

# ARIZONA

## Educational Support Addressing Pima County's Nursing Shortage

<p><b>Member</b> Wells Fargo Financial National Bank</p> <p><b>Sponsor</b> JobPath</p> <p><b>Location</b> Tucson, AZ</p> <p><b>Project Category</b> Job Training</p> <p><b>Grant Awarded</b> \$ 25,000</p>	<p>JobPath is a workforce development organization that provides education and training to unemployed and underemployed adults in the City of Tucson and Pima County. Prior to starting the program, most participants have income below 150% of the poverty line. Arizona is projected to have the greatest shortfall of trained nurses of any state by 2025. This project will create a pipeline of trained, skilled, and certified nurses through a comprehensive program that includes financial assistance, peer support groups, hard and soft skills training, tutoring, and job placement.</p> <p>The grant will pay for stipends and a career counselor.</p>
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## Hustle PHX

<p><b>Member</b> Canyon State Credit Union</p> <p><b>Sponsor</b> Hustle PHX</p> <p><b>Location</b> Phoenix, AZ</p> <p><b>Project Category</b> Entrepreneurial/ Microenterprise</p> <p><b>Grant Awarded</b> \$ 40,000</p>	<p>Hustle PHX provides prospective entrepreneurs classroom training followed by several months of business advising from a network of volunteer professional advisors. The program will help entrepreneurs create comprehensive business plans and seek microloans to start or expand the business from the sponsor and its business partners. This project will help the sponsor recruit additional professional business advisors and to develop additional funding resources.</p> <p>The grant will pay for a manager of volunteer professional advisors.</p>
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## Negocios Amigos

<p><b>Member</b> Raza Development Fund</p> <p><b>Sponsor</b> En Familia</p> <p><b>Location</b> Phoenix, AZ</p> <p><b>Project Category</b> Entrepreneurial/ Microenterprise</p> <p><b>Grant Awarded</b> \$ 30,000</p>	<p>En Familia runs an all Spanish radio station in Maricopa County that focuses on family oriented, educational, and self improvement messaging. Negocios Amigos is a voluntary membership network within the larger organization that promotes low-income Hispanic owned business throughout the Phoenix metropolitan area and provides these business owners with technical and financial assistance and business, media, and market exposure. This project will increase the organization's capacity to attract more businesses to the network and allow them to offer more services, such as microloans and immigration compliance assistance.</p> <p>The grant will pay the salary of a program coordinator and marketing expenses.</p>
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## Neighborhood Economic Development Corporation (NEDCO)

<p><b>Member</b> Western Alliance Bank</p> <p><b>Sponsor</b> A New Leaf/NEDCO</p> <p><b>Location</b> Mesa, AZ</p> <p><b>Project Category</b> Other Economic Development</p> <p><b>Grant Awarded</b> \$ 25,000</p>	<p>NEDCO is a place-based CDFI that is spurring economic development along the light rail lines in the cities of Phoenix and Mesa by providing micro financing and technical assistance to local small businesses and start ups. Many small businesses have been displaced or had their businesses disrupted by development along the light rail and will benefit from access to a variety of services, including one-on-one consulting, group workshops, and financing. The organization will also implement at least three additional placemaking initiatives, based on community input. NEDCO recently merged with A New Leaf, a Phoenix based nonprofit focused on affordable housing, healthy communities, and community services.</p> <p>The grant will pay for staff to provide technical assistance to small business.</p>
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## Phoenix Indian School Visitors Center

<b>Member</b>	Western Alliance Bank	Native American Connections plans to transform a former public elementary school building into a visitor center, in partnership with the City of Phoenix. The visitor center will host activities centered on healthy living, economic and workforce development, and cultural education. The visitor center will feature an interactive gallery telling the story of the building, which was originally created as an American Indian boarding school in 1891. Plans also call for creating a community kitchen that local chefs and food vendors promoting Indigenous foods will be able to rent.  The grant will pay for staff to implement the commercial kitchen programming.
<b>Sponsor</b>	Native American Connections	
<b>Location</b>	Phoenix, AZ	
<b>Project Category</b>	Capacity Building	
<b>Grant Awarded</b>	\$ 20,000	

## Primavera Workforce Development Program

<b>Member</b>	Western Alliance Bank	This project will provide job training for the populations in Southern Arizona that are hardest to employ, including homeless people, the formerly incarcerated, veterans, disabled people, and those with mental health issues. Primavera Foundation will operate a staffing agency that places individuals and work crews in moving, landscaping, retail, restaurant, janitorial, construction, demolition, and security jobs.  The grant will pay for staff to run the program and equipment to support the work crews.
<b>Sponsor</b>	Primavera Foundation	
<b>Location</b>	Tucson, AZ	
<b>Project Category</b>	Job Training	
<b>Grant Awarded</b>	\$ 40,000	

