

First 5 Sacramento
Participatory
Grantmaking Project
Phase II Report

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First 5 Sacramento
Commission

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Participatory Grantmaking Work Streams

Phase I

Community Engagement

- Community-designed process for identifying the deliberative panel

Phase II

Participatory Grantmaking

- Convene a deliberative panel to discuss and award grants:
 - **Equity in Action Committee**

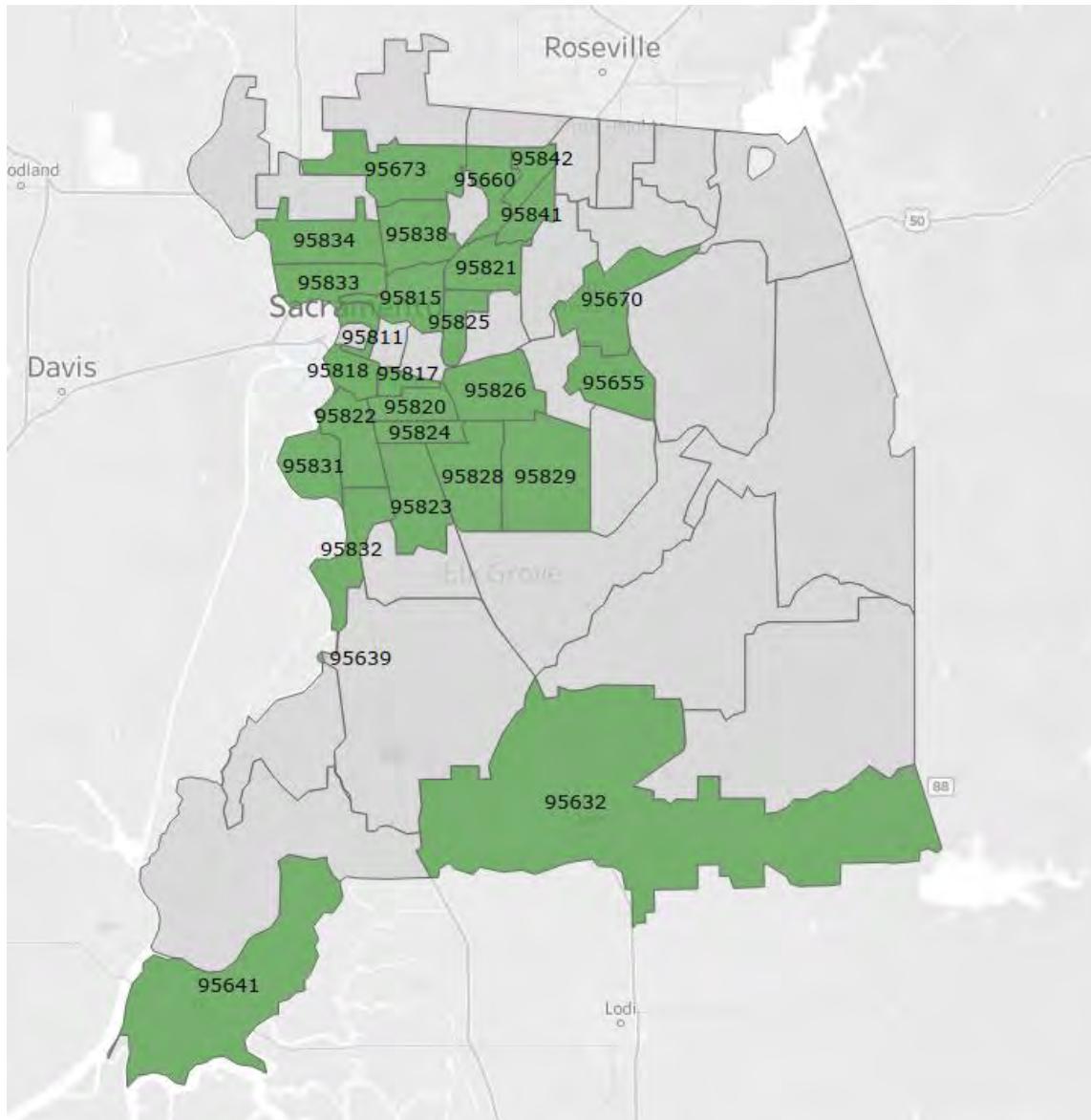
Equity in Action Committee Recruitment

Community-defined qualifiers

Priority zip codes based on outcomes data

Outreach to ensure diverse pool reflective of the community-identified qualifiers

EiA Priority Zip Codes



Your Equity in Action Committee!

