



**SIERRA HEALTH
FOUNDATION**

2018 RESPONSIVE GRANTS PROGRAM AWARDS

Amador-Tuolumne Community Action Agency

Rural: Amador, Tuolumne and Calaveras Counties

\$15,000 – Basic Needs/Safety Net, Health Quality

Central Sierra Continuum of Care, Coordinated Entry Systems

To reduce homelessness in Amador, Tuolumne and Calaveras counties through the Coordinated Entry crisis response system, designed to coordinate participant intake, assessment, provision of referrals and housing placement and prioritizes the most vulnerable populations for immediate housing placement.

Bear Yuba Land Trust

Urban and Rural: Nevada County

\$15,000 – Health Quality, Health promotion

Trail Management and Outdoor Programming

To improve the health and quality of life of individuals and families in Nevada County by maintaining and growing trail management and outdoor programming through a Trails Master Plan: maintaining more than 30 miles of urban and rural trails that connect people to schools, churches, shopping centers, and other locations of social interest; and creating opportunities for people to experience the health and social benefits of being outside.

Bridges to Housing (United Way of Northern California)

Urban: Shasta County

\$11,028 – Sustainable Communities/Housing, Mental Health/Substance Abuse

Bridging and Coordinating Care

To improve outcomes for medically fragile homeless individuals living in Redding by supporting a case management coordinator to create a volunteer network to assist in providing housing and case management services to an additional 20 homeless individuals and to provide stability and accountability to the case management process.

California Coalition for Rural Housing Project

Rural: Butte and Colusa Counties

\$15,000 – Education Reform, Employment/Workforce Development

Asset Building Expansion: Native American Communities

To increase financial literacy and homeownership in Native American communities through the Asset Building Expansion project that provides financial literacy classes, primarily for elders, with Northern Circle Indian Housing Authority in Butte County and Cortina Rancheria Kletsel Dehe Band of Wintun Indians in Colusa County, as well as matching funds and a savings program for college students and first-time home buyers.

California Health Collaborative

Urban and Rural: Butte, Colusa, Glenn and Tehama Counties

\$15,000 –Access to Health Care, Basic Needs/Safety Net

Patient Support Program

To increase quality of life indicators and reduce the breast cancer mortality rate among low-income women in Butte, Colusa, Glenn and Tehama counties through the Patient Support Program, which helps ensure access and complete diagnostic and treatment services by providing healthcare navigation, emotional support, vouchers for transportation to treatment and diagnostic services, aid in paying utilities, groceries and childcare during treatment, and funding medical products.

California Rural Legal Assistance

Urban and Rural: San Joaquin County

\$15,000 – Education Reform, Education/Parent Leadership

Education Equity Project

To increase effective implementation in three San Joaquin County school districts of new state legislation that safeguards the right of K-12 students, regardless of immigration status or country of birth, to pursue their education without undue fear or risk, and to enable local level compliance monitoring by parents, students and education advocates through data review, self-advocacy materials development, and community education events.

The Children's Partnership

Urban and Rural: Sacramento and Yolo Counties

\$15,000 –Access to Health Care, Immigrant Rights/Immigrant integration

Let's Talk: Protecting the Rights of All Families

To improve health and access to care for low-income families in Sacramento and Yolo counties with children enrolled in Medi-Cal or eligible for enrollment through a series of Let's Talk forums, in partnership with the California Department of Education, community health centers, and immigrant organizations, that address families' concerns about healthcare and immigration, and create an opportunity to address legal questions, assist with enrollment, and alleviate anxiety, regardless of immigration status.

Dress For Success Sacramento

Urban and Rural: Sacramento, Yolo, Placer, San Joaquin and El Dorado Counties

\$15,000 –Employment/Workforce Development, Adult and Youth Re-entry

Women’s Re-Entry Initiative

To improve health and quality of life for formerly incarcerated women and girls in the Sacramento region, and their families, by expanding the Women’s Reentry Initiative and Program to include services that begin before release and address holistic needs, including housing, transportation, health, mental health, and family services, to position them to reduce the likelihood of recidivism and increase their likelihood of breaking the cycle of poverty.

El Dorado County Community Health

Urban and Rural: El Dorado County

\$15,000 –Access to Health Care, Affordability

In-House Retinopathy Screenings

To ensure optimal health outcomes for adult patients with diabetes in El Dorado County by alleviating cost and cultural competency barriers to retinopathy screenings by hiring a bi-lingual Senior Medical Assistant to schedule patients and conduct no cost retinopathy clinics at EDCH, using a retinopathy machine aquired through the UC Berkeley Optometric Eye Center.

