Elevate Youth California  
Cohort 1 2020-2022

Action Network  
Mendocino County, Sonoma County  
$174,246.17
To empower rural Latinx and Native American youth age 12-18 in Mendocino and Sonoma counties through the "Teen Action Program" which will create an adult-supervised, peer-led youth group that utilizes a three-pronged approach to positively-impacting underserved teens through teen-hosted meetings, increased youth activism and volunteerism, and a drug and alcohol free location where youth can gather in a safe space.

Alcohol Justice  
Marin County  
$750,000.00
To build youth activism among Latinx middle and high school students. This project utilizes a trauma-informed care approach to support diversion from probation, encourage relapse prevention and create pro-social prevention activities that increase youth advocacy against harmful drug use in the Canal District of San Rafael in Marin County ultimately decreasing lifetime alcohol use and heavy drug use in past 30 days.

Big Valley Band of Pomo Indians  
Lake County  
$706,985.06
To create a "Get Drugs Off Our Rez" campaign in Lake County which will elevate Native American youth voice through a Youth Council platform, community substance use educational events, and the establishment of a youth mentorship program to increase awareness of substance use and its effects as well as introduce youth-led change into the tribal community.

California Health Collaborative  
Tulare County  
$998,523.08
To increase opportunities for Latinx and African American youth to create social change by elevating youth voice and developing youth leadership, through youth coalitions and an annual youth leadership summit that encourages arts and healing centered approaches and addressees environmental, policy and systems change that focus on inequities and aim to impact youth with substance use disorders (SUD) in Tulare County.

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California Youth Connection  
Statewide  
$995,684.40  
To increase knowledge and leadership skills of current and former youth involved in the foster care system. To develop a youth-led SUD prevention strategy creating change policies that relate to the criminalization of youth SUD in five regions in the state.

Center for Young Women’s Development – Young Women’s Freedom Center  
Los Angeles County, San Francisco County  
$1,000,000.00  
To promote healing and leadership development that will strengthen the economic outcomes for girls and women of color, transgender and gender non-conforming youth and young adults whose family have experienced incarceration. This project uses mentoring, intergenerational healing practices, system navigation, and policy advocacy training to reduce substance use and related harm in San Francisco and Los Angeles counties.

Education, Training, and Research Associates (ETR)  
Alameda County, Fresno County, Los Angeles County, Sacramento County  
$902,368.26  
To promote healing, improve the behavioral health outcomes, and decrease substance use for African American and Latinx youth using trauma-informed practices, leadership development, policy advocacy training and youth social justice narrative development through the creation of media and youth centered policy campaigns in Sacramento, Alameda, Fresno and Los Angeles counties.

Family Assistance Program  
San Bernardino County  
$1,000,000.00  
To support African American and Latinx youth ages 12-18 from low income communities in San Bernardino County through engagement in Youth Action Boards which will guide project implementation around substance use education, mentorship, and juvenile justice system involvement and diversion leading to a reduction in substance use.

Fathers & Families of San Joaquin  
San Joaquin County  
$1,000,000.00  
To increase understanding of substance use disorders and recognition of the chronic nature of addiction, reduce stigma, and build prevention and education into all programming with incarcerated and transitional-aged youth of color ages 16-25 in San Joaquin County. Increase youth leadership through youth actively developing substance abuse training curriculum and investment into non-traditional modalities of healing and moving youth toward policy, systems and environmental change.

Fresh Lifelines for Youth, Inc.  
Alameda County, San Mateo County, Santa Clara County  
$1,000,000.00  
To employ youth activism, civic engagement, mentorship/relationship-building, and peer-led support around substance use in a phased leadership program that will reach minority high school aged youth from Alameda, San Mateo, and Santa Clara counties who are juvenile justice system-involved or at-risk of system involvement reducing substance use and increasing socio-emotional learning skills.
Fresno County Economic Opportunities Commission – Fresno EOC
Fresno County
$1,000,000.00
To improve the health outcomes of school aged youth of color and LGBTQ+ youth through peer-led support groups and school educational presentations that incorporate mentoring, leadership development and advocate for policy, systems and environmental change in Fresno County.

