

# YOUTH FUND

## Youth Programming Grantees Awards and Project Summaries

**FISCAL YEAR 2022**



### Youth 100 Mini-Grants

#### 1. Rising TIDE @ MKEC - Adele Langworthy - \$1,500

Project Summary: Rising TIDE provides special summer classes over nine weeks to help kids learn academic and creative skills. At the end of the program, there is a celebration for students and families, where kids will have the opportunity to showcase their learnings and successes.

#### 2. Shared Science – Michelle Wells - \$600

Project Summary: Shared Science provides up to five once-a-week hands-on STEM education classes over the summer. Their goals are to give access to STEM classes to underserved neighborhoods and to have these classes build enthusiasm and curiosity for students.

#### 3. Long Beach Food & Beverage - Terri Henry - \$2,000

Project Summary: Long Beach Food & Beverage provides events where some underserved elementary school kids learn about good hygiene, kitchen safety, and knife skills from a local chef. The group will prepare something and later eat what they made together. This will give kids interested in culinary careers a better understanding of what it is like to be a chef.

#### 4. Ground Education – Holland Brown - \$2,000

Project Summary: Ground education provides weekly lessons during the summer school day, focused on the restorative properties of time in nature (stress reduction, emotional regulation, and fun). They offer garden lessons and guided nature activities to students working hard in their neighborhood school. Through the experience, youth will learn the connection between the health of their bodies, minds, neighborhood, and the planet.





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### **5. Adventures to Dreams Enrichment (AtDE) - Sheila Grantham - \$1,000**

Project Summary: Adventures to Dreams Enrichment offers a summer art camp for youth ages 6-16. In this camp, kids will play with clay and make pottery, learn how to draw freehand, and open their minds to using colored pencils, markers, crayons, and other art supplies.

### **6. The BLACC SHEEP - Jesykka M. Crain - \$2,000**

Project Summary: This summer program is a braid boot camp that includes an introduction to knotless, lock and twist course. The youth will also learn client protection, how to build a clientele, life skills, participate in a community beach clean-up and assist the elderly with self-care workshops.

### **7. His Little Feet - Hali Wolf - \$2,000**

Project Summary: His Little Feet will have a Back to School New Shoe Giveaway for Youth ages 3-18 on August 20, 2022. They donate 100 pairs of new athletic shoes, socks, and school supplies for any Long Beach student experiencing homelessness or a general lack of resources.

### **8. Love Beyond Limits - Maleka Chris - \$2,000**

Project Summary: Love Beyond Limits is launching a series of youth programs and family events to revitalize King Park and increase social connectedness. One event is a movie night with food from local vendors, game booths, raffle prizes, and booths from local organizations that offer youth and family resources.

### **9. Seeds of Morning Glory, Inc. - Mildred A. Burge - \$2,000**

Project Summary: Seeds of Morning Glory provides a summer program that seeks to improve children's reading ability, comprehension, vocabulary, confidence, self-esteem, and teach them to embrace new interactions and life skills. Children's books, folktales, short stories, poems, arts and craft projects, writings, and chat time will engage the youth.



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### **10. ESP Education & Leadership Institute - Everett Glenn - \$2,000**

Project Summary: ESP Education & Leadership Institute provides a two-week summer camp for BIPOC middle and high school students to increase the number of our middle school BIPOC boys who attain proficiency in the core content areas. Middle schoolers' days include physical activity, reading, math, teamwork activities, and building and coding MBot robots. High schoolers will be in an immersive entrepreneurship boot camp and will also learn about the college admissions process.

### **11. Act Out Theatre Company - Travis Wade - \$1,780**

Project Summary: The Act Out Theatre Company provides theatrical performance opportunities, arts education, and mentoring for at-risk and under-served youth in Long Beach and the surrounding area, ages 12-24. The summer program will allow youth to participate in a theatrical production of the play "Clue," consisting of 7 weeks of rehearsals, 7 hours/week, and six public performances.

### **12. Long Beach Community College District - Jose Ibarra - \$2,000**

Project Summary: Long Beach City College's Phoenix Scholars Program serves gang-involved youth. The program's Phoenix Scholars Summer Academy aims to help participants develop a college-going mindset and scholarly identity. We aim to promote a sense of belonging and connection to higher education through activities and workshops. Phoenix Scholars Summer Academy will also support participants' transition to college.

### **13. AFutureSuperHero And Friends - Yuri Williams - \$2,000**

Project Summary: AFutureSuperHero And Friends provides a 7-week summer program that teaches kids different art forms using paints, markers, crayons, colored pencils, computers, and more. The goal is for kids to learn more about art and how to use art to possibly gain employment or income by creating it.



