

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA PROGRAM

Abstracts for Grants Awarded in December 2019

La Plaza de Cultura y Artes

Arts & Culture

Los Angeles, CA

\$150,000

December 2019

LA Plaza de Cultura y Artes (LA Plaza) is an admission-free, nonprofit institution that is exclusively dedicated to celebrating and preserving the history and many contributions of Mexicans, Mexican-Americans, and all Latinos in Southern California. It features two permanent historical exhibits and a rotating schedule of temporary exhibits of Mexican-American and Latino popular culture, history, and art. Of LA Plaza's 90,000+ visitors annually, about half visit expressly to view La Plaza's exhibits, including 8,500 K-12 students, many of whom return with their families. A W. M. Keck Foundation grant will support enhancements to LA Plaza's core permanent exhibition, LA Starts Here! (LASH). LASH tells the story of Los Angeles' founding and evolution through the eyes and voices of early Mexican and Latino settlers and residents. Presented in English and Spanish, LASH uses storyboards, photographs, videos, and artifacts to provide a snapshot of history that is rarely included in textbooks and often does not appear in the school curriculum. Because LASH provides such unique stories and perspective, visitors often seek more information. Over the next two years, LA Plaza will develop a set of bilingual print and digital resources that provide additional context, references for further readings, and lesson plans for teachers. A self-guided audio tour will enhance the exhibits with additional content narrated by local Latino leaders, poets, and musicians. Newly recruited and trained docents will lead guided tours and answer visitors' questions. These components will enrich visitors' experiences, enhance the exhibition's impact, and disseminate the stories LASH tells far beyond LA Plaza's physical building.

Performing Arts Center of Los Angeles County
Arts and Culture
Los Angeles, CA
\$500,000
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The Music Center convenes artists, communities and ideas with the goal of deepening the cultural lives of every resident in Los Angeles County. The non-profit performing arts organization serves over 1.3 million people annually through its constellation of resident companies and theatres, the *Glorya Kaufman Presents Dance at The Music Center* series and its community and education programs. A grant from the W. M. Keck Foundation is supporting the renovation of The Music Center's 55-year-old central plaza. Redesigned by Rios Clementi Hale Studios, the new plaza will be more functional and versatile and accommodate outdoor, multidisciplinary arts programming. The renovation plan honors the plaza's history, retaining the iconic fountain, shade trees, and sculpture, while offering easier and more universal access through a graduated Grand Avenue staircase and escalators; digital jumbo screens; a full-service restaurant, a wine bar and a coffee house; and more open flexible spaces. Programming on the plaza will range from The Music Center's traditional arts activities and children's festivals to new opportunities developed in partnership with local arts groups. The new plaza will serve as a true front door for The Music Center and will be a destination where people can gather for learning, relaxation or inspiration.

Children's Institute, Inc.
Civic and Community
Los Angeles, CA
\$500,000
December 2019

Children's Institute, Inc. (CII) is a multi-service agency that annually helps 26,000 children and families living in poverty who have experienced multiple traumas and suffer from toxic stress as a result. In the communities it serves, young children are at risk of developing early signs of serious emotional disturbances, child abuse/neglect allegations are high, and there is widespread gang violence. A W. M. Keck Foundation grant is supporting construction of a new 20,000-square-foot campus in Watts, one of the highest needs and most under-resourced communities in Los Angeles. The Frank Gehry designed building will be the hub of CII's community capacity-building initiatives and enable it to expand its early education, behavioral health, and family strengthening programs to more children and families experiencing trauma and toxic stress, and house 120-150 staff members. The facility will also provide dedicated space for the Watts Gang Task Force and the Community Safety Partnership, thus establishing a place of neighborhood collaboration and convening, and ensuring safety and sanctuary for staff

and visitors. By 2022, CII will reach at least 17,000 children and family members in Watts and the surrounding neighborhoods of South LA through direct services. An additional 100,000 South Los Angeles residents will benefit from community activities that include crisis intervention for children exposed to gun violence and raising awareness about trauma, and how to identify it and seek help.

