



Community Partners fuels the creative solutions that advance more equitable, thriving, and inclusive communities.



Over the past 30 years, thousands of individuals and organizations have worked with Community Partners to strengthen communities and create positive social change. Our fiscal sponsor services provide a “home” where innovative leaders from across the country can focus on what they do best. As a trusted intermediary, we help funders and practitioners collaborate in ways that advance both equity and impact. We are your partner with a purpose.





Forward Together

At Community Partners, we believe exceptional ideas need the opportunity to grow. And access to resources is key to advancing equity and amplifying community power. That's why we embrace the uniqueness of each of our partners and strive to provide support that is transformative, not transactional.

Seventy-eight percent of our fiscal sponsor partners have annual budgets of less than \$500,000. But their visions are big and bold, and often involve dismantling systemic barriers. Our intermediary work operates with the same level of ambition, at a scale that reinvests millions and millions back into communities every year.

This 2024 Impact Report highlights just a few of the partners and initiatives we're proud to support. It also pulls back the curtain on what makes our approach unique.

Our deep - and mutually reinforcing - experience as a fiscal sponsor and intermediary partner has shown that maximum impact comes from how you do the work, not just how much work you do. That's why we take an equity-centered approach to everything we do, from the way we show up for our partners to the introspective and often hard work of evolving our own internal practices. Equity and impact are also driving an increased focus on our role as an advocate in the field, as we use our voice to shape more equitable systems where social change work gets done.

As we reflect on 2024 and look ahead to what's next, Community Partners remains unwavering in our commitment to unity, belonging, and the power of partnership.

— Alicia Lara, President and CEO, Community Partners



FISCAL SPONSOR PARTNER

i.D.R.E.A.M. for Racial Health Equity

i.D.R.E.A.M. for Racial Health Equity supports communities of Black birthing families through storytelling, education, capacity building, and peer support. Its community-led initiative, Black Mamas Glowing Comprehensive Perinatal Model[®], takes a “for us, by us, with us” approach to providing care for families and integrating a safety net for the Black perinatal workforce and its allies.

Through Black Mamas Glowing virtual perinatal peer support and other innovative programs, i.D.R.E.A.M. is successfully addressing the significant disparities in

maternal and infant mortality rates among Black communities, strengthening the quality of care for Black birthing experiences, and equipping an intergenerational pipeline of leaders to improve birth outcomes.

“Our journey advocating for Black maternal and infant health has been one of courage and fortitude. Thanks to the support we get from Community Partners as our fiscal sponsor, we can focus on community-led change that paves the way for new systems of care.”

– Wenonah Valentine, Founder & Executive Director, i.D.R.E.A.M. for Racial Health Equity

FISCAL SPONSOR PARTNER

The Civics Center

The Civics Center (TCC) is a national nonpartisan organization dedicated to making voter registration part of every high school in America. Research shows that registered youth turn out to vote in exceptionally high rates, and since almost everyone goes to high school, it’s the most efficient and equitable place to get young people registered. That’s why TCC provides free training and resources to students and educators across the country to remove barriers to voter registration. In 2024 alone, TCC sparked and supported voter registration drives in more than 250 schools.

The Civics Center fosters an educational, nonpartisan framework for civic engagement, voter registration, and casting a first ballot. These efforts fill a gap in schools and school districts by creating infrastructure for civics education and registration programs. They also make young voters more visible to candidates, tap into student leadership, and pave the way for young people to actively shape the future.

“Community Partners has been an ideal structure for us. We’ve been able to move quickly and expand our national footprint.”

– Laura Brill, Founder & CEO, The Civics Center

6

YEARS WORKING WITH COMMUNITY PARTNERS

250

SCHOOLS HELD VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVES IN 2024

22

YEARS WORKING WITH COMMUNITY PARTNERS

200

FAMILIES SERVED BY BLACK MAMAS GLOWING



VOTING RIGHTS

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

YOUTH

HEALTH EQUITY

BLACK MATERNAL HEALTH

RACIAL JUSTICE

Spotlight on Impact

Explore the breadth of issues and ideas we support in our role as a fiscal sponsor and intermediary partner.

FISCAL SPONSOR PARTNER

The Revolutionary Love Project

Grounded in the belief that the love ethic is essential to birthing a healthy, multiracial democracy and sustainable planet, the Revolutionary Love Project inspires and equips people to build healthy, caring, and resilient communities. Through 10 core “Revolutionary Love” practices, they produce educational tools, courses, art, films, music, and mass mobilizations

“ We envision a world where love is the foundation of who we are and what we do.”

