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**Sobrato Family Foundation Awards \$4.45M to Silicon Valley Nonprofits:  
 \$2.75M to Support 21st Century Education and Pathways to Careers,  
 and more than \$1.7M in General Operating Support for Health & Legal Services**

*Strategic and responsive grants to help improve quality, equity and choice  
 in Silicon Valley’s educational market for low-income and English learner students*

*Multi-Year, flexible grants to benefit Silicon Valley health clinics, hospice providers,  
 organizations serving people with disabilities, domestic violence prevention and legal services*

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**The Sobrato Family Foundation [SFF] seeks to make Silicon Valley a place of opportunity for all its residents by promoting access to high-quality education, career pathways, and essential human services. In support of these goals, the SFF Board of Directors has approved more than \$4.45M in grants to a total of 27 organizations. Total cash grants committed through the Sobrato Family Foundation to local nonprofits in 2014 topped \$9.5 million.**

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**21<sup>st</sup> Century Education Grants \$2,475,000 to 7 Organizations**

“These grants reflect the family’s deep commitment to high-quality education for low-income and English Learner students,” said Kenji Treanor, SFF’s Senior Program Officer for Education, “To improve outcomes for these students in our region, we are focusing on building leadership capacity—bringing strong and effective principals, and a pipeline of well-trained, enthusiastic teachers into our local schools—as well as increasing the number of high-quality options available to parents and students who seek a college-preparatory education.”

**To these ends, SFF is investing in selected charter school operators with a proven record of creating schools in Silicon Valley where low-income and English Learner students experience high levels of academic growth and achievement:**

- Two-year grants of \$500,000 each were awarded to **KIPP, Downtown College Prep, ACE Charter Schools, and Voices College-Bound Language Academy**. These resources will help create approximately 12,500 new, high-quality school seats for students in East San Jose, Redwood City, Morgan Hill, and other local communities over the next five years.
- The **California Charter Schools Association** was awarded \$50,000 for an in-depth study of potential charter school facility options in Santa Clara County, including analysis of conditions for collaborative facility arrangements with public schools, to support the locating of new charters within high-need areas that otherwise have limited facilities.

**Additionally, investments by SFF in school leadership and teacher development are intended to expand avenues for preparing and placing exemplary talent in local schools and classrooms:**

- **New Leaders, Bay Area** was awarded a \$325,000 grant over two years to help grow outstanding principals in the South Bay through an intense training and development process for 55 educators in which candidates must demonstrate that their enhanced skills and knowledge actually improve student learning.
- **Santa Clara University** was awarded \$100,000 to complete the design and planning for a new three-year professional residency and Master’s program for novice teachers in Catholic schools within the Diocese of San Jose.

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## **Career Pathways Grants**

**\$274,000 to 4 Organizations**

Reaching the goal of economic opportunity for all Silicon Valley residents requires expanding the employment pipeline beyond jobs that require four-year, specialized degrees—another key priority of the Sobrato Family. SFF’s first set of “Career Pathway” grants support programs that help clients develop much-needed career skills. Grantees also include organizations that work with employers to build a business case for reconfiguring jobs into middle-skill careers.

Career Pathway grants include:

- \$75,000 was awarded to **Opportunity Youth Partnership of Santa Clara County**, to better align those organizations training youth ages 16-24 who are not yet engaged in school or work with the businesses that will hire these youth into career-potential employment.
- \$64,000 was awarded to the **Upward Mobility Program of Building Skills Partnership** as it pursues the development of career pathways for some of Silicon Valley’s most hard to reach families. BSP’s innovative model bridges skills development with employer demand—collaborating with industry partners to ensure that trainings are highly relevant to what employers need, and cultivating a more efficient and knowledgeable workforce.
- \$80,000 was awarded to support the establishment of a **United Way of the Bay Area SparkPoint Center** in Redwood City school district, building on the success of other SparkPoint centers in the Bay Area. This unique and effective two-generation strategy addresses the different needs of children and parents through a model of individual and centralized career training and counseling, in a location accessible to the parents who most need to increase their opportunities for economic self-sufficiency.
- **Puerta De La Costa Sur** was awarded \$55,000 to support their ninth annual Youth Leadership and Employment Program cohort, which provides job readiness, employment and enrichment to at-risk youth on the rural South Coast of San Mateo County.

