

ARIZONA

Child Development Associate (CDA) Credential Program

<p>Member Arizona Central Credit Union</p> <p>Sponsor Southwest Human Development</p> <p>Location Phoenix, AZ</p> <p>Project Category Job Training</p> <p>Grant Awarded \$20,000</p>	<p>Southwest Human Development offers more than 40 comprehensive early childhood education and family programs throughout Arizona. This grant will support the CDA program, which enables low-income individuals, predominantly mothers, to begin new early childhood teaching careers. Program graduates will receive a CDA certificate. A typical career path for a graduate is to begin as a Head Start teacher, where salaries are over 20 percent higher than those of other childcare centers, and health insurance and other benefits are provided.</p> <p>The grant will support instructors and development of training and credentialing materials.</p>
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Healthy Housing - Native Home Resource Network

<p>Member Mohave State Bank</p> <p>Sponsor Red Feather Development Group</p> <p>Location Flagstaff, AZ</p> <p>Project Category Housing Initiative</p> <p>Grant Awarded \$35,000</p>	<p>Red Feather Development Group partners with the Navajo Nation and the Hopi Tribe in Arizona to provide sustainable solutions to housing needs in their tribal communities. The project will expand the sponsor's case management program, which helps families identify and resolve health and safety risks in their homes. The program identifies needs for critical home repairs, which are addressed by directly assisting with the purchase of materials for the repairs or by introductions to professional contractors and local trades people who can make the repairs.</p> <p>The grant will fund staff time and travel expenses for case managers.</p>
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Minority Contractor Training Program

Member Wells Fargo
Financial National Bank

Sponsor Tucson Urban
League, Inc.

Location Tucson, AZ

Project Category Entrepreneurial/
Microenterprise

Grant Awarded \$25,000

The National Urban League’s mission is to advance economic and social prosperity for African Americans and other underserved populations. This local Tucson affiliate will pilot a program to help minority-owned and other emerging small businesses in Pima County increase economic and growth opportunities. Participating businesses will benefit from in depth technical assistance, business coaching and mentoring, and workshops on topics such as bidding and estimating, accounting, and access to capital. The goals of the program are to prepare minority entrepreneurs for business growth and to increase the number of minority-owned business in Tucson.

The grant will help pay for a consultant and program materials.

Miracle Mile McDowell

Member Mississippi
Valley Company

Sponsor Trellis

Location Phoenix, AZ

Project Category Other Economic
Development

Grant Awarded \$25,000

Trellis is a housing counseling organization that educates, builds, and lends to low- and moderate-income individuals to support stable homes and communities in the Phoenix Metro Area. The project will revitalize a historically vibrant commercial corridor that has been burdened by disinvestment, business vacancy, blight, and poor safety measures. In partnership with local stakeholders, the project will help promote existing and new businesses along the corridor and promote improved streetscape and storefront aesthetics. In addition, the project will help Trellis and other participants establish a new business merchant association to sustain the corridor’s revitalization.

The grant will pay for the salary of a coordinator to implement the corridor revitalization efforts.

Neighbors at Work: Building Pathways to Economic Mobility

<p>Member Western Alliance Bank</p> <p>Sponsor Neighborhood Ministries</p> <p>Location Phoenix, AZ</p> <p>Project Category Social Services</p> <p>Grant Awarded \$40,000</p>	<p>Neighborhood Ministries has served inner city Phoenix for over 35 years, providing a variety of services, including a food and clothing bank, early childhood education, and youth enrichment programs for families working to break the cycle of poverty. This project will provide 140 disconnected youth, ages 16-24, with on-the-job training at one of the sponsor's three social enterprises: a silkscreen/embroidery shop, a thrift store, or a bike shop. Participants will also receive supportive services to increase academic achievement and access to stable employment.</p> <p>The grant will help fund staff time to offer outreach, job placement, and support services.</p>
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WMAHA Transit System Bus Stop Shelters

<p>Member Mohave State Bank</p> <p>Sponsor White Mountain Apache Housing Authority</p> <p>Location Whiteriver, AZ</p> <p>Project Category Other Economic Development</p> <p>Grant Awarded \$45,000</p>	<p>The sponsor is a tribal housing authority serving the White Mountain Apache tribe on the Fort Apache reservation in East Central Arizona. This project will enhance a previous public transit system project, which was awarded AHEAD funds in 2016, by building eight bus stop shelters to protect ridership from the elements, especially the elderly and disabled, and producing more visible bus stop signage to help riders. The project aims to increase ridership and enhance the experience of using the bus system.</p> <p>The grant will be used for supplies and materials to build the bus stop shelters.</p>
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Alchemy Kitchen- Food Business Incubator

Member Northern California
Community Loan Fund

Sponsor Alchemist CDC

Location Sacramento, CA

Project Category Entrepreneurial/
Microenterprise

Grant Awarded \$45,000

Alchemist is a community development corporation whose mission is to create equitable, diverse, and healthy communities, and to improve access to healthy food in the Sacramento region. This project will support Alchemy Kitchen, a food business incubator focusing on low-income food entrepreneurs. The project will also benefit local farmers by creating new business customers. The sponsor will offer clients use of commercial kitchen space in South Sacramento and a comprehensive business development program, with the goal of helping over 30 small businesses.

