

Chancellor's Community Partnership Fund: 2019-2020 Grant Recipients

Award Amounts

Community Service: \$259,000

Neighborhood Improvement: \$34,500

Total Award Amount: \$293,500

Community Service Projects	Community Partners	University Partners	Theme & Project Type: CS: CS; NI: NI	Award Amount
<p>2020 Vision College & Career Readiness Summit is a week-long series of events designed to provide opportunities for students to “seize their future” now by participating, exploring and making a plan for next steps as they imagine and learn about college and career possibilities. Students of all ages, pre-K through high school and beyond, will participate in college and career awareness activities that includes guest speakers talking about their professions, presentations, student panels, school library programs, fire trucks and more.</p>	Berkeley's 20/20 Vision College & Career Readiness Committee	UCB Center for Educational Partnerships	Education	\$ 10,000
<p>ABSC Youth Leadership Program will support diverse, low-income Berkeley youth, helping them develop leadership skills and personal responsibility, and providing some youth with their first paid jobs. In partnership with their UC partner, ABSC will train UC students to serve as role models who will mentor youth from Berkeley, expand and improve their on-going Street Soccer events, Spring/Summer Soccer Camps and regular season activity.</p>	Albany-Berkeley Soccer Club	UC Village	Economic Development	\$ 13,000
<p>Amplifying Voices of Sanctuary will document the real life experiences of youth and adult refugees and asylees who have fled violence and persecution to seek safety in Berkeley, with a focus on youth and LGBTQ people. Story installations will take place on the campus and in Berkeley community venues, and will be amplified by a public relations campaign, increasing awareness and helping Berkelyans become advocates for inclusive policies and practices in support of our diverse residents.</p>	East Bay Sanctuary Covenant	Inside the Living Room / Public Service Center	Arts and Culture	\$ 12,000
<p>Be a Scientist 7th Grade Mentoring in Berkeley Schools brings 140+ well-prepared UC Berkeley scientists and engineers into every 7th grade science class in Berkeley middle schools as mentors and STEM role models. The program reaches 700+ students, guiding every Berkeley 7th grader through the process of designing, conducting, and presenting an independent scientific investigation. In 2019-20, the project will include recruiting and training Spanish-speaking STEM mentors from UC Berkeley, and translation of materials for two Spanish-language immersion classes at Longfellow.</p>	Community Resources for Science	Mary Wildermuth, Plant and Microbial Biology	Education	\$ 10,000
<p>BEARS Summer Arts Program will place teaching artists from two Berkeley arts organizations in the summer BEARS program to conduct classes with 1st through 5th graders, culminating in a “demonstration of learning” such as a performance and art exhibition. Showing student work connected to professional arts organizations gives participants and their families a chance to celebrate students' work. Cal's C.R.E.A.T.E service learning students will co-create the curriculum and evaluate the project and participants' work.</p>	Berkeley Repertory Theatre	Public Service Center/CREATE (Creative Residencies for Emerging Artists Teaching Empowerment)	Arts and Culture	\$ 15,000
<p>Berkeley Scholars to Cal has a remarkable success rate: 100% of the last two cohorts have been admitted to college. Berkeley Scholars to Cal's 75 African American and Latinx students receive comprehensive college preparation for eight years prior to their graduation, intensive college application, financial aid and college selection help, and ongoing support for the first year of college. Each student gets 250 hours of direct service per year. The new program supported by the Partnership Fund will share best practices around black and Latinx college preparation with other programs at Berkeley High.</p>	Stiles Hall	Equity and Inclusion Assistant Vice Chancellor Fabrizio Mejia	Education	\$ 15,000
<p>Berkeley Tech, Berkeley Values (BTBV): In pursuit of its mission to make Berkeley <i>a more vibrant, accessible, and equitable</i> place for startups to launch and grow, the Berkeley Startup Cluster (BSC) will launch the BTBV initiative in 2019 to align the growth of Berkeley's tech sector with the community values of equity, diversity and inclusion. Through events, communications campaigns, and direct outreach, the project will educate Berkeley's tech business leaders about Diversity & Inclusion best practices and engage them in student education, community volunteer projects, and other activities that support equitable development.</p>	Berkeley Startup Cluster/City of Berkeley Office of Economic Development	UC Berkeley Office of Intellectual Property & Industry Research Alliances	Economic Development	\$ 12,000
<p>Business Entrepreneurship Program connects the Multicultural Institute with UCB Law School's New Business Practicum to support immigrant entrepreneurs of limited means looking to start and sustain a small business. Twenty low-income immigrant entrepreneurs will be assisted in two cohorts, providing them the kind of support and guidance associated with business success that entrepreneurs of means regularly afford.</p>	Multicultural Institute	UC Berkeley Law School New Business Practicum	Economic Development	\$ 12,000
<p>Community College Success and Transfer Program: As part of the Berkeley Promise, this program provides the resources and support needed to ensure that students who have been historically underserved can make a smooth transition from high school, succeed in community college, and transfer to a four-year university. The program is aimed at increasing transfer rates through summer transition-to-college workshops, financial scholarships, one-on-one support and group mentoring.</p>	Berkeley Community Fund	Community College Transfer Center/Transfer Alliance Project	Education	\$ 10,000

