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**Sobrato Philanthropies Announces **\$3.5M** in Responsive Grants to 21st Century Education Organizations and **\$3.45M** in General Operating Support for Education and Youth Development through the Sobrato Family Foundation**

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The Sobrato Family Foundation (SFF) is known as a place-based grantmaker that funds millions of dollars each year in general operating support to critical health and human service organizations, donates land and buildings directly to nonprofits, and provides rent-free office and conference space to Bay Area organizations through their three Nonprofit Centers.

Responsive grantmaking is now another tool SFF uses to realize its mission of promoting economic opportunity and mobility for a strong and vibrant Silicon Valley. **SFF's board recently approved \$3.5M for 21st Century Education efforts in the region.**

"It's an exciting time for the Foundation," said Rick Williams, CEO. "Though Sobrato family members have made project-specific gifts for decades, bringing responsive grantmaking into the Foundation's mix means even larger investments in opportunities that demonstrate real success in improving lives, and have the ability to scale."

Sobrato's first set of responsive grants in late 2013 were aimed at addressing the immediate needs of homeless individuals and building on the efforts of the region's Housing 1000 and Housing First initiatives. "This next set of responsive grants funds innovative solutions within 21st Century Education," Mr. Williams said, "an ingredient *crucial* to building a strong and vibrant community."

"We know full well that thousands of residents in our community are not benefiting from our region's growth," says Kenji Treanor, SFF's Senior Program Officer for Education. "The size and reach of these Sobrato grants clearly signal the family's commitment to supporting economic mobility for *all* Silicon Valley residents. Our slate of grantees is addressing one of the root causes of the problem—lack of access to high-quality education for all our region's kids."

A total of \$3.5M in multi-year grants will support NewSchools Venture Seed Fund's education technology efforts, Silicon Schools Fund's early-stage seed capital for blended learning schools in the region, BASIC Fund scholarships to enable disadvantaged students to attend high-quality schools, Innovate Public Schools' development of a comprehensive education reform agenda for Silicon Valley, and support for the Silicon Valley Community Foundation's Silicon Valley Common Core Initiative. (See table below for award details.)

**Sobrato Family Foundation's board also approved \$3.45M in multi-year grants to a slate of 34 education and youth development grantees.** SFF's General Operating Support (GOS) grantmaking has been a mainstay for nonprofits throughout Silicon Valley since 2003—providing the kind of flexible, dependable support nonprofits say is most needed. Additionally, Sobrato's 2:1 challenge feature encourages grantees to publicize and leverage these grant dollars to gain additional contributions from new sources. (See table below for this round of GOS grantees, categories and award amounts.)

**Sobrato Philanthropies**  
**21st Century Education Program Responsive Grants**  
**\$3,500,000 total to 5 Organizations**

<b>Silicon Schools Fund</b>	Early-stage seed capital to create blended learning schools in Silicon Valley.	Emeryville, CA	\$2,000,000 <i>(\$500,000 per year for 4 years)</i>	2013 - 2017
<b>NewSchools Venture Seed Fund</b>	Support for the development and dissemination of education technology in Silicon Valley schools	Oakland, CA	\$1,000,000 <i>(\$400,000 per year for 2 years, and \$200,000 for year 3)</i>	2013 - 2015
<b>Innovate Public Schools</b>	Support for the development of in-depth research, and the development of an education reform agenda for Silicon Valley	Mountain View, CA	\$200,000 <i>(\$100,000 per year for 2 years)</i>	2013 - 2014
<b>The BASIC Fund</b>	Support for (35) K-8 scholarships to high-quality private schools in Silicon Valley	San Francisco, CA	\$200,000 <i>(\$100,000 per year for 2 years)</i>	2013 - 2014
<b>Silicon Valley Common Core Initiative</b>	Support for planning and parallel implementation of new teacher training, instructional materials, and student assessments aligned with Common Core standards for 33 SV districts serving 168,000 students.	Mountain View, CA	\$100,000	2014

**Sobrato Philanthropies**  
**2-Year General Operating Support Grants [2014-2015]**  
**Education and Youth Development Organizations**  
**\$3,454,250 total to 34 Grantees**

