



Youth Access to Nature Fund

2020 Grantees

The Youth Access to Nature Fund has helped tens of thousands of Bay Area children experience the ocean for the first time, visit the awe-inspiring redwoods, plant food and flowers, and have the formative experiences in nature that benefit all children. And this is just the beginning. Our hope is that these experiences will help kids, no matter where they live, develop a deep love and appreciation of nature that inspires them to protect our planet — for themselves and for future generations.

\$25,000 – [Abundant Beginnings](#)

To nurture 300 young children through an eco-justice curriculum that deepens their relationship with nature in a culturally relevant learning context.

\$50,000 – [Acta Non Verba: Youth Urban Farm Project](#)

To provide 175 East Oakland low-income youth of color and their families with ongoing, safe, hands-on, nature-based experiences.

\$25,000 – [Amah Mutsun Land Trust](#)

To reconnect Native youth to the coastal territories of the Amah Mutsun Tribal Band and provide culturally relevant environmental education.

\$150,000 over three years – [Bay Area Wilderness Training](#)

To create access to outdoor experiences for youth of color and low-income youth from the Bay Area.

\$150,000 over three years – [Brothers on the Rise: Trail Brothers](#)

To provide opportunities for low-income, urban male youth of color to explore nature through year-round excursions and rites of passage.

\$30,000 – [Brown Girl Surf](#)

To engage low income girls of color in the sport of surfing via culturally relevant programs with role models from their own community.

\$25,000 – [Camp Phoenix](#)

To provide 150 Bay Area youth from low-income communities with deep environmental education experiences through a three-week, culturally-relevant summer camp and year-round excursions.

\$10,000 – [Common Vision](#)

To engage 100 Alameda, Richmond, and Oakland youth in hands-on tree planting projects that cultivate useful skill and character development, and environmental literacy.

\$120,000 over three years – [EarthTeam Environmental Network](#)

To provide year-round environmental leadership and stewardship opportunities to low-income students from East Bay high schools.

\$25,000 – [Environmental Volunteers](#)

To engage students in hands-on, environmental science activities through classroom programs and on field trips led by volunteer docents.

\$50,000 – [Friends of Peralta Hacienda Historical Park](#)

To inspire Fruitvale youth to immerse themselves in outdoor nature activities through a summer camp and after-school program.

\$25,000 – [Friends of the Urban Forest](#)

To engage 50 San Francisco youth in urban forestry vocational skills and job training as well as outdoor excursions that build personal connections to nature.

\$120,000 over three years – [GirlVentures](#)

To empower diverse Bay Area girls through immersive outdoor expeditions and experiential education.

\$25,000 – [Golden Gate Audubon Society: Eco-Education](#)

To improve the lives and learning of students and their family members in underserved communities through hands-on exploration and protection of local natural spaces.

\$40,000 – [Kids for the Bay](#)

To engage elementary school students in Alameda and Contra Costa counties in hands-on environmental science education.

\$30,000 – [Latino Outdoors](#)

To inspire, connect, and engage Latino communities in the outdoors and embrace *cultura y familia* as part of the outdoor narrative.

\$120,000 over three years – [Literacy for Environmental Justice: Eco-Adventures](#)

To engage youth in activities that promote human health, community connections to urban green space, and climate resilience in Southeast San Francisco.

\$25,000 – [Marine Mammal Center](#)

To support Ocean Ambassadors, which inspires the next generation of informed and engaged citizens to care for the health of the marine mammals, the oceans, and the planet we all share.

\$25,000 – [Marine Science Institute](#)

To build the environmental literacy of Bay Area K-12 students through interactive, interdisciplinary marine science education.

\$40,000 – [Outdoor Afro](#)

To facilitate whole-community nature engagement for African-American youth and their families.

\$30,000 – [Planting Justice](#)

To engage low-income youth of color in hands-on experiential, nature-based learning programs.

\$35,000 – [Pogo Park](#)

To provide 5,000 children in Richmond's Iron Triangle neighborhood with opportunities to connect with the natural world.

\$30,000 – [Pt. Blue Conservation Science](#)

To promote wildlife conservation through restoring habitat with K-12 students and teachers as well as members of their communities.

\$25,000 – [Project Avary](#)

To enable 135 children and teens with incarcerated parents to participate in outdoor leadership activities.

\$60,000 over three years – [Sama Sama Summer Camp Cooperative](#)

To engage low-income Filipino youth in culturally-relevant experiences and leadership development opportunities in nature.

\$25,000 – [San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department/Greenagers](#)

To support the Greenagers program, whose participants develop a deeper understanding and connection to the natural world around them and acquire the tools and leadership skills needed to affect real change in their own communities.

\$90,000 over three years – [The Student Conservation Association: Bay Area Urban Initiatives](#)

To empower underserved urban youth through hands-on conservation projects at local parks and green spaces.

\$50,000 – [Ujimaa Foundation](#)

To increase opportunities for youth in Oakland to develop their sense of self-awareness and gain life skills through outdoor activities.

\$25,000 – [UCSF Benioff Children's Hospitals Foundation/Center for Nature and Health](#)

To conduct a total of 600 nature outings in regional parks with low-income youth of color and their families and to document the health benefits of their experiences in nature.

\$40,000 – [Urban Tilth: Hoods to Woods](#)

To provide youth of color in Richmond with daily opportunities to engage deeply with the natural world.

\$150,000 over three years – [The Watershed Project](#)

To engage K-12 children in building local climate resiliency within at-risk communities in the Bay Area through hands-on outdoor and service learning experiences.

\$30,000 – [Wilderness Arts and Literacy Collaborative](#)

To provide an alternative, relevant, experiential, and academically rigorous education to diverse students at two San Francisco high schools.

\$150,000 over three years – [YES Nature to Neighborhoods](#)

To support year-round opportunities for underserved Richmond youth to connect to the outdoors and receive leadership training, job skills, and employment opportunities.

\$150,000 over three years – [Youth Outside: Outdoor Educators Institute](#)

To develop the next generation of culturally relevant outdoor leaders and professionals.

\$106,000 – [Youth Outside](#)

For capacity building, peer-to-peer learnings, one on one coaching and facilitation of the YAN cohort.