The grant will pay for consultants to create the business training program and design the commercial kitchen.

Artists Unlimited

Member Bank of Marin

Sponsor The Cedars of Marin

Location San Anselmo, CA

Project Category Capacity Building

Grant Awarded \$35,000

The Cedars of Marin is one of the oldest organizations in California serving people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, focusing on education and workforce training to foster independence. One of their programs is Cedars Fine Art Studios, where clients express their creativity and develop professional art skills while receiving mentoring from professional artists. This project will explore new markets for client artists, potentially creating an online store, entering into licensing agreements with retailers, and/or partnering with staging companies that place corporate art.

The grant will pay for consultants to research marketing opportunities, create a business plan, and launch the program.

Bay Area E-Contractor Academy - Expansion and Procurement

Member MUFG Union Bank

Sponsor Emerald Cities Collaborative

Location Santa Clara, CA

Project Category Entrepreneurial/
Microenterprise

Grant Awarded \$20,000

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 project will expand a successful technical and business skills building program for small, minority, and/or disadvantaged contractors. The program will help two new cohorts of participating contractors become competitive bidders for clean energy and green infrastructure projects in San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties. The project will also support the first cohort of graduates from San Francisco by connecting them to contracting opportunities and providing business development services.

The grant will help pay for staff and materials to expand and support the program.

Braven Bay Area

Member Charles Schwab Bank

Sponsor Braven Inc.

Location San Jose, CA

Project Category Capacity Building

Grant Awarded \$20,000

Braven, Inc., empowers first generation college students and students of color at San Jose State University with the skills, networks, and experiences necessary not only to graduate, but to secure a high-quality first job afterwards. They accomplish this through a Fellowship model, which includes online and in-person career acceleration courses and connections with potential employers. This project will expand post Fellow support, such as 1:1 professional mentors, career fairs, job site visits, and a centralized referral process.

The grant will fund staff to manage the existing program as well as the expansion of post-graduation services.

Bridge Employment for the Tech Industry

<p>Member Charles Schwab Bank</p> <p>Sponsor Samasource</p> <p>Location San Francisco, CA</p> <p>Project Category Job Training</p> <p>Grant Awarded \$25,000</p>	<p>Samasource equips low-income and unemployed people to begin or restart their careers in the gig/independent work economy, with the goal of helping clients transition to a full-time quality job. This project will be in the Bay Area, where the tech boom has increased both median incomes and income inequality. The sponsor will partner with four nonprofit training providers to create a bridge to employment in the tech industry for at least 250 low-income jobseekers. The project will also create a peer mentorship program that will pair clients with alumni currently working in the tech industry to build networks and opportunities.</p> <p>The grant will fund staff to manage the program and training and hiring the first group of alumni mentors.</p>
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Community Contracting and Resilience Project

<p>Member CIT Bank</p> <p>Sponsor The Business Resource Group, Inc.</p> <p>Location Hawthorne, CA</p> <p>Project Category Technical Assistance</p> <p>Grant Awarded \$30,000</p>	<p>Business Resource Group is a statewide nonprofit whose mission is to promote equitable access to capital and growth opportunities and improve economic well-being for low- and moderate-income California entrepreneurs and residents. This project will create a center to deliver expertise and assistance to help at least 65 small and diverse contractors compete for contracts in the construction, transportation, facilities management, and utilities industries, which will directly lead to increased revenues and high-quality jobs benefitting lower-income communities.</p> <p>The grant will pay for program staff and consultants at the center and technology upgrades to better track outcomes.</p>
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Creating and Sustaining New Entrepreneurs

<p>Member Pacific Western Bank</p> <p>Sponsor Logan Heights Community Development Corporation</p> <p>Location San Diego, CA</p> <p>Project Category Entrepreneurial/ Microenterprise</p> <p>Grant Awarded \$30,000</p>	<p>The sponsor is a place-based community development corporation that works in multiple historically low-income and racially diverse neighborhoods in eastern San Diego. This project will support The Hub, a co-working space for microbusinesses that are currently either home-based or in the ideation stage. The Hub will offer business training, mentorships with existing businesses, access to capital, peer support groups, and networking opportunities, all designed to help launch at least 20 sustainable businesses during the grant period. The project will also focus outreach efforts on small businesses along Imperial Avenue, a commercial corridor where many businesses are experiencing high rates of evictions.</p> <p>The grant will partially fund co-working space operations, including an economic development manager.</p>
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Credit Strengthening Initiative Pilot

