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**1) Sobrato Family Foundation Grants \$2.24M to SV Nonprofits
 focused on Housing & Shelter, Employment & Financial Sufficiency,
 and Capacity & Community Building**

Multi-Year, flexible general operating support grants benefit 16 local organizations

**2) SFF Grants \$240K to Ensure Local Control Funding Formula [LCFF] Dollars
 Target Our Region’s Highest-Need Students**

*\$240K to ensure LCFF funds are used as state intends:
 Increasing academic achievement of low-income and English Learner students
 in Silicon Valley’s highest-need districts*

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1) June 2015 General Operating Support Grants \$2,238,600 to 16 Organizations (See Table 1)

For a dozen years, SFF’s anchor General Operating Support program has provided the kind of flexible and dependable funds nonprofits say are most needed—\$75M in unrestricted monies have been granted to local organizations since 2003. Sobrato’s GOS program includes a 2:1 challenge feature, which encourages grantees to leverage grant dollars to gain additional contributions from new sources.

SFF operates two GOS grant rounds a year, and rotates through a total of four sets of organizational mission categories over two years. **This June’s awards granted nearly \$2.4M to 16 organizations focused on housing & shelter, employment & financial sufficiency, and nonprofit capacity building in San Mateo, Santa Clara, and Southern Alameda Counties.**

SFF Program Officer **Kavitha Sreeharsha** noted, “Our mission as a Foundation is to make Silicon Valley a place of opportunity for all its residents, and we know this requires supporting essential human services. Whether connecting people with housing or employment, or helping engage the public in community concerns, this slate of grantees does tremendous good in the Valley—we’re deeply proud to support their work.”

Because SFF’s GOS grants are 2:1 challenge grants, this \$2.24M multi-year commitment will stimulate an additional \$1.1K from non-governmental sources. In all, nearly \$3.34M in community gifts will be generated by these grantees, as they increase and diversify their funding sources to meet Year-1 matching requirement conditions. **(For list of grantees, organizational missions, and award amounts, see Table 1)**

2) June 2015 Education Grants

\$240,000 to 3 Organizations (See Table 2)

The Sobrato Family Foundation’s commitment to increasing the academic achievement of low-income and English Learner students in Silicon Valley is born of the family’s long-held position that access to high-quality education is key to economic mobility.

Last summer, SFF granted \$245,000 to a collaboration between **Californians for Justice, PACT, Somos Mayfair, and Pivot Learning Partners**, whose aim was to promote effective implementation of supplemental grants funded through California’s Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) in four of Silicon Valley’s highest-need public school districts.

SFF’s Senior Program Officer for Education **Kenji Treanor** noted, “Over the past year, this coalition has successfully mobilized *hundreds* of parents and community members to engage in the LCFF process. Their efforts have resulted in greater district transparency, and major progress toward ensuring these supplemental resources aren’t diverted, but rather target our highest-need English Learner and low-income students *as state law requires.*”

To build on this success, SFF provided an additional \$240,000 in grants to increase alignment between LCFF spending plans and other funding within district budgets, and further formalize parent engagement in all aspects of the LCFF process.

Mr. Treanor added, “Much has been accomplished, but hard work remains. Ensuring LCFF supplemental funds are allocated as the state intended—particularly in Silicon Valley’s districts with high numbers of English Learners and low-income students—is *critical* to closing the achievement gap.” (See Table 2)

**Table 1 Sobrato Family Foundation 2-Year General Operating Support Grants* [2015-2017]
\$2,238,600 Total to 16 Organizations, June 2015**

