project EveryChild.</p> <p>The grant will be used to fund direct assistance to clients in the form of eviction prevention grants, and to support case managers working directly with families.</p> |
| Sponsor | Hamilton Family Center | |
| Location | San Francisco, CA | |
| Project Category | Social Services | |
| Grant Amount | \$30,000 | |

First-Time Homebuyer Education and Supportive Services Program

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| <p>Member Mendocino Lake Credit Union</p> <p>Sponsor Northern Circle Indian Housing Authority (NCIHA)</p> <p>Location Ukiah, CA</p> <p>Project Category Housing Initiative</p> <p>Grant Amount \$20,000</p> | <p>NCIHA serves seven federally-recognized Native American tribes in Northern California, and has over 35 years of experience in affordable housing development and housing services. As the only HUD-approved housing counseling agency in Mendocino and Lake Counties, the organization serves an otherwise neglected population. This project will help NCIHA expand their capacity to host more workshops focused on first-time homebuyer education. Their successful workshop curriculum includes culturally sensitive financial literacy education and housing counseling.</p> <p>The grant will support administrative staff positions.</p> |
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Fresno Economic Development and Investment Fund

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| <p>Member Premier Valley Bank</p> <p>Sponsor FUSE Corps</p> <p>Location Fresno, CA</p> <p>Project Category Capacity Building</p> <p>Grant Amount \$30,000</p> | <p>FUSE Corps connects local government and civic leaders with a professional entrepreneur, called a FUSE Fellow, in an effort to more effectively address the biggest challenges facing their local communities. Fellows bring innovative approaches to local government and accelerate the impact of successful solutions. This project will recruit a Fellow who will work with the Mayor of Fresno to build stronger relationships between government, business, and nonprofit partners, and to collectively address job creation and economic development. The Fellow will develop an economic development plan that incorporates an investment fund to support early-stage capitalization of promising local businesses.</p> <p>The grant will fund an 18-month FUSE Fellow position.</p> |
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Greening the Urban Landscape

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| <p>Member MUFG Union Bank</p> <p>Sponsor Urban Releaf</p> <p>Location Oakland, CA</p> <p>Project Category Entrepreneurial/ Microenterprise</p> <p>Grant Amount \$20,000</p> | <p>Through a combination of tree planting and land stewardship, environmental education and research, and mentoring and employing at-risk youth and hard-to-hire adults, Urban Releaf is revitalizing under-served communities, particularly those with little to no greenery. This project will focus on expanding the organization’s social enterprises and job training programs, which consist of tree planting and landscaping services, resale of handcrafted products from recycled wood, and a formal arborist training program that offers at-risk youth part-time employment.</p> <p>The grant will help pay for a new full-time social enterprise director’s salary, youth training stipends, and commercial landscaping equipment.</p> |
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Greenlining 360: Center for Collaboration and Revitalization

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| <p>Member First Republic Bank</p> <p>Sponsor The Greenlining Institute</p> <p>Location Oakland, CA</p> <p>Project Category Job Training</p> <p>Grant Amount \$35,000</p> | <p>The Greenlining Institute recently purchased a dilapidated former bank building in downtown Oakland to create new office space that the organization will share with other nonprofits. To renovate the property, the Greenlining Institute will engage a general contractor who will work with a local job training program to establish a workforce apprenticeship program for the renovation. Apprentices will be drawn from low-income communities in the East Bay and paid a living wage to work on the project. Greenlining will also collaborate with local green building and technology companies to create a green jobs component of the apprenticeship program.</p> <p>The grant will be used to cover the costs of the apprenticeship and training programs.</p> |
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Habitat for Humanity Santa Cruz County

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| Member | Santa Cruz County Bank | <p>To help address affordable housing needs in this high-cost community, Habitat SCC will partner with senior homeowners at risk of losing their homes to build accessory dwelling units (ADUs) that can provide a new home for the senior who intends to rent out their own home. Once the ADU is completed and the senior homeowner moves in, the main house will be rehabilitated and rented to a low-income family. Habitat SCC will also partner with Senior Network Services to offer case management services to the senior homeowner. Habitat SCC will thoroughly document each phase of this program to create a model that can be replicated elsewhere.</p> <p>The grant will fund staff positions and cost of documenting the program for replication.</p> |
| Sponsor | Habitat for Humanity Santa Cruz County (Habitat SCC) | |
| Location | Santa Cruz, CA | |
| Project Category | Housing Initiative | |
| Grant Amount | \$20,000 | |