<p>Demographically Targeted Book Giving (Focus on Children 0 - 5) seeks to end the kindergarten readiness gap by encouraging reading and providing books to families in West and South Berkeley with children 0 - 5. Building on the success of their pilot program, which launched in 2015, partners have grown the number of households that receive a book a month from 100 to 500. This year, the Baby Book Project seeks also expand their Targeted Giving program, which identifies pregnant women in programs serving young, low-income &/or non-white parents-to-be. These parents-to-be receive "Welcome Baby" tote bags which include information and tips on book-sharing for parents in a beautiful picture book, along with cardboard infant books.</p>	The Berkeley Baby Book Project	Graduate School of Education: Dr. Anne Cunningham	Education	\$ 5,000
<p>Early Learners Professional Program In response to a shortage of qualified teachers in the Bay Area, partners will create an Early Learners Professional Program (ELPP) to recruit, train, educate and employ 20 new workers in the field. The Fund will provide initial monies for this project while other sources of funding are secured. Outreach efforts will target unemployed or underemployed Berkeley residents who need support in achieving professional goals for working with young children. ELPP will provide support, mentoring/coaching, and connect participants with needed services and guaranteed employment upon successful completion.</p>	YMCA of the East Bay	Early Childhood Education Program	Education	\$ 14,000
<p>End Youth Homelessness in the City of Berkeley: A Research Practice Policy Partnership will elevate the needs of youth experiencing homelessness (YEH) and build a foundation for a long-term partnership with city and regional partners. The partnership seeks to formalize the inclusion of YEH in decision making bodies that seek to address their needs, create a shared research agenda, and strengthen the evidence base for the needs of YEH in Berkeley through needs assessment and youth participatory action research.</p>	City of Berkeley, Department of Health, Housing, and Community Services	Innovations for Youth (i4Y)	Community Safety	\$ 13,000
<p>Father Engagement Project seeks to increase the involvement (and success) of fathers participating in their Kindergarten Readiness program. This project will inform future programming geared toward fathers with an emphasis on education, support and empowerment in terms of kindergarten readiness for children ages 0-5, by: producing a resource guide for Berkeley Black Fathers of children 0-5; a needs assessment/landscape analysis; and a community convening, "People's Assembly on Fatherhood," to engage fathers, and address barriers that fathers experience in child bonding and early childhood development.</p>	Healthy Black Families, Inc.	School of Public Health, Division of Community Health Sciences; Professor Amani M. Allen, PhD, MPH	Education	\$ 12,000
<p>Mobilize Berkeley will prepare Berkeley residents to participate in mobilization towards stopping climate destruction and participating in a just transition toward sustainable, more equitable and healthier ways of living and working. The project will bring together UCB SERC students trained as environmental educators with faith-based communities and Berkeley High School and B-Tech students to provide information on the state of climate change, ways to mobilize for a climate emergency, and preparation for the impact of climate change.</p>	Green the Church	Student Environmental Resource Center (SERC)	Community Safety	\$ 6,500