SFF Program Officer Kavitha Sreeharsha stated, “This initial set of grantees was chosen because of their demonstrated ability to track and evaluate outcomes for their clients—particularly low-income and English Learner youth and parents—and to partner effectively with employers.” Ms. Sreeharsha continued, “Promoting pathways out of poverty for *all* our Valley’s youth requires a multifaceted approach. We look forward to developing and expanding SFF’s *Pathways to Success* portfolio in 2015.”

***See Table 2 for a complete list of Strategic and Responsive grantees, award amounts, and organizational missions.***

**General Operating Support [GOS] Grants**

**\$1,709,700 to 16 Organizations**

For more than a decade, the Sobrato Family Foundation’s signature GOS grants have provided flexible support for Silicon Valley-based nonprofits that promote self-reliance and economic independence, and positively contribute to the quality of life for those in our region facing deep challenges. A community mainstay for nonprofits in the region, SFF’s 2-year GOS grant cycles focus on: housing, employment & financial sufficiency; youth development and education; and, human services & food programs. This grant round awarded support to **hospice care providers, health clinics, organizations providing services for those with disabilities, domestic violence prevention programs and shelters, and legal services.**

Because SFF’s GOS grants are 2:1 “challenge” grants, this \$1.7M multi-year commitment will stimulate at least another \$834K from non-governmental sources. In all, \$2.5M in community gifts will be generated by these grantees, as they increase and diversify their funding sources to meet Year-1 matching requirement conditions.

*See Table 1 below for a complete list of GOS grantees, award amounts, and organizational missions.*

Table 1  
**Sobrato Family Foundation 2-Year General Operating Support Grants\* [2014-2016]**  
**Grant Round 1: Health & Legal Services, and Capacity Building**  
**\$1,709,700 total to 16 Organizations**

Grantee	Organizational Mission	City	Amount
<b>Community Clinics &amp; General Health Services</b>			
<b>MayView Community Health Center</b>	To provide high-quality primary health care to low-income people from all cultural and ethnic backgrounds, regardless of ability to pay.	Palo Alto, CA	\$41,000 (2-yr)
<b>Rotacare Bay Area</b>	To bring free medical care to those who have the most need and the least access to medical care.	Los Gatos, CA	\$73,800 (2-yr)
<b>School Health Clinics of Santa Clara County</b>	To provide high-quality, affordable, primary medical care for the low-income community.	San Jose, CA	\$38,950 (2-yr)
<b>South County Community Health Center</b>	To improve the health status of the community we serve by providing high-quality, culturally competent primary and preventive health care to people of all ages regardless of their ability to pay or immigration status.	East Palo Alto, CA	\$360,800 (2-yr)
<b>Tri-City Health Center</b>	To deliver excellent health services in a caring, nurturing, and respectful atmosphere, improving the quality of life for every individual and family in our community.	Fremont, CA	\$102,500 (2-yr)
<b>Healthier Kids Foundation Santa Clara County</b>	To ensure access to and advocacy for health care services for all children through family-centered and innovative approaches.	San Jose, CA	\$63,550 (2-yr)
<b>Legal Services</b>			
<b>Community Legal Services in East Palo Alto</b>	To provide transformative legal services that enable diverse communities in East Palo Alto and beyond to achieve a secure and thriving future.	East Palo Alto, CA	\$69,700 (2-yr)
<b>Law Foundation of Silicon Valley</b>	To advance the rights of under-represented individuals and families in our diverse community through legal services, strategic advocacy, and educational outreach.	San Jose, CA	\$143,500 (2-yr)
<b>Family Violence Shelters</b>			
<b>CORA (Community Overcoming Relationship Abuse)</b>	To provide safety, support and healing for individuals who experience abuse in an intimate relationship and educate the community to break the cycle of domestic violence.	San Mateo, CA	\$43,050 (2-yr)
<b>Next Door Solutions to Domestic Violence</b>	To end domestic violence in the moment and for all time.	San Jose, CA	\$129,150 (2-yr)
<b>Hospice Services</b>			