<p>Member Pacific Premier Bank</p> <p>Sponsor Community HousingWorks</p> <p>Location San Diego, CA</p> <p>Project Category Financial Education</p> <p>Grant Awarded \$25,000</p>	<p>Community HousingWorks develops and owns high-quality affordable housing throughout California, with a focus on the San Diego region. The sponsor is piloting an innovative program to help its affordable housing residents establish and improve credit scores. The Credit Strengthening Initiative includes monthly rent collection through an online platform that offers regular credit reporting for on-time payments as well as integration with the sponsor's other financial wellbeing programs. The pilot will be rolled out to all 10,000 low-income working families in CHW's housing portfolio within the next three years.</p> <p>The grant will pay for a consultant to develop and implement the pilot program, workshop materials, and credit reports.</p>
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Developing a Social Enterprise for Homeless Women

Member American River Bank

Sponsor Women's Empowerment

Location Sacramento, CA

Project Category Entrepreneurial/
Microenterprise

Grant Awarded \$45,000

The sponsor educates and empowers women who are homeless, offering one of the only programs in the Sacramento region that provides both job training and paid work opportunities. While 80 percent of program graduates find gainful employment, the remaining 20 percent of graduates struggle to find jobs. To address this gap in employment, the sponsor created a social enterprise called the "Get a Job Kit", which hires these not-yet-employed graduates to produce and sell an all-in-one career kit to school districts, colleges, and organizations, providing not only valuable work experience but also a paycheck.

The grant will pay for staff to train participants, stipends for employees, and kit materials.

Disability Inclusion and Enterprise Garden Program

Member Bank of Marin

Sponsor Integrated
Community Services

Location San Rafael, CA

Project Category Job Training

Grant Awarded \$20,000

Integrated Community Services is an employment and independent living services provider in Marin County that helps people with any disability integrate into the community and work towards independence. The nonprofit manages a garden-based career training program that has evolved into a social enterprise selling the produce to restaurants, grocery stores, and direct to consumers through a subscription program. This project will expand the scale and reach of the social enterprise by forming new partnerships with local organizations that have unused garden or landscaping space.

The grant will help staff develop new partnerships and build new gardens.

Dream Big, and Fund It

<p>Member Redding Bank of Commerce</p> <p>Sponsor Jefferson Economic Development Institute</p> <p>Location Mount Shasta, CA</p> <p>Project Category Entrepreneurial/ Microenterprise</p> <p>Grant Awarded \$30,000</p>	<p>The sponsor offers small business development services to low-income individuals and communities in rural Northern California. This project will support a Women's Business Center in Siskiyou County. While women-owned small businesses make up 30 percent of all start-ups in the region, there is a gap in support and credit availability. JEDI will help fill this gap by providing targeted small business development services and access to capital through the Opportunity Fund, a California CDFI.</p> <p>The grant will fund staff and operations at the Women's Business Center.</p>
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Durable Medical Equipment Repair Training Program

<p>Member Farmers & Merchants Bank of Central California</p> <p>Sponsor Society for disABILITIES</p> <p>Location Modesto, CA</p> <p>Project Category Job Training</p> <p>Grant Awarded \$35,000</p>	<p>Society for disABILITIES works in the Central Valley of California to improve the quality of life for people with disabilities. They offer a variety of services, including management of one of the largest medical equipment loan closets in the state, providing equipment and supplies to low-income, uninsured, and disabled populations. This project will create a durable medical equipment repair training program, which will lead to career certification opportunities for individuals interested in the field and an increase in the quality of medical equipment that can be loaned out to individuals.</p> <p>The grant will pay for a staff member to develop and implement the pilot program.</p>
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Empowering Homeless Parents Through Workforce Development

<p>Member Pacific Western Bank</p> <p>Sponsor Solutions for Change, Inc.</p> <p>Location Vista, CA</p> <p>Project Category Job Training</p> <p>Grant Awarded \$20,000</p>	<p>Solutions for Change’s mission is to solve family homelessness in San Diego by providing transitional housing and offering a continuum of services to help families achieve self-sufficiency. The nonprofit currently operates a workforce development program run by volunteers in a group setting, and now plans to hire a full-time career coordinator to offer personalized one-on-one career coaching to resident parents. The career coordinator will help parents find a first job and work with already employed parents to improve their career prospects.</p> <p>The grant will help fund the full-time career coordinator position.</p>
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Financial Fitness for Adults and Youth

<p>Member MUFG Union Bank</p> <p>Sponsor Neighborhood Housing Services of Inland Empire</p> <p>Location San Bernardino, CA</p> <p>Project Category Financial Education</p> <p>Grant Awarded \$20,000</p>	<p>Neighborhood Housing Services is a housing counseling and asset building organization that works in three counties across the Inland Empire and San Diego region. This project will support the sponsor's wealth building programs, which include general financial education for all participants along with one-on-one counseling for adults and a matched savings program for youth. For adults, the sponsor will produce a new video addressing challenges facing consumers, such as identity theft, and how to read credit reports and develop realistic family budgets. For youth, the sponsor will offer a new 1:1 savings match up to \$10 per month.</p> <p>The grant will fund one-on-one counseling, video production, and the matched savings program.</p>
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Financial Inclusion and Opportunity for Refugee Women

Member Silicon Valley Bank

Sponsor International Rescue Committee

Location Oakland, CA

Project Category Financial Education

Grant Awarded \$30,000

The sponsor helps people whose lives and livelihoods are shattered by conflict and disaster to survive, recover, and regain control of their future. In Oakland, the IRC primarily serves Afghan Special Immigrant Visa holders (SIVs) and their families, helping them resettle and become self-sufficient in the U.S. after fleeing danger as a result of their service with the U.S. military. While the men in the family often have high English proficiency, the women often have limited English proficiency, education, and/or work experience. Because of this, Afghan SIV women need specialized support and education to adjust to life in the U.S., become financially self-sufficient, and thrive in their new communities. The project will augment existing women's programs with integrated financial education and coaching to increase clients' knowledge of financial concepts such as banking, saving, debt, and credit.