<p>Outdoor Engagement and Environmental Stewardship for Berkeley Youth will bring 30 underserved youth from financially disadvantaged Berkeley families to camp. These Youth Campers and/or Counselors In Training will get hands-on leadership and instruction aligned with Berkeley's 2020 Vision: Equity in Education opportunities. They'll also learn "leave no trace" ethics, how to make new friends, and about what impacts mountain ecosystems (from rain to people).</p>	Berkeley Echo Lake Camp Association (BELCA)	California Outdoor Engagement Coalition	Environmental Stewardship	\$ 10,000
<p>Portland Loo on Telegraph will lay the groundwork to bring 24-hour accessible restroom facilities to the Telegraph District. The Portland Loo is a model that includes new technology that is designed to discourage negative behaviors and includes a sanitary wash station outside. The units have received rave reviews by cities who have purchased them and people who have used them. This service will benefit those who reside, work or visit Telegraph, and provide one of the most basic of daily human needs equitably to everyone, regardless of housing status.</p>	Telegraph Business Improvement District	UC Department of Facilities	Community Safety	\$ 10,000
<p>Repair Café will help empower UC Berkeley students, campus affiliates and community members with new skills in how to examine and repair their broken items in a light-hearted model of people helping each other. The waste stream in the United States is filled with broken items that could easily be repaired and returned to use. Partners seek to provide an opportunity to help Berkeley residents interested in reducing waste by teaching them basic repair skills and appeals to the growing reuse and do-it-yourself movements that are resisting our culture's "throw-away society."</p>	Transition Berkeley	Cal Zero Waste	Environmental Stewardship	\$ 10,000
<p>Smiles for Miles demonstrates the integral role that oral health plays in overall health, as well as provides preventive care measures to recipients who would otherwise not have access to quality dental care. The project involves expanding the access to oral healthcare by means of a mobile dental clinic, particularly for low-income youth. The services to be provided are comprehensive exams, prophylaxes, and fluoride varnish or silver diamine fluoride varnish, given consent of the youth and their guardian(s).</p>	Berkeley Free Clinic	Hygiene Heroes	Community Safety	\$ 10,000
<p>STEM Tutoring for Berkeley High "At-Promise" Youth in the Biotech Partners Biotech Academy: Partners seek to augment their existing BHS Biotech Academy with an increase in culturally-relevant, one-on-one and small group tutoring support. They will recruit and train up to seven, third or fourth year EOP students to provide math and science tutoring to Biotech Academy students and Berkeley High who are referred due to falling grades. Tutoring will take place three days weekly on-site on Berkeley High campus for students.</p>	Biotech Partners	Educational Opportunity Program (EOP)	Education	\$ 10,000

