



## Sacramento Children's Fund Final Awards

Funding Awards				
Fund Goal	Applicant	Amount Awarded	Program Description	Districts Served
Children 0-5	City of Sacramento -Recreation Explorer Camp Expansion	\$1,003,175.00	The Recreation Explorer Camp (R.E.C.) is a play-based program for youth ages 35, offering social, physical, academic, and emotional development in a safe, caring environment. Currently held at two community centers, the program will expand to five additional sites, aiming to serve up to 1,000 participants during the school year and summer.	2, 3, 5, 6, 8
Children 0-5	Sacramento County Office of Edu.-SCOE Early learning program	\$724,328.52	SCOE Early Learning will support children ages 0–5 through early literacy and family engagement using culturally responsive approaches. Key efforts include expanding the Dolly Parton Imagination Library to deliver books to 3,000 children in high-need zip codes and offering Joyful Literacy workshops for parents. Help Me Grow Sacramento will also connect families to resources that support literacy, mental health, and overall well-being.	5
Children 0-5	La Familia Counseling Center, Inc.	\$1,080,000.00	The Aim High Program supports families with children ages 0-5 through three components: First 12, Tiny Steps, and Little Scholar Pre-K. First 12 provides in-home parenting support and classes on topics like safe sleep and car seat safety. Tiny Steps promotes toddlers' social, emotional, and motor skills through play sessions and behavior management workshops. Little Scholar Pre-K helps prepare children for school with parent education and a summer program to ensure a smooth transition to school.	5
Children 0-5	Walking the Village	\$700,000.00	Waking the Village seeks funding for 12 full-time, no-cost preschool spaces for infants and toddlers (ages 0-6) of young parents (ages 18-24) experiencing homelessness. The preschool, located at Saybrook Apartments in a high-needs neighborhood, provides developmentally appropriate care from 7:30 am to 5:30 pm, supporting children's healthy development while their parents stabilize housing and wellness. The program focuses on trauma-informed care, ensuring safety and support during critical developmental stages.	5, 6, 8
Children 0-5	Sacramento Literacy Foundation (leftover fund)	\$414,395.67	The Sacramento Literacy Foundation and WellSpace Health are partnering to distribute 19,000 culturally relevant books to underserved children ages 0–5 in Sacramento. The project promotes early literacy, supports the Science of Reading, and reaches families often overlooked by traditional education systems.	2, 4, 5, 6
Homelessness	Sierra Service Project	\$1,199,333.00	Sierra Service Project proposes a three-year workforce development program employing 21 youth from Del Paso Heights and Oak Park to build six tiny homes, providing transitional housing for 48 families and supporting 96–144 youth under 18 in transitioning from homelessness to stable housing. Participants will receive training in leadership, construction, financial literacy, and career development to become community leaders addressing youth homelessness.	2, 5
Mental Health	FOOD LITERACY CENTER	\$1,038,382.00	The Food Literacy Center offers free after-school cooking and nutrition programs in Sacramento's Title 1 schools, reaching up to 3,000 students over the grant period. The programs aim to combat childhood obesity and food insecurity by promoting healthy habits, supporting social-emotional learning, and fostering healthy cultural identities. This initiative aligns with the Citywide Youth Development Plan to enhance mental health and emotional wellness for at-risk youth.	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8