- Alberto G Mercado
- Angeles Soberanes-Hernandez
- Carolina Balisi
- Davon Jenkins
- Dominique Donette
- Elizabeth Howell
- Imelda Martinez
- Jenny Minh-Ngoc Vo
- LaShanya Breazell
- Lina B Tuinasoro
- Maria Del Sagrario Lopez Alfaro
- Rowan Bierman
- Sheriza Khan
- Ximena Francisco Atecas
- Yasmin A Herrera-Vilchez

Equity in Action Committee Member Representation

Oak Park

Rancho Cordova

Natomas

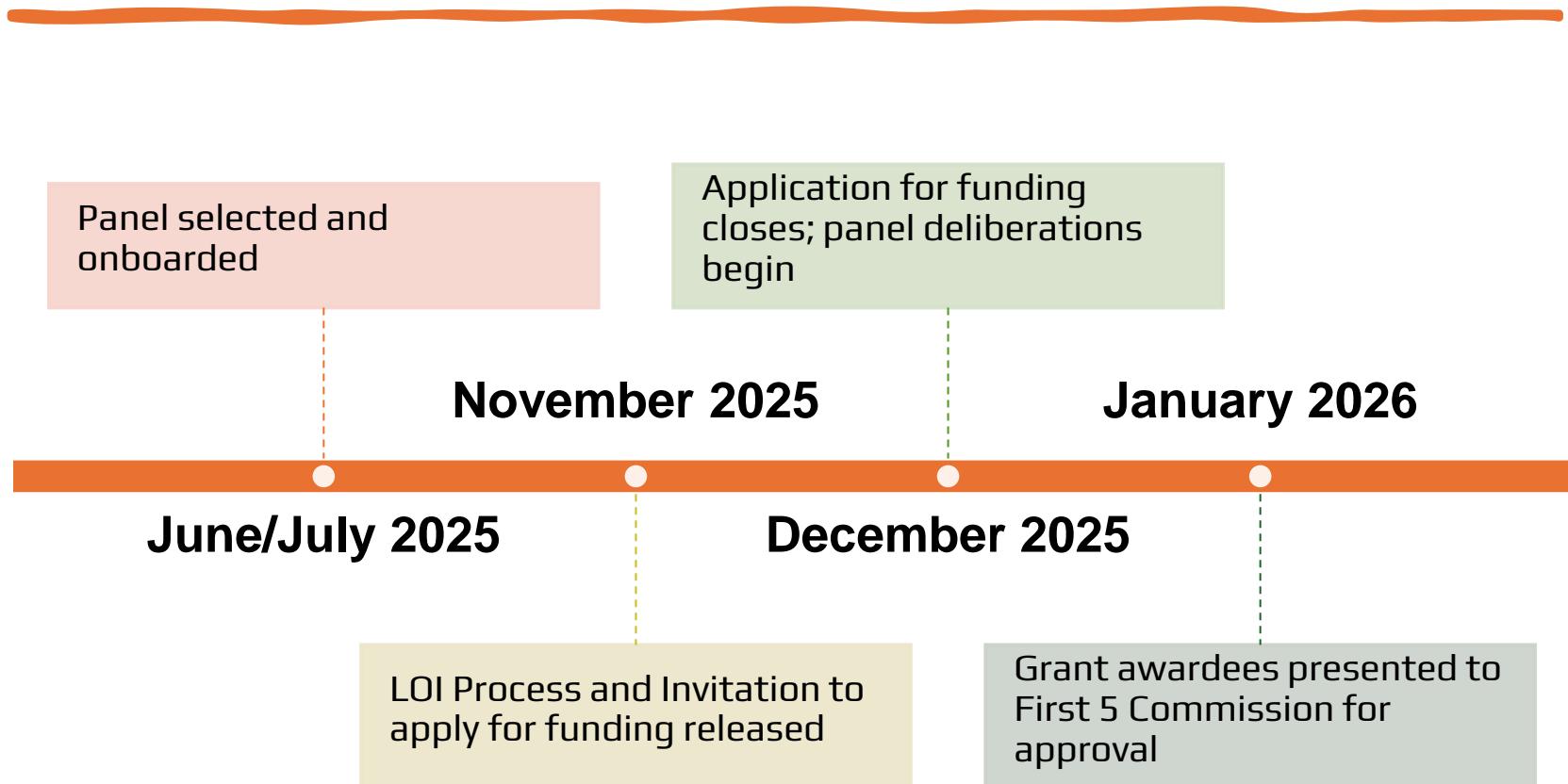
Valley Hi

Foothill Farms

North Highlands

Del Paso Heights

Equity in Action Committee Grantmaking Timeline



Equity in Action Committee Onboarding

Curriculum

- Team-building
- Conflict resolution
- Conflict of interest training
- Determining a decision-making framework

