

District 5 Community Impact Fund

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Recommendations for Funding

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Organization	Program Brief	Awarded
Ambrose Recreation & Park Service	<p>Funds will be used to provide programming for youth and teens in the Bay Point area. The primary priority is to establish accessible extracurricular opportunities, including cultural and creative clubs, for youth who currently lack access due to busing to schools and economic barriers within this low-income community.</p> <p>Funding will focus on offering low-cost or no-cost program registration to ensure participation is not limited by financial hardship. Increasing enrollment in these activities will serve as a key indicator of success in achieving program goals.</p> <p>This initiative recognizes the importance of youth programming and physical activity in building healthy habits that last a lifetime. By reducing financial barriers and expanding access to structured activities, the program aims to engage youth who have historically had limited opportunities to participate in extracurricular and enrichment programs.</p>	\$20,000
Souljas	<p>Souljas is leading a Childhood Literacy initiative to confront the urgent literacy crisis affecting children in communities with similar demographics. Fewer than 30% of African American students are reading at grade level by 3rd grade testing, with little improvement through 11th grade. A key contributing factor is that many children enter kindergarten ill-prepared, creating a gap that widens over time.</p> <p>Funding will be strategically deployed to address this challenge at its roots.</p>	\$10,000

	<p>First, funds will support a community-wide awareness campaign to clearly communicate the severity of the literacy gap and the critical importance of early preparation. This effort will “sound the alarm,” helping families understand what is at stake and elevating childhood literacy to the level of urgency it requires. By breaking inertia and reshaping community habits, this campaign will lay the foundation for sustainable change.</p> <p>Second, funding will be used to build and mobilize an “army” of Literacy Champions—parents and caregivers who commit to reading to their children for at least 15 minutes per day and actively recruiting others to do the same. Resources will support outreach, engagement, and coordination efforts to grow this grassroots movement and establish daily reading as a new community norm that fosters growth and opportunity.</p>	
<p>R&R Ministries</p>	<p>R&R Ministries provides free academic support, mentoring, and wraparound services to students in Antioch and Pittsburg. The program serves students in grades 1 through 12 and is committed to creating a safe and encouraging environment where every student can thrive both in and outside the classroom.</p> <p>R&R Ministries serves the City of Pittsburg every Tuesday at the Marina Recreation Center from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM, offering tutoring for 5th through 12th grade students. In Antioch, services are provided on Mondays and Wednesdays from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM, supporting students in 1st through 12th grade.</p> <p>Funds received will support the continued delivery of these free tutoring, mentoring, and wraparound services to students in both communities, helping ensure ongoing access to academic support and positive youth development opportunities.</p>	<p>\$10,000</p>
<p>Opportunity Junction</p>	<p>Opportunity Junction’s Healthcare Career Pathway provides 12-week, full-time, BPPE-approved training programs for Medical Assistants and Certified Nursing Assistants to meet the urgent need for entry-level healthcare workers in Contra Costa County.</p>	<p>\$50,000</p>

	<p>Funding will support the delivery of CNA and MA training, including classroom, clinical, and skills lab instruction at the dedicated HCP Training Center. Funds will also cover required training-related expenses paid on behalf of participants, including LiveScan fees, scrubs, textbooks, licensing tests, and CPR certification.</p> <p>Additionally, funding supports integrated wraparound services and case management, including professional development instruction, individualized coaching, crisis intervention, wellness support, transportation assistance through gas cards or bus passes, daily hot lunches, and weekly groceries provided through nonprofit partnerships.</p> <p>Through employer partnerships, externships, and continued alumni coaching through the Career Advancement Project, funding ensures participants can complete training, enter employment quickly, and pursue long-term advancement in healthcare careers.</p>	
<p>In My Section</p>	<p>Off the Streets, Onto Stages: The Prodigy Project addresses the longstanding lack of sustained after-school arts opportunities for high school students in Pittsburg and surrounding areas along the Highway 4 corridor. Prior to In My Section (IMS), there were no dedicated after-school arts programs serving high school youth in the region. As a result, many young people have had limited access to creative outlets that build confidence, strengthen peer connection, and support emotional well-being.</p> <p>Funding will be used to sustain and expand structured, high-quality after-school programming in poetry, music, and storytelling. These programs provide consistent, supervised spaces where students can develop artistic skills, strengthen communication abilities, and build leadership capacity. Many participating youth face personal and academic challenges, and the program offers constructive engagement that reinforces school connection and positive identity development.</p> <p>Resources will also support mentorship and community-building components that address documented needs among participants, including low artistic confidence, limited sense of belonging, and mental and emotional health concerns prior to enrollment. Through regular</p>	<p>\$15,0000</p>

	<p>engagement with mentors and peers, students gain encouragement and practical tools to improve self-efficacy and academic motivation.</p> <p>Funding will further support public showcases and performance opportunities where students present their work to families and community members. These events celebrate achievement, promote accountability, and strengthen community pride.</p> <p>At a time when local arts resources remain limited, this investment will stabilize and strengthen dedicated high school after-school arts infrastructure in Pittsburg and surrounding communities. By expanding access to consistent creative programming, mentorship, and performance opportunities, The Prodigy Project will contribute to increased student confidence, stronger school engagement, and improved overall well-being across the supervisorial district.</p>	
<p>Open Opportunities Inc.</p>	<p>Future Build Pre Apprentice Training Program is a 16+ week concentrated training program that provides hands-on vocational instruction aligned with industry standards and approved by registered apprenticeship program partners.</p> <p>Funding will support the delivery of comprehensive training in solar and alternative energy, electrification, construction trades, and hazardous materials mitigation. Funds will sustain the program’s hands-on learning model, allowing trainees to apply skills through real-world community projects in Pittsburg and surrounding communities.</p> <p>Funding will also support industry-recognized certification preparation and curriculum aligned to registered apprenticeship requirements, ensuring participants gain the competencies necessary to enter apprenticeship programs and pursue entry-level roles in related occupations.</p> <p>Additionally, funds will support targeted recruitment and outreach strategies focused on increasing access to registered apprenticeship opportunities for underrepresented, disadvantaged, or low-skilled individuals, helping participants meet entry requirements and</p>	<p>\$50,000</p>

