

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA PROGRAM

Abstracts for Grants Awarded in June 2020

California Community Colleges System

Civic and Community

Los Angeles, CA

\$250,000

June 2020

Early Care & Education Pathways to Success (ECEPTS) is a fiscally sponsored project of the Foundation for California Community Colleges. In 2019, a youth apprenticeship program was piloted in Oakland in the field of early care and education. A Keck Foundation grant will support the adaptation of the model in the high-need, under-resourced Antelope Valley of Los Angeles County. The target occupations for the registered youth apprenticeship program will be early care and education (ECE) and the adjacent fields of human services and public health. The project team is partnering with Antelope Valley College, Antelope Valley Union High School District, and several community-based organizations and public agencies to implement the program. The apprenticeship will begin with a cohort of 25 high school juniors. The students will complete four college courses during their junior and senior years in high school and will be placed in paid on-the-job training experiences during the summers. Upon graduation from high school, the apprentices will have earned their California Child Development Associate Teacher Permit, qualifying them for entry level positions at ECE programs. As well, graduates will be able to continue their apprenticeship through Antelope Valley College, earning an associate degree and completing roughly 1000 on-the-job training hours. The youth apprenticeship will be registered with the California Division of Apprenticeship Standards and the U. S. Department of Labor. Funds will be used to support the project team, academic advisement, and on-the-job coaching. Key outcomes such as eventual job placement and wages will be tracked to position the program for replication in other local, high-need communities.

Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles

Civic and Community

Los Angeles, CA

\$200,000

June 2020

The Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles (GSGLA) was created through a merger of six separate councils in 2010. It is the third largest Girl Scout Council in the country with 47,000 members. Prior to 2016, GSGLA was serving less than 2% of the girls living in low-income, under-resourced communities in its service area. As part of its 2017-20 Strategic Plan, GSGLA

committed to bring the Girl Scout Leadership Experience to more girls in underserved communities in both traditional and innovative ways. Since 2016, the number of girls served by GSGLA from low income zip codes increased from 10,000 to more than 17,000, and now comprises 37% of its total membership and continues to grow. To help meet the needs of this growing population and introduce girls to experiences that will help them to achieve their full potential, GSGLA committed to build the Inglewood Innovation Center, a learning lab for STEAM-based (science, technology, engineering, art and math) programming. The project is anticipated to serve the 18,300 Girl Scouts from Inglewood and adjacent communities with a combination of robust skill-building programming and strong female role models. A grant from the Keck Foundation will provide support for the buildout of the technology-rich Innovation Center and 18 months of programming and staffing for the Center.

*Hathaway Sycamores
Civic and Community
Pasadena, CA
\$300,000
June 2020*

Hathaway-Sycamores Child and Family Services, a child welfare agency founded in 1902, impacts the lives of more than 14,000 children, young adults and families each year. Its range of comprehensive and integrated programs address the needs of those who have been severely traumatized by family and community violence. The agency serves all of Los Angeles County through 11 offices, one of which is in Lancaster in the underserved Antelope Valley. This site, which is at capacity, provides mental health services, including a 24-hour mobile crisis evaluation team, psychiatry, and a partnership with the Department of Children and Family Services to provide monitored visitations for foster youth. The current waitlist for services is more than four months, an unacceptable timeframe when children and families are in crisis. A Keck Foundation capital grant will support the relocation of the agency's service center in Lancaster to a larger more centrally located building in Palmdale. The new site will provide greater access to mental health services and house a family resource center that will provide a food pantry, youth enrichment activities, and programs for parents with young children designed to prevent abuse and neglect.

Archdiocese of Los Angeles

Education

Los Angeles, CA

\$200,000

June 2020

The K-8 STEM Network is an educational initiative of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles' (ADLA) Department of Catholic Schools to develop a community of elementary schools committed to teaching science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). The goal is to implement high-quality, project-based STEM instruction in elementary schools with a majority of low-income students of color to close the gap they experience in STEM learning opportunities. The initiative was launched in 2019-20 at three schools. Over the next two years, the ADLA will add four schools to the network, providing standards-based STEM instruction to a minimum of 1,000 students so that they are better prepared to be STEM-literate and fully equipped to handle rapid technological change. A Keck Foundation grant will support equipment, teacher training and curricular resources for the STEM Network schools.

Fulfillment Fund

Education

Los Angeles, CA

\$200,000

June 2020

The Fulfillment Fund (the Fund) provides college access and success services to students and alumni from its partner Title I high schools in Los Angeles. Since its launch, the College Success Program has worked with the Fund's 90 scholarship recipients each year as they attend and graduate from postsecondary institutions throughout California and the nation. A Keck Foundation grant will support the expansion of the College Success Program using a peer mentoring approach to all 400 high school seniors that have received the Fund's college access services. The goal is to increase college persistence and graduation rates among low income and first-generation college students. In addition to being resource-efficient, peer mentors have unique insights on the first-year, first-generation college experience. Research shows that college completion rates increase dramatically when students are supported to persist into their second year through personal connections. While only 25% of Los Angeles Unified School District graduates finish college within six years, the six-year graduation rate for the Fund's most recent scholarship cohort was 75%, and its persistence rate averages 88%.

SEED School of Los Angeles County

Education

Los Angeles, CA

\$500,000

June 2020

The SEED School of Los Angeles County (SEED LA) is modeled after a successful network of public boarding schools founded by The SEED Foundation. It will be the county's first public, college-preparatory boarding school and will focus on high school students who need a nurturing, safe environment to achieve academic success, and attain economic independence to live their best life. SEED LA will serve 400 students, with a goal that 50% will come from South LA's Vermont Manchester neighborhood, where the school will be located, and 50% of students from throughout Los Angeles County. As chartered by the Los Angeles County Office of Education, SEED LA will conduct a weighted lottery, giving priority admission to youth who have been or are in foster care, are homeless or housing insecure, or have an immediate family member who is incarcerated. SEED LA is for students who need the "gift of time" and for whom a 24-hour, five-day-a-week boarding school provides the best opportunity to graduate from high school, thrive in college and beyond. SEED LA will have a STEM focus, offering exposure and experiences related to the global transportation and infrastructure industry. SEED LA has received public support from Los Angeles County and LA Metro with a commitment of \$10 million a year for 15 years for student boarding and support services. A Keck Foundation capital grant will help support construction of the school building, which along with the residential facilities, is scheduled to be completed in August 2022.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Hospital

Health Care

Los Angeles, CA

\$500,000

June 2020

Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Hospital is a private, nonprofit safety net hospital providing care to the historically underserved community of South Los Angeles. Its mission is to provide compassionate, collaborative, quality care, and to improve the health of the South Los Angeles community. To that end, the hospital is creating an integrated healthcare delivery system, filling existing gaps to facilitate a full continuum of care for patients with complex chronic conditions. The new MLK Community Medical Group is a crucial part of that vision. To date, the multi-specialty medical group has a roster of 31 full-time equivalents (FTEs) culturally competent specialists, which surpassed its business plan goal of recruiting 28 FTE physicians by June 30, 2020. A Keck Foundation grant will help complete the last two years of the five-year launch plan for the medical group and support the hiring of physicians in family practice, geriatrics, and endocrinology for a total of 38 FTE physicians. The medical group provides physicians with

space, equipment, labs, technology, and administrative and financial support from the hospital, freeing doctors to focus on patients. A team-based model that includes nurses, care coordinators, and allied health professionals offers support. Increasing access to care for members of this historically underserved community is already improving patient health, lowering hospital re-admission rates and reducing the need for emergency department services among the medical group's cohort of patients suffering from complex, chronic conditions.