



San Joaquin Valley Health Fund Awards (2021-2022)

IHHEEL Advocacy and COVID-19 Recovery and Resiliency Advocacy

IHHEEL ADVOCACY PARTNERS

A Hopeful Encounter

Fresno County

\$50,000 – Land Use and Planning

Southeast Asian American Youth for Green Space in Fresno County

To establish Southeast Asian American (SEAA) youth representation among city, county and state decision-makers, in order to promote the use of local and state funding for green spaces in their disadvantaged neighborhoods. Learn more at <http://hopefulencounter.org/>

Central California Environmental Justice Network (Social & Environmental Entrepreneurs, Inc.)

Fresno County

\$20,000 – Environmental Justice

Fresno Safe from Pesticides

To protect Fresno County residents from pesticide exposure by educating residents about the negative health impacts of pesticides, and engaging them in advocacy efforts to reduce the use of glyphosate products in schools and in advocacy campaigns aimed at improving local enforcement of pesticide regulations. Learn more at www.ccejn.wordpress.com.

California Rural Legal Assistance, Inc.

Kings and Tulare Counties

\$50,000 – Environmental Justice

Protecting Tulare and Kings County Residents from Noxious Industrial Pollution

To work with residents of disadvantaged unincorporated communities (DUCs) and other vulnerable rural communities in Tulare and Kings counties to build leadership and community understanding of the regulatory process. Learn more at www.crla.org.

Californians for Pesticide Reform (Pesticide Action Network North America Regional Center)
Regional

\$50,000 – Environmental Justice

Building the movement for pesticide reform in the SJV

To promote policy changes that address the systemic racial and health inequities of California's system of agriculture by building grassroots momentum and local leadership in the San Joaquin Valley, with a goal of reducing exposure to hazardous agricultural pesticides, promoting sustainable alternatives, and establishing the right to know. Learn more at

<http://www.pesticidereform.org/>

Catholic Charities of Stockton
San Joaquin and Stanislaus Counties

\$50,000– Environmental Justice

Environmental Justice Program

To advocate for smart and sustainable land use and environmental practices in the General Plans and Regional Transportation Process/Sustainable Communities Strategy within San Joaquin and Stanislaus Counties. Learn more at

www.ccstockton.org/Programs/EnvironmentalJustice.aspx.

Central California Environmental Justice Network (Social & Environmental Entrepreneurs, Inc.)
Regional

\$50,000 – Environmental Justice

Multi-generational Movement of Environmental Justice Leaders

To create a multi-generational movement of Environmental Justice advocates in Madera, Fresno, Tulare and Kern Counties, that will be grounded in community's needs and priorities. This project will engage youth in documenting environmental problems and identifying solutions that will be captured in the report the "Central Valley's Vision for Environmental and Climate Justice." Learn more at <https://ccejn.org/> .

Center on Race, Poverty, and the Environment
Kern County

\$50,000 – Environmental Justice

Toxic Free Communities-AB 617 Implementation

To improve air quality in Shafter and Arvin-Lamont, transform the relationship between the local Air District and community residents concerned about air quality, and engage the State in making sure community-driven priorities set the foundation for the state's efforts to protect health from air pollution. Learn more at <https://crpe-ej.org/> .

Central Valley Air Quality Coalition (Social & Environmental Entrepreneurs, Inc.)
Regional

\$50,000 – Environmental Justice

Championing Equitable Protections from Particle Pollution

To advocate for the adoption of new measures to reduce particle pollution, enforcement of existing rules, and closing loopholes requires ongoing capacity building as well as engagement of impacted community members and clean air advocates with regulators and decision makers. Learn more at www.calcleanair.org.

Central Valley Immigrant Integration Collaborative
Regional
\$50,000 – Immigration

Central Valley Immigrant Integration and Empowerment in the Post-Electoral Era

To increase local public sector capacity in immigrant integration, increase Central Valley presence in the national immigration arena, advocate for immigrant access to vital state services, and connect national and local immigration messaging campaigns.