# CALIFORNIA

## Asset-Building Expansion: Native American Communities

<p><b>Member</b> MUFG Union Bank</p> <p><b>Sponsor</b> California Coalition for Rural Housing</p> <p><b>Location</b> Sacramento, CA</p> <p><b>Project Category</b> Financial Education</p> <p><b>Grant Awarded</b> \$ 25,000</p>	<p>This project will support California Coalition for Rural Housing in expanding its asset-building programs to American Indian tribal communities, with a special focus on underserved seniors. The organization will develop curriculum and host workshops and trainings on financial education, fraud prevention, online/mobile banking, and related topics, in partnership with service providers and other regional stakeholders such as government agencies and banks.</p> <p>AHEAD grant funds will pay for personnel and travel expenses.</p>
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## Bay Area E-Contractor Academy

<p><b>Member</b> MUFG Union Bank</p> <p><b>Sponsor</b> Emerald Cities Collaborative</p> <p><b>Location</b> San Francisco, CA</p> <p><b>Project Category</b> Capacity Building</p> <p><b>Grant Awarded</b> \$ 30,000</p>	<p>Emerald Cities Collaborative is a national nonprofit working to meet the workforce and business needs of regional and local economies through sustainable, economically just, and inclusive labor market strategies. This pilot project is a workshop based technical and business skills building program for small, minority, or disadvantaged contractors. The program will help participating contractors become competitive bidders for clean energy and green infrastructure projects. Participants will learn about the latest procurement and environmental policies, as well as the technologies needed to be competitive in the green building sector.</p> <p>The grant will help pay for staff, local trainers, and consultants for the program.</p>
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## Bayview Women

<p><b>Member</b> First Republic Bank</p> <p><b>Sponsor</b> Renaissance Entrepreneurship Center</p> <p><b>Location</b> San Francisco, CA</p> <p><b>Project Category</b> Entrepreneurial/ Microenterprise</p> <p><b>Grant Awarded</b> \$ 30,000</p>	<p>This project is an entrepreneurship and empowerment training program for women living in public housing and throughout the Bayview Hunters Point district, one of San Francisco's most marginalized communities. It will offer small business training in cohort and individual settings, mentorships with existing small businesswomen, networking events and peer support groups, and will conduct a pitching contest. The goal is for participants to start 20 sustainable small businesses.</p> <p>The grant will partially fund staff and consultants to deliver the program.</p>
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## Building Jobs and Futures with Wagster Treats

<p><b>Member</b> Bank of Marin</p> <p><b>Sponsor</b> Homeward Bound of Marin</p> <p><b>Location</b> Novato, CA</p> <p><b>Project Category</b> Entrepreneurial/ Microenterprise</p> <p><b>Grant Awarded</b> \$ 30,000</p>	<p>Homeward Bound is one of the leading providers of residential and supportive services for adults and families experiencing homelessness in the North Bay. This project will expand a fledgling social enterprise called Wagster Treats, which manufactures artisanal dog biscuits prepared by graduates of a culinary job training program that was previously supported by AHEAD. This grant will help scale the enterprise by hiring a sales professional to develop new retail partnerships and employ more bakers from the culinary program.</p> <p>The grant will partially fund the sales manager position, additional baking staff, and marketing costs.</p>
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## Building the Head Start Career Ladder

<p><b>Member</b> Community First Credit Union</p> <p><b>Sponsor</b> North Coast Opportunities</p> <p><b>Location</b> Ukiah, CA</p> <p><b>Project Category</b> Job Training</p> <p><b>Grant Awarded</b> \$ 30,000</p>	<p>In partnership with a local community college, this project will offer parents early childhood development classes and certifications to become teaching assistants at the North Coast Opportunities Head Start programs in rural Lake and Mendocino counties. The member will also be providing financial literacy training for participants in the program.</p> <p>The grant will fund trainers for the program, including a bilingual coach, and instructional supplies.</p>
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## Capital Opportunities for New, Low-Income Farm Businesses

<p><b>Member</b> 1st Capital Bank</p> <p><b>Sponsor</b> California Farmlink</p> <p><b>Location</b> Santa Cruz, CA</p> <p><b>Project Category</b> Entrepreneurial/ Microenterprise</p> <p><b>Grant Awarded</b> \$ 25,000</p>	<p>California Farmlink offers financing options to low-income, predominantly Latino, farmworkers who are underserved by conventional credit markets. They also provide a unique land lease service to connect these farmers with excess and unused land. This project will provide one-on-one technical assistance and education to farmers and has a goal of reaching at least 45 new growers.</p> <p>The grant will pay for staff to manage the program.</p>
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## Community Beautification and Homeless Empowerment Project