Huckleberry Youth Program – Marin: Huckleberry Teen Health Program

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| Member | First Republic Bank | <p>Huckleberry Youth Programs provides at-risk youth in San Francisco and Marin counties with a continuum of safety-net services. In partnership with Marin Community Clinics, a Federally Qualified Health Center, this program will offer linguistically- and culturally-sensitive health education, mental health services, and substance abuse counseling and treatment to at-risk youth and young adults in Marin County. During the grant period, the program is expected to reach 160 individuals in need of mental health services and 90 individuals in need of substance abuse counseling or treatment, and will provide health education workshops to over 1,500 young people.</p> <p>The grant will help pay staff and general operating expenses.</p> |
| Sponsor | Huckleberry Youth Programs | |
| Location | San Rafael, CA | |
| Project Category | Social Services | |
| Grant Amount | \$20,000 | |

Lending Circles Project

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| Member | Wells Fargo Financial National Bank | To encourage financially stable communities, Rubicon will establish Lending Circles at two East Bay sites. Lending Circles pool participants' monthly payments together to establish a rotating loan fund that participants use to reduce debt or pay bills. Rubicon will partner with Mission Asset Fund, creator of Lending Circles, to report payments to the credit bureaus each month, which will help participants rebuild or establish credit. |
| Sponsor | Rubicon Programs | |
| Location | Richmond, CA | |
| Project Category | Financial Education | |
| Grant Amount | \$45,000 | |
| | | The grant will be used to pay for a Lending Circles community license and fund project management staff positions. |

Planting Justice's Urban Farm and Incubation Center

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| Member | Northern California Community Loan Fund (NCCLF) | This project will support the launch of Planting Justice's Urban Farm and Incubation Center, a 5-acre farm that will serve as a center for sustainable economic development, focused on growing organic foods, creating green jobs and incubating green businesses, and promoting economic justice for communities in the San Francisco Bay Area. Ten formerly incarcerated individuals and at-risk youth will have living-wage green jobs at the farm, which will produce over 200,000 pounds of local organic food, about 25% of which will be distributed to low-income neighborhoods at sliding scale prices through a mobile farmers market and weekly produce boxes. |
| Sponsor | Planting Justice | |
| Location | El Sobrante, CA | |
| Project Category | Capacity Building | |
| Grant Amount | \$40,000 | |
| | | The grant will be used to hire a full-time farm manager and to subsidize wages for salaried staff. |

Recycling Internship and Apprenticeship Program

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| Member Beneficial State Bank | Civicorps, located in West Oakland, operates the largest nonprofit recycling program in the East Bay while offering an accredited high school diploma program with a 75% graduation rate for 18-26 year olds. This program is designed to create 20 internships that will enable low-income young adults who are not planning to attend college to pursue careers in the recycling, waste management, and truck transportation industries. |
| Sponsor Civicorps Schools | |
| Location Oakland, CA | |
| Project Category Job Training | |
| Grant Amount \$20,000 | |

The grant will help pay for a part-time career counselor, training materials, program equipment and software, and uniforms and safety equipment for interns.

Rural California Asset-Building Network: 2015-16 Expansion Project

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| Member Charles Schwab Bank | This project will expand CCRH's Rural Asset-Building Network, which is dedicated to building wealth, promoting financial literacy, and creating housing opportunities in rural California communities. Expansion plans include new partnerships with Habitat for Humanity chapters and other "sweat equity" housing developers and with nonprofit rent-to-own programs, along with the implementation of Individual Development Accounts for first-time homebuyers. The expansion will also pilot innovative new models for homeownership and asset-building involving manufactured housing and mobile homes. |
| Sponsor California Coalition for Rural Housing (CCRH) | |
| Location Sacramento, CA | |
| Project Category Financial Education | |
| Grant Amount \$30,000 | |

The grant will be used to increase staff capacity to coordinate new partnerships and provide technical assistance to these new partners.

Rural Communities Infrastructure Fund

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| Member | Rabobank | <p>PUCDC is dedicated to improving the living conditions of agricultural workers and low-income families in the eastern Coachella Valley of California. This project will expand the sponsor’s Rural Communities Infrastructure Fund, which provides small loans, ranging from \$5,000-\$75,000, for capital improvements at existing mobile home parks for farmworkers, called “Polancos.” These Polancos were a response to the lack of affordable housing for farmworkers in the Valley, but in most cases the infrastructure doesn’t meet local housing codes. This project will provide ongoing lending and technical assistance for at least five mobile home projects.</p> <p>The grant will be used to support staff salaries and operating costs.</p> |
| Sponsor | Pueblo Unido Community Development Corporation (PUCDC) | |
| Location | La Quinta, CA | |
| Project Category | Other Economic Development | |
| Grant Amount | \$20,000 | |