Learn more at www.cviic.org.

Central Valley Partnership
Fresno and Madera Counties
\$50,000 – Redistricting

Geographic Justice: Central Valley Redistricting Advocacy

To engage the local communities and their representative leaders from multiple jurisdictions in Madera and Fresno counties around redistricting processes by empowering young organizers-of-color to research, map and communicate with elected officials, community leaders and members of the media. Learn more at <https://centralvalleypartnership.org/> .

Council on American-Islamic Relations California
Regional
\$50,000 – Immigration

Increased Equity for Refugee and Arabic Speaking Communities

To promote increased equity and opportunity for advance for Arabic-speaking communities and MENA refugees. The goal will include policy change at the county level to improve Arabic language access and expand reach of services to Arabic-speaking communities. Learn more at <https://ca.cair.com/> .

Greenaction for Health and Environmental Justice
Kern and Kings Counties
\$50,000 – Health and Environmental Justice

San Joaquin Valley Environmental Health and Justice Project

To address health disparities, cumulative impacts, and civil rights violations including discriminatory permitting of landfills in low-income, Latino, Spanish-speaking communities by advocating for CalEPA/Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) to fully comply with Kettleman City Title VI Civil Rights Settlement, through “signatory” meetings, community education, civic engagement, organizing; leadership development; coalition building. Learn more at <https://greenaction.org/> .

**Haven Women’s Center of Stanislaus
Stanislaus County
\$50,000 – Health and Education**

HARRT: School-Based, Youth-Led Adolescent Relationship Abuse Prevention Program

To address and prevent adolescent relationship abuse by advocating for school districts to adopt comprehensive ARA prevention policies to reduce health risks and negative educational outcomes associated with abusive relationships. Learn more at <https://www.havenwcs.org/> .

**Hlub Hmong Center (United Way of Merced)
Merced County
\$25,000 – Health and Education**

Policy and Systems Change for Hmong Health Equity

To provide advocacy training to Hmong parents to competently advocate for systems change affecting Hmong families and children to inform local Early Childhood Education systems change. Learn more at <https://wp1.hlubhmongcenter.org> .

**Immigrant Legal Resource Center
Regional
\$50,000 – Immigration**

Building a Regional Network of Support for Immigrant Families

To build the capacity of San Joaquin Valley legal service organizations to serve immigrant community members in a new federal landscape through a training series, county-wide convenings, and opportunities to collaborate across sectors to advance immigrant integration. Learn more at www.ilrc.org.

**International Rescue Committee
Stanislaus County
\$50,000 – Immigration and Education**

Structural Educational Equity Uniting Students (SEE US)

To advocate for local policy changes that would allow for an equitable timeline for English Language Learner (ELL) youth in the Central Valley to attain English proficiency and complete high school. Learn more at <https://www.rescue.org/united-states/turlock-ca>

**Jakara Movement
Regional
\$50,000 – Education**

Building for the LCAP - Education Across the SJ Valley

To survey existing Local Control and Accountability Plans across school districts in the San Joaquin Valley and make policy suggestions for communities to better advocate for evidence-based interventions for their students. Learn more at <https://www.jakara.org/>

Madera Coalition for Community Justice

Madera County

\$50,000 – Redistricting

The VOICE

To inculcate a collective consciousness and sense of ownership, responsibility and accountability in impacted and under-served communities to participate in decision and policy-making, planning and management around redistricting, making community members aware of planning and participation opportunities, and preparing and educating community members to constructively participate in redistricting process. Learn more at <http://www.maderaccj.org/>

Public Health Advocates

San Joaquin County

\$50,000 – Education

Faces of Resilience LUSD

To prepare 10 African-American youth leaders to study how current policies exacerbate historic trauma of African-Americans and contribute to structural racism in the schools, and propose and advocate for policies to reduce discrimination, such as unjust suspensions and expulsions in LUSD. Learn more at <https://phadvocates.org/>

Reinvent South Stockton Coalition (Tides Foundation)

San Joaquin County

\$50,000 – Housing

Stockton Housing Justice Coalition

To convene, organize, and train residents, specifically people of color and immigrants who have been left out of policy-making, to advocate for equitable affordable housing policies that represent their needs and priorities. Learn more at <https://rsscoalition.org/> .