<b>Member</b>	Santa Cruz Community Credit Union	<p>This project will support people living in a new and permanent year-round county shelter by providing them with job and life skills training along with an opportunity to help beautify the community through projects such as landscaping, clean-up, and graffiti-abatement. To further help participants become work-ready, the project also includes a financial and career education component.</p> <p>The grant will fund staff to manage the program and equipment, uniforms, supplies, and bus tokens for the work crews.</p>
<b>Sponsor</b>	County of San Benito	
<b>Location</b>	Hollister, CA	
<b>Project Category</b>	Other Economic Development	
<b>Grant Awarded</b>	\$ 20,000	

## Community-Based Social Enterprise Development

<b>Member</b>	Cathay Bank	<p>CCEDA has a strong track record of helping nonprofit organizations create social enterprises, such as kitchen incubators and retail facilities that benefit lower-income communities. This project will enable them to deliver training events in Northern and Southern California and provide direct technical assistance to help other organizations create social enterprises.</p> <p>The grant will fund staff costs to deliver the training.</p>
<b>Sponsor</b>	California Community Economic Development Association (CCEDA)	
<b>Location</b>	Los Angeles, CA	
<b>Project Category</b>	Capacity Building	
<b>Grant Awarded</b>	\$ 25,000	

## Cultivating Healthy Employment and Safety

<b>Member</b> Beneficial State Bank	Planting Justice operates multiple initiatives to support urban farming, produce re-entry jobs, provide food education, and create edible landscaping. This project will expand the urban farming initiative with a newly acquired commercial organic nursery in East Oakland. The nursery will include the building of an innovative above ground aquaponics farm on formerly toxic land and will create new jobs for low-income East Oakland residents.
<b>Sponsor</b> Planting Justice	
<b>Location</b> Oakland, CA	
<b>Project Category</b> Other Economic Development	
<b>Grant Awarded</b> \$ 30,000	
	The grant will partially pay for providing living wages for employees at the nursery.

## ETC Green Construction Training

<b>Member</b> Silicon Valley Bank	The ETC is a workforce development program that provides construction training and a career pathway for low-income men and women, many with past issues such as incarceration, homelessness, and mental illness. The program has a long track record of success, with over 80% of graduates securing living wage jobs. This project will create an alumni support network for graduates. The alumni network will offer a variety of support services, such as mentorships and continuing education and skill building. It will also help remove barriers to employment by paying for union fees and trade certifications. Most importantly, the pilot will create a peer to peer network to support current and future graduates with job placement and opportunities.
<b>Sponsor</b> Asian Neighborhood Design	
<b>Location</b> San Francisco, CA	
<b>Project Category</b> Job Training	
<b>Grant Awarded</b> \$ 25,000	
	The grant will pay for staff to pilot the program, trade equipment, and client trade certifications.

## Elevating Equity

<b>Member</b>	East West Bank	<p>This project will support economic inclusion and growth along commercial corridors in a designated Promise Zone in South Los Angeles. The primary strategy is to work with anchor institutions, such as hospitals, universities, and transit agencies, to increase procurement activities with minority and women owned businesses (MWBE). LISC will also work directly with MWBE to increase capacity and competitiveness for securing contracts with anchor institutions.</p> <p>The grant will pay for staff to develop and pilot the program along with support for planning meetings.</p>
<b>Sponsor</b>	Local Initiatives Support Corporation of Los Angeles (LISC)	
<b>Location</b>	Los Angeles, CA	
<b>Project Category</b>	Capacity Building	
<b>Grant Awarded</b>	\$ 25,000	

## Expanding Tech Education

<b>Member</b>	Central Valley Community Bank	<p>This project will support a tech education program that uses informal learning, competition, and mentorship to teach students technical and soft skills in the areas of coding, robotics, entrepreneurship, and teamwork. It will target tech education at five rural schools districts in the San Joaquin Valley with student populations that are predominantly low-income. These students often lack access to technology learning opportunities and have few other career options beyond farm labor.</p> <p>The grant will pay for a part time director of tech education to establish relationships with school districts and for marketing expenses.</p>
<b>Sponsor</b>	59DaysOfCode	
<b>Location</b>	Fresno, CA	
<b>Project Category</b>	Capacity Building	
<b>Grant Awarded</b>	\$ 30,000	

## Financial Capabilities & Matched Savings Expansion

<p><b>Member</b> Pacific Western Bank</p> <p><b>Sponsor</b> Community HousingWorks</p> <p><b>Location</b> San Diego, CA</p> <p><b>Project Category</b> Financial Education</p> <p><b>Grant Awarded</b> \$ 25,000</p>	<p>Community HousingWorks provides supportive services at each of its affordable housing properties, including a financial health club that offers group workshops, one-on-one coaching, rental support, and matched savings accounts. This project will extend the reach of the matched savings program through a partnership with EARN, a nationally recognized leader in savings accounts for low-income individuals and families. The objective is to support matched savings for 50 additional clients; the savings can be used for important purchases such as buying a car, buying a home, or paying for higher education.</p> <p>The grant will partially fund staff to manage the program, curriculum supplies, travel, and credit reports for clients.</p>
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## Financial Power Tools & Workforce Development