Strengthening Math Education and Leadership Towards Berkeley's 2020 Vision seeks to address two critical needs identified by BUSD to fulfill the 2020 vision math education and leadership. In math, BUSD will develop a K-12 mathematics education strategic plan by forming a K-12 Mathematics Education Task Force. In the area of leadership development, this project will focus on building leadership capacity through the continuation of the Leaders of Color Network and Superintendent Speaker Series.	Berkeley Unified School District	Graduate School of Education	Education	\$ 10,000
Veterans Initiative in the Arts brings together veteran artists, veterans (4,000+ in Berkeley), Berkeley residents and additional partners to broaden the idea of who/what a veteran is and to celebrate veterans through storytelling and the creative process, art installation, artist residencies, public discussion groups, workshops, and more. Kala, with support of campus partner, is expanding a Veterans Artist Residency to include diverse public programming — film screenings, workshops, panels, exhibitions — that are free and accessible to the community.	Kala Art Institute	Cal Veteran Services Center, part of the Centers for Educational Equity and Excellence (CE3)	Arts and Culture	\$ 10,000
Voices Against Violence is a gun and gang violence prevention/intervention program that works with high-risk individuals in South and West Berkeley in order to implement and promote strategies of hope, Hhealing and safety. By providing wrap-around services, incentives and training opportunities for several high-risk youth and young adults, the program will create a more livable Berkeley for all. Experienced community and campus partners will bring an assets-based approach to youth development which engages young people to help create solutions to the challenges of gun and gang violence.	McGee Avenue Baptist Church Center for Food, Faith & Justice	Haas Institute for Fair and Inclusive Society	Community Safety	\$ 15,500
Waterside Workshops Summer Mentoring provides engaging summer programming and mentorship for 15 to 25 low-income, predominantly African American youth ages 9-16 from West and South Berkeley. Over half of this group experiences housing and/or food insecurity, and they have the highest number of law enforcement contacts among their peers. Student mentors will work closely with Waterside staff to expand our wrap around services for this group and provide free intensive summer programming and outdoor activities.	Waterside Workshops	Goldman School of Public Policy	Community Safety	\$ 14,000
			Total Community Service Funded	\$ 259,000
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My Docent: Giving Berkeley's César Chávez Park A Voice is an audio tour of Chávez Park that includes a series of short educational vignettes that can be heard on smartphones. The tour includes recordings of notable scholars, educators, poets and community activists, as well as the voices of Chávez and Dolores Huerta whose labor and environmental advocacy are honored at the park. The aim is to engage visitors in a sense of discovery and wonder, using the themes of nature appreciation, saving the earth, social and environmental justice, and diverse cultures.	The Solar Calendar –A César Chávez Memorial	Advanced Media Institute, Dept. of Journalism	Arts and C	\$ 12,000
Ohlone Mural Art Garden Project: "The Ohlone Journey" is a mural painted on the four sides of BART's vent building in Ohlone Park. Jen La Marr, a California Indian (Paiute/Pit River) artist who painted the mural envisioned a border composed of rocks, art works, and indigenous plants around the perimeter but due to funding, only the mural was created. The project enables La Marr to complete this extraordinary work of art, making it a portal to Berkeley's pre-history and natural history.	Friends of Ohlone Park	UC Botanical Garden	Arts and Culture	\$ 5,000
Schoolhouse Creek Common Repair and Enhancement This is a community-built and -maintained park, play area and native plant garden adjacent to the Berkeley Adult School in West Berkeley. It is a crucial open space for students and staff of the school and for neighbors. Partners will repair, beautify and make the space more welcoming and user friendly. Partners also hope to want to install signage about gardening with native plants, about the Adult School and about local history, using a 'book' of flippable, weatherproof pages.	Schoolhouse Creek Common (member of Berkeley Partners for Parks)	Berkeley Project	Environmental Stewardship	\$ 5,000
Sylvia Mendez Journey of School Desegregation Mural The Sylvia Mendez Elementary (SME) received its new name in September 2018 in honor of the 9-year-old girl whose 1947 legal challenged forced the desegregation of California's schools. The Fund will support the creation of a playground mural that will tell the story of Sylvia Mendez, set in the context of the local and national history of school integration. A local artist, with support from the partners, will work with students and teachers from SME and Chicano Latinx Student Development students to explore historical themes, engage the local community, and complete the mural.	Sylvia Mendez Elementary School	Chicano Latinx Student Development Office	Arts and Culture	\$ 7,500
Turtle Island Fountain Project will revitalize the Civic Center Park fountain by completing the City-approved but long-delayed monument to Berkeley's original indigenous communities. The partners seek to install the City-approved, commissioned artwork (delivered in 2005: featuring four bronze turtles plus eight stone medallions) in a comprehensive design focused on safety, preservation, and beautification of the landmarked fountain, factoring in current sustainability issues, security concerns, and ongoing maintenance costs.	Berkeley Partners For Parks (BPPF)	College of Environmental Design; Walter Hood Prof. of Landscape Architecture, Environmental Planning, and Urban Design	Community Safety	\$ 5,000

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