Sequoia Riverlands Trust

Regional

\$50,000 – Land Use and Planning

Reducing Health Disparities through Land Use Change and Educational Empowerment

To support improved air quality through land use policy change, and advocate for expanded outdoor education opportunities for underserved communities and advocating policies that support conservation and compact growth in the Kern County General Plan Update, 2022 Regional Transportation Plans, and related policy processes. Learn more at <https://sequoiariverlands.org/>

COVID-19 RECOVERY AND RESILIENCY ADVOCACY PARTNERS

Alliant Educational Foundation

Regional

\$25,000 – Mental Health

COVID-19 and Mental Health: An Invisible Public Health Crisis

To address immediate and anticipated residual mental health needs stemming from the COVID-19 pandemic by advocating for increased linguistically and culturally appropriate mental health literacy among mental health providers and advocates in the San Joaquin Valley and engaging residents in community-based participatory research to understand their needs. Learn more at <https://www.allianted.org/>.

Asian Business Institute & Resource Center (ABIRC)

Regional

\$50,000 – Community/Economic Development

Advocating for Micro Farmers in the Valley

To build an advocacy campaign to address the needs of disadvantaged minority farmers who have been underrepresented in COVID-19 crisis relief funding. Learn more at <http://fresnoabirc-1347082944.us-west-2.elb.amazonaws.com/>.

Asian Pacific Self-Development and Residential Association

San Joaquin County

\$50,000 – Health

Community Health Advocacy Movement Project (CHAMP)

To build the capacity of marginalized people to inform policies affecting their recovery and resiliency to COVID-19 by organizing the members of this community to co-create and implement a local policy agenda to meet their needs. Learn more at <https://apsaraonline.org/>.

California Institute for Rural Studies

Regional

\$50,000 – Health and Farmworker Support

Essential But Disposable: Systems Analysis of COVID-19 Farmworker Support Efforts

To advance a systems analysis of COVID-19 farmworker support efforts made by the California government and the critical role CBO's played in meeting on-the-ground needs in farmworker communities. Learn more at <https://www.cirsinc.org/>.

California Pan-Ethnic Health Network

Regional

\$50,000 – Health

Advancing an Equitable COVID-19 Response and Recovery

To support local organizations carrying out policy development and advocacy with key decisionmakers such as County Boards of Supervisors and Public Health departments. CPEHN will also elevate the needs of local communities to state-level decisionmakers. Learn more at <https://cpehn.org/>.

California Coalition for Rural Housing
Regional
\$50,000 – Housing

Healthy Homes Project Phase VI

To grow an advocacy network encompassing cross-sector partnerships to ensure the preservation, production, and protection of safe and affordable housing. promoting proactive rental housing inspection programs, increasing the funding resources for affordable housing construction accessible to the Central Valley, and preserving existing affordable housing stock in the aftermath of COVID-19. Learn more at <https://www.calruralhousing.org/> .

California Rural Legal Assistance Foundation
Regional
\$50,000 – Health

Expanding Healthcare Coverage During COVID-19

To address health inequities as seen in COVID-19's mounting challenges, to explore opportunities and options of certain San Joaquin Valley counties and health providers, and to increase access to health services (physical, dental and mental services) for the remaining uninsured farmworkers not covered by Covered California and expanded Medi-Cal. Learn more at <https://www.crlaf.org/> .