<p><b>Member</b> Mississippi Valley Company</p> <p><b>Sponsor</b> Community Financial Resources</p> <p><b>Location</b> Berkeley, CA</p> <p><b>Project Category</b> Technical Assistance</p> <p><b>Grant Awarded</b> \$ 30,000</p>	<p>This project will create partnerships with workforce development organizations and employers to deliver the sponsor's financial education program. One of the program benefits for participants will be direct deposit of paychecks to a prepaid debit card that has unique features such as no monthly fees, no overdraft charges, and an automatic savings component. Another unique feature is access to a mobile application that helps clients learn proper money management.</p> <p>The grant will pay for staff and consultants to implement the program and IT support for the mobile application.</p>
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## Free Income Tax Assistance for People with Low-Income

<p><b>Member</b> MUFG Union Bank</p> <p><b>Sponsor</b> Tax-Aid</p> <p><b>Location</b> San Francisco, CA</p> <p><b>Project Category</b> Social Services</p> <p><b>Grant Awarded</b> \$ 40,000</p>	<p>Tax-Aid operates free income tax and related financial services for low-income individuals and families. This project will support free tax preparation services in four San Francisco Bay Area counties. Services include assistance during the annual tax filing period and the sponsor's new Tax-Aid 365 program, which offers tax and financial services year-round.</p> <p>The grant funds will help pay for staff salaries, outreach, and supplies.</p>
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## Fresher Sacramento

<p><b>Member</b> Wells Fargo Financial National Bank</p> <p><b>Sponsor</b> Fresh Producers</p> <p><b>Location</b> Sacramento, CA</p> <p><b>Project Category</b> Entrepreneurial/ Microenterprise</p> <p><b>Grant Awarded</b> \$ 40,000</p>	<p>Fresh Producers uses innovative strategies to empower young entrepreneurs to create a local food system and economy that increases access to healthy foods in underserved communities. The sponsor is creating a new social enterprise that will produce nutritious and affordable take home meals for sale. This project will support an entrepreneurship and workforce training program for at-risk youth in the Oak Park neighborhood of Sacramento, where the youth will learn how to create and sell the take home meals to the community.</p> <p>The grant will fund a program manager to coordinate the youth entrepreneurship program and marketing costs.</p>
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## Fresno EOC Local Conservation Corps College & Career Center

<b>Member</b>	Rabobank	<p>The sponsor provides vocational training to transition-age youth, 18-25 years old, in the areas of construction, solar installation, recycling/green jobs, and public lands/landscape maintenance. This project will support the existing workforce training program and development of a College &amp; Career Center to assist with program participant's transition following completion of the program. The center will offer individualized career-specific programming, professional and life skills development, access to mentors and internships, and visits to local colleges and businesses.</p> <p>The grant will pay for the center's student transition coordinator position.</p>
<b>Sponsor</b>	Local Conservation Corps/ YouthBuild Fresno	
<b>Location</b>	Fresno, CA	
<b>Project Category</b>	Job Training	
<b>Grant Awarded</b>	\$ 40,000	

## GLENN GROWS Incubator & Business Center

<b>Member</b>	Redding Bank of Commerce	<p>The sponsor is an economic development agency that encourages private and social investments, charitable donations, and public funding to help local small businesses and communities create or retain jobs in Butte, Glenn, and Tehama counties in Northern California. This project will establish a business incubator and local business center in Glenn County, with a particular focus on assisting with the formation of new microenterprises and the growth of existing small businesses. The center will provide much needed IT services in the rural area, along with financing and technical assistance.</p> <p>The grant will pay for advisors, technology, and supplies at the center.</p>
<b>Sponsor</b>	3CORE	
<b>Location</b>	Orland, CA	
<b>Project Category</b>	Entrepreneurial/ Microenterprise	
<b>Grant Awarded</b>	\$ 30,000	

## Hand Up Cars

<b>Member</b> MUFG Union Bank	Hand Up Cars helps working and credit challenged families in San Diego County who need reliable transportation to achieve self-sufficiency to purchase used cars. Participants receive financial education, car maintenance education, and personalized coaching on the financing of a used car. JFS partners with a community based credit union to fund and service affordable used car loans for program participants.
<b>Sponsor</b> Jewish Family Service of San Diego (JFS)	
<b>Location</b> San Diego, CA	
<b>Project Category</b> Other Economic Development	
<b>Grant Awarded</b> \$ 40,000	

