



Youth Access to Nature Fund

2021 Grantee Organizations

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. For more information, visit sff.org/YAN

\$90,000 over three years - [Abundant Beginnings](#)

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

\$150,000 over three years - [Acta Non Verba Youth Urban Farm Project](#)

To annually provide at least 150 East Oakland low-income youth of color and their families with ongoing, safe, hands-on, nature-based experiences.

\$120,000 over three years - [Amah Mutsun Land Trust](#)

To engage Native youth in the preservation of open spaces, animal, plant, and wildlife in the coastal territories of the Mutsun and Awaswas peoples.

\$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.

\$120,000 over three years - [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.

\$75,000 over three years - [Camp Phoenix](#)

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

\$25,000 - [Common Vision](#)

To engage Alameda, Richmond, and Oakland youth in hands-on tree planting and outdoor learning 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.

\$150,000 over three years - [Friends of Peralta Hacienda Historical Park](#)

To immerse diverse, low-income Fruitvale youth in wildlife and ecology in the neighborhood and local nature areas, learn about conditions local flora and fauna live in, and develop lifelong commitment to stewardship of the planet, wildlife, and community relationships.

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

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

\$120,000 over three years - [Kids for the Bay](#)

To engage elementary school students, families, and teachers at 30 to 40 under-resourced schools in low-income communities in Alameda and Contra Costa counties in hands-on environmental education at local creek, bay, and ocean watershed habitats.

\$90,000 over three years - [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 Science Institute](#)

To provide more than 1,000 students from low-income Bay Area schools direct contact with marine animals so that they learn about the interdependence of all living things, the direct connection we have to our physical environment, and the special responsibilities of humans to the environment.

\$120,000 over three years - [Outdoor Afro](#)

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

\$90,000 over three years - [Planting Justice](#)

To support paid apprenticeships for sixty 16-24 year old Oakland residents over three years, to support them in nature-based education, culturally relevant mentorship, and personal empowerment, working in high-impact land-based projects to preserve nature in their own community.

\$105,000 over three years - [Pogo Park](#)

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

\$75,000 over three years - [Project Avary](#)

To enable 375 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 - [Student Conservation Association: Bay Area Urban Initiatives](#)

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

\$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.

\$90,000 over three years - [UCSF Foundation/Center for Nature and Health](#)

To enable at least 120 low-income families to access natural spaces and to document the health benefits of their experiences in nature.

\$50,000 - [Ujimaa Foundation](#)

To increase opportunities for over 500 youth in Oakland to develop their sense of self-awareness and gain life skills through outdoor activities.

\$150,000 over three years - [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 - [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.

\$25,000 - [YMCA of San Francisco: Nature Engagement Education](#)

To provide youth from traditionally marginalized and underserved communities in San Francisco, San Mateo, and Marin counties with access to nature and nature-based experiences.

\$150,000 over three years - Youth Outside (now [Justice Outside](#))

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