Ruth’s Place

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| Member | City National Bank | <p>Ruth’s Place is a new drop-in center for homeless youth, aged 18-24, in South Los Angeles. Located on the ground floor of CRCD’s Broadway Apartments affordable housing complex, the center will provide a safe place for youth to be during daytime hours, with access to food, showers, clothing, and transportation. The center will serve as an entry point into the sponsor’s “Coordinated Entry System,” which links clients to CRCD’s other resources, including permanent supportive housing, intensive case management, mental health services, and youth-centered education, legal advocacy, and workforce development programs.</p> <p>The grant will be used to support a salary for the first full-time manager at Ruth’s Place.</p> |
| Sponsor | Coalition for Responsible Community Development (CRCD) | |
| Location | Los Angeles, CA | |
| Project Category | Capacity Building | |
| Grant Amount | \$20,000 | |

Sacramento Center for Urban Agriculture

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| <p>Member Rabobank</p> <p>Sponsor Nehemiah Community Reinvestment Fund, Inc.</p> <p>Location Sacramento, CA</p> <p>Project Category Job Training</p> <p>Grant Amount \$50,000</p> | <p>This project will establish the Sacramento Center for Urban Agriculture on City-owned land near downtown. The center will support the urban farm movement by offering educational opportunities, including an agriculture-focused career pathway program, and help to reduce food deserts by increasing the availability of locally grown organic food. Food will be distributed in low-income neighborhoods through local school districts, restaurants, and food banks, and potentially through a Community Supported Agriculture program. Finally, the center will offer workforce development and employment opportunities for at-risk youth through a partnership with a local conservation corps.</p> <p>The grant will support a full-time center manager, a part-time program manager, equipment, and supplies.</p> |
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St. Vincent’s Childcare Scholarships for Single Mothers

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| <p>Member Pacific Western Bank</p> <p>Sponsor St. Vincent’s</p> <p>Location Santa Barbara, CA</p> <p>Project Category Social Services</p> <p>Grant Amount \$20,000</p> | <p>St. Vincent’s operates a transitional shared-housing program for single mothers with children under the age of five who are homeless or need to remove themselves from a violent or abusive home environment. While the women are participating in a 3-6 month welfare-to-work component of the program, their children are enrolled at St. Vincent’s early childhood center. The childcare program, which costs \$800-\$1,000 monthly per child, is essential to the success of the participants, enabling them to attend school and seek employment knowing their children are safe.</p> <p>The grant funds will be used to provide tuition assistance for up to ten children.</p> |
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Stockton Impact Corps Microloan Program

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| Member | Farmers & Merchants Bank of Central California | Stockton Impact Corps is a student-run organization at the University of the Pacific offering financial literacy education, small business consulting, and small business microloans to individuals and entrepreneurs in Stockton. Participating students have an opportunity to gain meaningful experience in social entrepreneurship as they assist with workshops, trainings, business operations, and related activities for small business owners. |
| Sponsor | Stockton Impact Corps | |
| Location | Stockton, CA | |
| Project Category | Entrepreneurial/ Microenterprise | |
| Grant Amount | \$35,000 | The grant will be used to fund part of the microloan pool and expand organizational capacity. |

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| Member | Santa Cruz Community Credit Union | CAB operates the Day Worker Center of Santa Cruz County (DWC), which facilitates the hiring process between employers and day laborers. The organization aims to go beyond job matching services to help protect day laborers from poor wages and working conditions. This project will increase capacity to focus on developing job opportunities and improving the quality of services at DWC, which currently facilitates an average of 250 job matches per year. CAB's goal is to increase the number of workers served by 50 unique individuals through this grant. |
| Sponsor | Community Action Board of Santa Cruz County Inc. (CAB) | |
| Location | Santa Cruz, CA | |
| Project Category | Other Economic Development | |
| Grant Amount | \$30,000 | The grant will fund a part-time staff position. |

Via Esperanza Immediate Response Housing

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| Member Opus Bank | Via Esperanza is the first immediate-response housing program for families in Orange County, matching low-income families experiencing a housing crisis with services that will lead them to appropriate solutions. The program will offer help with a variety of approaches to the problem, including locating family and friends who might be able to provide housing, finding permanent housing, or identifying eligible housing subsidies for the family. Pathways of Hope will also offer access to a network of community-based organizations that can provide further housing support depending on the unique situation of the family in need. |
| Sponsor Pathways of Hope dba Fullerton Interfaith Emergency Services | |
| Location Anaheim, CA | |
| Project Category Social Services | |
| Grant Amount \$20,000 | |

The grant will be used to fund salaries for program intake staff and case managers.