## Home READY - Financial Capability Training

<b>Member</b> Tri Counties Bank	This project will provide financial capability training and case management to victims of the devastating fires that destroyed much of Lake County in 2015 and 2016. Participants will learn about resources available to homeowners who lost their homes or experienced significant home damage, including the Cal HOME Disaster Recovery Loan product for purchase or rebuild. A matched savings program will help households generate savings to purchase or rebuild a home.
<b>Sponsor</b> Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Santa Rosa	
<b>Location</b> Middletown, CA	
<b>Project Category</b> Financial Education	
<b>Grant Awarded</b> \$ 40,000	

## Homeboy Recycling

<b>Member</b> MUFG Union Bank	Homeboy Industries provides men and women who were previously involved in gangs or incarcerated with vocational training, through a variety of social enterprises. This project will expand the organization's job training program to include an internship in electronic waste recycling. The program will offer engineering, science, and math education, along with practical training in disassembly and rebuilding of electronics.
<b>Sponsor</b> Homeboy Industries	
<b>Location</b> Los Angeles, CA	
<b>Project Category</b> Job Training	
<b>Grant Awarded</b> \$ 40,000	The grant will help pay salaries of program trainees and costs of supportive services.

## Kitchen Table Advisors - Farmers Connections Program Launch

<b>Member</b> New Resource Bank	Kitchen Table Advisors, a project of the Trust for Conservation Innovation, will launch a new initiative designed to connect small farmers to a growing community of food hubs, distributors, restaurants, grocery stores, and farmer market associations. The project will also help farmers access financing resources specific to the agricultural industry and create a network of pro bono legal, human resources, tax, and marketing professionals to support clients.
<b>Sponsor</b> Trust for Conservation Innovation/Kitchen Table Advisors	
<b>Location</b> Oakland, CA	
<b>Project Category</b> Entrepreneurial/ Microenterprise	
<b>Grant Awarded</b> \$ 25,000	The grant will fund staff to launch the initiative.

## MAKE IT Manufacturing Growth Program

<b>Member</b> City National Bank	<p>MAKE IT IN LA helps low-income entrepreneurs launch and manufacture their products in Los Angeles, the largest manufacturing center in the country. This project will help expand existing programming designed to create a ladder to small business ownership in underserved communities throughout the region. The goal of the projects is to attract at least 85 potential makers to the program, of which at least half will be able to launch a new product or business.</p> <p>The grant will partially fund the sponsor's first full time employee to manage the program.</p>
<b>Sponsor</b> MAKE IT IN LA	
<b>Location</b> Los Angeles, CA	
<b>Project Category</b> Capacity Building	
<b>Grant Awarded</b> \$ 40,000	

## Mission Street Corridor: Helping Small Businesses Adapt!

<b>Member</b> Charles Schwab Bank	<p>This project will increase the sponsor's capacity to assist small business owners along a 3.5 mile corridor of Mission Street in San Francisco. Many of the established family owned businesses along the corridor that anchor the neighborhood's rich cultural history are experiencing higher eviction rates or forced relocation. MEDA will provide the businesses with outreach, technical assistance, and loans to help stabilize and grow the corridor's local businesses.</p> <p>The grant will help pay for two staff positions to oversee the project.</p>
<b>Sponsor</b> Mission Economic Development Agency (MEDA)	
<b>Location</b> San Francisco, CA	
<b>Project Category</b> Entrepreneurial/ Microenterprise	
<b>Grant Awarded</b> \$ 30,000	

## My Financial Wellness - Inland Empire

<b>Member</b>	East West Bank	<p>This project will expand the sponsor's free legal services to Riverside and San Bernardino counties in the Inland Empire. The focus will be on financially vulnerable individuals and households that need help with debt and credit issues along with homeowners at risk of foreclosure. Targeted beneficiaries include at least 40 individuals re-entering communities following incarceration and over 60 low-income households.</p> <p>The grant will fund staff for the new office in the City of Riverside.</p>
<b>Sponsor</b>	Housing and Economic Rights Advocates	
<b>Location</b>	Riverside, CA	
<b>Project Category</b>	Financial Education	
<b>Grant Awarded</b> \$ 40,000		

## Opportunity Network for Low-Income Youth Entrepreneurs

<b>Member</b>	Northern California Community Loan Fund	<p>United Roots created the first youth impact hub in the country, which offers computer, media, and tech labs for youth members to work on music, video, photography, and performing arts projects. The organization is launching a new initiative to prepare 100+ youth, 18-24 years old, for entrepreneurship each year in the East Bay. This project will renovate the existing youth impact hub to include professional co-working office space, conference rooms, and maker space for incubating business products.</p> <p>The grant will fund capital improvements and equipment for the hub and a part-time coordinator for the new initiative.</p>
<b>Sponsor</b>	United Roots	
<b>Location</b>	Oakland, CA	
<b>Project Category</b>	Entrepreneurial/ Microenterprise	
<b>Grant Awarded</b> \$ 25,000		

