

Homeboy Industries

Civic and Community

Los Angeles, CA

\$350,000

June 2021

Homeboy Industries (HBI) provides hope, training, and support to formerly gang-involved and previously incarcerated people, allowing them to redirect their lives and become contributing members of society. For over 30 years, HBI has led the conversation and modeled an alternative to the revolving door of incarceration in Los Angeles by offering a place for gang-members to be seen and heard for the first time. Given that 25% of its trainees are 14-21 years old, HBI recognized the need to focus on juveniles healing from complex trauma and established a Youth Re-Entry Center. The Center occupies two adjacent buildings on First Street in Boyle Heights. HBI owns one of the properties free and clear. A W. M. Keck Foundation grant will be used to support a case manager, pay down a short-term acquisition loan on the second building, and complete renovations by connecting the two buildings and creating an outdoor sanctuary for young people. The Center will serve 80 formerly incarcerated youth through a year-long intensive program and provide 200 community youth, many of whom are at risk of being arrested for the first time or reincarcerated, with less intensive services.

Liberty Hill Foundation

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Liberty Hill Foundation leads system change initiatives and provides grants, leadership training, and capacity-building services to community-based organizations that are helping low-income youth learn, succeed, and thrive. A W. M. Keck Foundation grant will support the Ready to Rise (R2R) initiative, a public/private partnership between Los Angeles County, the California Community Foundation, and Liberty Hill that provides opportunities and resources for effective youth development programs, which focus on education, leadership, job training, mentorship, and the arts. This initiative is a key strategy to shift Los Angeles County's juvenile justice system, which is the largest in the country, to one focused on prevention and diversion rather than punishment. Funding will be used to strengthen Liberty Hill's ability to administer, adapt, and improve capacity-building services for at least 75 organizations providing youth development programs reaching a minimum of 7,000 young people annually. Liberty Hill will also chronicle the R2R systems-change

model and advocate for changes in the county's contracting standards and practices so more organizations can access public funds.

Step Up on Second

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Step Up provides permanent supportive housing and wraparound services to adults, youth aging out of the foster care system, and veterans experiencing serious mental illness and chronic homelessness. In partnership with the Veterans Administration (VA) and Shangri-La Construction, Step Up is renovating 122 units for permanent supportive housing on the VA's West Los Angeles campus. A W. M. Keck Foundation grant will be used to purchase the furniture and household items needed to make these units move-in ready for homeless veterans. Step Up will provide on-site property management and supportive services for the veterans through its contract with the VA. Services will include case management, mental health counseling, and workforce development assistance. Health care, life skills training, and support groups designed to foster housing retention will also be available. Completion is scheduled for late spring 2022 and it is anticipated that all the units will be leased within 12 months of opening.

Think Together

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Think Together is a major provider of afterschool and expanded learning programs. In October 2019, Think Together assumed responsibility for operating the Youth Policy Institute's (YPI) afterschool programs serving 10,000 K-12 students at 47 sites on charter school campuses in Hollywood, mid-city Los Angeles, and the San Fernando Valley. These programs were at risk of closing when YPI declared bankruptcy in late October 2019. Over the past 15 months, Think Together transitioned former YPI programs through staff onboarding and orientation, continuing relationships with school liaisons, as well as data sharing and systems integration with a strong focus on professional development and quality program implementation. A two-year W. M. Keck Foundation grant is supporting Think Together to complete this integration work. The focus will be on aligning organizational culture through ongoing professional development, continuous quality improvement, and updating data and software systems. Funding will be used to partially

cover the one-time merger costs, such as additional staff to handle numerous existing YPI contracts, accounting and payroll software, and licensing fees.