Young 'N LA – Phase 3

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| Member Bank of the West | This project will expand a successful workforce development program serving 14-18 year-old African American males from very low-income households in South Los Angeles. Through a combination of peer group-based life skills development activities, mentoring, and engagement with potential employers, participants will gain skills and experience to either build a path to a career or start their own business. Program staff will recruit, prepare, and connect youth to employers and to resources for obtaining right-to-work documents, and the program will provide stipends for transportation, transitional housing, food, utilities, and clothing. |
| Sponsor West Angeles Community Development Corporation | |
| Location Los Angeles, CA | |
| Project Category Other Economic Development | |
| Grant Amount \$30,000 | |

The grant will help fund staff and program expenses.

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Golden Rainbow Affordable Housing for People and Families with HIV/AIDS

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| Member | Nevada State Bank | <p>Golden Rainbow is one of the largest nonprofit organizations in Nevada dedicated to supporting people and families living with HIV/AIDS. Direct services include finding affordable housing for and providing financial assistance to men, women, and children infected or affected by HIV/AIDS. Recently, the organization was offered free long-term use of an office suite located closer to partner services and along a major bus line, which will save the nonprofit over \$2,000 per month in rent and lower transportation costs for low-income clients. To make the office space usable, tenant improvements, such as painting and replacing worn carpets, are needed, and a new telephone system and other technology upgrades must be purchased and installed.</p> <p>The grant will be used to pay for office improvements, technology upgrades, and office equipment.</p> |
| Sponsor | Golden Rainbow of Nevada, Inc. | |
| Location | Las Vegas, NV | |
| Project Category | Social Services | |
| Grant Amount | \$20,000 | |

Military and Veterans Legal Assistance Project

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| Member | Charles Schwab Bank | <p>This project will develop a legal assistance program for active duty military, Reservists and National Guard troops, and veterans. These groups often need assistance with a variety of civil legal matters, such as accessing military benefits; resolving housing, employment, or financial issues related to long deployments; and executing power of attorney documents. Project objectives include determining the number of veterans in need of legal services, mapping of available resources, cataloging services in a database, determining the best service delivery methods, and measuring program impact after service delivery.</p> <p>The grant funds will be used to support salaries for staff to develop the legal assistance program.</p> |
| Sponsor | Nevada Community Foundation | |
| Location | Reno, NV | |
| Project Category | Social Services | |
| Grant Amount | \$30,000 | |

The Veggie Buck Truck

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| <p>Member Western Alliance Bank</p> <p>Sponsor Together We Can</p> <p>Location Las Vegas, NV</p> <p>Project Category Job Training</p> <p>Grant Amount \$20,000</p> | <p>Together We Can is working to build a sustainable food system for low-income families in Southern Nevada, with a community garden, a mobile farmers market with a job training program, and a nutrition education program. This project will support the research, planning, and implementation of the mobile farmers market, called The Veggie Buck Truck. The mobile market will work with local farmers to source fresh and affordable fruits and vegetables and will train and employ at-risk youth. Youth participants will have an opportunity to study farming practices at the community garden and learn about business operations both in the classroom and through the mobile market. The Veggie Buck Truck will visit low-income neighborhoods to offer healthy food and nutrition education to residents.</p> <p>The grant will support salaries for four new youth jobs and help pay for equipment and supplies and vehicle expenses.</p> |
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Virtual Food Pantry: Bringing Local Products to Urban Food Desert Residents

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| <p>Member Clearinghouse CDFI</p> <p>Sponsor Lutheran Social Services of Nevada (LSSN)</p> <p>Location Las Vegas, NV</p> <p>Project Category Social Services</p> <p>Grant Amount \$30,000</p> | <p>LSSN provides a spectrum of services to address food desert issues in Southern Nevada's low-income urban areas. This project will create a virtual food pantry in the form of a website where fresh, local food items will be sold along with traditional non-perishable items. The virtual food pantry will allow low-income residents to order food online and then pick up the items at the agency. Homebound seniors and others with disabilities will be eligible for home delivery. The pantry will be synced with LSSN's case management software. This project aims to reach 1,000 people in the Las Vegas region while offering local growers a new market for their products.</p> <p>The grant will be used to support a full-time driver/pantry worker and pay costs of vehicle maintenance.</p> |
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