Funding Recommendation Process

Amount to be funded: \$4.2M

Tier 1: \$200K

Tier 2: \$1.5M

Tier 3: \$2.5M



Tier I: One-time \$5,000-\$9,999 over 1 year



Tier 2: \$150K-\$300K over 2.5 years



Tier 3: \$300,001-\$500K over 2.5 years

Funding Recommendation Process: Priority Funding Areas



PROGRAMS THAT SERVE
FAMILIES' INDIVIDUAL,
IMMEDIATE NEEDS



PROGRAMS THAT
PROMOTE THE HEALTH
AND WELL-BEING OF
CHILDREN, PARENTS,
AND COMMUNITIES IN
GROUPS



PROGRAMS THAT
SUPPORT LEADERSHIP
AND ORGANIZING



PROGRAMS THAT
SUPPORT CHANGING
SYSTEMS

Scoring and Selection Processes

- Recusal process
 - Designing the LOI and Application
 - Recused members helped design the capacity-building framework

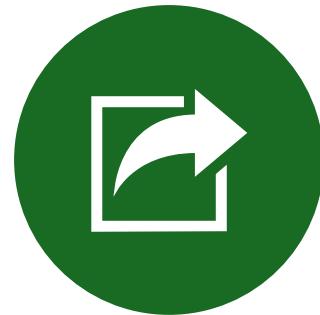
Scoring and Selection Processes

- Selected top scorers of LOIs and Applications
- Committee and First 5 ensured eligibility and equity guardrails were in place.
- Committee members recused themselves from scoring based on conflicts of interest

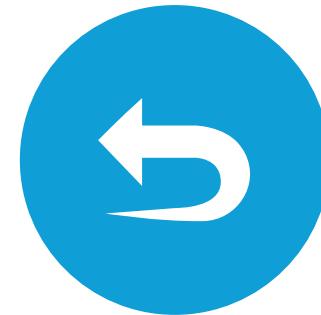
Expanding the Reach



400+ ENTITIES
SUBMITTED A LETTER
OF INTEREST



70 INVITED TO SUBMIT
AN APPLICATION



62 APPLIED

Documenting the Need



OVER \$62M IN TOTAL
LOI REQUESTS



\$9.9M INVITED IN
APPLICATIONS



\$4.2M AVAILABLE TO
AWARD

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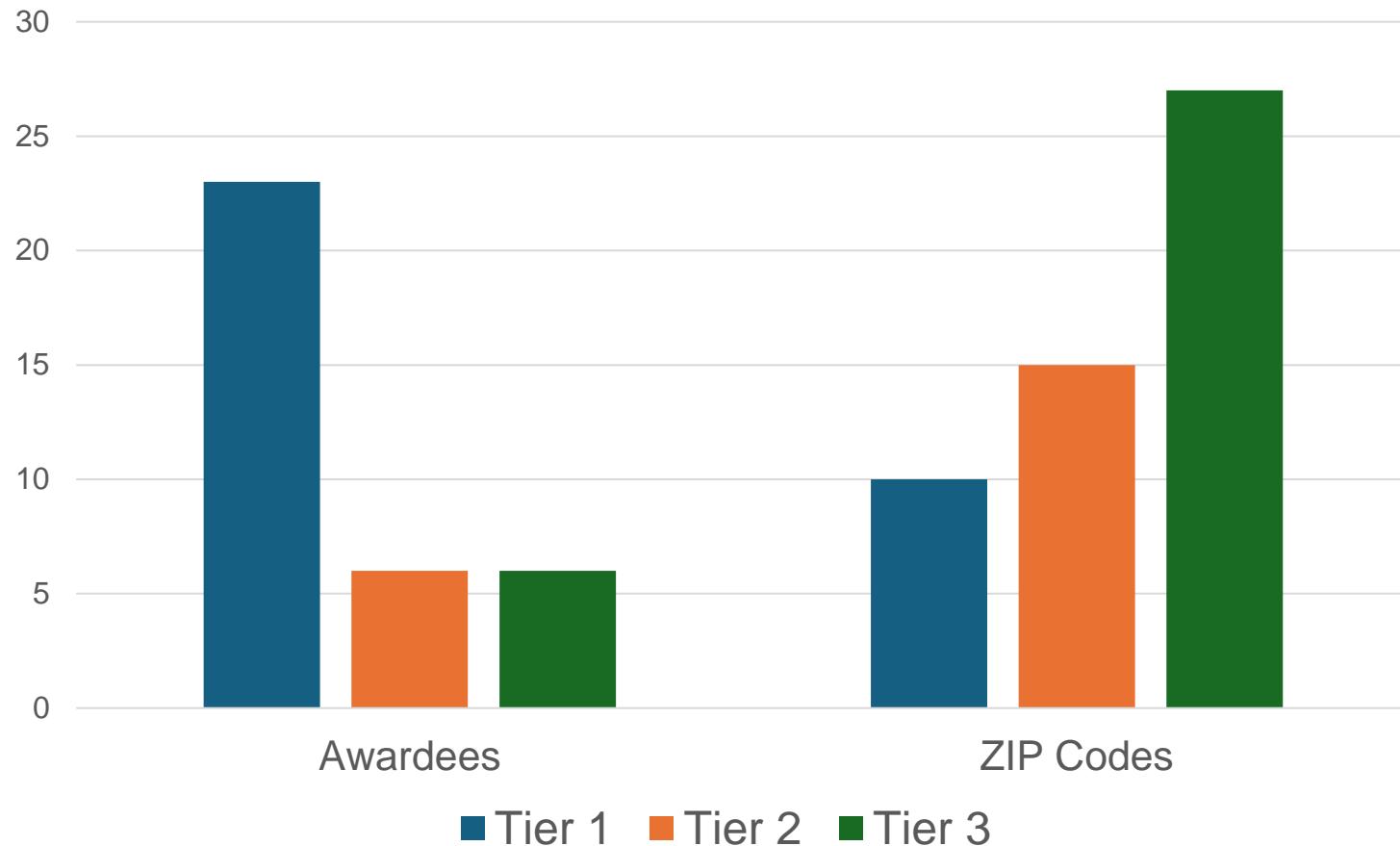
Eligibility Guardrails

