

# **SAN BRUNO**

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## **Community Foundation**

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## **SAN BRUNO COMMUNITY FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES FIRST GRANT RECIPIENTS OF THE COMMUNITY GRANTS FUND**

### *Local Organizations Receive Grants Totaling \$200,000 for Projects Benefiting the San Bruno Community*

**San Bruno, California, December 12, 2016** – The Board of Directors of the San Bruno Community Foundation recently approved grant awards totaling \$200,000 to local community organizations for 14 projects that benefit the San Bruno community. In its first year of offering the Community Grants Fund, the Foundation is providing funding for projects that will take place in 2017.

Through the Community Grants Fund, the Foundation is utilizing a portion of the restitution funds resulting from the City of San Bruno’s settlement with Pacific Gas & Electric Company following the 2010 gas pipeline explosion that devastated San Bruno’s Crestmoor neighborhood to invest in local organizations that form the lifeblood of the San Bruno community.

“We are thrilled to support a wide range of community organizations doing important and productive work to benefit the people of San Bruno,” said Patricia Bohm, chair of the Foundation Board committee charged with overseeing the launch of the Community Grants Fund. “The 14 projects receiving funding provide services and opportunities that improve the quality of life for a broad cross-section of the San Bruno community, including students, people with disabilities, low-income and marginalized families, children, teenagers, young adults, and veterans.”

The grantees were selected from a competitive pool of grant applications that were received by the program's September 30, 2016, deadline. A review panel of volunteers, including community members and individuals with grantmaking and nonprofit experience, reviewed and evaluated the applications, ultimately recommending that the Board approve grants to the 14 projects. In its evaluation, the panel considered five primary criteria, including the benefits of the proposed project to the San Bruno community, the proposal's alignment with one of the Foundation's identified focus areas, project methodology and budget, the requested grant amount in related to anticipated community benefit, and the applying organization's track record, stability, and financial health.

The grant awards, which range in size from \$25,000 to \$1,000, include:

- \$1,000 to the American Cancer Society/Relay for Life to provide services to San Bruno cancer patients and caregivers;
- \$19,180 to the Capuchino High School Alumni Association to support the revitalization of music education and community performance at Capuchino High School and kick start Capuchino Music Boosters;
- \$12,074 to the Center for Independence of Individuals with Disabilities to fund emergency preparedness efforts for the disabled and elderly community in San Bruno;
- \$6,246 to the Edgewood Center for Children and Families to provide arts education and programming to at-risk young adults at Edgewood's San Bruno Drop-In Center;
- \$1,500 to Parent Boosters of 72 to provide financial assistance to Boy Scouts in Troop 72 working on Eagle Scout projects that benefit the San Bruno community;
- \$10,000 to Peninsula Association for Retarded Children and Adults (Parca) to support program operating costs for REACH, an inclusive, licensed day- and after-school program for children with and without developmental disabilities;
- \$25,000 to Project Read/City of South San Francisco to continue and expand literacy services to low-income San Bruno parents and children with Learning Wheels, Project Read's literacy van;
- \$10,000 to Prospects Basketball Academy to fund uniforms and scholarships for low-income participants in Prospects' San Bruno girls basketball program;
- \$14,000 to the San Bruno Education Foundation to improve Parkside Intermediate School's music program through the purchase of musical instruments and the creation of specialty performance groups;

- \$11,000 to the San Bruno Education Foundation to provide music programs to second and third graders at the three Title I elementary schools in the San Bruno Park School District that do not currently offer any music programs (Allen, Belle Air, and Rollingwood);
- \$25,000 to the San Bruno Lions Foundation to support rehabilitation and improvements to the City-owned Belle Air Community Building in east San Bruno;
- \$25,000 to Social Good Fund, Inc., as fiscal sponsor for American Legion Post 409, to support community building rehabilitation and renovations;
- \$25,000 to The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Particular County of San Mateo, Inc. to provide services to San Bruno families facing homelessness and other human services to San Bruno families through the organization’s Peninsula Family Resource Center and San Bruno Store; and
- \$15,000 to Via Heart Project to provide hands-on CPR and AED training for San Bruno middle and high school students.

“From service organizations like the San Bruno Lions Foundation to social service agencies like St. Vincent de Paul to sports groups like Prospects Basketball Academy to education support groups like the Capuchino High School Alumni Association and the San Bruno Education Foundation, the grantees are working to make San Bruno a supportive, nurturing, and active place to live and work,” said Leslie Hatamiya, the Foundation’s Executive Director. “By leveraging the good work these organizations already do, the Foundation fulfills its mission of investing in the community and elevating the quality of life throughout San Bruno.”

The Foundation intends to offer grants through the Community Grants Fund again in 2017, with the application available in the early summer.

The San Bruno Community Foundation is the nonprofit organization created by the City of San Bruno to administer the \$70 million in restitution funds received from PG&E after the devastating 2010 gas pipeline explosion in San Bruno’s Crestmoor neighborhood. The Foundation serves the San Bruno community by investing in projects, programs, services, and facilities that have significant and lasting benefits. Through making grants, leveraging partnerships, and taking advantage of other resources, the SBCF assists and enables the community to maximize shared investments and realize their subsequent enhancements and benefits.

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