The grant will pay for one-on-one coaching staff to run the program.

Furthering Economic Empowerment for Youth and Small Business

Member First Republic Bank

Sponsor Hack the Hood

Location Oakland, CA

Project Category Other Economic Development

Grant Awarded \$30,000

Hack the Hood's mission is to empower low-income youth of color with the knowledge, skills, and networking relationships needed to launch a career in the technology industry. Their core program is a boot camp that teaches coding, design, and workplace skills to youth ages 16-24 as they build web sites for small and emerging local business clients. The boot camp model teaches the youth valuable professional skills and offers local businesses a free, professionally-designed website to help grow their enterprises. This project will support operations for a six-week, 160-hour intensive boot camp in Oakland that will reach at least 60 low-income youth.

The grant will pay for program staff and stipends for the youth.

Green Energy Training Services

Member Beneficial State Bank

Sponsor Rising Sun Energy Center

Location Berkeley, CA

Project Category Job Training

Grant Awarded \$20,000

The sponsor operates green energy workforce development programs for low-income adults and youth in the Bay Area. This grant will support an adult job training program that has two distinct tracks: a pre-apprentice track into the green construction and building trades and a track that will train individuals in solar installation. Both tracks offer over 12 months of training to prepare graduates for quality jobs in their respective fields, along with placement services targeted to union and private employers. The majority of the program's low-income participants are people of color, and many will be overcoming barriers to employment such as a history of incarceration or homelessness. This project will support four cohorts with 20 participants in each.

The grant will fund staff to manage the programs and develop employer partnerships.

Here to Stay - East Coachella Valley and Los Angeles

Member Beneficial State Bank

Sponsor California Reinvestment Coalition

Location Indio, CA

Project Category Other Economic Development

Grant Awarded \$25,000

The California Reinvestment Coalition is a network of over 300 organizations advocating for economic justice in low-income communities and communities of color. This project will expand the sponsor's Here to Stay program, currently operating in the Bay Area, to eastern Coachella Valley and Los Angeles. The Here to Stay program supports immigrant communities by offering equitable access to financial services and removing barriers to economic opportunities.

The grant will help pay for a new staff position to expand the program.

Homelessness Prevention Project

<p>Member East West Bank</p> <p>Sponsor Door of Hope</p> <p>Location Pasadena, CA</p> <p>Project Category Social Services</p> <p>Grant Awarded \$25,000</p>	<p>The sponsor provides transitional housing and holistic supportive services to families experiencing homelessness in Los Angeles. This project is a pilot initiative aimed at preventing families that are at risk of losing their home due to a lost job, unanticipated medical expenses, increased rent, or other factors, from becoming homeless. This initiative aims to prevent eviction through direct financial assistance, rent negotiation, or relocation services, and will provide families with financial counseling.</p> <p>The grant will help fund staff positions to provide case management services and related operational costs.</p>
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Job Creation in Construction for Disadvantaged Youth

<p>Member First Republic Bank</p> <p>Sponsor Taller San Jose</p> <p>Location Santa Ana, CA</p> <p>Project Category Job Training</p> <p>Grant Awarded \$30,000</p>	<p>Taller San Jose empowers disadvantaged youth in Orange County, ages 18-28, by offering them the training and life-skills development needed for middle-skills jobs, primarily in growth industries such as construction and healthcare. This project will provide youth with paid construction job training that can fast track them into various trades, including framing, drywall, electrical, and plumbing. Trainees also participate in leadership skills development, safety awareness, core construction competencies in math, and other programs.</p> <p>The grant will help pay for staff salaries to operate the program.</p>
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La Cocina's Food Hall for All

Member	Low Income Investment Fund
Sponsor	La Cocina
Location	San Francisco, CA
Project Category	Other Economic Development
Grant Awarded	\$35,000

La Cocina is experienced in cultivating the businesses of low-income food entrepreneurs, primarily supporting women from communities of color and immigrant communities. This project will create a Municipal Marketplace in the Tenderloin neighborhood of San Francisco, which is one of the most diverse neighborhoods in the city, but one that is struggling with the city's highest unemployment rate. The food hall will charge local food service businesses below market rents for affordable retail spaces, which will help create new jobs for community residents and offer affordable and healthy food options in the neighborhood. The sponsor will also provide technical assistance to the retailers.

The grant will help cover the gap in funding for management staff and operating expenses needed to launch of the market.