Empower Yolo

Urban and Rural: Yolo County

\$15,000 –Health Promotion

Health Leadership Project

To improve the health of low-income Latino families and individuals living in Yolo County through outreach, health education, benefit enrollments, health and social service advocacy and support, provided by trained peer health workers (Promotoras), who bring information and services to the hardest-to-reach community members by working through informal social networks.

Empowering Marginalized Asian Communities (Asian Pacific Self-Development and Residential Association)

Urban: San Joaquin County

\$15,000 – Positive Youth Development/Youth Leadership, Juvenile Justice

South East Asian Youth Power

To empower Southeast Asian youth ages 15 to 19 in San Joaquin County to develop effective strategies when addressing issues in their communities, as well as developing their capacity as agents of change through the Southeast Asian Youth Power program, which will engage 10 youth in workshops, action research project development, and a forum designed by and for Southeast Asian youth.

Faith in the Valley

Urban and Rural: Stanislaus County

\$15,000 – Sustainable Communities/Housing, Community Safety/Safe Streets/Safe Neighborhoods

Community Organizing and Advocacy for Healthy Housing and Neighborhood Safety

To promote healthy housing and neighborhood safety for vulnerable, low-income tenants, families and community members through community organizing and leadership development focused on identifying and advancing immediate and longer term policy and resources to address substandard housing, advancing broader renter protections, engaging grassroots leaders in dialogue with law enforcement to ensure community safety and to monitor the implementation of SB54, the "Sanctuary State" law.

Family Resource Center of Truckee

Rural: Nevada, Placer and El Dorado Counties

\$15,000 – Health promotion, Basic Needs/Safety Net

Building Outreach & Community Engagement Capacity

To improve efforts to reduce health disparities in Nevada, Placer and El Dorado counties among disadvantaged groups, including immigrants and refugees, through increased integration and cross-promotion of core programs, including health education and support, housing, social networks, legal assistance and early childhood education.

Green Technical Education and Employment

Urban: Sacramento County

\$14,700 – Sustainable Communities/Neighborhood Revitalization, Access to Healthy Food

Green Tech Community Greening Project

To improve the overall well-being of the Del Paso Heights and Oak Park neighborhoods in Sacramento by training 15 opportunity youth in the process of energy auditing, weatherization, urban agriculture, aquaponics and pre-apprentice construction to contribute to the energy efficient retrofit of five low-income homes and to grow and harvest produce grown in student-built planter boxes and they will learn proper use of tools, safety techniques and construction math.

Habitat for Humanity International

Rural: Sutter and Yuba Counties

\$15,000 – Education Reform, Employment/Workforce Development

YouthBuild Construction Training

To provide unemployed young adults age 18-24 the opportunity to rebuild their communities and lives with a commitment to work, education, responsibility, and family through YouthBuild Yuba-Sutter, an education and life skills program for young adults to gain apprenticeship skills in the construction field, earn job readiness certifications and gain work experience while earning a high school diploma.

Hmong Cultural Center of Butte County

Urban and Rural: Butte County

\$14,736 – Education Curricula Reflection of Community Diversity, Youth leadership

Koomtes Youth Program

To increase math, English, science, leadership skills, identity recognition, and mental well-being for low-income Asian/ Pacific Islander students ages 5 to 24 in Butte County by engaging in a therapeutic, hands-on learning garden program with peers, Hmong elders and parents.

Hospice of Amador & Calaveras

Rural: Calaveras and Amador Counties

\$5,000 – Access to Health Care, Affordability

Caregiver Grant Respite Program

To improve well-being by providing access to individualized respite care through the Caregiver Grant Respite fund for hospice patients' caregivers in Amador and Calaveras counties who do not have resources for respite.

Human Response Network

Rural: Trinity County

\$15,000 – Sustainable Communities/Housing, Basic Needs/Safety Net

Emergency Housing Program

To reduce homelessness in Trinity County by collaborating with community partners to develop effective systems to address the local housing shortage, and by providing training to increase organizational capacity to assist homeless populations and prevent homelessness wherever possible and emergency shelter and case management for seniors and families not eligible for eviction prevention and shelter services to access community resources that will increase their ability to gain permanent residency and income. **Improve Your Tomorrow**

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Urban: Sacramento County

\$13,392 – Education/Disparities in Suspension, Expulsion, and Dropout Rates, Positive Youth

Development/Juvenile Justice

Brothers for Restorative Justice

To improve outcomes for more than 600 students across Sacramento County in grades seven through 12 and college by hiring a community organizer to coordinate activities designed to reduce suspensions/expulsions for young men of color, establish restorative justice practices across school sites and districts, advocate for inclusion of restorative justice programs in schools' Local Control Accountability Plan funding, and advocate for a statewide fund to support organizations working to break the school-to-prison pipeline.

