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## **Foundation Announces Responsive Grants Recipients**

### **Inaugural round of funding awards \$140,000 to eleven local organizations**

**Sacramento, Calif. (9/3/2015)** — The Sacramento Region Community Foundation announced today that it awarded nearly \$140,000 to 11 area nonprofits during the inaugural round of its highly competitive Responsive Grants program. Selected from over 120 proposals submitted to the Foundation by local nonprofit organizations, the awardees will use the funds to serve a variety of vital community needs in Sacramento, Yolo, Placer, and El Dorado counties.

The Responsive Grants program was designed to respond quickly and flexibly to a range of immediate needs and time-sensitive opportunities throughout the Sacramento region. Awarded twice annually, these grants supplement the Foundation's donor-advised granting, as well as its sustained grantmaking aligned with its four [Strategic Initiatives](#).

"The Foundation is committed to supporting local needs," said Jeannie Howell, the Foundation's Community Impact Officer. "Even as we focus on funding long-term solutions to the issues identified in our Strategic Initiatives, the Responsive Grants program allows us to support projects that exist outside of those areas, too."

"From providing drought relief resources for farm workers to furnishing new beds to over 100 formerly-homeless families, the programs these awards support reflect the diversity of needs in the Sacramento region. Further, they address them in ways that are effective," she added.

Among the Responsive Grants awarded is one that will allow a nonprofit in downtown Sacramento to bring health services and community resources to marginalized populations beyond its brick-and-mortar headquarters, another that will help 3,000 area students learn to identify and respond to signs of depression in themselves and others, and another that will reduce feelings of isolation that many area seniors living alone experience. Altogether, the Foundation granted \$139,294 to support a wide assortment of necessary projects at the following organizations:

California Rural Legal Assistance Foundation, Inc.; Children's Receiving Home of Sacramento; Community Against Sexual Harm; Elderly Nutrition Program in Yolo County; Marshall Foundation for Community Health; Roberts Family Development Center; Sacramento Area Emergency Housing Center; Sacramento LGBT Community Center; Seniors First, Inc.; Suicide Prevention and Crisis Services of Yolo County; Yolo Family Service Agency

As with all of its efforts, the Responsive Grants program furthers the Foundation's work to foster a thriving community exemplified by opportunities for all to live in a vibrant economy, benefit from a strong nonprofit sector, live with a sense of dignity, and flourish through the strength of regional diversity.

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**About the Foundation:** Sacramento Region Community Foundation has been the trusted steward of charitable assets, a community catalyst for meaningful change and the advocate for shaping vital impact through philanthropy since 1983. As the center of philanthropy in the Sacramento Region, the Foundation's mission is to transform our community through focused leadership and advocacy that inspire partnerships and expand giving. Learn more at [www.sacregcf.org](http://www.sacregcf.org).