Microenterprise Development Solution for LMI Entrepreneurs

Member	Charles Schwab Bank
Sponsor	Centro Community Partners
Location	Oakland, CA
Project Category	Entrepreneurial/ Microenterprise
Grant Awarded	\$50,000

Centro provides business and financial literacy education, technical assistance, and access to capital to low- and moderate-income entrepreneurs throughout California. This project will further develop the sponsor's award-winning Business Planning App, a free mobile application that entrepreneurs can use to prepare a professional business plan. The app has recently been updated and will be enhanced with a funding feature to connect entrepreneurs with vetted CDFI and other microlenders that offer appropriate small business financing products. The app also helps CDFI and microlenders identify qualified leads for lending.

The grant will help pay for consultant to develop the new funding feature and support the on-boarding of CDFIs and microlenders.

Motivating Sustainable Communities

<p>Member Rabobank</p> <p>Sponsor Pueblo Unido CDC</p> <p>Location La Quinta, CA</p> <p>Project Category Technical Assistance</p> <p>Grant Awarded \$25,000</p>	<p>Pueblo Unido CDC is dedicated to improving the living conditions of farmworkers and low-income families in the Eastern Coachella Valley of California. This project will provide training and technical assistance to Hispanic residents of mobile home parks, called Polancos. The project will help the owners form an association, combining resources to access more capital to improve living conditions in the parks for their tenants. In partnership with the newly created association, the sponsor will support the launch or expansion of alternative businesses, including leveraging unused land for farming and other revenue generating purposes.</p> <p>The grant will pay for staff and program operating costs.</p>
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NEW's Economic Mobility Accelerator

<p>Member MUFG Union Bank</p> <p>Sponsor New Economics for Women</p> <p>Location Los Angeles, CA</p> <p>Project Category Financial Education</p> <p>Grant Awarded \$25,000</p>	<p>NEW helps low-income women in the Los Angeles area and their families achieve economic mobility through housing, education, and entrepreneurship. This project will engage these primarily Latina women in culturally-relevant asset building programs, including financial education workshops and financial coaching. For participating families in need of credit repair, the sponsor will offer services to report on-time rent payments. The project will help at least 100 families in the San Pedro, San Fernando Valley, and Pico/Westlake areas reach their financial goals and achieve economic security.</p> <p>The grant will pay for a staff person to administer the program.</p>
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New Door Ventures East Bay Expansion Project

Member Beneficial State Bank	<p>New Door Ventures provides case management and paid job training to low-income transition aged youth, 16-24, in San Francisco who are either unemployed, not in school, or both. This project will expand the sponsor's disconnected youth employment program to Oakland and Hayward, in partnership with one continuation high school and two supportive housing centers for youth in the foster care system. The sponsor anticipates placing over 100 youth into transitional employment and reaching a 70% rate of graduation or continued school enrollment.</p> <p>The grant will help fund the salary of a new East Bay program director.</p>
Sponsor New Door Ventures	
Location Oakland, CA	
Project Category Capacity Building	
Grant Awarded \$20,000	

North Bay Wildfire Disaster - Home READY

Member Tri Counties Bank	<p>The sponsor reaches the most vulnerable individuals and families in six Northern California counties with a variety of social services. This project will provide financial education services and resources to low-income victims of the devastating 2017 fires in Sonoma and Mendocino. Disaster survivors will receive financial capability services and assistance with accessing financial products for rebuilding and home recovery. Leveraging lessons learned in recovery efforts from past disasters, the program will be able to scale up services to those most in need in Sonoma and Mendocino counties.</p> <p>The grant will be used to pay for a case manager, matched savings, and program administration.</p>
Sponsor Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Santa Rosa	
Location Santa Rosa, CA	
Project Category Financial Education	
Grant Awarded \$30,000	

Pathways to Employment

<p>Member Central Valley Community Bank</p> <p>Sponsor Neighborhood Industries</p> <p>Location Fresno, CA</p> <p>Project Category Capacity Building</p> <p>Grant Awarded \$25,000</p>	<p>Neighborhood Industries provides workforce development services and job training to low-income individuals and those facing barriers to employment in high poverty neighborhoods in Fresno. This project will expand the operation of the Pathways to Employment program by placing an additional 30 individuals into the workforce development program. Clients receive one-on-one case management services to help identify barriers and solutions to employment. When ready, clients are placed into paid work at one of the sponsor's two social enterprises: a thrift store or a recycling center.</p> <p>The grant will fund staff to manage the program.</p>
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Project Hometown E-Commerce Development and Student Training

<p>Member Tri Counties Bank</p> <p>Sponsor Economic Development Corporation of Shasta County</p> <p>Location Redding, CA</p> <p>Project Category Entrepreneurial/ Microenterprise</p> <p>Grant Awarded \$20,000</p>	<p>The sponsor is a local economic development corporation in Shasta County, with a focus on growing a more balanced economy for the rural region. This project is a collaboration among Shasta EDC, website development tech companies, and a local high school to offer students internships in website development for local small businesses. Student participants receive technology skills training in web development and small businesses receive an updated website to improve their digital presence and help grow their business.</p> <p>The grant will help pay for consultants, internship stipends, and program costs.</p>
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SELA Small Business Initiative