Invest In Me (Social & Environmental Entrepreneurs, Inc.)

Rural: Stanislaus County

\$15,000 – Positive Youth Development/Youth Leadership, Health Promotion

Invest In Me

To improve the well-being of 200 primarily Latina young women in grades 7 through 12 living in marginalized, low-income communities in the western Stanislaus County towns of Patterson, Westley, Grayson, Crowslanding and Newman, through education and leadership development skills by providing a safe space to develop, learn, find their voice and explore their potential, making available the tools to successfully transition into strong, independent, and civically engaged individuals.

Live Violence Free

Rural: El Dorado County

\$14,700 – Basic Needs/Safety Net, Domestic Violence

Supportive Housing Program

To improve long-term health outcomes and quality of life for individuals in El Dorado County who have experienced victimization from human trafficking, domestic violence, sexual assault and child abuse through the Supportive Housing Program, which provides resources to meet basic needs such as housing, food/clothing, transportation, case management, and other supportive services.

Mommy & Me Healthy Start Community Outreach Project

Urban and Rural: San Joaquin County

\$14,860 – Access to Health Care, Health Promotion

Community Outreach Project "Breaking Generational Cycles" Workgroup

To improve maternal and child outcomes in low-income Black and Latino communities in San Joaquin County through the "Breaking Generational Cycles" workshop series designed to educate 50 Black and Latino pregnant and parenting women about the benefits of preconception health; prenatal care; coping with stress; factors that affect health, such as social isolation, economic status, environment, and unhealthy relationships; and infant/child healthcare.

Native Dads Network

Urban and Rural: Sacramento, Glenn, Lassen, Placer, Amador, Tuolumne, El Dorado and San Joaquin Counties

\$15,000 – Mental Health/Substance Abuse, Positive Youth Development/Youth Leadership

Returning The Warrior Spirit Native Men's Wellness Gathering

To improve wellness of and increase quality of life for a minimum of 50 Native young men and adult men living in Sacramento, Amador and El Dorado counties, and nearby areas, through a weekend retreat that will include consciousness raising and culturally sensitive healing practices, including mental health supportive activities and referrals to community service providers to address the effect of historical trauma.

Opening Doors, Inc.

Urban: Sacramento, Sutter, Placer and Yolo Counties

\$15,000 – Community Safety/Domestic violence, Health/Health promotion

Women's Health in Refugee and Immigrant Communities

To improve quality of life for refugee and immigrant families in the Sacramento area by increasing organizational capacity to provide services that prevent or intervene in cases of domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse and child neglect, through comprehensive staff training that will enable staff to better identify and facilitate access to appropriate providers and services, and to enhance mandatory cultural orientation sessions for refugee clients, to include education and resources regarding women's health.

Placer County Office of Education

Urban and Rural: Placer and Sacramento Counties

\$15,000 – Education Reform, Basic Needs/Safety Net

Education of Homeless Children and Youth: Aligning Services and Supports

To improve health and quality of life of students and their families struggling with homelessness by increasing collaboration among systems in Placer County that serve homeless children, youth, and their families, with a focus on capacity building for school staff and increasing direct services and tangible supports for the families and students with greatest need, such as care management, wraparound services, transportation assistance, school supplies, and school enrichment activities.

Rural Community Assistance Corporation

Rural: Modoc and Siskiyou Counties

\$13,000 – Environmental Justice/Water quality, Health promotion

Agua4All

To increase access to safe drinking water in two school districts in Siskiyou County and one school district in Modoc County through RCAC's support of the Drinking Water for Schools program by purchasing and distributing reusable water bottles to students and teachers under its Agua4All initiative, in conjunction with an educational program to increase student awareness of the health benefits associated with drinking water.

Sacred Generations (The Praxis Project)

Urban and Rural: Regional

\$15,000 – Education/Parent leadership, Adult and Youth Re-entry

To create an indigenous movement-building platform for change in Native California by organizing system-impacted tribal communities throughout Northern California using the indigenous organizing model of healing to advocacy, and to produce research-driven policy recommendations to end educational inequity and mass incarceration.

