

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA PROGRAM

Abstracts for Grants Awarded in December 2018

Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Los Angeles

Civic and Community

Los Angeles, CA

\$300,000

December 2018

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Los Angeles (Metro) was founded in 2015 to take over management of three struggling inner-

community in the San Fernando Valley. A Keck Foundation grant will support renovation of a mid-century church that will become the ELC and open in early 2020. The rotating play and activity spaces will be designed to promote learning and self-discovery. Young children and their families will have access to a science and art center, an indoor climbing tree, and a lending library. There will also be a community dining room, full-service kitchen, and outdoor gardens and playgrounds. Throughout, parents will interact with early child development experts, paraprofessionals, and volunteers who can answer questions about child development and make linkages to other community providers. This project holds the promise to intervene early and often on behalf of the most vulnerable children in the area. The project also supports better alignment and coordination among the different organizations working on behalf of these families.

Didi Hirsch Community Mental Health Center
Health Care
Culver City, CA
\$500,000
December 2018

Didi Hirsch operates the Suicide Prevention Center (SPC), which is a founding member of the Lifeline network of 160 suicide crisis lines. Suicide is a public health crisis in the U.S. Between

*United Way of Greater Los Angeles
Civic and Community
Los Angeles, CA
\$400,000
December 2018*

Home for Good initiative to try to end homelessness has resulted overall homeless population. With the recent infusion of public funds, United Way is leveraging the trust it has earned from business leaders, elected officials, public sector employees, and community partners to promote the efficient and effective deployment of these new resources to issues of greatest concern the growing number of street encampments and the rising cost of constructing new housing. The goals of the project are to shorten the time it takes to move

manager on triage duty and