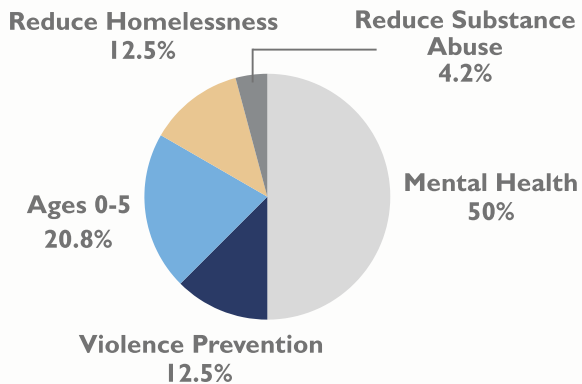
Mental Health	PRO Youth & Families	\$1,005,826.00	The MindOneSix Collective is a youth mental wellness initiative led by PRO Youth & Families, promoting healing, resilience, and leadership through culturally grounded, community-based programs. In partnership with local organizations, it will provide mental health education, mentoring, and leadership opportunities to 440 high-need youth, with a broader impact reaching 4,000 community members. The program aims to boost mental health literacy and create spaces of belonging and hope.	2, 3, 4, 5
Mental Health	Campus Life Connection	\$389,176.00	Since 1998, Crossover Physical and Mental Health Academy has supported underserved youth in the Sacramento region through basketball leagues, AAU teams, and after-school programs offering tutoring, mentoring, mental health support, and life skills instruction. A Sacramento Children's Fund grant will help expand these services, providing up to 75 youth in grades 3-12 with increased access to these resources, including summer camps and community service opportunities. The program aims to improve mental health, reduce substance abuse, and prevent youth violence.	5, 8
Mental Health	Project Optimism	\$414,395.67	Project Optimism's Mentoring Sessions (POMS) support underserved 4th–12th grade students through culturally responsive, school-based mentorship focused on social-emotional learning, leadership, and academic growth. Operating in 12 schools, the program serves 360 students annually with weekly workshops and mentorship that build emotional regulation, decision-making, and civic engagement.	2
Mental Health	Sacramento LGBT Community Center	\$414,395.67	The Center will create an LGBTQ+ Mental Health Training Program for MSW/MFT trainees to support an LGBTQ+ Mental Health Program for youth ages 13-24 in Sacramento. Services, including individual therapy, peer support, and workshops, will be provided at the main site and housing facilities. The program aims to deliver 500 hours of services to 30 clients in Year 1, improving mental health outcomes and increasing LGBTQ+ affirming providers.	4
Mental Health	Arabic Language Education for Everyone, Inc. (ALEFE, Inc.)	\$75,000.00	The ALEFE proposal aims to support low-income refugee and immigrant families in Sacramento through two culturally affirming programs: a <b>Music Therapy Program</b> for 90–120 youth and a <b>Bilingual School Readiness Program</b> for 40 preschool children. The Music Therapy Program, held weekly over six semesters (Fall 2025–Spring 2028), seeks to improve youth mental health by fostering self-expression and cultural identity. The School Readiness Program, running daily over four school years (2024–2028), supports children's mental, social, and emotional development by integrating their native language and culture into learning.	2
Mental Health	Starting Point for Refugee Children	\$75,000.00	Starting Point United, will provide around 100 young refugees with soccer gear, bilingual coaching, and character-building activities. The program promotes physical and emotional health, language development, and social connection. Community events and tournaments also help families build relationships and feel a sense of belonging in their new home.	5, 8
Mental Health	City of Sacramento-Sacramento Fire Department High School Career Technical Education Partnership Program	\$1,499,208.00	The Sacramento Fire Department's Diversity, Outreach, and Recruitment Division seeks funding for two Firefighter positions to support three high school Career Technical Education (CTE) programs: Valley High, Inderkum High, and Arthur A. Benjamin Health Professions High School. These Firefighters, along with a Captain, will mentor 210,240 students annually, fostering academic success, community service, and self-discipline. The program aligns with the Youth Development Plan and aims to promote mental health, reduce youth violence, and provide career pathways by building resilience and offering positive role models.	1, 4, 8
Mental Health	City of Sacramento-Sac News & Review Building Conversion	\$1,500,000.00	The City of Sacramento plans to convert the former Sacramento News & Review building into the new North Sacramento-Hagginwood Library, but rising costs threaten to delay the project. The library will provide a safe, modern space for youth and the broader community, with access to technology, education, and collaborative programming. Aligned with the City's agreement with the Sacramento Public Library, the project aims to empower underserved communities and foster learning, growth, and opportunity.	2
Mental Health	City of Sacramento-Youth Program Scholarship Fund-ongoing funds	\$1,295,000.00	The Youth Program Scholarship Fund (YPSF) provides financial assistance for under-resourced youth and families to access city programs and facilities. With a \$370,000 funding increase, the fund will expand eligibility and increase participants from 750 to over 7,000 youth annually. This includes programs like summer camps, sports, swim lessons, and special events. The fund is available to 30 youth-serving organizations and supported by expanded marketing, outreach, and application assistance to ensure all eligible youth have access.	3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8

