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Sobrato Philanthropies Grants \$3.8 Million to fund Critical Health & Human Services, and Local Control Funding Formula Efforts in Silicon Valley through the Sobrato Family Foundation

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The Board of the Sobrato Family Foundation (SFF) has approved a second \$multi-million grant round this year, giving more than \$3.8M to a range of organizations working toward the goal of economic mobility for all residents in an increasingly divided Silicon Valley.

“It is crucial that our community addresses economic disparity, and the hopelessness it creates,” said Sobrato Family Foundation CEO **Rick Williams**. “Far too many people in our community see the wealth generated and the opportunities created in the Valley as unattainable. That’s why Sobrato Philanthropies supports strategies designed to create opportunities, and help individuals *grow the skills needed to take advantage of these opportunities* when they’re presented.”

\$3.8M in awards includes:

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- **\$245K** to ensure that funds received by high-need districts through California’s new **Local Control Funding Formula** are used as intended—helping to close the achievement gap of low-income and English Learner students.
- Nearly **\$1.5M** in general operating support through SFF’s Healthy People & Places program to help 13 organizations continue to provide critical services to **Families and Children** throughout the Valley.
- More than **\$1.75M** in flexible funds to 11 **Emergency and Food Assistance** providers throughout San Mateo, Santa Clara and Alameda Counties to meet growing local needs.
- **\$55K** toward a coordinated plan to improve the delivery of services to homeless and formerly homeless individuals and families in Santa Clara County through **Health Trust / Destination: Home**.

This grant round’s nearly \$3.4M in multi-year, conditional general operating support **will stimulate \$5M** as grantees meet Year-1 conditions, which include a 2-1 matching requirement met by increasing and diversifying funding sources.

Kavitha Sreeharsha, SFF’s new Program Officer for Healthy People & Places said, “Sobrato Philanthropies is committed to providing unrestricted funding to the region’s critical service organizations upon which so many of our residents depend.” Ms. Sreeharsha continued, “It is clear that the gap between the ‘haves’ and ‘have-nots’ in the Valley is growing. Using a range of grantmaking strategies, we’ve begun identifying and supporting effective pathways out of poverty for the economically disenfranchised.”

Noting that access to high-quality education is key to economic mobility, **Kenji Treanor**, SFF’s Senior Program Officer for Education reiterated Sobrato’s longtime commitment to low-income and English Learner students. “California’s new Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) is a *critical* mechanism for districts to allocate resources to help close what is a daunting achievement gap. These funds could make economic mobility a real possibility for thousands of future graduates in our community who can be better supported to succeed in school and in life.”

Mr. Treanor continued, “Sobrato Family Foundation has stepped in to help fund a collaboration between **Californians for Justice, PACT, Somos Mayfair** and **Pivot Learning Partners** to promote effective implementation of LCFF in four of the highest-need Silicon Valley districts, where parents and students are engaged in monitoring the use of these funds.” When asked what success looks like, Mr. Treanor said, “It means advancing transparency and reflecting parents’ and students’ priorities for the \$24M in additional LCFF resources—putting those resources directly towards achievement of low-income students and English Learners in our schools. Basically, success means LCFF supplemental funding does what it was designed to do.”

Sobrato Philanthropies Responsive and Strategic Grants \$439,675 total to 11 Organizations

Grantee	Use of Funds	City	Amount
Health Trust / Destination: Home	To develop a coordinated plan to improve the delivery of services to homeless and formerly homeless individuals and families in Santa Clara County	San Jose, CA	\$55,000
Californians for Justice Education Fund	To support work re: Local Control Funding Formula	San Jose, CA	\$90,000
People Acting in Community Together	To support work re: Local Control Funding Formula	San Jose, CA	\$70,000
Pivot Learning Partners	To support work re: Local Control Funding Formula	San Francisco, CA	\$60,000
Somos Mayfair, Inc.	To support work re: Local Control Funding Formula	San Jose, CA	\$25,000
San Jose Community Media Access Corporation	To support the making of a San Jose History Documentary	San Jose, CA	\$10,000
Next Door Solutions to Domestic Violence	To assist a strong community partner in remaining fiscally stable	San Jose, CA	\$20,000
Association of Fundraising Professionals Silicon Valley	Sponsorship for National Philanthropy Day on 11/21/14	San Jose, CA	\$2,500
Social Media for Nonprofits	To support Nonprofit Management Boot Camp	San Jose, CA	\$17,175
American Leadership Forum - Silicon Valley	To develop an overall analysis and map of critical opportunities to improve education in Silicon Valley	San Jose, CA	\$50,000
Renaissance Entrepreneurship Center	To create a Small Business Incubator	East Palo Alto, CA	\$40,000
Total Responsive / Strategic			\$439,675

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.

