

2011 CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT LOCAL GRANT RECIPIENTS

Building Blocks for Kids Collaborative - \$4,000

BBK is a group of 27 local community agencies in Richmond whose mission is to support the healthy development, safety and education of all children and the self sufficiency of all families living in the Iron Triangle by engaging the community, block by block. CCHD will help fund the project *Higher Up! Forum of Higher Education for Families*, a series of workshops, panels and discussions designed to support families with high school students who are the first in their families to attend college. The forum seeks to address key areas of the college experience including financial options, as well as social, emotional and academic support.

Community Resources for Independent Living - \$5,000

CRIL is a peer-based disability organization started in 1979 that advocates and provides resources for people with disabilities in southern Alameda County to improve lives and make communities fully accessible. CCHD funds will support the project *Disability Action Network for Youth*. DANY is run by youth with disabilities, many of them youth of color and low income youth, who train young people to advocate for themselves and their community, and teaches disability history, fostering pride in their identity.

St. Anthony Church– Casa de Esperanza - \$5,000

In 2009, St. Anthony's Catholic Church in East Oakland, in an effort to strengthen vulnerable low income families, created Casa de Esperanza (House of Hope) as a way to provide culturally responsive services, programs and activities. CCHD funds will be used to start a new project for youth in church confirmation classes. It will conduct workshops on leadership development and community organizing, as well as basic economics with the plan of establishing a Youth Local Organizing Committee to work in conjunction with Oakland Community Organizations.

United Seniors of Oakland and Alameda County: - \$4,000

USOAC is a grassroots nonprofit organization with a mission to provide institutional support for seniors to collectively participate in the public arena, act from a position of strength, address their critical issues, and change conditions that impact their lives. CCHD will help fund the Older Adult Civic Participation Project which will build their organizational capacity by increasing the number of members involved in local direct actions.

Michael Chavez Center for Economic Opportunity - \$5,000

The Chavez Center was started to serve the disproportionate number of low-income Spanish-speaking individuals and families of Concord's Monument Community. Its mission is to empower individuals and families to become financially self-sufficient, realize their personal potential, and actively participate in their community. CCHD will help fund the development of a new coop, Bedbug Home Services, a bed bug cleaning and education company.

South Hayward Parish - \$5,000

Since 1964, South Hayward Parish (SHP) has engaged people of faith in the endeavor and partnership of building and maintaining a just and nurturing community. The nonprofit SHP's program, Hayward Community Action Network, with the help of CCHD, is developing an income generating program run by and for homeless individuals. Called the Homeless Angels Jewelry

Making and Art program, participants make jewelry, paint and draw and then share in the profits that come from selling their jewelry and greeting cards.

Women's Action to Gain Economic Security - \$4,000

Founded in 1995, WAGES incubates housecleaning cooperatives that use eco-friendly cleaning products and techniques. These profitable businesses generate high-quality jobs, providing financial stability and asset accumulation for low-income new immigrant Latinas and their families, and protect the health of workers and their business clients. With CCHD's help, WAGES will provide business development services to the fledgling Natural Home Cleaning Contra Costa so it can expand its operations with its three current members.

Youth Spirit Artworks - \$4,000

YSA is a new interfaith art jobs and job-training program empowering and transforming the lives of homeless and low-income youth, founded in 2007 as a response to the enormous employment challenges faced by homeless East Bay young people. CCHD funds will help initiate a new, youth-led weekend art sales component to their current studio arts program making it possible for the youth to increase sales of their art.

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Congregations Organizing for Renewal - \$30,000

COR, made up of religious congregations, schools and neighborhood groups in South Alameda County, has as its mission to build the leadership capacity of people most impacted by injustice and inequality, increasing their civic engagement and empowering them to bring about sustainable change on their own behalf. Among its recent accomplishments, COR's Union City leaders played a critical role in the opening this fall of the Institute of Community Leaders at James Logan High School focused on preparing students to go to college.

Genesis – \$35,000

Genesis is a regional organization in the Bay Area made up of congregations, organizations and unions. It has extensive relationships with other organizations and is currently working on national and well as local transportation policies; and, a local and statewide strategy related to health care. A recent accomplishment was Genesis helping to get the Bay Area Metropolitan Transportation Commission to release \$225 million for regional bus systems.

Oakland Community Organizations - \$35,000

Since 1972, OCO's mission has been to develop leaders who build their own organizations and exercise power to cause systemic change and improve the quality of life for their families. Its recent accomplishments included spearheading the yes on Measure BB campaign which insured \$20 million in continued funding for community policing, fire prevention and violence intervention in Oakland.

Parent Voices of Oakland - \$45,000

PVO is a grassroots organization fighting to make quality child care affordable and accessible to all families who need it. It is composed of low-income parents of young children who need child care in order to work or attend school. Last year, PVO organized parents in the city of Alameda to prevent the closing of a child care/after-school program that serves 200 families.