

YOUTH FUND

Youth Programming Grantees Awards and Project Summaries **FISCAL YEAR 2022**



Midsize Learning Community Grants

1. Long Beach Bar Foundation - \$25,000

Collaborative Organization: The Center for Best Living

Project Summary: The Long Beach Bar Foundation (LBBF) will administer three core programs, Juvenile Emotional Management program (JEM) and Individual and Family Counseling Services, and SHORTSTOP Summer Interactive - A Bridge for our Youth, in collaboration with The Center for Best Living. LBBF's SHORTSTOP Summer Interactive empowers at-risk youth with the skills to identify, express, and manage their emotions, which nurtures the use of non-violent communication and supports the development of conflict resolution skills. Participants will be further supported by LBBF's Individual and Family Counseling Services. Counseling helps youth and their families better understand and address issues contributing to delinquent behaviors. JEM connects students to mentors covering various topics, including conflict resolution, life skills, yoga breathing techniques, art therapy, and techniques for overcoming obstacles.

2. St. Mary Medical Center - Families in Good Health \$25,000

Collaborative Organization: United Cambodian Community (UCC) of Long Beach

Project Summary: The vision of the St. Mary Medical Center Foundation/Families in Good Health (FiGH) - Educated Men with Meaningful Messages (EM3) Program is to empower young men to become leaders in the community, to contribute to a safer and healthier community for all, and to define their own success in life. The EM3 Program will support up to 100 youth for the EM3 Youth Mentorship Basketball Tournament and up to 50 youth in workshops provided by the United Cambodian Community (UCC). The EM3 Youth Mentorship Basketball Tournament will provide services to the Southeast Asian, Asian Pacific Islanders, Hispanic/ Latino, and African-American youth. This program will allow youth to engage in physical activity while learning life skills and gaining knowledge of important issues in their community to prepare them to become active leaders in Long Beach.





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3. Filipino Migrant Center – \$25,000

Collaborative Organization: Anakbayan Long Beach

Project Summary: The Filipino Migrant Center (FMC), regularly in collaboration with Anakbayan Long Beach, a local grassroots Filipino youth organization, is launching the Bayanihan Health Leaders program to continue serving the health and wellness of the community while giving more opportunities for the youth to lead in their communities. As a part of its Bayanihan Health Leaders program, FMC and Anakbayan will launch this series of health & wellness workshops specifically tailored for Filipino youth. Utilizing art and cultural activities, the workshop series will focus on empowering Filipino youth to share knowledge around their own health and well-being in the context of their ethnic and socio-cultural experiences. The summer program workshop series will take place from the end of July and culminate in October as part of Filipino American History Month.

4. Long Beach Center for Economic Inclusion – \$25,000

Collaborative Organization: Demo Chicks

Project Summary: Long Beach Center for Economic Inclusion and DemoChicks will work in collaboration to implement a five-session STEM-based ACE (architecture, construction, engineering) initiative to (a) raise awareness about jobs and careers in the STEM ACE field, (b) expose youth to professionals within the field [especially women and people of color], and (c) give youth hands experience to increase fun while learning. All sessions will involve: hearing and learning from an active ACE professional who shares about their career journey and the concepts they use daily – students will have vocabulary words for each session, a hands-on experiment that allows them to connect the concepts shared by the guest professionals and DemoChicks Team, and discussion about concepts and encouraging youth to envision themselves as future ACE leaders. The curriculum will position youth, with an emphasis on girls and youth of color, to gain exposure to the field, obtain economic empowerment, and one day soon – lead in these essential fields.



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5. Arts Council for Long Beach - \$25,000

Collaborative Organization: Sowing Seeds of Change Urban Farm

Project Summary: Arts Council for Long Beach (ArtsLB) is requesting funds to support the presentation of our Art Kit program to participants at Sowing Seeds of Change. The program will serve young people with disabilities and youth in the foster care system. Participants will receive an Art Kit containing all the materials they need to learn to paint with watercolors, sketch a design, cut paper tesserae (materials used to make mosaics), and glue shapes inside a mosaic. A professional artist will use the Art Kits to help guide participants to create works of art using the kit's materials. These noted professional artists would discuss how they use their artistic practices to convey their personal and community struggles to the public. The Art Kit program will show students how they can use their creative voices to effect positive change in their communities.

6. Brave Global – \$10,000

Project Summary: Brave Global reaches under-served disconnected youth populations who are at risk of becoming exploited, focusing on young people in the child welfare and juvenile justice systems, including those in foster care, the probationary systems, as well as runaway and homeless youth. Brave Global's programming Brave Circles will provide youth with a setting and structure to foster intimate conversations around identity, mental or emotional wellness, healthy relationships, boundary-setting, and more. Brave Circles focus on character building through persistence, active listening, confidence, and self-esteem. It is a place where youth can tap into their value, purpose, and worth through guided discussions and activities with a trusted mentor and peers who share similarly challenging experiences.



