

A Sense of Home*Los Angeles, CA**Civic & Community**\$300,000*

A Sense of Home (ASOH) was founded in 2015 to help prevent foster youth from becoming homeless by finding and fully furnishing their first apartment and providing supportive services. Its Home Creations mobilize volunteers to create a home in one day with appliances, furniture, kitchenware and personal touches based on the youth's input. In an effort to prevent any period of homelessness, ASOH signed an exclusive agreement with the County's Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) in early 2025 to pilot a three-year program to ensure youth receive more timely access to housing and support. DCFS is working with local public housing authorities to expand the use of federal Foster Youth to Independence (FYI) housing vouchers, which provide rental subsidies for youth 18 to 24 who have exited, or are within 90 days of exiting, foster care and are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. Youth who have an FYI voucher will be referred to ASOH to find an apartment and receive supportive services designed to foster stability and belonging. The goal is to ensure that no young person enters homelessness as they transition out of care. Through the partnership with DCFS, at-risk youth will be identified earlier, and their housing search shortened because of ASOH's relationships with landlords throughout the region. By the end of August, ASOH had received 102 referrals from DCFS, with a goal of housing 120 youth in the first year. A Keck Foundation grant will support the pilot's second and third year to house 240 additional foster youth and their children.

Equitas Academy*Los Angeles, CA**Education**\$300,000*

Equitas Academy (Equitas) is a network of charter schools serving the Pico-Union neighborhood, just west of downtown Los Angeles. Since its founding in 2009, Equitas had grown to six elementary and middle schools enrolling 2,100 students. As of Fall 2025, Equitas expanded to a full TK-12 network by adding its first high school through a merger with Collegiate Charter High School of Los Angeles. This merger allowed this high school to be financially sustainable into the future and fulfilled the long-standing wishes of Equitas families for a high school. In August 2025, Equitas opened Equitas Collegiate High School, in an existing building within walking distance of its other campuses. The school currently enrolls 160 students in grades 9-12, half of whom were formerly enrolled at Collegiate. The goal is to increase enrollment to 420 students by the 2028-29 school year. A Keck grant will

support a new Managing Director of Learning Innovation to provide critical leadership during this growth phase. The managing director will lead the implementation of a redesigned curriculum, coach and develop teachers, and align instructional practices across the middle and high schools. The role will be sustained with public revenue when the high school reaches full enrollment.

Happy Trails For Kids

Santa Monica, CA

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\$500,000

Founded in 2009, Happy Trails for Kids provides enriching experiences for foster youth in Southern California through overnight camps, outdoor adventures, and year-round programming. Foster youth face significant instability and lack opportunities to participate in fun activities available to other children. Experiences like summer camp and other extracurriculars play a profound role in helping them reclaim parts of a "normal" childhood. Historically, Happy Trails has had to rent wilderness camp facilities wherever it could find space, limiting its summer camperships to about 375 children and its ability to meet growing demand. In January 2025, Los Angeles County granted Happy Trails the ownership of a 133-acre property in Acton. Phase one renovations are underway and are expected to be completed by Fall 2026. These include upgrading 27 cabins, enlarging the dining hall, and creating spaces for programming. A rock-climbing wall, archery field, and ropes course will also be built. A Keck grant will fund the project's centerpiece, the construction of a 4,000-square-foot pool, containing walk-in access, water play features, and two slides. Happy Trails' capacity will substantially increase to 1,000 campers during their one-week summer sessions in 2027, with plans to grow to 2,000 by 2028. They estimate that an additional 2,000 children will participate in spring/winter retreats and weekend programs annually. In addition, Pali Institute, which operates a science education camp for school children, has sub-leased the property for use on weekdays during the school year, maximizing the site's impact.

Japanese American National Museum*Los Angeles, CA**Arts & Culture**\$500,000*

Founded in 1985, the Japanese American National Museum (JANM) is the nation's largest institution dedicated to sharing the Japanese American experience. In 2024, the museum hosted 100,000 visitors, including 14,000 school children. Its collection contains over 160,000 objects that include photographs, fine art, documents, and films. Now, JANM is undertaking a major renovation of its Pavilion to expand gallery space and redesign the core exhibition, *In the Future We Call Now*, which was developed through a rigorous community-informed process and will incorporate current scholarship. The exhibition will explore the Japanese American experience before, during, and after the World War II. It will focus on themes of belonging, resilience, and democracy. AI-driven video tools will give visitors the opportunity to have virtual reality conversations with Japanese Americans who lived through the war. Through this technology and the exhibition's updated content, the museum will illuminate personal stories of resilience and injustice experienced by past generations to deepen engagement and maintain relevance for a new generation of learners. The museum will also develop an online version of the exhibition and a school curriculum. A Keck grant will support renovations. The Pavilion is scheduled to reopen in Fall 2026.