Member	Mississippi Valley Company	<p>Hub Cities is one of the only organizations providing workforce development and small business services to low-income microentrepreneurs in South East Los Angeles County, specifically Huntington Park. This project will fund an expansion of training and technical assistance for low- and moderate-income proprietors of microbusinesses, to include one-on-one counseling, monthly business coaching seminars, and small business loan packaging.</p> <p>The grant will fund outreach and training for small business seminars and fund staff time for technical assistance.</p>
Sponsor	Hub Cities Career Center Corporation	
Location	Huntington Park, CA	
Project Category	Entrepreneurial/ Microenterprise	
Grant Awarded	\$25,000	

Second Chance Workforce Development & Job placement

Member	Farmers & Merchants Bank of Long Beach	<p>Second Chance provides job and life skills training to low-income recovering drug and alcohol addicts in Orange County, many of whom are homeless, formerly incarcerated, or living with mental and physical disabilities. This project will fund workforce development services to 44 clients living in an emergency, transitional, and permanent supportive housing facility managed by a partner organization. Clients receive help with resume writing and interview coaching, support to complete high school degrees, and job placement services. The workforce development program helps clients become productive members of society and saves the public money through reduced incarceration and decreased use of emergency room services.</p> <p>The grant will help pay for staff time for case management and instructors.</p>
Sponsor	Second Chance Orange County	
Location	Newport Beach, CA	
Project Category	Job Training	
Grant Awarded	\$25,000	

Sierra Rural Prosperity Generator

Member Northern California
Community Loan Fund

Sponsor Sierra Business Council

Location Truckee, CA

Project Category Entrepreneurial/
Microenterprise

Grant Awarded \$40,000

Sierra Business Council aims to increase community vitality, environmental resilience, economic prosperity, and social equity in the Sierra Nevada region of Northern California. Focusing on innovative economic development opportunities in a 22-county region from Mariposa County north to the California border, the sponsor manages the region's only Small Business Development Center. This project will provide technical assistance and alternative capital to microbusinesses in the region's underserved communities. The sponsor will offer affordable microenterprise loan in amounts between \$5,000 and \$50,000, with terms up to 6 years. Local entrepreneurs will be able to access low-cost capital for operational start up or expansion without having to rely on unregulated, high-cost, and predatory lenders.

The grant will help pay for staff to launch and expand the microlending loan program.

Single Moms at Work

Member Charles Schwab Bank

Sponsor Urban University

Location Oakland, CA

Project Category Social Services

Grant Awarded \$45,000

Urban University is focused on helping single mothers in Oakland improve their socioeconomic status by providing employment, housing, and support services. Single mothers often face multiple barriers to employment, including low education levels, a lack of workplace skills, experiences in the criminal justice system, a history of domestic violence, and substance abuse. This project aims to set single mothers on a path toward self-sufficiency and economic mobility with an ecosystem of services that includes onsite job training at the sponsor's social enterprise, a furniture reuse store, placement assistance for private sector employment, wrap around services, and up to 24 months of transitional housing.

The grant will help pay for staff to support the social enterprise program.

Small Business Disaster Recovery Support

<p>Member Rabobank</p> <p>Sponsor Women's Economic Ventures</p> <p>Location Santa Barbara, CA</p> <p>Project Category Entrepreneurial/ Microenterprise</p> <p>Grant Awarded \$20,000</p>	<p>Women's Economic Ventures is dedicated to creating an equitable society through the economic empowerment of women, helping its clients achieve financial self-sufficiency through entrepreneurship. This project will help small businesses in Ventura and Santa Barbara counties recover from the fires and mudslides in late 2017 and early 2018. The sponsor will provide business recovery loans and assist businesses in applying for SBA Economic Injury Loans, provide free financial consulting and analysis for disaster-impacted businesses, and launch a campaign to promote local small businesses.</p> <p>The grant will be used to build staff capacity for disaster recovery.</p>
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Social Enterprise and Business Marketing Package

<p>Member Silicon Valley Bank</p> <p>Sponsor Episcopal Community Services of San Francisco</p> <p>Location San Francisco, CA</p> <p>Project Category Capacity Building</p> <p>Grant Awarded \$30,000</p>	<p>The sponsor is one of San Francisco's largest providers of supportive housing, pathways to housing, and onsite job training, with a mission to end homelessness. This project will support the sponsor's social enterprise and workforce development program, called CHEFS. This catering business offers job training and on-the-job experience for low-income adults seeking employment in the food service industry. The funding will help CHEFS expand and become more competitive, strengthening the enterprise's sales infrastructure by building a website, developing marketing materials, and creating a recognizable business brand to increase sales and generate revenue for the sponsor's other programs.</p> <p>This grant will be used to help pay for a marketing consultant, marketing materials, and technology infrastructure.</p>
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Sonoma County 50+