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### **14. Californians for Justice Education Fund Inc - Erika Prasad - \$2,000**

Project Summary: Californians for Justice Education Fund has a five-week Summer Youth Leadership Academy that trains the next generation of youth leaders. The academy develops participants' personal leadership, social capital, and socioemotional skills. Their goal is for youth to strengthen their understanding of equity, racial justice, and other relevant social issues to be engaged those around them throughout their lives.

### **15. Project Optimism - Ishmael Pruitt - \$2,000**

Project Summary: Project Optimism plans to host their Annual School Supply Giveaway and Health Fair to create a stronger and healthier community. They will give away 300 backpacks filled with supplies and host 20+ vendors to spread awareness about mental, physical, social, and spiritual health.

### **16. Apply Pressure - John Huynh - \$2,000**

Project Summary: Apply Pressure plans to host a Hip-Hop Breaking Competition event in Long Beach. They will recruit local youth to participate and be given the opportunity to directly collaborate with local art-industry leaders. There will also be career development opportunities.

### **17. Long Beach Filipino Festival - Ralph Santos - \$2,000**

Project Summary: Long Beach Filipino Festival hosted a youth Breaking Battle to provide Hip Hop programming to youth in West Long Beach. Through this, youth can develop their self-identity and connect with others in their community through Hip Hop culture. They hope to inspire the next generation of artist-athletes in Long Beach, especially since Breaking is scheduled to debut in the Olympics in 2024.

### **18. Multicultural Heritage Club at McBride High School - Laura H. Castillo-Roberts - \$2,000**

Project Summary: The Multicultural Heritage Club at McBride High School plans to start a garden project led by students' interest in learning and applying their science knowledge on ecology, the cycle of life, changes, and sustainability. Students will collaborate to successfully maintain the garden throughout the year to donate the produce to food banks.



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### **19. Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. - Mu Chi Chapter - Michael A. Stemage II - \$2,000**

Project Summary: The Mu Chi Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity will host a back-to-school supply distribution, where they will provide backpacks, school supplies, and personal protective equipment to at least 150 students returning to school in the Long Beach area. This event aims to provide students with school supplies to help propel their success in school.

### **20. Project Hope - Isaiah Malik - \$2,000**

Project Summary: Project Hope will host an event that supports inner city kids and will give them a new experience that will help expose them to areas of life that are not as popular among lower-income households. Vendors will educate about nutrition, there will be a book drive and educational speakers.

### **21. Lutheran Social Services of Southern California - Wendy Rubio - \$2,000**

Project Summary: This will support the annual Back-to-School Extravaganza with a tailored focus on the youth mental health in Long Beach. Our goals are 1) to alleviate the financial burden on low-income families in the community, due to recent high inflation, by providing back-to-school supplies and gas cards/bus passes; and 2) to bring urgent awareness to the rising mental health issue among youth in the neighborhood and offer education, resources, and community discussion groups to normalize the negative stigma that often exists in communities of color

### **22. Long Beach Islamic Center - Humaira Hasan - \$500**

Project Summary: The Youth Group will bring awareness to various societal issues and create solutions, questions, and understanding. Podcasts will be created and shared with other youth. We will also develop journals and art activities. Youth will be able to expand their limits on knowledge which will benefit the community as a whole.





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### **23. Edwin & Dorothy Baker Foundation DBA DAYS Long Beach - Nancy Valencia - \$2,000**

Project Summary: DAYS Long Beach aims to keep youth engaged over the summer months, reduce anti-social behaviors, provide supportive, constructive programming that reduces the summer academic slide, improves the quality of life, increases life skills, and instills leadership and community involvement. Furthermore, programming extends learning and enrichment opportunities for children during out-of-school hours with a focus on the LBUSD curriculum, storytelling, language development, social and emotional well-being, arts and crafts, recreation, and physical activity, building healthy relationships, confidence, and social understanding.

### **24. Starr King Neighborhood Association - Monica Keller and Jontue Hudson - \$2,000**

Project Summary: Our annual Summer Block Party aims to create community by providing a safe space for parents and youth. We will provide awareness to participants about critical health issues that impact our neighborhood (i.e., COVID 19 vaccines) and encourage youth development by establishing lasting relationships, thus promoting crime and violence prevention. In addition, we will promote climate change efforts by promoting planting more trees to help reduce air pollution in this community that is nestled between two major freeways.