Los Angeles Public Library

Civic and Community

Los Angeles

\$150,000

December 2019

The Los Angeles Public Library (LAPL) operates the city's Central Library and 72 branches, the majority of which serve low-to-moderate income neighborhoods. More than 100,000 K-12 students use the libraries and their online academic tutoring resources after school each week. Piloted in Fall 2017, *Teens Leading Change* (TLC) is a civic engagement leadership program for youth ages 12 to 19. Youth identify local social and environmental issues important to them and research, design, and implement civic action projects that professional Young Adult librarians facilitate. At present, TLC is not a regular part of LAPL's programming at each branch. A grant from the W. M. Keck Foundation will enable LAPL to expand and enhance the program. A new training curriculum for Young Adult librarians will be developed. Civic education content will be embedded into all teen programming and funding will be provided for teens to implement their projects through their local branches. At a time when government trust is low, programs like TLC hold the promise to serve as entry points to civic engagement and collective change making. By the end of the two-year grant period, 3,000 young people will have engaged in a civic participation experience, including 200 who will have implemented a TLC project in the community.

The Salvation Army, California South Division

Civic and Community

Long Beach, CA

\$250,000

December 2019

The Salvation Army California South Division provides services to those in need in nine counties from San Luis Obispo to San Diego through 50 Corps Community Centers. The Long Beach Corps (the Corps) has provided housing, education, and employment services in the Long Beach area since 1906. The Corps serves an area where one-third of families live below the poverty level and there is a dearth of afterschool and recreational opportunities for children and

youth. To increase its capacity to provide a variety of programming and services for more children, youth and families in the Greater Long Beach area, the Corps is undertaking a two-phase capital project to construct the Red Shield Youth and Community Center. The first phase was completed in 2017, and resulted in the renovation of a Community Center, which features a 300-seat auditorium, a large dining room with a commercial kitchen, and multipurpose rooms. A grant from the W. M. Keck Foundation will support the second phase, which will break ground in January 2020 with construction scheduled to be completed in mid-2021. A two-story gymnasium will be built with studios for dance, yoga, and fitness classes, and space for a youth game room. Outdoors there will be an athletic field, walking/jogging path, and playground. The Corps anticipates serving 500 families and 1,000 children annually within five years, promoting fitness and positive youth development through sports, recreation, and enrichment opportunities.

Linc Housing

Early Childhood

Long Beach, CA

\$350,000

December 2019

Linc Housing Corporation builds and manages affordable housing and partners with nonprofits to provide onsite supportive services. It is constructing 100 affordable apartments in Willowbrook, an unincorporated community of nearly 27,000 people in South Los Angeles. Named Springhaven, the six-story residential complex will serve 100 low-income families, including 50 formerly homeless households who are frequent users of Los Angeles County's Department of Health Services resources. Construction is on track to be completed in late 2020. A W. M. Keck Foundation grant will support the build-out of the interior of the first floor to house a modern 5,400-square-foot child care center. Drew Child Development Corporation (Drew CDC) will operate the center. It will have the capacity to serve 44 children between the ages of 18 months and three years, which Drew CDC is unable to do at its current site, and 44 children between the ages of three and five. The child care program will be open to both Springhaven residents and the community at large. A collateral benefit for the community is that once the child care center opens in the new facility, Linc will build another affordable housing apartment complex on Drew's current site.

Lynwood Unified School District

Education

Lynwood, CA

\$225,000

December 2019

The Lynwood Unified School District (LUSD) serves nearly 15,000 students at twelve elementary, three middle, and two high schools in southeast Los Angeles. Its student body is 94% low-income and 36% are English language learners. College & Career Technical Education (CTE) Pathway Programs are a core strategy the District uses to enhance the academic and career success of students. At Firebaugh High School the Biomedical Science and Nursing and the Advanced Manufacturing and Engineering pathway programs are sharing a single classroom due to a lack of space on the campus. As a result, both programs turn away students and have had to reduce lab activities and projects that are part of the curricula. A W. M. Keck Foundation grant will support the construction of a new modular classroom/lab equipped for the Biomedical Science and Nursing Program, thereby freeing up space in the existing classroom, and enabling each program to serve an additional 90 students annually. Students typically take a four-year sequence of classes that end with a capstone project and the opportunity to earn industry-recognized certifications prior to graduation. Each program uses the Project Lead the Way design framework that includes: rigorous curricula aligned with national CTE standards; A-G courses required for admission to California state colleges and universities; work-based learning; and comprehensive professional development and support for teachers.