In LA-Tech Org*Los Angeles, CA**Civic & Community**\$250,000*

LA-Tech.org was founded by tech entrepreneurs and civic leaders in 2019 to align the region's growing tech sector with its untapped talent. Since the launch of a paid tech internships initiative in 2021, the organization has placed more than 1,500 young people in high-demand roles such as software engineering, digital marketing and IT/cybersecurity. Currently, the program is designed for underrepresented youth who are either in college or with some college credits, training, or work experience. A Keck grant will support the expansion and adaptation of the internship program to serve 200 young adults ages 18-26 who face barriers because they lack experience or were in foster care, home insecure or justice-involved and need more support. These youth will participate in the same cohort as those with experience but will receive additional support through a paid pre-internship training academy focused on technical and soft skills and access to wraparound services. LA-Tech will then place them in small groups at various companies for a ten-week internship structured around meaningful employer-led projects. Post-internship support will include alumni programming, career coaching, and placement into advanced training or apprenticeships. The goal is that at least 70% of participants will transition into employment or further training.

Propel America*Los Angeles, CA**Civic & Community**\$300,000*

Propel America is a national nonprofit connecting at-risk young adults to tuition-free career pathways in the healthcare industry. Operating in five cities, Propel provides a seven-month fellowship program for recent high school graduates that includes an online training program complemented by a four-week externship and job placement support. In 2024, they began offering their fellowship program in Los Angeles to address the county's shortage of allied health professionals and the lack of career pathways for young adults from underinvested communities. Now they plan to add to their Los Angeles portfolio their first registered apprenticeship program for medical assistants (MA). This 14-month "earn-and-learn" model will combine 2,000 hours of paid, on-the-job training with 600 hours of classroom instruction to prepare participants for certification and long-term employment. Apprentices receive full-time wages, benefits, mentorship, and coaching, with wage progression and career advancement built into the model. Because MA roles combine clinical and administrative skills, these young people are also well positioned to move up the career ladder. Partners include the Community Clinic Association of Los Angeles County (CCALAC) for job placements, Loyola Marymount University for technical instruction, Prestige Career College for skills-based labs, and UNITE-LA for participant outreach and recruitment. A Keck grant will support the launch of the MA apprenticeship program that will enroll 85 young adults over the next two years. Goals include 90% placed in full-time MA roles with an average wage gain of 30% post-apprenticeship.

Rancho San Antonio Boys Home*Chatsworth, CA**Civic & Community**\$250,000*

Founded in 1933, Rancho San Antonio Boys Home (Rancho) provides a continuum of residential, mental health, and substance abuse disorder (SUD) treatment services primarily to male adolescents ages 12-17 with a history of involvement in the probation system. In response to urgent community needs, including rising suicide rates and fentanyl overdoses among youth, Rancho is constructing a 4,000-square-foot Youth Outpatient Center on its campus in the west San Fernando Valley. The new center will give Rancho the capacity to expand SUD services to community youth ages 12-20, including pregnant/postpartum young mothers struggling with addiction. In addition, Rancho will also provide outpatient mental health care, case management, and creative healing arts for community youth. A Keck grant will support construction. Groundbreaking is expected by early 2026. By the third year of operations, Rancho estimates that it will provide SUD and/or mental health treatment for 385 youths and case management for an additional 450 youths being diverted from the probation system.

Shakespeare Center of Los Angeles*Los Angeles, CA**Arts & Culture**\$250,000*

Founded in 1985, Shakespeare Center of Los Angeles (SCLA) has been a vibrant hub for award-winning, contemporary interpretations of Shakespeare's plays and other great works. The Center also serves the community through programs that deliver arts enrichment for students and teachers and paid work-readiness training for youth and veterans. It is currently engaged in a campaign to transform its existing 22,000-square-foot building into a flexible, 299-seat multimedia performing arts center and storytelling space, fully equipped and convertible into a 7,000-square-foot functioning soundstage and event space. Located just west of downtown Los Angeles, the project will increase access to arts and cultural enrichment and contribute to the economic revitalization of the Westlake/Rampart District. A Keck grant will support renovation. When the venue reopens in October 2026, the Center will present professional theatrical productions, reaching an estimated audience of 15,000, including 6,000 students attending Title I schools. The Center will also offer programs such as lectures, art exhibits, film screenings, readings, and more throughout the year. A coffee shop, Shakespeare library and gift shop will be open to the public daily.

