

## **SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA PROGRAM**

### **Abstracts for Grants Awarded in June 2019**

*Zimmer Children's Museum*

*Arts and Culture*

*Los Angeles, CA*

*\$250,000*

*June 2019*

Founded in 1991, the Zimmer Children's Museum is one of only three children's museums in Los Angeles County. Its location on the ground floor of a mid-Wilshire district office building presented many challenges for visitors, including limited weekend and holiday hours, parking restrictions, and inadequate physical space for children and families to interact with exhibits and one another. After several years of planning, the organization is moving to the Santa Monica Place mall where it is opening a 21,000 square-foot museum named the Cayton Children's Museum this summer. While all ages will be served, exhibits will cater to children ages 0

also focus on partnering with foster family agencies and faith communities to develop a comprehensive system to recruit and retain families in coordination with the County to meet the specific needs of foster children. Because of a shortage of appropriate homes, too often children cycle through short-term shelters, languish in groups homes and experience multiple placements contributing to poor outcomes. Pilot projects will be developed to test innovative ideas that can be scaled by the public sector.

*Children's Defense Fund – California*

*Civic and Community*

*Los Angeles, CA*

*\$300,000*

*June 2019*

Children's Defense Fund – California (CDF-CA) has been at the forefront of efforts to improve the well-being of youth involved in Los Angeles County's juvenile justice system. Since 2016, it has been the

three-year W. M. Keck Foundation grant will allow ESC to hire additional staff and adopt new technology tools to increase its operational efficiency,

JBBBSLA to expand access to Teen Talk. The agency will increase the number of teen advisors and the staff who train and supervise them and expand the hours of operation. It will also develop the app for Android smartphones whose users tend to be from lower income families. Based on usage during the pilot, JBBBSLA expects that the app will be downloaded 90,000

Trade Technical College (LATTC) and governed by a 23-member Steering Committee. SLATE-Z's 55 cross-sector partners came together to design a resident-informed plan that established five goals related to jobs, economic activity, education, safety, and transit. In 2016, SLATE-Z was awarded a federal Promise Zone designation to implement the plan over ten years. A three-year W. M. Keck Foundation grant will support the hiring of a program manager to "turbocharge" SLATE-Z's programmatic impact and manage the work groups, each of which focuses on a goal area. Over the next three years, through collaboration and leveraging direct service funding, the expectation is that 2,400 youth will be hired for summer jobs, 3,900 youth will be on a career pathway leading to post-secondary certificates and degrees, and 3,500 residents will be connected to living wage jobs.

*Southern California Public Radio  
Civic and Community  
Pasadena, CA  
\$350,000  
June 2019*

Southern California Public Radio station KPCC plans to increase the impact of its local public service by expanding its investigative unit from one journalist to a team of five full-time, dedicated investigative journalists. Indepeng0 G000009m418 Tm35004B002 0 619sid5nu0 1 409.ees, and 3,500

Los Angeles, has reached capacity. To meet the growing demand for urgent care and deliver improved trauma care services to a greater number of children, OIC is building a new state-of-the-art UCC as part of reconstructing an aging medical facility on the campus. A W. M. Keck Foundation grant will help support construction of the UCC, which will be co-located with related clinical services and designed to accommodate an increased demand and provide more comfort and privacy for families. The new UCC will provide services to 26,000 low-income, underinsured and uninsured children annually providing them with timely, expert and specialized orthopaedic attention.