APLA Health

Health Care

Los Angeles, CA

\$250,000

December 2019

APLA Health provides comprehensive health care services, supplemental food, and housing support to 18,000 vulnerable individuals, including people living with or at risk for HIV/AIDS. It is the county's largest provider of HIV health education and prevention services. For the past ten years, APLA Health operated a dental clinic and food pantry serving 400 patients annually on the County of Los Angeles' Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Hospital campus located in Watts/Willowbrook. In April 2019, the county reclaimed the space for another program. Staff and equipment were redeployed, and patients were referred to APLA Health's other sites. A grant from the W. M. Keck Foundation is supporting the capital campaign to reestablish and expand the clinic across the street from the hospital on the campus of the Charles R. Drew University of Science and Medicine. APLA Health will occupy 8,000 square feet of the new 10,000 square foot two-story, custom modular building. The dental clinic will be reopened, and

an integrated program of primary medical, sexual health services and behavioral health care will be added. Each year, the new clinic will serve 2,400 adult patients in a culturally responsive and confidential manner through over 7,200 visits. The remaining 2,000 square feet will house Charles R. Drew University's student health center.

Harbor Community Clinic

Health Care

San Pedro, CA

\$250,000

December 2019

Harbor Community Clinic (HCC) is a Federally Qualified Health Center that provides primary and behavioral health care to over 6,000 low-income men, women, and children living in San Pedro, Wilmington, and parts of Long Beach. Most of HCC's service area is designated as medically underserved and health indicator scores are among the worst in Los Angeles County. For example, the prevalence of childhood asthma in the service area is 20% compared with California at 15.3%. A disproportionate 47% of HCC's pediatric patients have been diagnosed with asthma. To address the community's unmet need for holistic care, HCC has embarked on a capital campaign to renovate and equip a second site that will allow it to expand pediatric services and provide dental care to patients of all ages for the first time. A W. M. Keck Foundation grant will partially underwrite equipment costs. The new, 7,880-square-foot facility will replace HCC's existing 1,700-square-foot pediatric clinic located in the basement of a county facility. There will be nine exam rooms, four more than in the current site; six dental chairs; a behavioral health room; and a respiratory therapy room for asthma treatments that will likely help prevent trips to the emergency room. The additional space will allow HCC to grow from serving 1,500 to over 4,000 pediatric patients and increase annual visits four-fold to over 20,000 by the end of the second year of operations. HCC's overall goal is to demonstrably improve the health status of low-income children, and it will track performance indicators such as asthma care, preventive dental care, immunizations, and screening of body mass index with a follow-up plan as appropriate.

Planned Parenthood Los Angeles
Health Care
Los Angeles, CA
\$250,000
December 2019

Planned Parenthood Los Angeles (PPLA) provides reproductive health care and education programs to nearly 130,000 women, men, and teens annually. It is expanding clinical services on high school campuses to reach underserved teens who experience the greatest barriers to health care. A grant from the W. M. Keck Foundation will support the delivery of affordable reproductive and sexual health care in newly established Wellness Centers at five high-need high schools in Los Angeles that lack on-campus health care. PPLA's clinical care is just one element of an expansion in wrap-around services promoting sexual health, social/emotional well-being, and health affirming actions for students that will be offered at 50 high-need schools in LA County through a unique partnership between PPLA and the Los Angeles County Departments of Public Health and Mental Health. This comprehensive project will address inequities in rates of sexually transmitted infections, teen pregnancies, substance use disorders, and mental health issues in order to significantly improve teen health outcomes in Los Angeles County.

Westside Family Health Center
Health Care
Culver City, CA
\$250,000
December 2019

Founded in 1974, Westside Family Health Center (WFHC) became a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) in 2007. It currently serves 12,695 adults and children annually through a small clinic in Santa Monica, a satellite clinic in West Los Angeles, four schools-based programs and a mobile medical unit. To increase its capacity to meet its patient and community needs, WFHC signed a 20-year lease for a site in Culver City that is more centrally located to the communities it serves. The new 24,000-square-foot facility will replace both the Santa Monica site and the satellite clinic. It is three times larger than both combined with four times as much clinic space. A grant from the W. M. Keck Foundation is supporting renovation and equipment. WFHC projects that it will double the number of patients it sees over the next five years, and triple the number of visits. Current services will be expanded, and vision, dental, and mental/behavioral health services will be added. Each patient will be treated by a designated care team, and each exam room will have its own medical assistant assigned to the room, who will take preliminary information and guide the patient through the visit. WFHC's goal is to provide state of the art, compassionate, and dignified care to everyone, regardless of their ability to pay, and to positively impact the overall health of the community by addressing not only medical, oral and mental/behavioral health issues, but the social determinants of health.