Whole Child

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The Whole Child meets the needs of vulnerable children and families by providing mental health, housing, parent enrichment, and nutrition education. The agency operates 11 locations in East Los Angeles and communities along the 710-freeway corridor such as Bell, Cudahy, and Maywood. A W. M. Keck Foundation grant will support the renovation of a recently purchased property in Downey to create a Family Solutions Access Center and agency headquarters. The facility will be a “one-stop shop” for families experiencing or at imminent risk of homelessness. They will be able to access resources for immediate needs such as showers, laundry facilities, a mail center, food pantry and computer lab. Other services offered include housing navigation, placement, and support; case management based on housing stability plans; and connections to employment, education, domestic violence counseling, and health and mental health care services. The Whole Child expects to serve 2,250 families each year.

Long Beach Day Nursery

Early Childhood

Long Beach, CA

\$500,000

June 2021

The Long Beach Day Nursery (LBDN) provides a nationally accredited early childhood care and education program for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers at two locations. Programming is designed to prepare children for success in kindergarten. With a focus on whole child development, services include early identification of learning and behavioral difficulties, referrals to therapeutic interventions, and parent engagement activities. A W. M. Keck Foundation grant will support the expansion of services for young children from low-income households in the Washington Neighborhood. The capital project is being implemented in four phases and includes needed upgrades to LBDN’s historic West Branch campus, the remodeling of existing spaces, and new construction. When completed, 131 young children will be served, almost doubling the West Branch’s capacity, and adding 27 slots for infants for the first time at this location. Grant funding will be used for phase two, which involves the construction of two classrooms for toddlers, bringing the numbers of spaces for this age group from 12 to 40.

Save the Children*Early Childhood**Lake Los Angeles, CA**\$200,000**June 2021*

Save the Children is a global nonprofit with a focus on giving vulnerable children a healthy start in life, the opportunity to learn and protection from harm. In the United States, the organization concentrates its work in some of the most under-resourced regions, including rural California. A two-year W. M. Keck Foundation grant will expand the nonprofit's Early Steps to School Success child development program in Lake Los Angeles, a high poverty area in the Antelope Valley. The goal is to provide 100 additional low-income children ages 0-5 with opportunities to develop essential social/emotional, language, literacy, and numerical skills for a successful start in school. The program currently serves 200 families who have little or no access to early childhood development programs and often lack the knowledge and ability to stimulate children's development at home. Trained local program coordinators work with parents on a bi-weekly, year-round basis to build children's early learning skills through home visits, free age-appropriate books, and parent support groups. Because many of the parents did not have positive school experiences and almost all the teen parents in the program have not yet finished high school, the coordinators strive to foster a positive connection between home and school for a child's successful transition to kindergarten.

EnCorps*Education**Los Angeles, CA**\$200,000**June 2021*

EnCorps recruits, trains, and places career-changing science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) professionals in teaching positions. A three-year W. M. Keck Foundation grant will support the recruitment and training of 180 STEM professionals in Los Angeles to serve as Fellows in classrooms and 300 as math tutors to provide individual support to middle school students who are underperforming in math. For those who want to pursue full-time teaching, EnCorps will provide guidance on obtaining a teaching credential and assistance with a permanent placement. During the grant period, 48,000 low-income students will have access to STEM professionals. Ninety percent of school partners are expected to report increases in student achievement in STEM while working with an EnCorps Fellow or tutor. To date, 85% of the professionals recruited, trained, and placed by EnCorps are still teaching five years later.

Partnership for Los Angeles Schools*Education**Los Angeles, CA**\$250,000**June 2021*

The Partnership for Los Angeles Schools' (Partnership) mission is to transform schools to revolutionize school systems, empowering all students with a high-quality education. Under a Memorandum of Understanding with the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD), the Partnership manages 19 historically under-resourced LAUSD schools (grades TK-12) serving 14,200 of the city's most vulnerable students in the communities of Watts, South Los Angeles, and Boyle Heights. A two-year W. M. Keck Foundation grant will assist the Partnership to support Jordan High School, a member of its school network. The work builds on the momentum of a 66% enrollment increase (to 875 students) achieved in 2020-21 through a Partnership-led recruitment and retention campaign. Project initiatives will strengthen the capacity of Jordan's school and teacher leaders, educators, and families as a means of improving student academic outcomes, resilience, and college preparedness, which is especially crucial in light of widespread student learning loss. To address another effect of the pandemic—student trauma—the Partnership will highlight restorative practices at Jordan while continuing to promote a college-going culture for all. The Partnership will model effective student and teacher recruitment and retention for LAUSD and share its refined strategies. The project's impact will be measured through student academic outcomes and self-reported levels of college aspiration, as well as teachers' attitudes toward Jordan's progress.