Mental Health	City of Sacramento-Sutter's Landing (28th & B) Regional Park-Skate Park (leftover fund)	\$750,000.00	The 28th & B Skate and Urban Art Park project will improve accessibility and safety by replacing worn wooden ramps with durable concrete structures and repairing damaged concrete surfaces. Based on community feedback, these upgrades will support beginner and intermediate skaters and eliminate the \$5 entrance fee. Once completed, the park will be open 12 hours a day, 365 days a year, offering free, safe, and inclusive space for youth to skate and connect.	4
Mental Health	City of Sacramento-Granite Regional Park	\$1,442,569.47	The Granite Regional Park project will replace a heavily used all-weather soccer field that has reached the end of its 15-year lifespan. Serving youth ages 5-24, the field is one of only two of its kind in Sacramento. Replacement is essential to prevent safety issues and maintain access to youth soccer. The new field is expected to last over 12 years.	6
Substance Abuse	We Can Work It Out Inc	\$75,000.00	The **Youth Impact Initiative (YII)** is an 18-month program serving 50 youth ages 12–21 in Sacramento, prioritizing those at risk of substance abuse and violence. It provides weekly harm reduction workshops, motivational interviewing, life coaching, conflict mediation, and job readiness training—delivered both virtually and in person at Always Knocking's 47th Avenue office. The program aims to build leadership, resilience, and access to education and employment. By blending culturally responsive support with evidence-based practices, YII seeks to reduce substance use and foster safer, healthier communities.	6
Youth Homelessness	Lao Family Community Development, Inc.	\$1,200,000.00	Lao Family Community Development's LiftUp Youth Program will support 18–24-year-olds in Downtown Sacramento, focusing on those affected by homelessness, trauma, and violence, including LGBTQ+ youth, immigrants, and youth with disabilities. The program provides housing assistance, mental health support, workforce development, and violence prevention. Delivered at LFCD's CARE Campus and satellite locations, the program aims for 80% of participants to transition to permanent housing, 90% to improve mental health literacy, and 80% to gain employment readiness skills, with 75% securing stable employment within nine months.	4
Youth Homelessness	Sacramento City Unified School District-Homeless Education Services Coordinator	\$747,949.00	The SCUSD Homeless Education Services Program supports over 3,000 homeless students annually with academic help, mental health care, and basic needs. Through partnerships and outreach, it boosts student identification, builds leadership, and promotes graduation and long-term stability.	4, 5, 6, 8
Youth Violence	Roberts Family Development Center	\$731,326.00	Roberts Family Development Center's Year-Round Youth Support Services aim to reduce youth violence and support mental wellness in Old North Sacramento/Del Paso Heights. Programs include expanded school-year and summer activities, youth employment, staff training in social justice, and weekly group mental health sessions for middle and high school students.	2
Youth Violence	Code 4 Hood Edu	\$75,000.00	The Pathways to Success program serves 100 youth annually, ages 12-24, from under-resourced neighborhoods in Sacramento. It offers three core services: an after-school safe space with STEM activities, STEM workforce development in EV Technician and STEM Accelerator careers, and trauma-informed mentorship focusing on life skills and career readiness. The program aims to prevent violence, support mental health, and prepare youth for the workforce over three years.	6
Youth Violence	Communication and Education Organization for Development-CEOD	\$75,000.00	The program provides culturally relevant mental health support for Afghan youth and families in select Sacramento zip codes, offering services such as psychosocial education, trauma recovery skills, peer counseling, and safe space group classes. It will serve 120 youth through bi-monthly emotional wellness workshops, teach 30 youth coping strategies via the Skills for Psychological Recovery (SPR) program, and support 20 youth with peer counseling and group therapy. Two cohorts of Safe Space Group Classes (5–8 participants each) will address mental health, substance abuse, violence, and wellness. The program aims to promote healing, resilience, and community integration.	2
Total Grant Awards		\$17,924,460.00		

## Sacramento Children's Fund Awards

Here is a brief look at the Sacramento Children's Fund Grant Portfolio.  
Note: GBI awards will be included in the portfolio evaluation once funded.

### Fund Goals

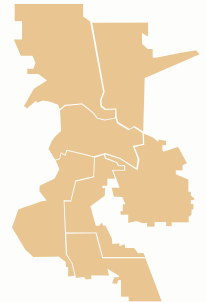


### Programs/Projects Serving SEED/COI

**91%**

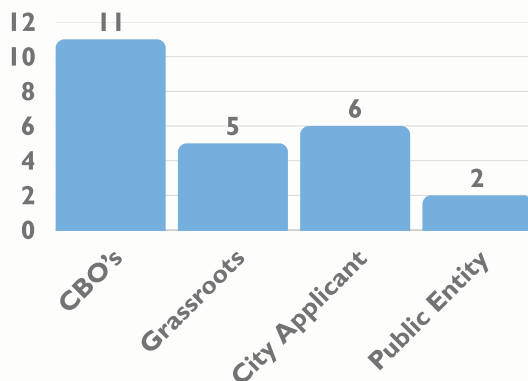
22 out of 24 funded programs

- ✓ SEED/COI Neighborhoods Prioritized
- ✓ Every Fund Goal Addressed

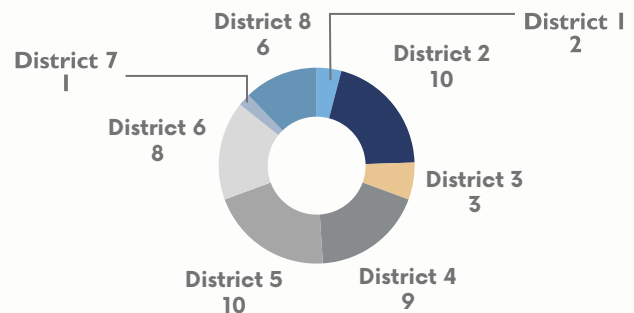


All 8 City Districts Reached

### Application Type



### Districts Served \*



\*Programs or projects often serve multiple districts. This graphic represents multiple service locations provided by 24 funded programs and projects.

## Scenario #1 Grant Portfolio Aligned with SIP Recommendations



### Broad Fund Goal Coverage

**70%** of funded programs address multiple youth priorities

Every fund goal is represented in the portfolio (SIP pg. 25–26)



### Strengthening CBOs

**50%** of program funds (\$8.9M) awarded to community-based orgs

Empowering trusted local service providers (SIP pg. 28)



### Local & Emerging Partnerships

**21%** of awards go to small/emerging CBOs

Supporting grassroots, community-rooted innovation (SIP pg. 28)



### Focused on Equity

**91%** of programs serve SEED/COI-identified neighborhoods

Directly addressing historic inequities (SIP pg. 27)