<p>Member Bank of Marin</p> <p>Sponsor Petaluma People Services Center</p> <p>Location Petaluma, CA</p> <p>Project Category Job Training</p> <p>Grant Awarded \$30,000</p>	<p>Petaluma People Services Center is a community-based, multi-service agency that works to reduce poverty, physical and mental abuse, chemical dependence, violence, isolation, and mental illness among children, adults, families, and seniors in Southern Sonoma County. Seniors are becoming a larger percentage of the population in the region due to improved health standards, but seniors tend to become poorer as they age due to lack of income and the high cost of living in the Bay Area. This project will create an employment program for women ages 50 and older, offering free job training and placement services to support economic security as they age.</p> <p>The grant will help pay for staff and materials to launch the program.</p>
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The Life Skills Opportunity Program

<p>Member Travis Credit Union</p> <p>Sponsor Vacaville Social Services Corporation</p> <p>Location Vacaville, CA</p> <p>Project Category Social Services</p> <p>Grant Awarded \$20,000</p>	<p>The sponsor provides a safe environment, including temporary housing and relevant programming, to help single women and families with children break the cycle of homelessness in Vacaville. This project will create a life skills program that teaches residents the importance of time management and healthy lifestyle choices. This program will employ individual training as well as a life skills workbook being developed by staff. If successful, the sponsor will create a social enterprise and workforce development program by publishing the workbook and having clients sell it to the public as an alternative to a day planner or calendar.</p> <p>The grant will help pay for staff and materials to launch the program.</p>
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Tools for the Trade Fundraising Capacity Building

Member City National Bank

Sponsor Los Angeles Trade-Technical College Foundation

Location Los Angeles, CA

Project Category Capacity Building

Grant Awarded \$25,000

The sponsor is a foundation of the Los Angeles Trade Technical College, a community college with a focus on trade certification for students. This project will support a trades program for construction trades, fashion design, cosmetology, and culinary jobs. The foundation provides scholarships and free tools to low-income students participating in these trade programs who have limited resources. With the objective of increasing the number of students who are awarded scholarships and tools of their trade, the sponsor seeks to expand employer sponsorships and fundraising.

The grant will help pay for a consultant to develop a fundraising strategy and outreach to employers.

United Way VITA Program

Member Redding Bank of Commerce

Sponsor United Way of Northern California

Location Redding, CA

Project Category Other Economic Development

Grant Awarded \$20,000

The sponsor is a United Way affiliate working in nine rural counties in Northern California. This project will support and expand the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program, which provides free tax preparation assistance to low-income participants using an IRS-approved program. Through traditional, drop-off, and self-assisted tax preparation services, the sponsor will offer VITA at one additional location for six hours per day, doubling the hours of service from past years and greatly increasing the number of people who can be served across a large geographic region.

The grant will help pay for site coordinator staff and purchase of computers and equipment.

What's Cooking Fresno?

Member Fresno First Bank

Sponsor Fresno Metro Ministry

Location Fresno, CA

Project Category Entrepreneurial/
Microenterprise

Grant Awarded \$35,000

Fresno Metro Ministry is a multi-cultural, multi-faith organization focused on increasing access to and consumption of healthy food and the overall health and economic well-being of under-served communities in Fresno. This program addresses severe poverty, unemployment, and work skills gaps for residents living in Central Fresno's low-income communities through job training for culinary careers. The culinary job training program offers skills training in a cohort environment, coaching and mentoring from partners, business planning assistance, and paid training opportunities. Students who graduate from the program will receive assistance with their new business startup or placement in a career ladder job in the Fresno food industry.

The grant will help pay for staff to manage the program.

Workforce Development Program

Member American Business Bank

Sponsor Weingart Center
Association

Location Los Angeles, CA

Project Category Job Training

Grant Awarded \$20,000

Weingart Center Association is a human services organization for homeless men and women in the Skid Row area of Los Angeles that works to deliver innovative solutions to combatting poverty and breaking the cycle of homelessness. This project will support a workforce development program designed to prepare an unskilled transient population for reentering work. The program offers job coaching and essential job skills training in a variety of job functions, including customer service, pest control, food preparation, and security.

The grant will pay for additional staff to expand the program.

Workforce Development for Homeless Adults with Children

<p>Member Farmers & Merchants Bank of Long Beach</p> <p>Sponsor Thomas House Family Shelter</p> <p>Location Garden Grove, CA</p> <p>Project Category Capacity Building</p> <p>Grant Awarded \$20,000</p>	<p>Thomas House Family Shelter's mission is to provide a safe, supportive environment and the resources necessary for homeless families with children in Orange County to remain together, while empowering them to become independent and self-sufficient. This project will help the sponsor increase their capacity to provide workforce development services to its families by bringing a dedicated Job Developer on staff. The new position will perform outreach to potential employers and work with families on education and work experience gaps, with the goal of helping 50 low-income homeless adults with children obtain employment or increase their earning capacity.</p> <p>The grant will pay for the new staffer to expand the program.</p>
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Workforce Development for Homeless Immigrant Families