- Services available regardless of income or immigration status
- Grassroots groups, non-profits, faith-based organizations and businesses of all sizes allowed to apply

Equity Guardrails

- Neighborhood representation
- Projects across the four funding priority areas
- Lived and professional experience
- Reduces barriers to equitable access

Funding Recommendations



Funding Recommendations

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Tier 1
\$197,410

2

Tier 2
\$1.475M

3

Tier 3
\$2.5M



Organizations Recommended for Funding: Tier 1 – ***Basic Needs***

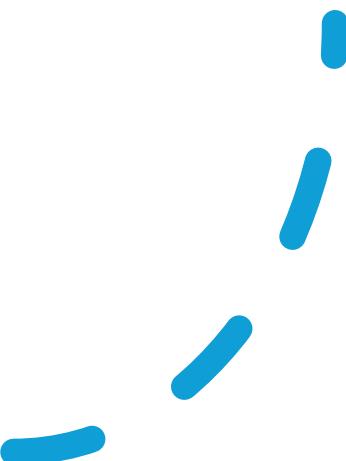
Act on Kindness

Benito Juarez
Foundation

My Angies
Kitchen

Sigma Delta
Omega Chapter

South
Sacramento
Interfaith (SSIP)
Food Closet





Organizations Recommended for Funding:

Tier 1 –

Community Events, Training & Enrichment

Alayhe Jaxsun

Arab Community Center for Integration Services

ART-TISM

Fruitridge Soccer League

Gardenland Northgate Neighborhood Association

Natomas Black Parents United

Sunshine Family Outreach Center

The Girls' Jazz and Blues Society

With Purpose



Organizations
Recommended
for Funding:
Tier 1 –
*Support
Groups*

Reconciliation
Church

S I T T Y -
Stay In True
To Yourself

Superior
Outreach
Services



Organizations
Recommended
for Funding:
Tier 1 - Family
Child Care
Homes

Mother's Love
Child Care

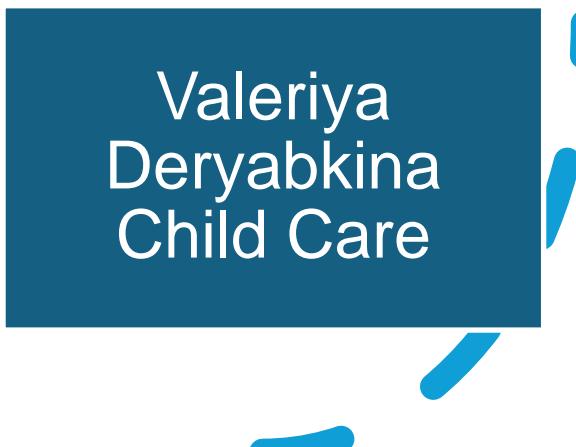
Kazutina Iryna
and Parker
Praskoviia Child
Care

Olena Stasyuk
Child Care

Rayito de Sol
Daycare

Thompson's
Childcare

Valeriya
Deryabkina
Child Care



Organizations Recommended for Funding: Tier 2

Always Knocking Inc

My Sister's House

Rancho Cordova Food Locker

The Root: Birth Babies Beyond

The Wonder Grove

Volunteers of America Northern California and Northern Nevada



Organizations Recommended for Funding: Tier 3

California Northstate University

Color The Block

NorCal Resist

South County Services Inc

UniverSOUL Cafe

Women's Empowerment



Equity in Action Committee Reflections





Thank you!

Questions?