### **25. Empowered Minds CC - Zainab El - \$2,000**

Project Summary: Two Summer Sizzle events that offer practices that individuals, families, and groups can do. It can benefit all regardless of the number of participants. Along with these practices, we propose an opportunity for parents to have access to academically supportive resources that may be helpful as summer draws to a close.





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### **26. Urban Reset Foundation - Bruce McCall - \$2,000**

Project Summary: The goal is to provide 350 backpacks, school supplies for the various grades and ages, and food for the kids and families in attendance at Houghton Park. We will invite other community organizations to provide materials and resources at the event.

### **27. TreePeople - Chuck Mills - \$1,375**

Project Summary: Through our Generation Earth Program, we plan to take students from the Garden Club at Franklin Classical MS on a trip to the Colorado Lagoon. The youth have been learning about water issues in Los Angeles County, such as water pollution. Now that students have gained awareness about water-related issues, Generation Earth would like to provide them with the opportunity to learn about actions they can take to protect their community and decrease negative environmental impacts.

### **28. High School Peace Club Alliance - Patricia Alvarez Alviso - \$500**

Project Summary: The goal of the peace camp is to re-activate a peace club in the Long Beach area and resume in-person meetings during the upcoming 2021-2022 school year. To achieve this goal, the Peace Club Alliance is proposing a one-day "peace camp" to take place before the school year begins so that the students living in the Long Beach area, particularly those in high-risk and low-income areas, will be interested in continuing friendships they made and be motivated to continue the work they began in summer peace camp into the new school year.

### **29. We the People High School - Anita Ravi - \$1,200**

Project Summary: We are running a half-day academic enrichment program for enrolled We the People High School students interested in learning more about the founding period in US History, leading to preparation for the LA County Academic Decathlon. Our goals are the following: foster a sense of belonging through academic enrichment; develop our first team who will enter the LA County Academic Decathlon in February 2023.





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### **30. Sports Resource Program - Rondre Jackson - \$2,000**

Project Summary: SRP programming is engagement in sports-related activities, such as sports clinics and basketball camps, that will be held throughout the summer. Youth are engaged in activities, weekly basketball clinics, and training throughout Long Beach. Through the lens of engagement in sports, these youth learn values, gain trust, confidence, and self-esteem while building life skills, including communication and goal setting in team-building exercises and games.

### **31. Cloud Seven Bicycle Club - Dallas Tuliau - \$2,000**

Project Summary: Our end-of-the-summer sunset bike ride will be an 8-mile bike ride that will bring youth together to develop a sense of community with one another & build healthy habits. After an extended period of quarantines from Covid-19, learning from home & virtual online school, now more than ever, kids are inclined to stay inside & be in front of a screen online. We want to encourage them and their parents to get outside & interact with their peers in real life and do something together that is fun, inexpensive, safe, productive & good for their health.

### **32. Sowing Seeds of Change - Dina Feldman - \$2,000**

Project Summary: Sowing Seeds of Change aims to enrich the lives of youth aged 18-24 with developmental disabilities and individuals exiting foster care by providing a one-of-a-kind inclusive environment with job training and recreational activities through urban agriculture. SSC gives participants unique hands-on experiences while educating them on how health and wellness are achieved through the accessibility of fresh, nutritious food. Through our urban agriculture vocational training program, our participants will gain hands-on experience in seed management/saving, planting crops from seed, transplanting crop seedlings, soil and plant health, pest management, and composting.







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### **33. Infinite Stage - Daniel Smith - \$2,000**

Project Summary: Infinite Stage will produce a free screening of the movie Fantasia 2000 at the Cesar Chavez Amphitheater. Through this event, we can provide a space for youth and families to connect and share joy together. We chose Cesar Chavez Amphitheater deliberately because most current outdoor movie showings take place either on the beach or in various neighborhoods further away.

### **34. Long Beach Immigrant Rights Coalition, Club de 424 LIT-TURA (Lectura y Literature) - Gaby Hernandez - \$2,000**

Project Summary: LBIRC's Club de 424 LIT-tura summer project will provide undocumented, im/migrant BIPOC youth with access to a reading club where they will strengthen their literacy skills, become empowered advocates to their own learning, and build connection with other youth in the community. Through this project, a local cultural worker and skilled youth community organizer will support youth gain access to books, literary sources, and strengthen the literacy skills of youth ages 9-13 while also leading youth on at least three book club outings to museums, literary spaces, art galleries, or places of inspiration to encourage their continued learning and reading in the summer.