**Sobrato Philanthropies 2-Year General Operating Support Grants* [2014-2015]
Health and Human Services Organizations
\$3,376,350 total to 26 Organizations**

Grantee	Organizational Mission	City	Amount
Emergency and Food Assistance			11 grants \$1,750,700
Second Harvest Food Bank of Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties	To provide food for people in need in our community.	San Jose, CA	\$430,500
Society of St. Vincent de Paul of San Mateo County	To seek & find individuals & families who are forgotten, suffering or deprived to offer practical help; sowing seeds of hope & encouraging self-sufficiency	San Mateo, CA	\$270,600
Sunnyvale Community Services	To prevent homelessness and hunger for low-income families and seniors facing temporary crises.	Sunnyvale, CA	\$225,500
Sacred Heart Community Service	To build a community free from poverty by creating hope, opportunity, and action—providing essential services, empower people to improve their lives, advocate for justice, and inspire volunteers to love, serve and share.	San Jose, CA	\$184,500
Community Services Agency	To serve as the community's safety net, providing critical support services that preserve and promote stability, self-reliance, and dignity.	Mountain View, CA	\$168,100
St. Francis Center of Redwood City	To help families in need in the Redwood City area by assisting such families in whatever ways will allow them to live in dignity & become self-supporting members of the community.	Redwood City, CA	\$149,650
Alameda County Community Food Bank	To passionately pursue a hunger free community.	Oakland, CA	\$102,500
Loaves & Fishes Family Kitchen	To provide free, hot, nutritious meals and support services in a dignified, safe, and caring environment. We provide these services to all needy individuals, with a special concern for families and senior citizens.	San Jose, CA	\$65,600
St. Josephs Family Center	To alleviate hunger and homelessness in South Santa Clara County by providing food, housing and employment related services, and advocating for system changes to improve the quality of life for the most vulnerable people in our communities.	Gilroy, CA	\$55,350
Martha's Kitchen	To feed the hungry with dignity, no questions asked, no judgment made.	San Jose, CA	\$49,200
West Valley Community Services of Santa Clara County, Inc.	To encourage the sharing of community resources, to provide basic human needs in a caring and dignified environment, and to provide opportunities for volunteers to participate in WVCS activities.	Cupertino, CA	\$49,200
Families and Children			13 grants \$1,465,750
Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County	To serve and advocate for families & individuals in need, especially those living in poverty, working to create a more just & compassionate community in which people of all cultures & beliefs can participate.	San Jose, CA	\$430,500
Samaritan House	To mobilize the resources of our community to help those among us who are in need, providing food, access to shelter, healthcare, and a broad range of supportive services.	San Mateo, CA	\$211,150
Peninsula Family Service	To strengthen our community by providing children, families and older adults the support and tools to realize their full potential and lead healthy, stable lives.	San Mateo, CA	\$168,100
Young Women's Christian Association of Silicon Valley	To empower women, children, and families, and to eliminate racism, hatred, & prejudice.	San Jose, CA	\$112,750

StarVista	To strengthen communities by empowering children, youth, adults and families to overcome challenges through education, counseling and residential services.	San Carlos, CA	\$86,100
Family Giving Tree	To provide a specific holiday wish, or backpack filled with school supplies, to children in the most need while striving to inspire the values of kindness, philanthropy and volunteerism.	Milpitas, CA	\$79,950
Puente De La Costa Sur	To provide vital services for men, women, children, and families living in the South Coast communities of Pescadero, La Honda, Loma Mar and San Gregorio.	Pescadero, CA	\$73,800
Community Health Awareness Council	To provide alternatives to self-destructive behavior, and to help create healthy lives for the children and families of Mountain View, Los Altos/Hills, and the surrounding communities.	Mountain View, CA	\$67,650
Adolescent Counseling Services	To empower teens & their families in our community to realize their emotional & social potential through counseling & preventive education.	Palo Alto, CA	\$65,600
Kara, Inc.	To provide grief support for children, adolescents and adults.	Palo Alto, CA	\$65,600
Family and Children Services	To build strong, safe, & self-sufficient individuals, families, & communities in Silicon Valley.	Palo Alto, CA	\$49,200
Sunday Friends Foundation	To empower families in need to break the cycle of poverty. Children and parents earn basic necessities while they contribute to their community, learn life skills and develop self-sufficiency.	San Jose, CA	\$32,800
Coastside Hope	To offer basic life necessities with dignity and hope to all those making the San Mateo mid-coast their home.	El Granada, CA	\$22,550
Seniors and Special Needs		2 grants	\$159,900
Avenidas	To provide support, information, and community to older adults and their families.	Palo Alto, CA	\$118,900
Yu-Ai Kai/Japanese American Community Senior Service of San Jose	To promote healthy aging and successful independent living, and to advocate for all seniors, while embracing our Japanese American tradition.	San Jose, CA	\$41,000
			Total GOS \$3,376,350
<i>*Assumes 2-1 matching requirements and other Year-1 conditions met by grantee</i>			

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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