## Pathways to Economic Mobility

<b>Member</b>	Bank of America California	<p>Rubicon provides job training and placement, housing, behavioral health, and other supportive services to low-income people in Contra Costa and Alameda counties. In 2016, the sponsor launched Pathways, a program to help participants identify and work towards a career path offering family sustaining wages. This project will support the Pathways program at one site in Contra Costa that serves a client base that is largely made up of people re-entering society after incarceration.</p> <p>The grant will partially fund program staff costs and stipends for participants.</p>
<b>Sponsor</b>	Rubicon Programs	
<b>Location</b>	Richmond, CA	
<b>Project Category</b>	Job Training	
<b>Grant Awarded</b>	\$ 30,000	

## Richmond Homeownership & Preservation Program

<b>Member</b>	Mechanics Bank	<p>Richmond Neighborhood Housing Services work to stem the tide of displacement of low-income households by providing financial coaching and education aimed at supporting accumulation of wealth through savings and homeownership. This project will expand marketing efforts to promote homeownership in Richmond, one of the last cities in the core Bay Area that still has affordable homeownership opportunities. The goal is to engage at least 500 households through homebuyer and counseling workshops.</p> <p>The grant will fund staff, costs, and supplies.</p>
<b>Sponsor</b>	Richmond Neighborhood Housing Services	
<b>Location</b>	Richmond, CA	
<b>Project Category</b>	Housing Initiative	
<b>Grant Awarded</b>	\$ 20,000	

## Second Chance Pre-Apprenticeship Training

<p><b>Member</b> Mississippi Valley Company</p> <p><b>Sponsor</b> San Diego Second Chance Program</p> <p><b>Location</b> San Diego, CA</p> <p><b>Project Category</b> Job Training</p> <p><b>Grant Awarded</b> \$ 40,000</p>	<p>This project will support Second Chance's pre-apprenticeship program, which offers training to low-income and previously incarcerated individuals interested in a career in the construction trades. The goal is to help individuals achieve union employment that translates into jobs paying a high living wage, of up to \$25-32 per hour. The goal for the project is to help 30 individuals receive training, with at least 12 of those trainees placed in jobs within 12 months.</p> <p>The grant will help pay for participant stipends, a consultant to provide continuing education, and curriculum materials.</p>
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## Siskiyou Job Readiness Employment Training

<p><b>Member</b> Redding Bank of Commerce</p> <p><b>Sponsor</b> Siskiyou Economic Development</p> <p><b>Location</b> Yreka, CA</p> <p><b>Project Category</b> Entrepreneurial/ Microenterprise</p> <p><b>Grant Awarded</b> \$ 20,000</p>	<p>The sponsor supports local business growth as well as recruiting new businesses to rural Siskiyou County, one of the largest counties by geographic area yet one of the smallest and poorest in terms of population. As a result of research they conducted on the greatest workforce challenge in the region, the organization made a strategic decision to create an employment training panel (ETP). An ETP is a state program that provides funding for employee training. The sponsor will use the program as an incentive to support existing businesses ready to expand and to attract new businesses to the area.</p> <p>The grant will fund staff to create an ETP for Siskiyou County.</p>
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## SparkPoint Oakland Financial Services

<b>Member</b>	Charles Schwab Bank	<p>EBALDC is the lead social service agency at SparkPoint Oakland, one of 14 centers in the San Francisco Bay Area that connects staff from multiple agencies to provide integrated financial coaching with job training and job placement for low- and moderate-income individuals. This project will support improvements to workforce development programs, in partnership with the West Oakland Jobs Resource Center, to prioritize the hiring of local residents for quality jobs. The project also includes a pilot initiative with a local community college to supplement career readiness programs for students.</p> <p>The grant will pay for staffing at the new center.</p>
<b>Sponsor</b>	East Bay Asian Local Development Corporation (EBALDC)	
<b>Location</b>	Oakland, CA	
<b>Project Category</b>	Financial Education	
<b>Grant Awarded</b>	\$ 20,000	

## SteppingUP

<b>Member</b>	Clearinghouse CDFI	<p>Orange County Community Housing Corporation offers a variety of supportive services at its affordable housing complexes, including SteppingUP, which helps disadvantaged students gain access to higher education opportunities. The year long program involves weekly advising sessions, weekend workshops, college tours, and volunteer opportunities for student participants. This project will strengthen the "college persistence" component of the program that helps students stay in school and graduate.</p> <p>The grant will fund staff to deliver the program.</p>
<b>Sponsor</b>	Orange County Community Housing Corporation	
<b>Location</b>	Santa Ana, CA	
<b>Project Category</b>	Social Services	
<b>Grant Awarded</b>	\$ 20,000	