<b>Hospice of the Valley</b>	To affirm dignity and hope for those facing serious illness by providing comfort through compassionate palliative, hospice and grief care. And to strengthen our community through advocacy, education, research and volunteerism.	San Jose, CA	\$149,650 (2-yr)
<b>Mission Hospice of San Mateo County</b>	To provide the finest quality, compassionate care to those who are terminally ill or facing a life-limiting illness, and to their families.	San Mateo, CA	\$30,750 (2-yr)
<b>Pathways Home Health &amp; Hospice</b>	To provide compassionate, high-quality patient and family-centered, home health and hospice care, promoting kindness, comfort independence and dignity.	Sunnyvale, CA	\$108,650 (2-yr)
<b>Centers for Developmentally Disabled</b>			
<b>Abilities United</b>	To support children and adults with disabilities, their families and members of the community, and champions a culture in which all members of society are included and appreciated for their distinctive contributions.	Palo Alto, CA	\$151,700 (2-yr)
<b>Via Rehabilitation Services</b>	To help children and adults with disabilities and special needs achieve greater self-sufficiency and lead richer lives.	Santa Clara, CA	\$69,700 (2-yr)
<b>Capacity Building</b>			
<b>Silicon Valley Social Venture Fund [SV2]</b>	To unleash the resources and talents of the Silicon Valley community in support of promising social ventures to achieve measurable impact.	Los Altos, CA	\$133,250 (2-yr)
<b>Total GOS</b>			<b>\$1,709,700</b>
<i>*Assumes 2-1 matching requirements and other Year-1 conditions met by grantee</i>			

Table 2  
**Sobrato Family Foundation Responsive and Strategic Grants**  
**21st Century Education and Career Pathways**  
**\$2,749,000 total to 11 Organizations**

<b>Grantee</b>	<b>Use of Funds</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<b>21st Century Education</b>			
<b>KIPP Public Charter Schools</b>	To support charter school growth in East San Jose, Redwood City, and East Palo Alto.	San Jose, CA	\$500,000 (2-yr)
<b>Downtown College Prep</b>	To support charter school growth in San Jose.	San Jose, CA	\$500,000 (2-yr)
<b>ACE Charter Schools</b>	To support expansion of charter schools in San Jose and Morgan Hill.	San Jose, CA	\$500,000 (2-yr)
<b>Voices College-Bound Language Academy</b>	To support major expansion of high-quality charter schools in San Jose.	San Jose, CA	\$500,000 (2-yr)
<b>California Charter Schools Association</b>	To support an in-depth data analysis of potential facility options to support the growth of high-quality charter schools in Santa Clara County.	Sacramento, CA	\$50,000
<b>New Leaders, Bay Area</b>	To support Emerging Leaders and scaling up of the New Leaders program in the South Bay.	Oakland, CA	\$325,000 (2-year)
<b>Santa Clara University ExCEL</b>	To support the School of Education and Counseling Psychology's Excellence in Catholic Education and Leadership (ExCEL) program.	Santa Clara, CA	\$100,000
<b>Career Pathways</b>			
<b>Opportunity Youth Partnership of Santa Clara County</b>	Business Navigator to serve the Opportunity Youth Partnership of Santa Clara County (OYP), which is convened and hosted by <i>Kids in Common</i> .	San Jose, CA	\$75,000
<b>Building Skills Partnership</b>	To support the Upward Mobility Program.	San Jose, CA	\$64,000
<b>United Way of the Bay Area (SparkPoint Program)</b>	To support SparkPoint Center in partnership with Redwood City Community Schools, to provide workforce development services and career counseling.	Redwood City, CA	\$80,000
<b>Puente De La Costa Sur</b>	To support the Youth Leadership and Employment program.	Pescadero, CA	\$55,000
<b>Total Responsive / Strategic</b>			<b>\$2,749,000</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. **By promoting access to high-quality education, career pathways, and essential human services, the Sobrato Family Foundation seeks to make Silicon Valley a place of opportunity for all its residents.**

To support these efforts, SFF 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. Sobratos' cumulative community investments total \$263M between 1996 and 2013.

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