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Foundation Announces Grants to Support Strategic Initiatives

Food Bank and new Education Collaborative receive substantial funding

SACRAMENTO, CA — [Sacramento Region Community Foundation](#) (the Foundation) announced today that it has awarded two strategic grants from its **Community Impact Fund** to address community needs that are aligned with the Foundation's recently launched [Strategic Initiatives](#). A \$100,000 grant will go to [Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services](#) (SFBFS) to foster its work to strengthen the emergency food system, and a \$25,000 grant will support the new Sacramento Education Collaborative (the Collaborative), to further its efforts to improve educational outcomes for underserved students.

The Foundation's \$100,000 grant to SFBFS will support the organization as it builds its capacity to more efficiently alleviate hunger throughout the local food system. In doing so, the organization will advance findings from the [Sacramento Region Food System Action Plan](#), an in-depth report developed by the Foundation and [Valley Vision](#) that recommends strategies to resolve the disconnect between the abundant agricultural output of the Sacramento region and the reality that many in its communities suffer from limited access to healthy, fresh foods. Following SFBFS's merger with Senior Gleaners, Inc. and its system of agencies, SFBFS is now the main food bank serving Sacramento County and provides food to 150,000 men, women, and children each month. The need for SFBFS's services is persistent and growing, demonstrating the necessity of the Foundation's leadership in this sector through its initiative that addresses hunger throughout the Sacramento region, [Connecting the Regional Food Economy](#).

In addition to the grant to SFBFS, the Foundation awarded a \$25,000 grant to the Sacramento Education Collaborative, a new partnership of education nonprofits that have demonstrated significant local and national impact. The grant to the Collaborative will allow its seven member organizations—[City Year Sacramento](#), [College Track](#), [Parent Teacher Home Visit Project](#), [Reading Partners](#), [Social Venture Partners of Sacramento](#), [Teach for America](#), and [WayUp Sacramento](#)—to leverage their collective resources to improve educational outcomes for underserved students in Sacramento's Oak Park neighborhood. This grant supports another of the Foundation's initiatives, [Preparing Students to Succeed in the New Economy](#), which aims to expand postsecondary opportunities for students in the Sacramento region.

To learn more about these grants and the Foundation's Strategic Initiatives, please contact Shirlee Tully, shirlee@sacregcf.org or (916) 765-9000.

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