South Central Family Health Center*Los Angeles, CA**Health Care**\$300,000*

Founded in 1981, South Central Family Health Center (SCFHC) has grown into a Federally Qualified Health Center network operating 11 sites, including two school-based clinics and a mobile unit. Each year, the organization provides health services to more than 28,000 individuals in South Central and Southeast Los Angeles. This project will expand SCFHC's presence in Huntington Park—one of the most medically underserved communities in Los Angeles County that faces severe provider shortages in primary medical care, mental health, and dental care. The recently acquired Florence Health Center, currently being renovated, will directly address these gaps by providing a comprehensive medical home focused on whole-person care. Patients will have access to integrated primary care, dental and oral health education, behavioral health services, and comprehensive case management at one location. A Keck Foundation grant will support renovations. Scheduled to open in May 2026 with 16 exam rooms, seven dental operatories, laboratory facilities, and counseling rooms, the center will provide 12,700 visits and serve 3,000 patients annually.

Thrive Scholars*Los Angeles, CA**Education**\$250,000*

Thrive Scholars (Thrive) began in 2001 in Los Angeles as a college scholarship program for high-achieving, high school students from underrepresented and economically disadvantaged backgrounds, many of whom were the first in their families to go to college. It has since grown into a national, six-year college access and success program whose mission is to equip students to succeed at top colleges and pursue careers that lead to economic mobility. Currently, Thrive operates in eight cities, including Los Angeles, and serves 1,450 scholars. A key component of the program is the summer academy. Held on a college campus over two summers, rising high school seniors and college freshmen receive college-level math and writing instruction, complemented with college access and career exploration programming. Historically, Thrive hosted its summer academy as a residential program in Boston for students nationwide that included 30 students from Los Angeles annually. To serve more students from Los Angeles, Thrive piloted a commuter program at USC in summer 2024, enrolling 175 rising seniors. A second cohort was added in 2025. A Keck grant will support their summer academy in Los Angeles over the next two years. The goals include 90% of scholars improving math and writing assessment scores, and 85% gaining admission to and enrolling in top colleges.

UMMA Health*Los Angeles, CA**Health Care**\$250,000*

UMMA Health was founded by UCLA medical and graduate students as a free clinic to address the underlying social and health conditions that led to the 1992 civil unrest. In 2008, they became a Federally Qualified Health Center and today provide integrated medical, behavioral, and dental care to over 9,800 South Los Angeles residents. A Keck grant will provide start-up support for its new Figueroa Care Center that will be the first site in South Los Angeles to make urgent care available to Medi-Cal and uninsured patients. Currently, there are over 250,000 Medi-Cal patients residing within South Los Angeles who must rely on emergency care at nearby hospitals, such as MLK Community Hospital and California Hospital Medical Center. The Figueroa Care Center opens a critical access point for care and will help reduce local hospital utilization for non-emergency needs. The site, which opened in late December 2025, includes nine exam rooms, a radiology lab, and pharmacy.

Upward Bound House*Santa Monica, CA**Civic & Community**\$300,000*

Founded in 1990, Upward Bound House (UBH) is one of the largest providers of housing and supportive services for homeless families on the Westside and in South Los Angeles. Through its five crisis shelters, four transitional housing facilities, and rapid rehousing program, they have helped a total of 3,100 families transition from homelessness to permanent housing. Over 90% were still housed more than a year after placement. Today, UBH serves 425 families annually, many of whom have experienced trauma, generational poverty, and systemic barriers to health/mental health care access. The homeless services and health systems have been siloed to the detriment of families experiencing homelessness. A Keck grant will assist the agency to become a CalAIM Community Supports provider and address parent and child health and social needs through an integrated care model in partnership with local managed care plans. Funding will support upfront infrastructure costs and the first two years of implementation until fee-for-service revenue covers costs, expected by December 2027. Through a braided funding model, the project will allow UBH to sustain its services, including day habilitation/life skills, housing navigation, security deposits, and tenancy sustaining services. By the end of the grant, they anticipate serving 180 individuals, with 95% connected to a medical home, 80% permanently housed, and 40% increasing incomes through employment/public benefits.