Centro Binacional para el Desarrollo Indigena Oaxaqueño
Fresno County
\$50,000 – Health and Language Access

Justice Language for Indigenous Communities

To increase access to high quality, culturally, and linguistically appropriate health services for indigenous farmworker communities by working with Federally Qualified Health Clinics to review and adopt new policies and practices informed by the indigenous community around language access. Learn more at <https://www.centrobinacional.org/>

Children Now
Regional
\$50,000 – Education

Improving Health and Educational Outcomes for San Joaquin Valley Youth

To connect and engage a diverse range of groups in the San Joaquin Valley to support critical policy advocacy opportunities that align with the IHHEEL Policy Platform, including improvements in Medi-Cal services for children and increased supports for students (PreK-12), with a racial equity and social justice lens. Learn more at <https://www.childrennow.org/> .

Community Alliance with Family Farmers Foundation
San Joaquin and Fresno Counties
\$50,000 – Community/Economic Development

African American Farmers Cultivating Equity in The Central Valley

To support grassroots organizing and advocacy with African American Farmers in Fresno County to ensure the needs of these farmers are heard and reflected in local and state level decision making processes. Learn more at <https://www.caff.org/>

Community Partnership Alliance (United Way of Merced)

Merced County

\$50,000 – Education and Health

Growing Smart and Strong – Systems Change for Food-Secure Students

To ensure healthy food access for low-income students in Merced City School District (MCSD) through advocacy training for MCSD parents and other stakeholders of low-income students to help MCSD adopt and implement systems changes with direct and immediate impact on student food security during COVID's school disruptions. Learn more at

<https://www.unitedwaymerced.org/> .

Cultural Brokers

Fresno County

\$50,000 – Community Development

COVID-19 Equity & Advocacy Project

To support impacted communities to increase access to critical resources they need to survive and the opportunity to create a city-wide Black infrastructure to thrive. CBI will work with the existing African American COVID-19 relief collaborative, to ensure alignment and maximum impact on relief efforts to our community which is disproportionately being impacted by COVID-19. Learn more at

<https://culturalbrokerfa.com/> .

Cultiva la Salud

Fresno County

\$50,000 – Education and Health

Healthy Meals, Healthy Kids - Comidas Saludables, Niños Sanos

To promote healthy school meals for Fresno Unified School District students through a local procurement policy, increasing purchase and consumption of locally grown fruits and vegetables and increasing the nutritional quality and appeal of school meals and reducing food waste. Learn more at

<http://www.cultivalasalud.org/>

Dolores Huerta Foundation

Kern County

\$50,000 – Education and Health

Improving School Meals & Increasing School Meal Operations

To equip parents to advocate for better access to more appealing meals for students in three school districts in Kern County: Arvin Union, Vineland, and Mojave Unified School District, increasing meal service to include weekends and holidays, expanding participation through more effective communications, and prioritizing local procurement of fresh fruits and vegetables. Learn more at

<https://doloreshuerta.org/> .

Education Leadership Foundation
Fresno County
\$50,000 – Education

Parent Advocates of Central California

To create a Parent Advocates of Central California (PACC) association composed of immigrant parents from the San Joaquin Valley that commit to addressing equity issues due to COVID-19 and advocate in their local school district education committees that may have significant input into the Local Control Accountability Plans. Learn more at www.education-leadership.org.

Fathers and Families of San Joaquin
San Joaquin County
\$50,000 – Housing

Community Oppression and Violence Interrupting Development (COVID)

To highlight inequitable housing practices in San Joaquin County that increase susceptibility to exposure to COVID-19 and increases risk factors. Learn more at <https://www.ffsj.org/> .

Faith in the Valley
Regional
\$50,000 – Housing

Community led research and advocacy for housing justice

To work in partnership with UC Merced’s Housing, Opportunity, and Place Lab to listen and learn about the experiences of public housing residents, to identify changes that residents would like to see and to support development/implementation of plans to address their concerns through policy/systems change. Learn more at <https://faithinthevalley.org/> .