### **35. Cornucopia Services - Jacqueline Ramos - \$1,500**

Project Summary: Cornucopia will provide a free summer camp program at our site in Long Beach. The summer camp will consist of a 2-week camp for students 7 to 12. It will include learning components, access to computer labs, Health and Wellness activities (Ex. Cooking, Meditation, and Exercise), Science Projects, Arts and Crafts, Cultural Exploration, and general opportunities to safely learn and socialize.



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### **36. Devotion Fitness Inc. - Iñigo Ibrae - \$2,000**

Project Summary: Devotion Fitness' Sunset Boxing and Fitness aims to reduce the negative impacts of COVID-19 within the LGBTQ+ and underestimated community of Long Beach, California. Our program offers HIIT training, somatic practices, and boxing conditioning designed to promote mental and physical wellness while assisting our most at-risk population – LGBTQ+ and BIPOC folk. Our Sunset Boxing & Fitness program helps participants better navigate through life by alleviating stress, aggression, and providing an affirming space to exercise.

### **37. College Square Neighborhood Association - Linda Wilson - \$2,000**

Project Summary: The Community Back-to-School Health and Fun Fair Fest Day is a wonderful in-person opportunity for families to be outside in a fun, safe and informational environment where school supplies will be distributed during a time of learning about each other, programs and services, and while enjoying family-friendly activities, free lunch, entertainment, free COVID-19 vaccination education. During this fun day event, this project will provide backpacks containing an assortment of school and educational supplies for all age groups of grade school and college students. Attendees will be provided lunch, a free swim session, the ability to participate in exercise opportunities, play various games, create artwork, and receive health and safety related information in written or visual display form.

### **38. Queer Skate Los Angeles - j. nyla mcneill - \$2,000**

Project Summary: Queer Skate Los Angeles is a non-hierarchical youth-led group of queer and transgender skaters who emphasize inclusivity of skaters of all age groups and abilities. Our meet-ups are held in local skateparks in prioritized neighborhoods that are underserved with community programs. We seek to hold repeat roll-outs for youth to learn to skate, share skills, trade clothes and gear and have free lunch each weekend.





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### **39. Creative Flow Arts - Juan Carlos Alfaro - \$2,000**

Project Summary: Creative Flow Art is a program geared towards young artists. Participants must have a strong interest or desire to learn. While in our program, the youth get hands-on experience and gain valuable skills that will be used in the real world. Creative Flow Art is all about connecting youth with opportunity. Our goal is to provide a platform for the youth to gain and practice the skills that will help pave the way for personal and professional growth while putting them in a positive mindset that promotes creativity and the overall confidence needed to achieve their goals.

### **40. Modern Apsara Company - Mea Lath - \$2,000**

Project Summary: The goal this summer is to provide more in-depth education and resources to dedicated students to encourage them to become the next leaders of the community. Our organization provides Cambodian classical dance education and training to the youth in Long Beach. Funds will be focused on providing participants with additional opportunities to receive mentorship and guidance during the summer to develop them as leaders in continuing this sacred artform in Long Beach. The students will have more time to train and learn closely with our creative director.

### **41. Joseph Learning Lab - Gert Williams - \$2,000**

Project Summary: Joseph Learning Lab will be hosting a Summer Enrichment Program. The goal is to use our Learning Lab Solution to help underserved children in the Long Beach community who experienced a significant loss in learning due to the challenges faced by COVID-19. Qualified teachers help students catch up and get back on track with reading/Math/other core courses and build confidence in their skills in a fun way.





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### **42. Mission Muay Thai Inc. - \$2,000**

Project Summary: Our students, both youth and teens, who participate in our daily classes are taught about self-defense. In the process of doing so, it teaches them about building character, having discipline, respect, honor, and fitness. Our goals for our activities are for these kids to have a place where they can come and have fun but also learn how to defend themselves, how to design a fitness plan for themselves, and ultimately build character and maintain discipline. We have students with some challenges, but we do not turn them away. We want to give them the opportunity to learn just like everyone else.

### **43. Musique Sur La Mer Orchestras - Marcy Sudock - \$2,000**

Project Summary: Musique Sur La Mer Orchestras Camp is an annual summer two-week event for local instrumental music students from 4th through 12th grade. MSLMYO CAMP's goals are to provide an enriching music education program through performance - orchestra, chamber ensemble, master classes, fun and friendship. These goals are accomplished through daily rehearsals, classes, and joyous experiences. The results include a greater breadth of knowledge about music, confidence building, leadership skills, community, and make for better students when they return to school at the end of summer break.