– Valarie Kaur, Executive Director & Founder, Revolutionary Love Project

to empower people to harness love as a force for justice and healing. Recent milestones include a 45-city cross-country bus tour, launched in September 2024 to ignite people to rise in courage and humanity through storytelling, music, and ancestral wisdom. Across the tour they collected and amplified thousands of stories of Revolutionary Love, creating a tapestry of deep solidarity across the nation.

3

YEARS WORKING WITH COMMUNITY PARTNERS

250M

PEOPLE REACHED

10K+

DOWNLOADS OF RESOURCES & COURSEWORK

INTERMEDIARY PROJECT

Childcare Provider Recovery Grant Program

Since 2022, we have partnered with the Los Angeles County Development Authority (LACDA) to provide grants assisting licensed childcare providers located in communities most severely affected by the Covid-19 pandemic. Using federal ARPA funds, the Childcare Provider Recovery Grant Program has alleviated significant financial burdens on these providers, enabling them to re-open or continue operations. In doing so, these grants have supported the availability of childcare for families and jobs in this sector.

The intermediary team at Community Partners has managed the grant program using a data-driven and equity-centered approach. We prioritized accessibility and support every step of the way, from designing the application process to be easy and straightforward, to making materials available in the many languages that represent the county’s diverse communities.

In Phase 1 alone of this three-phase, multi-year initiative, \$19.3 million was awarded to 584 licensed childcare providers, enabling them to retain 11,342 childcare spots. We are on track to distribute more than 1,000 grants totaling nearly \$40 million by the end of 2024.

\$40M

DISTRIBUTED ACROSS 3 PHASES

1K+

GRANTS AWARDED

8

LANGUAGES FOR TRANSLATED APPLICATION MATERIALS

2

NATIONAL AWARDS HONORING THE PROGRAM

“ Partnering with such an experienced, compassionate, and equity-driven intermediary like Community Partners has a multiplier effect on the impact of our grantmaking programs.”

– Emilio Salas, Executive Director, LACDA

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

ECONOMIC SECURITY

CIVIL RIGHTS

CONNECTION



INTERMEDIARY PROJECT

LA Food Equity Fund

Community Partners manages the LA Food Equity Fund, an innovative grantmaking program focused on alleviating food and nutrition insecurity and building a more sustainable and resilient food system across Los Angeles County. From March to November 2024, we helped distribute two rounds of grants to 77 community-based organizations totaling \$19.5 million.

Our role as a nonprofit intermediary for this program goes beyond regranting and ensuring the responsible stewardship of funds, which in this case tapped into federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) dollars. We also convene local food justice leaders, strengthen their collaboration and communication with each other, and provide training on priority areas they have identified - resulting in a more holistic and community-centered program.

We used our expertise to design and administer the program on behalf of the LA County Chief Sustainability Office and the LA County Food Equity Roundtable, a public-private partnership of philanthropy, government, and community-based organizations working to transform the region's disconnected food system. The Roundtable is notable as an ambitious cross-sector collaboration and includes leading philanthropic partners the Annenberg Foundation, the California Community Foundation, and the Weingart Foundation.

\$19.5M

DISTRIBUTED IN ROUNDS 1 & 2

**\$100k-
\$400K**

FOR EACH GRANT RECIPIENT

INTERMEDIARY PROJECT

CA Creative Corps

Funded in part by the California Arts Council, a state agency, the CA Creative Corps program at Community Partners supports artists, culture bearers, organizations, and communities working at the intersections of social change. Community Partners was one of 14 intermediaries selected to design, administrate, and implement this groundbreaking program that focused on media, outreach, and engagement to increase: public health awareness messages to stop the spread of COVID-19; public awareness related to water and energy conservation, climate mitigation, and emergency preparedness, relief, and recovery; civic engagement,

\$4M+

INVESTED IN LA AND ORANGE COUNTIES

47

HPI COMMUNITIES SERVED

14

ADVOCACY CAMPAIGNS CREATED

including election participation; and social justice and community engagement.

Community Partners worked through an equity lens,

“Trusted, effective nonprofit partners who have deep relationships with communities enable funders to drive greater equity and impact.”