Hmong Culture Camp
Fresno and Merced Counties
\$25,000 – Hate Crime Prevention

A Community Healing for Asian Americans During the Pandemic

To create a dialogue with local leaders through an anti-racism campaign to create policy change to combat the surge of hate crimes directed towards Asian Americans as a result of COVID-19.

Leadership Counsel For Justice And Accountability
Tulare and Madera Counties
\$50,000 – Housing

Resilience In Madera & Tulare Counties: Recovering From COVID 19

To work in partnership with community leaders and partner organizations in Madera and Tulare counties to ensure an effective and equitable recovery from the COVID crisis and for protections from evictions and water service shut-offs for people and communities facing economic impacts due to COVID. Learn more at <https://leadershipcounsel.org/>

LGBTQ+ Collaborative
Stanislaus County
\$25,000 – Health

Nothing About Us Without Us

To cultivate inclusion of LGBTQ+ voices in Stanislaus County public and private community COVID-19 planning processes by strengthening LGBTQ+ Collaborative organizational structure and training LGBTQ+ persons in community organizing and mobilizing to advocate for policy and systems change.

Power California
Fresno, Merced, and Kern Counties
\$50,000 – Housing

Building Movement for Housing Justice in the Midst of COVID-19

To lead immediate and long-term policy and systems change to address the root inequities that risk the safety, health, job security, and housing stability of young people and their families. Learn more at <https://powercalifornia.org/>.

Radio Bilingue
Regional
\$50,000 – Immigration, Housing, Education

SJV Latino Policy Engagement Through Public Radio

To produce and broadcast programming on the IHHEEL policy priorities of immigration, housing and education and their urgency/impact amidst the COVID-19 crisis for an audience of Latinos and indigenous communities throughout the San Joaquin Valley. Learn more at <http://radiobilingue.org/>

Southeast Asia Resource Action Center
Regional
\$50,000 – Immigration and Health

Ensuring Accessible, Equitable COVID-19 Support for Refugee and Immigrant Communities

To advocate for increased equity considerations such as language access and disaggregated health data collection for Southeast Asian American (SEAA) communities in the San Joaquin Valley who have been affected by the COVID-19 global pandemic. Learn more at <https://www.searac.org/>

The Source LGBT+ Center
Kings and Tulare Counties
\$50,000 – Health

LGBT+ Health Equity and Advocacy

To improve health equity and outcomes for the LGBT+ community through education, advocacy, and systems change and address needs of the people living with HIV, LGBT+ youth, and the transgender community in light of COVID-19. Learn more at <https://www.thesourceglt.org/>

The Utility Reform Network (TURN)

Regional

\$50,000 – Digital Divide

Broadband@Home: Expanding Valley Access

To document racial and economic disparities in broadband access in the San Joaquin Valley by combining demographic data with the stories of residents' lived experience and promote policy making by the California Public Utilities Commission that will reduce disparities in broadband access and expand Valley residents' access to telehealth, education and social services. Learn more at <https://www.turn.org/>

University of California Merced Foundation: Housing, Opportunity, and Place (HOPE) Lab

Fresno County

\$50,000 – Housing

Fresno Housing and Health: Local Organizing Committee

To build the capacity and power of residents living in public housing in the Fresno area to organize around housing issues in Fresno through Community Participatory Action Research, which includes grassroots organizing and leadership training along with qualitative research training. Learn more at <https://hopelab.ucmerced.edu/>

Valley Voices

Fresno, Kings and Tulare Counties

\$50,000

Kings County Redistricting efforts through COVID community engagement

To work on post-2020 Census Kings County redistricting efforts through COVID-informed community engagement in school district, city and county processes related to boundaries and maps. Learn more at <https://linktr.ee/valleyvoices2020>

The San Joaquin Valley Health Fund strengthens the capacity of communities and organizations in the San Joaquin Valley to improve health and well-being by advancing programs and policy changes that promote community health and health equity for all. By combining resources and working with local leaders and residents, together we are creating positive, lasting change. www.shfcenter.org/sjvhealthfund

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