## Strengthening Small Businesses through Community Partners

<p><b>Member</b> Beneficial State Bank</p> <p><b>Sponsor</b> Opportunity Fund Northern California</p> <p><b>Location</b> San Jose, CA</p> <p><b>Project Category</b> Entrepreneurial/ Microenterprise</p> <p><b>Grant Awarded</b> \$ 20,000</p>	<p>Opportunity Fund Northern California's Community Partners Program establishes relationships with organizations that provide technical assistance and business coaching to entrepreneurs. This project is intended to help Opportunity Fund, which provides lending and capital, reach a more diverse set of businesses in a wider geography. Partners benefit by not having to raise capital for lending while entrepreneurs benefit from access to both training and capital to start or grow their business.</p> <p>The grant will fund staff to conduct outreach and training to onboard new partners.</p>
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## Technology Media Arts for New Horizons

<p><b>Member</b> MUFG Union Bank</p> <p><b>Sponsor</b> New Horizons</p> <p><b>Location</b> North Hills, CA</p> <p><b>Project Category</b> Job Training</p> <p><b>Grant Awarded</b> \$ 20,000</p>	<p>New Horizons operates an educational and employment training service center for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities in the San Fernando Valley area of Northern Los Angeles. The Technology Media Arts program teaches participants various technological and computer related skills, with a focus in animation and film. This project will build off of the sponsor's recent partnership with Cal Arts and others to provide 30 young adults with job skills and opportunities for employment in the film/animation industry.</p> <p>The grant will help pay for staff, equipment, and curriculum development.</p>
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### The Semi'a Fund: Capital and Coaching for Microentrepreneurs

<p><b>Member</b> Beneficial State Bank</p> <p><b>Sponsor</b> Leadership for Urban Renewal Network</p> <p><b>Location</b> Los Angeles, CA</p> <p><b>Project Category</b> Entrepreneurial/ Microenterprise</p> <p><b>Grant Awarded</b> \$ 25,000</p>	<p>This project will scale up one of the sponsor's microfinance programs, the Semi'a Fund, which provides capital and business coaching to street vendors, small food retailers, home based businesses, and other enterprises in the informal economies of East and South Los Angeles. Many of the sponsor's clients are immigrant: Los Angeles has the second highest concentration of immigrant owned small businesses in the country. Microloans range from \$5,000-\$25,000 and are paired with one-on-one culturally-appropriate coaching and technical assistance.</p> <p>The grant will pay for a staff member to raise capital and expand outreach activities.</p>
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### Valley Sierra Small Business Empowerment

<p><b>Member</b> Oak Valley Community Bank</p> <p><b>Sponsor</b> Valley Sierra SBDC</p> <p><b>Location</b> Modesto, CA</p> <p><b>Project Category</b> Entrepreneurial/ Microenterprise</p> <p><b>Grant Awarded</b> \$ 20,000</p>	<p>Valley Sierra promotes the development, growth, and success of small businesses in the Central Valley of California through business consulting and training. This project will offer business management assistance and increased access to capital for microbusinesses in all of Tuolumne County and rural parts of Stanislaus County.</p> <p>The grant will pay for additional consultants to provide professional business services.</p>
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### Valley Vision's Jobs Support Continuum

<p><b>Member</b> First Northern Bank of Dixon</p> <p><b>Sponsor</b> Valley Vision</p> <p><b>Location</b> Sacramento, CA</p> <p><b>Project Category</b> Other Economic Development</p> <p><b>Grant Awarded</b> \$ 30,000</p>	<p>Valley Vision will support an urban jobs initiative by creating an online resource hub of service providers to connect them with unemployed and underemployed people in the region. It is aimed at helping to decrease concentrated poverty and improve the economic security of individuals and neighborhoods throughout the Sacramento Capital region.</p> <p>The grant will fund staff to carry out the initiative.</p>
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### Village Market Equitable Food Business Incubator

<p><b>Member</b> City National Bank</p> <p><b>Sponsor</b> Community Services Unlimited</p> <p><b>Location</b> Los Angeles, CA</p> <p><b>Project Category</b> Entrepreneurial/ Microenterprise</p> <p><b>Grant Awarded</b> \$ 40,000</p>	<p>The sponsor purchased a property in 2015 that is being redeveloped into a wellness center and food business incubator. This project will support the food business incubator in providing training and mentorship to low-income entrepreneurs who produce healthy food for residents of South Central Los Angeles. The goal is to increase job opportunities for local residents, create small business opportunities, and increase production of healthy foods for the larger community.</p> <p>The grant will pay for staff to implement the food business incubator program and develop program training materials, food safety trainer certifications, and marketing materials.</p>
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## WISEPlace Financial Empowerment for Women in Crisis