Grantee	Organizational Mission	City	Amount
Housing & Shelter			
Abode Services	To end homelessness by assisting low-income, un-housed people, including those with special needs, to secure stable, supportive housing; and to be advocates for the removal of the causes of homelessness.	Fremont, CA	\$133,250 (2-yr)
Bill Wilson Center	Bill Wilson Center's (BWC) mission is to support and strengthen the community by serving youth & families through counseling, housing, education, and advocacy.	Santa Clara, CA	\$108,650 (2-yr)
Ronald McDonald House at Stanford	Ronald McDonald House at Stanford creates a home-away-from-home and supportive community for families of children with life-threatening illnesses receiving specialized treatment at local hospitals.	Palo Alto, CA	\$227,550 (2-yr)
Family Supportive Housing, Inc.	Family Supportive Housing provides temporary housing and comprehensive, targeted support to help homeless families in Santa Clara County achieve self-sufficiency, independent living and family stability.	San Jose, CA	\$102,500 (2-yr)
InnVision Shelter Network	IVSN is committed to providing housing & support services that create opportunities for homeless families & individuals to re-establish self-sufficiency & return to permanent housing.	Menlo Park, CA	\$430,500 (2-yr)
Human Investment Project	HP Housing's mission is to invest in human potential by improving the housing and lives of people in our community.	San Mateo, CA	\$110,700 (2-yr)
Kainos Home & Training Center	Our programs and services have been specifically developed to teach self-sufficiency & independence w/ the mission of enabling each individual we serve to maximize his or her potential while becoming active, contributing members of the community.	Redwood City, CA	\$75,850 (2-yr)
Employment & Financial Sufficiency			
Downtown Streets Inc.	Downtown Streets Team strives to end homelessness by restoring the dignity and rebuilding the lives of unhoused men and women. Serving the community through work teams prepares members for permanent employment and housing.	San Jose, CA	\$57,400 (2-yr)

Upwardly Global	To eliminate employment barriers for skilled immigrants and refugees and integrate this population into the professional U.S. workforce.	San Francisco, CA	\$82,000 (2-yr)
JobTrain, Inc.	JobTrain is committed to helping those who are most in need to succeed. Our purpose is to improve the lives of people in our community through assessment, attitude & job skills training, & high potential career placement.	Menlo Park, CA	\$291,100 (2-yr)
Nonprofit Capacity Building & Community Improvement			
Silicon Valley Creates	Building community through arts and creativity	San Jose, CA	\$159,900 (2-yr)
People Acting in Community Together	PACT is a multicultural, inter-faith grassroots organization that empowers everyday people to create a more healthy and just community.	San Jose, CA	\$102,500 (2-yr)
AnewAmerica Community Corporation	AnewAmerica provides training and technical assistance to targeted communities for economic and social empowerment through a focus on socially responsible entrepreneurship, asset building, and community engagement.	San Jose, CA	\$69,700 (2-yr)
Opportunity Fund Northern California	Opportunity Fund is a nonprofit financial institution that advances the economic well-being of working people by helping them earn, save, and invest in the future. We use microfinance tools to help low-income families pursue economic mobility.	San Jose, CA	\$205,000 (2-yr)
Tapfound Inc.	Taproot's mission is to lead, mobilize, and engage professionals in pro bono service that drives social change. Our vision is a just and vibrant society where the imperative for social progress and renewal is borne across all sectors.	San Francisco, CA	\$51,250 (2-yr)
Hands on Bay Area	To strengthen the community through volunteer action and leadership development.	San Francisco, CA	\$30,750 (2-yr)
			Total GOS: \$2,238,600
<i>*Assumes 2-1 matching requirements and other Year-1 conditions met by grantee</i>			

**Table 2: Sobrato Family Foundation 21st Century Education Grants for LCFF Coalition
\$240,000 Total to 3 Organizations, June 2015**

Grantee	Organizational Mission	City	Amount
Californians for Justice Education Fund	Californians for Justice is a statewide grassroots organization working for racial justice by building the power of youth, communities of color, immigrants, low-income families, and LGBTQ communities. Led by students, we organize to advance educational justice and improve our social, economic, and political conditions.	San Jose, CA	\$125,000
People Acting in Community Together	PACT's mission is to empower everyday people to create a more healthy and just society by winning extraordinary victories for the community - not by speaking for them, but by teaching people how to speak up and take action in the public arena through grass roots organizing.	San Jose, CA	\$80,000
Somos Mayfair, Inc.	The mission of Somos Mayfair is to cultivate the dreams and power of the people of Mayfair through cultural activism, social services and community organizing.	San Jose, CA	\$35,000

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 \$315M between 1996 and 2014.

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