<b>Education Organizations: General Operating Support</b>			
<b>Industry Initiatives for Science and Math Education</b>	B02 Management & Technical Assistance	Santa Clara, CA	<b>\$20,500</b>
<b>Partners in School Innovation</b>	B02 Management & Technical Assistance	San Francisco, CA	<b>\$61,500</b>
<b>Acknowledge Alliance</b>	B02 Management & Technical Assistance	Mt. View, CA	<b>\$61,500</b>
<b>Counseling and Support Services for Youth [CASSY]</b>	F60 Counseling Support Groups	Mt. View, CA	<b>\$51,250</b>
<b>California Family Foundation, Beechwood School</b>	B24L Primary & Elementary Schools Low-Income	Palo Alto, CA	<b>\$88,150</b>
<b>Sacred Heart Nativity School</b>	B24L Primary & Elementary Schools Low-Income	San Jose, CA	<b>\$123,000</b>
<b>St. Elizabeth Seton School</b>	B24L Primary & Elementary Schools Low-Income	Palo Alto, CA	<b>\$143,500</b>
<b>Eastside College Preparatory School</b>	B25L Secondary & High Schools Low-Income	East Palo Alto, CA	<b>\$205,000</b>
<b>Ace Charter School</b>	B29 Charter Schools	San Jose, CA	<b>\$61,500</b>
<b>Downtown College Prep</b>	B29 Charter Schools	San Jose, CA	<b>\$133,250</b>
<b>KIPP Bay Area Schools</b>	B29 Charter Schools	Oakland, CA	<b>\$385,400</b>

<b>Leadership Public Schools Inc.</b>	B29 Charter Schools	Oakland, CA	<b>\$71,750</b>
<b>Teach for America - Bay Area</b>	W70E Leadership Development - Education	San Francisco, CA	<b>\$225,500</b>
<b>City Year Inc.</b>	B90 Educational Services	San Jose, CA	<b>\$133,250</b>
<b>ALearn</b>	B90 Educational Services	Santa Clara, CA	<b>\$61,500</b>
<b>Breakthrough Silicon Valley</b>	B90 Educational Services	San Jose, CA	<b>\$63,550</b>
<b>Bring Me a Book Foundation</b>	B90 Educational Services	Mt. View, CA	<b>\$51,250</b>
<b>Foundation for a College Education</b>	B90 Educational Services	East Palo Alto, CA	<b>\$82,000</b>
<b>Peninsula Bridge Program</b>	B90 Educational Services	Palo Alto, CA	<b>\$88,150</b>
<b>Silicon Valley Children's Fund</b>	B90 Educational Services	San Jose, CA	<b>\$51,250</b>
<b>Ravenswood Education Foundation</b>	B12 Fund Raising & Fund Distribution	East Palo Alto, CA	<b>\$102,500</b>
<b>Pacific Autism Center for Education</b>	B28 Special Education	Santa Clara, CA	<b>\$102,500</b>
<b>Peninsula Conflict Resolution Center</b>	B94 Parent & Teacher Groups	San Mateo, CA	<b>\$43,050</b>
<b>Somos Mayfair, Inc.</b>	B94 Parent & Teacher Groups	San Jose, CA	<b>\$55,350</b>
<b>Youth Development: General Operating Support</b>			
<b>Boys &amp; Girls Clubs of Silicon Valley</b>	O23 Boys & Girls Clubs	Milpitas, CA	<b>\$92,250</b>
<b>Boys &amp; Girls Clubs of the Peninsula</b>	O23 Boys & Girls Clubs	Menlo Park, CA	<b>\$410,000</b>
<b>Mid-Peninsula Boys &amp; Girls Club</b>	O23 Boys & Girls Clubs	San Mateo, CA	<b>\$61,500</b>
<b>Friends for Youth, Inc.</b>	O30 Adult & Child Matching Programs	Redwood City, CA	<b>\$32,800</b>
<b>Good Tidings Foundation</b>	O50 Youth Development Programs	San Francisco, CA	<b>\$51,250</b>
<b>Mural Music &amp; Arts Project</b>	O50 Youth Development Programs	East Palo Alto, CA	<b>\$32,800</b>
<b>Playworks Education Energized</b>	O50 Youth Development Programs	Campbell, CA	<b>\$82,000</b>
<b>Teen Success, Inc.</b>	O50 Youth Development Programs	Milpitas, CA	<b>\$20,500</b>
<b>Year Up Inc.</b>	O50 Youth Development Programs	San Francisco, CA	<b>\$153,750</b>
<b>Businesses United in Investing, Lending and Development, Inc.</b>	O53 Youth Development - Business	Redwood City, CA	<b>\$51,250</b>
<b>Total Grants:</b>			<b>\$3,454,250</b>

## About the Sobrato Family Foundation

The Sobrato Family is committed to building a strong and vibrant Silicon Valley community through business and philanthropic leadership. To support these efforts, the Sobrato Family Foundation is a place-based grantmaker that invests exclusively in nonprofits serving those most in need in Santa Clara, San Mateo and Southern Alameda counties. The Foundation's portfolio utilizes both cash and real estate to achieve maximum impact, providing multi-year cash grants for general operating support, strategic and responsive program grants, and in-kind office and meeting space at its three nonprofit centers located in Redwood Shores, San Jose and Milpitas. Sobrato Philanthropies programs include Healthy People & Places, 21st Century Education, Thriving Nonprofit Sector, and Philanthropy Engagement. Sobratos' cumulative community investments total \$263M since 1996.

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