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7. California Conference for Equality and Justice - \$10,000

Project Summary: The California Conference for Equality and Justice (CCEJ) 's Building Bridges for Youth Leadership Programs will build skills of youth ages 13-24 to strengthen social connections and their ability to advocate for their communities by developing their socio-emotional wellness, resiliency, skills for conflict resolution, and their knowledge and understanding of systemic inequalities and injustices. Through Building Bridges for Youth Leadership Programs, CCEJ's youth leaders build their resiliency to manage the uncertainty of the present situation and discuss complex and vulnerable topics, such as the harmful impacts of racism and discrimination. As a result, youth with different race and gender identities develop connections they can use to build community, resolve conflict, and advocate for equity and inclusion.

8. Long Beach Community Design Center - \$10,000

Project Summary: The Long Beach Community Design Center will offer a youth urban planning and design engagement program. The program will introduce high school students from these underserved areas to urban planning and design through a civic engagement project. Students will identify a problem, issue, or concern that exists in their community and analyze its dimensions (i.e., socio-economic, environmental, historical, etc.), and propose potential solutions through the lens of an urban planner and designer. This will expose students to the field of urban planning and design and encourage them to effect change in their community through their lived experience and activism and present their findings to city policymakers.



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9. New Hope Grief Support Community - \$10,000

Project Summary: With support from Measure US funds, New Hope will provide bereavement support services for youth between the ages of 8 and 24 in Long Beach, including their families. To meet the growing needs of bereaved children, teens, young adults, and their families impacted by COVID-19, New Hope will provide grief support via specialized programming and events that integrate peer support, the arts, wellness activities, healing-centered engagement, memorializing the deceased, and enrichment activities. In each of these opportunities, youth and families will find comfort, hope, and healing while making new friends with others who are also grieving a death.

10. The Jewel Box Children's Theater Company - \$10,000

Project Summary: The Jewel Box Children's Theater Company will use the Measure US funding for our free community engagement classes. Through the collaborative process of music and theater, children are empowered to discover their voices, build confidence, create a greater sense of self-advocacy, and construct positive social relationships that will contribute to a brighter future for our community and foster a love for the performing arts. The curriculum explores improvisation, storytelling, movement, singing, puppetry, music theory, and song writing, all helping facilitate a deeper understanding of focus, teamwork, body language, and social cues.



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11. Jazz Angel, Inc (dba Jazz Angels) - \$10,000

Project Summary: The 908 Project provides music education, mentoring, and opportunities to be creative through improvising, musical instruments, and community performances to engage young adults and their intergenerational families in creating lasting social connections in community spaces. Students receive instruction from trained music instructors committed to our students' musical and emotional development. Jazz Angel's curriculum provides not only instruction on how to play an instrument, but we also teach about African-American, Latino, and other jazz giants' contributions to the birth and evolution of jazz and social justice. The program will culminate in two community performances on 9/4 at Scherer Park and the Long Beach Youth Festival on September 24.

12. April Parker Foundation - \$10,000

Project Summary: The April Parker Foundation will provide equitable access to Surf Therapy to Black Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC) Youth ages 14 - 24. This program was developed to remove access barriers to Surf Therapy. Our programming provides culturally tailored supportive services to BIPOC youth to improve their physical, mental, and social well-being. This project will be administered by Certified Surf instructors trained in trauma-informed approaches.



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13. Birth Workers of Color Collective - \$10,000

Project Summary: The advanced doula of Color training program is a four-day intensive training on culturally relevant and community-oriented birthwork that prepares individuals to support pregnant, birthing, and postpartum individuals, their families, and larger communities with educational, emotional, and physical support through all pregnancy & postpartum outcomes. With the City of Long Beach funding, we intend to fund training scholarships for young people of Color (18-24 years old) with the intention of advancing their skill set and gaining knowledge on how to start and build their businesses, maintaining equity at the forefront of the training, and intentionally discussing how they can then offer doula and birth work (more broadly) services to their respective communities.

14. Conservation Corps of Long Beach - \$10,000

Project Summary: Funding through Measure US will be used to support Corps member special activities during the summer. Activities will be 1) Leadership Training and Teambuilding, 2) Completion of a Service Project, and 3) Back-to-School Preparation. Each of these three activities speaks to the physical, mental, and emotional well-being of our Corps members and others involved. Each new opportunity provides chances to become more resilient, more physically active and lends to positive outcomes for social-emotional growth and development.

15. Leadership Long Beach - \$10,000

Project Summary: The Young Environmental Leaders Workshop Series is a 4-day workshop that introduces middle school students to environmental leadership to help prepare them to become informed decision makers. Each day includes three topics that focus on environmental issues and solutions, or one building leadership skills. Each topic will include a related hands-on activity. Students will examine their own leadership styles through positive youth development strategies to empower them to build on their strengths while stretching the limits of their growth zone.