### **44. Flipp Family - Jenn Estacio - \$2,000**

Project Summary: We are hosting a summer camp to promote Filipino culture through martial arts, language, movement, art, and food. The goal is to provide space for the youth during their summer break to learn more about the Filipino culture in an interactive way and provide them with an experience they can share with their family at the end of camp with a showcase.



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### **45. Long Beach Youth Chorus - Stan DeWitt - \$2,000**

Project Summary: Our Summer Arts Institute is an immersive arts experience for children of all ages that will include vocal music, instrumental music/drumming, visual arts, movement, and creative writing. The Institute culminates in our Long Beach Family Arts Festival, which will bring together three other youth arts organizations in the city for performances and arts activities in a festival setting. Performing with the Long Beach Youth Chorus will be the Jazz Angels, Musique Sur La Mer Youth Orchestra, and Kick it Up Dance Studios. The festival is free to the public.

### **46. Tranquility Counseling Services - Charron Gonder - \$2,000**

Project Summary: We will have life skills, educational speakers, painting, and other fun activities for the youth. One of the educational speakers will talk about social problems in the world to keep the community updated and explain ways to adapt to them. One of the activities will be the paint and snack – people will paint a portrait while snacking. We are trying to teach kids that if they do well in school and continue to further their education, they will have opportunities - we will give out tickets to baseball games, etc., to push them to do well.

### **47. Long Beach United - Elvira Quintana - \$1,300**

Project Summary: Our goal is to keep kids off the streets this summer. We have children from 9 years to 15 years old. We want them to have the opportunity to go out and do physical activities while also learning other skills such as leadership, sportsmanship, and teamwork. I have a kid and friends who play soccer, and more people started joining in. The money will be used for buying equipment (soccer balls, water, snacks, reusable water bottles, and backpacks).



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### **48. LBCAP Alliance - Chelsie Nicholson - \$2,000**

Project Summary: Justice-Impacted Youth Popup Art Market, where we will feature youth entrepreneurs and artists. Youth will be able to display their work, do live art, and have booths where they can promote/sell their merchandise. We will also have workshops where we will bring in entrepreneurs to speak about their journey to being a business owner. This event will be targeted toward youth who have been impacted by the justice system, either directly or indirectly through their parents/family being incarcerated.

### **49. LBCC strong girls - \$2,000**

Project Summary: The plan is to organize a marathon and invite all youth and families to participate in it to raise awareness about fitness activities for youth and families and to share in the activity as a family. The goal is to motivate everyone to get out of the routine and hold a marathon here in the Washington neighborhood, and the goal would be to have fun.

### **50. Jóvenes Unidos - Maricela Garcia Grupo - \$1,800**

Project Summary: I am encouraging the youth to be physically active by playing sports by organizing a youth basketball tournament.

### **51. Guillermina Cruz - \$1,600**

Project Summary: Long Beach Beach Cleanup. The goal is to teach children the importance of keeping their communities clean and environmental stewardship. Caring for the world is an important lesson to teach today's youth. To motivate the youth to develop leadership in their communities.



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### **52. Pack 007 - Brian Colsell - \$1,300**

Project Summary: Pack 007 meets weekly to offer enrichment activities for kindergarten through 5th graders. We focus on building self-confidence and life skills through community involvement, physical activities, and exposure to new knowledge and experiences. Activities like kayaking, climbing, and nutrition challenges all take funding for materials, supervision, and access to facilities and equipment. The grant will enable children in the city limits to get out and enjoy Long Beach while also supporting our local communities and businesses.

### **53. Mae Worldwide - Maleka Lassiter - \$2,000**

Project Summary: For the summer program, I want to start a pop-up shop consisting of new businesses, small businesses, black-owned businesses, and Long Beach businesses. The goal is to bring this pop-up shop opportunity to Long Beach and to provide a safe and secure space for businesses to build awareness.

### **54. Capsstreetwear - Rudy Almazan - \$2,000**

Project Summary: Capsstreetwear will host an art workshop where youth can have fun with acrylic paint, spray paint, airbrush, and sculptures/posters to paint on. Measure US funding will be used for art supplies – paint, canvas paint brushes, sculptures – and apparel for the participants to take home.

### **55. AOC7 Neighborhood Organization – Mary Simmons - \$2,000**

Project Summary: Our summer program will be a neighborhood activation project in our very unique and diverse community. We will have a block party with inclusive of all our cultures. We will provide resource information for our families including mental health, job and volunteer opportunities for our youth, health and COVID-19 information and education, and an art contest, music, face painting and music. We will engage our youth to help organize the events and let us know what they would like to have as an outcome.

