

Amity Foundation

Civic and Community Services

Los Angeles, CA

\$250,000

Founded in 1995, the Amity Foundation operates over 25 prison in-reach and community-based, rehabilitative programs in California and Arizona. In partnership with the Anti-Recidivism Coalition (ARC) and Hollywood Cinema Production Resources, Amity is proposing a pilot project that combines transitional housing and union-recognized career path training in the entertainment industry for young men, ages 18 to 26, being released from California state prison or juvenile justice facilities. Over the next three years, 32 young adults will live at a local 20-acre ranch while they attend a full-time training program to prepare them for apprenticeships or entry-level positions in a particular craft of their choice such as motion picture editing, sound engineering, and set design. A Keck grant will support a new case manager and two tutors to increase program participants' chances for success. In addition, Amity's therapeutic community approach will help the young men heal from trauma and learn how to avoid risky behaviors. ARC will conduct outreach, manage the residential component, and provide educational stipends and transportation. If the pilot is successful, the partners plan to replicate the program, including for young women, at additional sites.

Children's Law Center of California

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Children's Law Center of California (CLC) serves as court-appointed counsel for every child and youth under the jurisdiction of the dependency court in Los Angeles County. Locally, there are over 24,000 children with an open child welfare court case and more than 4,000 of them have parents who were also in foster care as children. These primarily young and disproportionately Black and Brown parents constitute approximately 17% of all parents with children in the system. Many of these young families are before the court due to poverty and/or challenges that could be resolved with community-based legal aid and supportive services as an alternative to involving them in the child welfare system. This project seeks to break this intergenerational cycle of foster care. Through a recently established program called the Family Support and Advocacy Center, CLC will serve former foster youth who are no longer under the court's jurisdiction but are at risk of having their own children enter the system. A Keck grant will allow CLC to hire another attorney and parent support case manager as the program expands. They will meet regularly with

clients to address legal needs ranging from housing/eviction to custody orders/family law and domestic violence issues and connect them with services. The model will be evaluated with an eye toward advocating for public funding for preventative legal advocacy.

For The Child

Heath Care

Long Beach, CA

\$275,000

Established in 1975, For The Child (FTC) specializes in providing mental health treatment for children and teens who have been abused, neglected, or who have significant mental health disorders. Annually, it serves more than 750 very low-income clients from Long Beach and surrounding communities. Trauma-informed mental health services are provided in combination with parent education, family support, and prevention services to reduce future risks. In the past two years, FTC has experienced a 25% increase in referrals for services, coinciding with a dramatic increase in the number of teens needing support. Despite having two clinical sites, FTC's facilities are at capacity. In response, FTC launched a building project that will add over 2,400 square feet to its headquarters site to create five clinical offices and two group therapy/training rooms. A Keck grant will support construction. The project is expected to be finished in early 2025. Within two years of the opening, FTC anticipates providing annually an additional 105 young children and teens with six to twelve months of individual weekly treatment sessions. It will also serve another 150 teens through two age-specific groups for sexually abused teens and one group for adolescents suffering from depression and anxiety. To manage the expansion, FTC will hire five new full-time therapists and a case manager among other staff. The added training space will allow FTC to double the number of social work and psychology interns to six and recruit more community volunteers who help with parent and family support activities and the 24-hour Child Abuse Response Team.

Griffith Observatory*Arts and Culture**Los Angeles, CA**\$350,000*

Founded in 1935, the Griffith Observatory is one of the premier public observatories in the world and an iconic resource for the Southern California community. It anticipates hosting 1.4 million visitors this year who will view exhibits, watch shows at the Samuel Oschin Planetarium, and observe the night sky. The planetarium is in use 10-14 hours a day and its Evans & Sutherland Digistar 5 projection system is nearing the end of its useful life. The Observatory plans to replace the system in two phases. A Keck grant will support the first phase involving the purchase of the software and computers needed to operate the new Digistar 7 system. This upgrade will greatly improve the visual quality of the planetarium's shows and ensure that programming is not interrupted by equipment failure. Replacement of the projectors, which have a longer operating life, is the next phase. The Observatory anticipates that this will occur by the end of 2024.

Junior Achievement of Southern California*Precollegiate Education**Los Angeles, CA**\$300,000*

Since its founding in 1954, Junior Achievement of Southern California (JA SoCal) has educated students in grades K-12 about personal finances, work readiness, and entrepreneurship. Recognizing the link between quality education and economic opportunity, JA SoCal launched an innovative curricular model called 3DE in Los Angeles that connects high school education to the real world. Students explore and prepare solutions to a series of business case challenges that are integrated across core academic courses. The program began at LAUSD's Crenshaw High School in 2021-22 with ninth graders. This year, ninth and tenth grade students are continuing with the case study method, learning to develop and articulate solutions to more complex challenges presented by businesses such as The Home Depot, the LA Rams, and UPS. During the next two years, JA SoCal will expand 3DE to include juniors and seniors with a focus on engaging business professionals to help students apply what they learned in the earlier grades. A Keck grant will support two 3DE staff at Crenshaw who are responsible for curriculum design, instructional practice, and coordination with school leadership. The grant will also support the JA SoCal team involved with recruiting, onboarding, and guiding business partners. During the first year of implementation, fewer students were absent more than ten days, more of them remained at the school for the entire year, and disciplinary referrals decreased. This year, Crenshaw's school-wide enrollment increased for the first time in decades.