– Danielle Brazell, Executive Director, California Arts Council

prioritizing grantees living or having a history of working in neighborhoods found in the lowest quartile of the California Healthy Places Index (HPI), with a focus on Los Angeles and Orange Counties. Between 2023-2024, 41 artists and culture bearers and 46 arts organizations and community groups were awarded a CA Creative Corps grant through Community Partners. As a result, there were over \$4 million dollars invested in Los Angeles and Orange Counties, 47 HPI communities served, 425 jobs created, over 1,000 gig workers employed, 207 private and public enterprises engaged, and 14 advocacy campaigns created.

“This funding helps these organizations make a tangible impact on our food insecurity crisis, and that is exciting news as we move forward with the new LA County Office of Food Equity.”

– Cinny Kennard, Executive Director of the Annenberg Foundation and Co-Chair of the Los Angeles County Food Equity Roundtable

FOOD ACCESS

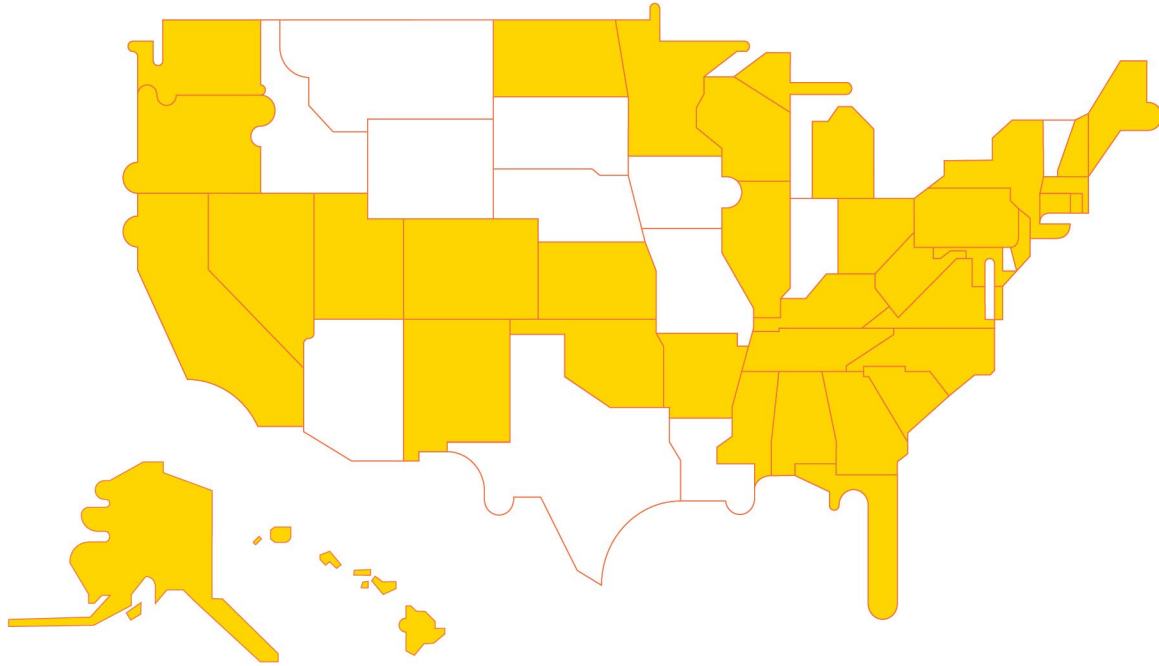
HEALTH EQUITY

ARTS & CULTURE

CREATIVE ECONOMY



Community Partners is a national organization with roots in Los Angeles County. We represent a network of more than 800 staff, 36 different issue areas, and partners operating in 37 states, plus DC.



Through our fiscal sponsor and intermediary work, we help creative, innovative leaders build stronger communities and tackle the most urgent issues of our time. This past year, we welcomed new partnerships with leaders focused on issues ranging from independent journalism and BIPOC homeownership to human rights and disability inclusion.

Strong community impact is grounded in solid financials. Community Partners, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, is proud of its thorough stewardship of resources. To access our most recent audited financials, visit communitypartners.org or scan the QR code.



Agriculture Animal Welfare Arts and Culture
BIPOC-Serving Capacity Building Civic Engagement
Community Development Disability Justice/Advocacy
Economic Development **Education** Environmental Justice & Equity
Food Systems Gender Equity Health Equity **Houselessness**
Human Rights Immigration Incarceration and Abolition
Income Inequality **Interfaith Relations** Journalism
LGBTQIA+ Parks Racial Justice/Equity Seniors/Aging
Social Services **STEM** Sustainability Systemic Inequality
Technology Transportation Veterans Violence Prevention
Voter Access **Women & Girls** Youth

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