	<p>prepare for consideration in apprenticeship programs, internships, and employment within public municipalities and related industries.</p>	
<p>New Horizons Career Development</p>	<p>New Horizons Career Development’s <i>Pathways to Employment Initiative</i> will leverage funding to prioritize community engagement as a core strategy for strengthening workforce development in Rodeo, Crockett, and surrounding West Contra Costa County communities. Through intentional outreach, partnership-building, and trust-centered engagement, the initiative will expand awareness of available education, health, and workforce resources while connecting residents—including individuals from the unhoused population—to structured pathways that lead to employment and long-term economic stability.</p> <p>The funding should help support high-impact community engagement efforts, including the annual Block Party and Backpack Drive in Rodeo. The Block Party serves as a comprehensive community resource fair, offering access to education and health information, workforce development services, and connections to local service providers, alongside free food and family-friendly entertainment to encourage inclusive participation. Complementing this effort, the Backpack Drive provides essential school supplies to local students, easing financial burdens for families and promoting academic preparedness. Additionally, the initiative includes regular outreach and check-ins with the local unhoused population, connecting them to supportive services, employment resources, and training opportunities.</p> <p>By creating welcoming, resource-rich environments, the events engage underserved and unhoused residents, reduce barriers to access, increase program enrollment, and foster sustained participation in workforce development services.</p>	<p>\$20,000</p>
<p>Rodeo St. Vincent Depaul</p>	<p>The requested funds will be used to purchase a dedicated storage shed to securely store donations for underserved residents in District 5, including those in Crockett, Hercules, Port Costa, and Rodeo. As donation volume continues to grow, the lack of centralized, reliable storage has become a barrier to efficiently serving individuals and families in need.</p>	<p>\$20,000</p>

	<p>Establishing a single, organized storage space is essential to ensure that donated goods are protected, accessible, and readily available when community members require assistance.</p> <p>This project strengthens the capacity of St. Vincent de Paul volunteers to manage, track, and distribute donations in a timely and equitable manner. Currently, volunteers must coordinate storage across multiple locations, which limits efficiency and reduces the time available for direct service. A centralized storage unit will streamline operations, improve inventory oversight, and allow volunteers to dedicate more hours to serving individuals and families.</p> <p>Additionally, having a dedicated storage space will enable more accurate inventory assessment, ensuring that supplies are aligned with the specific and evolving needs of the communities we serve. This investment will enhance responsiveness and accountability, ultimately expanding our impact and improving outcomes for District 5's most vulnerable residents.</p>	
<p>Rodeo Citizens Association</p>	<p>The Rodeo Citizens Association (RCA) seeks funding to support and enhance the Laurel Court Community Garden, a vital gathering space in the unincorporated town of Rodeo. The funds will be used to improve and expand the garden's capacity to serve as a site for community events, food production, environmental education, and neighborhood connection.</p> <p>Specifically, grant funds would support the purchase of essential infrastructure and "people-centered" amenities, such as seating, picnic tables, and other equipment that make the space more welcoming and accessible for families and community members.</p> <p>Funds would also help strengthen food production efforts by supporting gardening supplies, soil improvements, tools, and educational materials that teach residents sustainable growing techniques. As part of future development, resources may also assist with establishing beekeeping and managed goat grazing for pollination, education, and environmentally friendly weed abatement.</p>	<p>\$10,000</p>

	<p>Rodeo is designated as a disadvantaged community, and by increasing the garden’s productivity and educational programming, funds will help improve local food access, promote self-sufficiency, and strengthen community resilience.</p> <p>Additionally, support will help preserve and enhance this natural community asset, which includes a seasonal creek, native oaks, wildlife habitat, and newly planted native species. Investments will ensure the garden remains a safe, well-maintained, and environmentally sustainable space where residents can gather, learn, and enjoy the natural environment.</p>	
<p>Las Juntas Elementary Vine Hill PTA</p>	<p>Funding will support equitable access to enriched STEM education for students at Las Juntas Elementary, a Title 1 school, ensuring they receive the same programming already available at sister schools. This investment will expand hands-on STEM curriculum for transitional kindergarten through fifth grade students, providing early exposure to critical thinking, problem solving, and foundational science skills.</p> <p>The project prioritizes disadvantaged communities. Nearly half of Las Juntas families qualify for subsidized lunch, and a significant portion of students are English Learners. By supporting this program, funding will directly serve a historically underserved school community and provide meaningful academic enrichment aligned with long-term educational success.</p>	<p>\$10,000</p>
<p>Crockett Community Center</p>	<p>The Crockett Community Center is available for use by private parties, nonprofit organizations, and for-profit events. It hosts annual events such as the Christmas Party and Tree Lighting event and the Walk of Honor sponsored by P66 in Rodeo. The Center is open to seniors, disadvantaged communities, and youth alike.</p> <p>Funding will be used to replace broken tables and torn chairs used for events at the Crockett Community Center. Replacing this equipment will support the Center’s ability to continue hosting community events and serving all groups who utilize the space.</p>	<p>\$10,500</p>

Total Amount		\$225,500
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