Legal Aid Foundation*Civic and Community Services**Los Angeles, CA**\$400,000*

For over 90 years, the Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles (LAFLA) has worked to change the conditions that cause or aggravate poverty by providing free civil legal services. Each year, the agency's poverty law experts help over 100,000 people obtain legal immigration status, avoid homelessness, escape domestic violence, obtain food and health care, and move from welfare to self-sufficiency. A Keck Foundation grant will support construction of a three-story building to replace the organization's dilapidated East Los Angeles office. The new facility will consist of approximately 10,000 square feet of office and meeting space. It will feature private interview rooms for clients, a children's waiting area, and a library that will double as a conference/training room. Construction is scheduled to begin this fall, and the facility will open for services at the end of 2024. With an increase of about 1,300 square feet of working space, LAFLA will be able to see more clients in confidential settings and schedule more community legal clinics.

P. S. ARTS*Precollegiate Education**Los Angeles, California**\$200,000*

P.S. ARTS' mission is to provide arts education in underserved schools and communities. Programming is delivered by a trained corps of practicing artists during the school day and in after-school and summer programs. P.S. ARTS also provides customized professional development workshops for classroom teachers. With the passage of Proposition 28, there is now a dedicated public funding stream to expand arts programs in California schools. Schools and school districts are beginning to plan for how they will use these funds. However, there is a shortage of credentialed arts teachers and trained practicing artists to meet the demand. A Keck Foundation grant will enable P.S. ARTS to build its capacity to respond to the increasing demand for arts education and reach more students through a three-tiered approach. Over the next two years, P.S. ARTS will 1) expand its Teaching Artist Training Intensive to grow its faculty, 2) develop a new Coaching Intensive to provide more support to existing faculty and classroom teachers, and 3) launch an Arts-Integration Training Intensive for conventionally credentialed classroom teachers to bring the arts into their general lesson plans. As many as 140 arts educators will be trained, enabling P.S. ARTS to help districts expand quality arts programming for an additional 4,550 students.

Pasadena Conservatory of Music*Arts and Culture**Pasadena, California**\$250,000*

Established in 1984, the Pasadena Conservatory of Music is a nationally accredited community art school, one of only eighteen nationwide and one of two on the West Coast. It provides a myriad of entry points for people of all ages to learn, perform, and enjoy music, including chamber music, jazz, piano, and voice. The Conservatory also partners with a nearby Title I elementary school to provide a free music program to all its students. Propelled by the convergence of its three strategic endeavors—a DEI plan, a five-year strategic plan, and a long-range campus development master plan—the Conservatory launched the Common Ground Campaign. This bricks and mortar approach will allow the Conservatory to address its need to add new multicultural programming and attract a more diverse faculty and student body. A Keck Foundation grant will support construction. An aging one-story building will be demolished to construct a two-story Learning Center that will house three ensemble spaces, two classrooms for the Conservatory’s preschool music program, a music technology lab, and six music studios. Space will be reconfigured in an existing building to create a student services hub and new waiting areas. The project will also introduce a 100-seat outdoor amphitheater between the two buildings to host performances and facilitate informal gatherings. Construction will begin in fall 2023 with completion projected for fall 2024. The Conservatory anticipates that enrollment will initially grow by 200 students and continue to increase as more individual and group classes are offered in the new learning center. With the recent addition of an events manager and the introduction of new events in the amphitheater, an additional 1,000 people are expected to attend performances.

St. John's Community Health*Health Care**Los Angeles, CA**\$300,000*

Founded in 1964, St. John's Community Health's (SJCH) mission is to reduce health disparities for low-income people of all ages. For students, school-based health care is more accessible than other care options and can have positive impacts on their school attendance and ability to focus on learning. Since 2005, SJCH has established and now operates six health and wellness centers on school campuses. Starting September 2023, they will begin operating a new 6,500-square-foot health center at LAUSD's Roosevelt High School in Boyle Heights as part of a major campus renovation that the district has undertaken. A grant from the W.M. Keck Foundation will support the purchase of furniture, fixtures, and equipment and partial start-up staffing. SJCH will provide primary medical, dental, and behavioral health care, and enabling services to 8,900 Roosevelt students and residents in the community by the end of the second year of operations. Longer term outcomes will include measurable improvements in surrounding community health and wellness metrics attributable to SJCH's services, including the incidence of teen pregnancy, obesity, and depression.

Teach For America, Inc.*Precollegiate Education**Los Angeles, CA**\$500,000*

For more than 30 years, Teach For America in the Los Angeles region (TFA LA) has built a diverse talent pipeline to help schools fill critical yet difficult-to-staff positions. It currently supports a corps of 220 members who are teaching in Title I schools throughout the city. Each corps member commits to teaching full-time for two years while concurrently working toward their teaching credential. Seventy-five percent of the local corps are teachers of color. Nationally, TFA is implementing strategies that, by 2030, will enable twice as many children in communities where they work to reach key educational milestones indicating they are on a path to economic mobility and a future filled with possibility. Locally, TFA LA will focus on doubling the percentage of middle school students proficient in 8th grade math and the number of high school students who are eligible to apply to California State and University of California universities. They will begin by concentrating corps member placement and leadership development opportunities in South Los Angeles with the intention of ultimately placing 70% in the area's highest need schools. A W. M. Keck Foundation grant will provide funding for the staff and resources needed to recruit, train, coach and retain a diverse pool of 280 educators over the next two years with a focus STEM and special education. The grant will also help minimize significant financial barriers that lead to corps member attrition and provide specialized training and support to accelerate 8th and 11th grade students' math proficiency.