Second Harvest Food Bank of San Joaquin & Stanislaus County, Inc.

Rural: San Joaquin and Stanislaus Counties

\$15,000 –Access to Healthy Food, Basic Needs/Safety Net

Food 4 Thought

To improve the health of low-income children in San Joaquin and Stanislaus counties through the Food 4 Thought program, a collaboration with after-school programs and schools that addresses hunger, education, and childhood obesity by providing after-school tutoring, physical activities and nutritional groceries at 32 rural sites in San Joaquin County and eight rural sites in Stanislaus County.

Siskiyou Community Food Bank

Rural: Siskiyou County

\$14,810 –Access to Healthy Food, Basic Needs/Safety Net

Food Storage and Children's Summer Meal Program.

To reduce food insecurity by increasing capacity to store and distribute perishable food to low-income participants twice weekly and to provide nutritious meals to low-income children living in the north Siskiyou County towns of Yreka, Montague, and Grenada five days a week during non-school months, through the purchase of commercial refrigerator, freezer, steam table, pallet jack, salad bar cart, cooking and serving utensils, and tableware.

Social Justice Collaborative

Rural: Stanislaus, San Joaquin and Sacramento Counties

\$15,000 –Mental Health/Substance Abuse, Immigrant Rights/Immigrant Integration

Social Workers for Refugee Women & Children

To improve the mental health outlook for unaccompanied minors ages 13 to 21 without immigration status who are living with trauma, post-traumatic stress disorder, fear of deportation, depression, and debilitating stress through Social Workers for Refugee Women & Children, a pilot project managed by a Spanish-speaking, culturally competent social worker that provides case management, crisis intervention, and referrals to psychiatric support and medical intervention for 120 young people.

Society for Disabilities

Urban: Stanislaus and San Joaquin Counties

\$15,000 –Mental Health/Substance Abuse, Health/Affordability

Medical Loan Closet Inventory Management System

To improve the health and well-being of people with disabilities living in Stanislaus and San Joaquin counties by increasing operational efficiency and effectiveness through the purchase and implementation of a new inventory management system and upgraded computer equipment that will manage over 10,000 equipment unit and constituent records and increase the number of people with disabilities who will benefit from using the free medical equipment loan closet.

Sow A Seed Community Foundation

Urban and Rural: San Joaquin County

\$15,000 –Mental Health/Substance Abuse, Child Welfare/Foster Care

Full Circle Youth Mental Health Access

To improve health, education outcomes, economic self-sufficiency, life expectancy, and lives overall of youth most at risk for trauma, violence, and poor outcomes by expanding intervention and prevention services that ensure access to counseling in 11 schools and community centers in San Joaquin County where youth, primarily from underfunded schools, low-income neighborhoods, or neighborhoods prone to violence, are referred due to behavioral, academic, and life challenges.

Tuolumne County SOAR Collaborative (California Institute for Mental Health)

Rural: Tuolumne, Amador and Calaveras Counties

\$15,000 – Health/Mental health/Substance abuse, Sustainable Communities/Housing

SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access and Recovery Collaborative

To end homelessness for people with severe and persistent mental health diagnoses, who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, and who are exiting institutional settings, through a partnership of local social service agencies, law enforcement, community corrections and homeless services providers, by providing assistance in accessing Social Security benefits and transitional housing, and connections to outpatient treatment, case management and recovery support services, including peer advocates through a model to be replicated in two additional rural counties.

Women's Empowerment

Urban: Sacramento and Yolo Counties

\$14,707 –Employment/Workforce Development,

Property Management Training for Women who are Homeless

To break the cycle of homelessness and provide sustainable success for at least 20 Women's Empowerment graduates who have a criminal record through a partnership with the Institute of Real Estate Management's REstart program, to provide paid training in property management – a career that provides both stable employment and housing on the property being managed, while also serving as a model to enhance employment equity.

Yolo County Children's Alliance

Urban: Yolo County

\$15,000 – Sustainable Communities/Housing, Positive Youth Development/Youth Leadership

Addressing Homelessness & Civic Engagement in West Sacramento

To improve services and resources to families experiencing homelessness in West Sacramento through system changes that will include young people's perspective on the delivery of services for residents experiencing homelessness, and add a new resource—the Rental Deposit Hold Fund—into the homeless continuum of care, to enable more families to secure rental housing.