<p>Member Pacific Premier Bank</p> <p>Sponsor Hands Together</p> <p>Location Santa Ana, CA</p> <p>Project Category Capacity Building</p> <p>Grant Awarded \$20,000</p>	<p>Hands Together provides quality education and care to families in Orange County, often the working poor and homeless people striving to gain stability, improve their lives, and emerge from poverty. This project will support a workforce development program for low-income or homeless families in Santa Ana, many of whom are first generation Hispanic and Latino immigrants with little or no formal education. The program is unique because it is only offered to parents whose children are enrolled in the sponsor's quality childhood education programs. It will provide workforce preparation, vocational skills training, and job placement assistance in both English and Spanish, and participants will have use of a computer lab.</p> <p>The grant will help pay for instructional staff, curriculum materials, and additional classroom space to increase program capacity.</p>
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Year to Career Certificates and Apprenticeships

Member American River Bank

Sponsor Amador Community College Foundation dba Amador College Connect

Location Jackson, CA

Project Category Job Training

Grant Awarded \$25,000

Amador County is one of two counties in California that doesn't have a community college district. The Amador Community College Foundation funds and operates a student resource and support center for individuals seeking higher education or workforce training through online college or certification programs. This project will support an apprenticeship program in culinary arts and hospitality, which offers a career pathway to in-demand local jobs. The eight-month intensive program includes classroom instruction as well as hands-on paid training in the kitchens at a local Indian casino, with graduates earning a culinary arts certificate and a subsequent job placement at the casino if they choose to live in the region.

The grant will pay for staff to build the program and for student scholarships.

Expanding Career Access in the Highest Need Eden Communities

Member Wells Fargo Financial National Bank

Sponsor Rubicon Programs, Inc.

Location Hayward, CA

Project Category Job Trainig

Grant Awarded \$10,000

Rubicon operates Eden Area America's Job Center of California, a one-stop resource center serving communities in Hayward that are experiencing some of the highest unemployment and poverty rates in Alameda County. This project will conduct targeted outreach and deliver culturally responsive job readiness workshops to over 350 individuals. Participating residents receive tailored services covering topics such as job search skills, resume writing and interview training along with connections to training and recruitment opportunities with the sponsor's employer partners.

The grant will help fund the staff position to deliver workshops and outreach.

NEVADA

Here 2 Home

Member	Wells Fargo Financial National Bank	The sponsor is one of the largest providers of human services in Northern Nevada, focusing on education, employment, housing, and child development. This project will help families experiencing homelessness to transition into permanent housing. During the grant period, families housed in short-term supportive housing will receive intensive one-on-one case management to help identify and remove barriers to securing affordable housing.
Sponsor	Community Services Agency Development Corporation	
Location	Reno, NV	
Project Category	Other Economic Development	
Grant Awarded	\$20,000	

The grant will help pay for a case manager and program manager staff.

Nevada Business Opportunity Fund

Member	Clearinghouse CDFI	Nevada Business Opportunity Fund provides entrepreneurial training, technical assistance, and access to lending for new and expanding businesses in Nevada. The sponsor also serves as the only SBA Women's Business Center in the state of Nevada. The project will support micro- and small business loan packaging at responsible, fixed rates for underserved small business owners. The new loan offerings provide sustained access to capital in partnership with the sponsor's technical assistance services, to help entrepreneurs grow their business and in turn create jobs and drive local economic opportunities.
Sponsor	Nevada Business Opportunity Fund	
Location	Las Vegas, NV	
Project Category	Other Economic Development	
Grant Awarded	\$20,000	

The grant will pay for staff time to package, market, and manage the new loan offerings.

SaverLife Nevada

<p>Member City National Bank</p> <p>Sponsor EARN</p> <p>Location Reno, NV</p> <p>Project Category Financial Education</p> <p>Grant Awarded \$50,000</p>	<p>EARN uses technologies and programs to support working families as they save and invest in their futures. This project will replicate the successful SaverLife program by launching a campaign to expand into Nevada. SaverLife has helped over 2,000 individuals in the San Francisco Bay Area save over \$1 million and has been recognized as one the most innovative savings tools helping families manage financial shocks. The project's goal is to empower 1,000 low-income, underserved Nevada residents to build financial stability through an incentivized savings program and access to financial savings accounts and coaching.</p> <p>The grant will fund matched savings rewards to participants and operational costs.</p>
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Shelter Employment and Housing Program

<p>Member Bank of George</p> <p>Sponsor Safe Nest</p> <p>Location Las Vegas, NV</p> <p>Project Category Social Services</p> <p>Grant Awarded \$20,000</p>	<p>Safe Nest is the oldest, largest, and most comprehensive provider of services for domestic violence survivors in Nevada. This project helps them progress to independent, financially self-sufficient lives after leaving one of its shelters. Most of the shelter clients are low-income with limited job skills, a common occurrence for domestic violence victims due to the controlling behavior of an abusive partner. The sponsor will facilitate employment opportunities for residents and their placement into housing after shelter, all from a trauma-informed perspective.</p> <p>The grant will help pay for staff to manage the housing program and provide supportive services.</p>
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