

Homeboy Industries  
Civic and Community  
Los Angeles, CA  
\$350,000  
June 2021

Homeboy Industries (HBI) provides hope, training, and support to formerly gang -involved and previously incarcerated people, allowing them to redirect their lives and become contributing members of society. For over 30 years, HBI has led the conversation and modeled an alternative to the revolving door of incarceration in Los Angeles by offering a place for gang -members to be seen and heard for the first time. Given that 25% of its trainees are 14 -21 years old, HBI recognized the need to focus on juveniles healing from complex trauma and established a Youth Re -Entry Center. The Center occupies t wo adjacent buildings on First Street in Boyle Heights. HBI owns one of the properties free and clear. A W. M. Keck Foundation grant will be used to support a case manager, pay down a short -term acquisition loan on the second building, and complete renov ations by connecting the two buildings and creating an outdoor sanctuary for young people. The Center will serve 80 formerly incarcerated youth through a year- long intensive program and provide 200 community youth, many of whom are at risk of being arrest ed for the first time or reincarcerated, with less intensive services.

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Liberty Hill Foundation  
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Liberty Hill Foundation leads system change initiatives and provides grants, leadership training, and capacity -building services to community -based organizations that are helping low -income youth learn, succeed, and thrive. A W. M. Keck Foundation grant w ill support the Ready to Rise (R2R) initiative, a public/private partnership between Los Angeles County, the California Community Foundation, and Liberty Hill that provides opportunities and resources for effective youth development programs, which focus o n education, leadership, job training, mentorship, and the arts. This initiative is a key strategy to shift Los Angeles County's juvenile justice system, which is the largest in the country, to one focused on prevention and diversion rather than punishmen t. Funding will be used to strengthen Liberty Hill's ability to administer, adapt, and improve capacity -building services for at least 75 organizations providing youth development programs reaching a minimum of 7,000 young people annually. Liberty Hill will also chronicle the R2R systems -change

model and advocate for changes in the county's contracting standards and practices so more organizations can access public funds.

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Step Up on Second  
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Step Up provides permanent supportive housing and wraparound services to adults, youth aging out of the foster care system, and veterans experiencing serious mental illness and chronic homelessness. In partnership with the Veterans Administration (VA) and Shangri La Construction, Step Up is renovating 122 units for permanent supportive housing on the VA's West Los Angeles campus. A W. M. Keck Foundation grant will be used to purchase the furniture and household items needed to make these units move-in ready for homeless veterans. Step Up will provide on-site property management and supportive services for the veterans through its contract with the VA. Services will include case management, mental health counseling, and workforce development assistance. Health care, life skills training, and support groups designed to foster housing retention will also be available. Completion is scheduled for late spring 2022 and it is anticipated that all the units will be leased within 12 months of opening.

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Think Together  
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Think Together is a major provider of afterschool and expanded learning programs. In October 2019, Think Together assumed responsibility for operating the Youth Policy Institute's (YPI) afterschool programs serving 10,000 K-12 students at 47 sites on charter school campuses in Hollywood, mid-city Los Angeles, and the San Fernando Valley. These programs were at risk of closing when YPI declared bankruptcy in late October 2019. Over the past 15 months, Think Together transitioned former YPI programs through staff onboarding and orientation, continuing relationships with school liaisons, as well as data sharing and systems integration with a strong focus on professional development and quality program implementation. A two-year W. M. Keck Foundation grant is supporting Think Together to complete this integration work. The focus will be on aligning organizational culture through ongoing professional development, continuous quality improvement, and updating data and software systems. Funding will be used to partially

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Save the Children  
Early Childhood  
Lake Los Angeles, CA  
\$200,000  
June 2021

Save the Children is a global nonprofit with a focus on giving vulnerable children a healthy start in life, the opportunity to learn and protection from harm. In the United States, the organization concentrates its work in some of the most under-resourced regions, including rural California. A two -





Opticians will fit students diagnosed with diminished vision with a pair of glasses of their choosing. Students will receive their glasses together with their classmates a few weeks later. Every child referred to the mobile clinic will be served, regardless of insurance eligibility or status. Research from Johns Hopkins University's Wilmer Eye Institute confirms that for the approximately 1 in 4 students who need them, a pair of glasses is not only a critical learning tool, but also the most impactful and cost-effective means of providing an immediate, substantial boost to students' academic performance.

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