Gateway Mountain Center, Inc.
Nevada County, Placer County
$443,760.00
To expand existing harm-reduction and youth leadership services such as the youth wellness center. To increase mindfulness-based substance abuse classes, and whole hearts, minds, and embodies outdoor programming in schools in rural Nevada and Placer Counties for Latinx youth as an alternative to substance use suspensions and disciplinary action.

Improve Your Tomorrow
Sacramento County
$444,355.20
To improve the educational and health outcomes of young men of color attending local community colleges by providing mentorship, leadership development and culturally responsive wrap-around support in preparation for policy internships in Sacramento.

Koreatown Youth and Community Center, Inc.
Los Angeles County
$1,000,000.00
To reduce use and exposure to marijuana and tobacco-related secondhand smoke among low-income youth of color ages 12-26 at MacArthur Park located in the Westlake neighborhood of Los Angeles by establishing a community council and developing and adopting a citywide smoking initiative that reduces use and exposure to marijuana, tobacco products and secondhand smoke.

Latino Center for Prevention & Action in Health & Welfare
Orange County
$1,000,000.00
To partner with low-income immigrant Latinx youth in Santa Ana to implement a youth-led SUD education campaign and build and sustain youth leadership creating mechanisms of participation by youth that lead to risk prevention and system-wide change to increase responsiveness to SUD-related health needs of youth and decrease substance use by youth in the city and county of Orange.

Legacy LA Youth Development Corporation
Los Angeles County
$780,000.00
To increase at-risk and system-impacted youth's capacity to advocate for policy change around youth substance use in Los Angeles County as well as address conditions that contribute to youth substance use through the implementation of a 10-month leadership development and mentoring program.

North County Health Project, Inc.
San Diego County, Riverside County
$580,940.00
To improve the behavioral health outcomes and substance use awareness of Latinx/Hispanic youth and young adults through leadership development and peer-to-peer education in North San Diego and Southern Riverside counties.

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Northern California Indian Development Council, Inc.
Humboldt County
$999,990.00
To promote healing through culturally rooted lessons, develop social/emotional competency and support the training and development of youth advocates on policy, systems and environmental change to prevent substance use among middle and high school Native American students in Humboldt County.

Pinoleville Pomo Nation
Mendocino County, Lake County
$1,000,000.00
To improve the behavioral health and educational outcomes of American Indian youth through culturally rooted practices, leadership development and policy advocacy training to address educational equity and reduce substance use in Mendocino and Lake Counties.

Rose Family Creative Empowerment Center Inc.
Sacramento County
$978,912.00
To improve educational and health outcomes and reduce substance use in African American students in South Sacramento through wraparound support, expanded academic services and a youth-driven substance use awareness campaign to inform policymakers on youth substance use issues.

Social Advocates for Youth San Diego, Inc.
San Diego County
$998,580.06
To improve the behavioral health outcomes including referral to substance use treatment of justice system impacted, homeless youth and young adults of color in San Diego County through mentoring, counseling and leadership development to advocate for policies that address the criminalization of youth substance use.

The Cambodian Family
Orange County
$1,000,000.00
To reduce substance use among middle school-aged Southeast Asian and Latinx youth in Orange County through the implementation of the Project ALERT curriculum and establish a youth advisory council to identify and move forward a policy goal.

The Epicenter – Friday Night Live
Monterey County
$599,994.00
To address substance use in South Monterey County with a focus on students of color ages 12-24 who identify as LGBTQ+ by creating opportunities for positive youth engagement through increasing GSAs (student-led organizations that unite the LGBTQ+ community), hosting an annual youth action summit, and increasing the perception of harm from substance use.

The Wall Las Memorias Project
Los Angeles County
$927,134.94
To support the leadership development of Latinx and LGBTQ+ youth and young adults by developing campaigns and building public will for SUD prevention policy change in South, Southeast and East/Northeast Los Angeles.

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YES Nature to Neighborhoods  
Contra Costa County  
$392,930.95  
To improve the health outcomes of African American and Latinx youth and young adults through peer-to-peer mentoring, leadership development and policy advocacy minimizing access to substances in the city of Richmond in Contra Costa County.

Youth Leadership Institute  
Merced County, San Joaquin County  
$849,998.00  
To promote healing through culturally rooted practices, support youth leadership and media advocacy skills for youth involved in the state prison system returning to Merced County, and to reduce the number of school suspensions or expulsions related to substances.