<b>Member</b> Pacific Mercantile Bank	<p>WISEPlace is in the process of renovating a gymnasium and converting it into an emergency shelter for women in Santa Ana that will provide shelter, shower facilities, and wrap around services. A financial empowerment program will offer help with basic budgeting while employment assistance is provided to help homeless women find permanent housing and achieve self-sufficiency.</p> <p>The grant will pay for a financial empowerment manager to create and deliver the program at the new shelter.</p>
<b>Sponsor</b> WISEPlace	
<b>Location</b> Santa Ana, CA	
<b>Project Category</b> Financial Education	
<b>Grant Awarded</b> \$ 20,000	

## Women's Economic Empowerment Program

<b>Member</b> Silicon Valley Bank	<p>Grameen America is a national microfinance organization that helps low-income women entrepreneurs build small businesses and enter the financial mainstream. The organization's business model is unique because it uses a group lending model, in which five women form a lending group to start or expand their microbusinesses. This project will expand the endeavor to a new branch in San Jose to target Latina women living at or below the poverty line.</p> <p>The grant will partially fund a branch manager for the new San Jose office.</p>
<b>Sponsor</b> Grameen America	
<b>Location</b> San Jose, CA	
<b>Project Category</b> Entrepreneurial/ Microenterprise	
<b>Grant Awarded</b> \$ 40,000	

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**YouthWorks - Employment to Empowerment**

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<b>Member</b> Rabobank	<p>YouthWorks is the signature program offered by Affordable Housing Paso Robles, whose mission is to teach youth from six-to-24 years old leadership and job skills that prepare them for the working world. The program operates five-to-six days a week, year-round, delivering academic support, job skills training, mentoring, college planning, and hands on work experience appropriate for different age groups. The goal of this project is to support enrolling 25 additional young people in the program.</p> <p>The grant will fund staff to run the program and instructional materials.</p>
<b>Sponsor</b> Affordable Housing Paso Robles	
<b>Location</b> Paso Robles, CA	
<b>Project Category</b> Social Services	
<b>Grant Awarded</b> \$ 25,000	

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### Northern Nevada HOPES Financial Wellness Clinic

<b>Member</b> Charles Schwab Bank	HOPES provides integrative healthcare and case management support to underserved populations, such as the LGBT community, homeless people, and people with mental illness or living in poverty. This pilot program will add financial coaching and education to the comprehensive healthcare services they provide for clients. It is aimed at giving participants the skills they need to achieve financial stability and helping to improve health outcomes.
<b>Sponsor</b> Northern Nevada HOPES	
<b>Location</b> Reno, NV	
<b>Project Category</b> Financial Education	
<b>Grant Awarded</b> \$ 35,000	

The grant will help pay for a staff position.

### Strengthening Financial Stability at Home - Pilot Program

<b>Member</b> Charles Schwab Bank	Nevada HAND will launch a pilot financial education program at three of their affordable housing sites for residents with a history of late rent payments. Residents who chronically make late rent payments incur burdensome late fees and are frequently at risk of eviction. Through this program residents will receive individualized financial assessments and credit counseling and coaching on budgeting and money management.
<b>Sponsor</b> Nevada HAND	
<b>Location</b> Las Vegas, NV	
<b>Project Category</b> Financial Education	
<b>Grant Awarded</b> \$ 25,000	

The grant will pay for staff to launch the program.

## The Piggy Bank Program

<p><b>Member</b> Silver State Schools Credit Union</p> <p><b>Sponsor</b> Andson</p> <p><b>Location</b> Las Vegas, NV</p> <p><b>Project Category</b> Financial Education</p> <p><b>Grant Awarded</b> \$ 40,000</p>	<p>Andson is an organization that improves financial literacy and academic achievement among at-risk youth in Southern Nevada. This project will support expansion of The Piggy Bank program to two underserved elementary schools in Las Vegas. This is a hands-on financial literacy training program for students from Kindergarten through 8th grade. In addition, student deposits are kept in a real savings account with the member, and the students can access the savings once they reach 5th grade.</p> <p>The grant will fund staff onsite at the schools and curriculum for the program.</p>
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## Truckee Meadows Roadmap for Affordable Housing

<p><b>Member</b> Heritage Bank of Nevada</p> <p><b>Sponsor</b> Truckee Meadows Healthy Communities</p> <p><b>Location</b> Reno, NV</p> <p><b>Project Category</b> Housing Initiative</p> <p><b>Grant Awarded</b> \$ 20,000</p>	<p>Truckee Meadows Healthy Communities is a nascent organization working on engaging stakeholders to collectively shape a healthier community in Washoe County, which includes the cities of Reno and Sparks. This initiative will create a strategic roadmap for addressing affordable housing challenges in the region, including the protection, preservation, and construction of affordable housing with supportive services. The organization will act as the convener and backbone for all planning meetings and stakeholder outreach.</p> <p>The grant will pay for a consultant to facilitate the creation of a roadmap.</p>
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