Arroyo Vista Family Health Center*Health Care**Los Angeles, CA**\$200,000**June 2021*

Arroyo Vista Family Health Center is a Federally Qualified Health Center. The agency operates four sites and a mobile clinic in Northeast Los Angeles that collectively serve 23,000 low-income individuals of all ages. A W. M. Keck Foundation grant is supporting the expansion of the El Sereno Huntington site to increase access to health and preventive services and improve health outcomes. Funds will be used to purchase medical and dental equipment, and to upgrade the information technology infrastructure. Clinical capacity will nearly triple in size from 4,600 to 14,000 square feet. The number of medical exam rooms will increase from seven to twenty, and dental services with four operatories and behavioral health and radiology will be added at this location. The expansion also includes a larger patient reception area and patient education conference room. The expansion is scheduled for completion by the end of 2021. By the end of 2023, the number of unduplicated patients served is expected to increase from nearly 3,000 in 2019 to over 5,500.

Los Angeles Trust for Children's Health*Health Care**Los Angeles, CA**\$300,000**June 2021*

The Los Angeles Trust for Children's Health (The L.A. Trust) was founded in 1991 by a resolution of the Los Angeles Unified School Board to improve students' health and readiness to learn. An independent nonprofit, The L.A. Trust has continued its close connection and support for Los Angeles Unified and its school-based health system. During the past decade, the district has invested bond funds to build 19 Wellness Centers on school campuses in the highest need areas of Los Angeles. Most are operated by Federally Qualified Health Centers. They are open to students, their families and community members and have served nearly 86,300 patients in the past five years. The L.A. Trust Data xChange is a data analytics platform that provides insights and measurable connections between school-based health services and academic achievement by securely integrating Wellness Center data with LAUSD academic and attendance data. With the Data xChange, The L.A. Trust can identify health equity deficits and emerging public health concerns; leverage data to pioneer performance and quality improvement practices; direct local control of funding; and, design prevention and education programs to meet identified needs. A grant from the W. M. Keck Foundation will support the full build-out of the analytics capability of the Data xChange. During the next two years, The L.A. Trust will incorporate primary care and mental health records from additional providers as well as students' academic, attendance and other health services data from LAUSD. Community and expert opinion will be integrated into the technological build-out, and communication protocols will be established. Funding will be used for a new data and research analyst position and two consultants.

Vision to Learn*Health Care**Los Angeles, CA**\$250,000**June 2021*

Vision to Learn (VTL) was founded in Los Angeles in 2012 to provide eye exams and glasses free of charge to children in schools in low-income communities throughout Los Angeles County. In the years since, it has expanded to serve children throughout California and 12 other states. Because vision care access will be more important than ever as schools return in-person from COVID-related shutdowns, VTL has planned a major expansion to provide over 50,000 eye exams to students in Los Angeles County over the next two years. As part of this initiative, a W. M. Keck Foundation grant is supporting the provision of vision care via mobile clinics to over 11,000 students in three high poverty school districts for the first time. VTL's program staff will work with school staff to schedule on-campus visits. Optometrists will provide vision screenings and eye exams for those students who fail the screening.

Opticians will fit students diagnosed with diminished vision with a pair of glasses of their choosing. Students will receive their glasses together with their classmates a few weeks later. Every child referred to the mobile clinic will be served, regardless of insurance eligibility or status. Research from Johns Hopkins University's Wilmer Eye Institute confirms that for the approximately 1 in 4 students who need them, a pair of glasses is not only a critical learning tool, but also the most impactful and cost-effective means of providing an immediate, substantial boost to students' academic performance.
