



2025 IMPACT REPORT

Community Partners nurtures the organizations and ideas that advance more equitable, thriving, and inclusive communities.



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## Rooted in Community

Leaders and organizations come to Community Partners to strengthen their ideas and impact. They stay with Community Partners because working with us means they can focus on supporting and strengthening our communities.

For our fiscal sponsor partners, we remain a constant, steady resource as organizations grow over time and step up to meet urgent community needs. Our comprehensive operational support services combined with opportunities for guidance and connection – from advocacy webinars to increased peer support – ensures our partners can lead with courage, creativity, and confidence.

For our intermediary initiatives, our deep experience and trusted relationships enable us to move quickly and effectively as we work side-by-side with funders and the community leaders they support. This was especially important in 2025 as we helped partners mobilize resources in response to devastating wildfires in Los Angeles and gaps left from federal funding losses.

At Community Partners, we know that the best way to protect and advance the well-being of communities is through equity-centered, community-led solutions. This 2025 Impact Report spotlights just a few of these efforts we're so proud to support. And it's because of this values-driven action and impact that we approach the next year with hope and determination.

We are stronger together. We are rooted in community.

– Alicia Lara, President and CEO, Community Partners



Through our fiscal sponsor and intermediary work, we help creative, innovative leaders build stronger communities and tackle the most urgent issues of our time.



**850+** FISCAL SPONSOR  
PARTNERS IN THE  
LAST 30 YEARS

**145** ACTIVE PARTNERS  
IN 2024-2025

**13** LEARNING EVENTS  
IN 2024-2025

## Fiscal Sponsorship Services That Meet Partners Where They Are

As a fiscal sponsor, we provide our partners with comprehensive support that includes operations, HR, finance, grants administration, and legal services – as well as strategic guidance, peer connections, and ongoing learning opportunities. Our partnership allows community-based leaders to focus on what they do best.

## Intermediary Initiatives That Bridge Funders and Community Solutions

As an intermediary, we facilitate stronger collaboration between funders and practitioners, shaping new approaches that expand access to resources and advance community-led impact. Foundations, corporations, government agencies, and other institutions trust us to design, build, and manage powerful initiatives for change, from multi-year grant programs to complex public-private collaboratives.

**\$195M** RE-INVESTED IN COMMUNITIES  
IN THE LAST FIVE YEARS

**2,636** GRANTS DISTRIBUTED  
IN THE LAST FIVE YEARS

### Current funding partners include:

Bezos Earth Fund  
Blue Shield of California Foundation  
California Arts Council  
California Department of Public Health  
California Health & Human Services Agency  
California Health Care Foundation  
California Strategic Growth Council  
City of Los Angeles  
County of Los Angeles

FireAidLA  
First 5 LA  
Genesis LA  
Kaiser Permanente  
Los Angeles County Development Authority  
Sierra Health Foundation  
The California Endowment  
The California Wellness Foundation  
Well Being Trust







# Impact Across Issues

Our fiscal sponsor and intermediary partners are making an impact across 36 issue areas.

This year, we're shining a spotlight on three issues: health, climate and environment, and children and families. The stories shared here all exemplify unique and innovative approaches to strengthening the well-being of people, communities, and the world around us. What unites them – and all of the solutions we support – is the belief that we can achieve more when we work together.

**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

## FISCAL SPONSOR PARTNER

## Center for Good Food Purchasing

The Center for Good Food Purchasing taps into the power of procurement – how food is sourced and acquired – to create a food system that prioritizes the health and well-being of people, animals, and the environment. Working closely with national partners, local food policy councils and grassroots coalitions, food service operators, governmental administrators, and elected leaders in cities across the United States, the Center helps advance “good food” policies and programs that are grounded in equity, transparency, and accountability. This means that the practices that guide food purchasing for schools, hospitals, and other public institutions are simultaneously strengthening public health, worker safety, and community-based economies.

The Center has supported and scaled the Good Food Purchasing Program since 2015. Today, public institutions engaged in the Good Food Purchasing movement collectively spend over \$1.2 billion on food annually; represent thousands of individual cafeteria sites, food service operations, and venues; and serve over 607 million meals each year across 39 U.S. jurisdictions.



*“Community Partners has always been by our side as we scale our work, but this year it’s been especially valuable as a source of steady guidance and connection to other organizations.”*

— Alexa Delwiche, Co-Founder & Executive Director, Center for Good Food Purchasing

**16** YEARS WORKING WITH  
COMMUNITY PARTNERS

**3M** PEOPLE SERVED  
IN THE LAST YEAR

*“Good health requires investment in people and community in addition to high-quality health care services. We worked with Community Partners to strengthen the capacity of organizations seeking to create a healthier, more equitable future for their community.”*

— John Yamamoto, Vice President of Community Health & Government Relations, Kaiser Permanente

**15** GRANT RECIPIENTS WITH  
STRONG TIES TO COMMUNITY

**4** PEER-TO-PEER  
LEARNING SESSIONS

## INTERMEDIARY PROJECT

## Watts Community Impact Grant Initiative

Between 2024 and 2025, we partnered with Kaiser Permanente to develop and implement the Watts Community Impact Grant Initiative, which provided grants to 15 trusted community organizations leading health equity efforts in the Watts neighborhood of South Los Angeles. The flexible structure of the unrestricted grants enabled grantees to invest in urgent needs, expand their services, and deepen community engagement. The cohort-based approach we designed for this program also engaged grantees in a highly supportive community of practice, which resulted in greater trust across organizations, new cross-collaborations, shared programming, and joint events.

In our role as an intermediary, we helped Kaiser Permanente invest in a diverse set of organizations who have been serving the Watts community but often do not have access to public and private grant funding opportunities. In addition to relationship building, deep listening, and meeting grantees where they were in their organizational capacity, Community Partners also provided a strong backbone that included financial reporting, compliance, grant processing, and evaluation. Overall, the initiative was successful in supporting better health outcomes for the Watts community, strengthening the capacity of grantee organizations, and fostering shared leadership.



## FISCAL SPONSOR PARTNER

**Move LA**

Move LA is a nonpartisan coalition and power-building organization that believes we all deserve cleaner air, better public transit, more affordable housing, sustainable infrastructure, and renewable power. Working with a wide range of civic leaders and community organizations, Move LA builds coalitions across sectors to identify and champion strategies that address fundamental community challenges.

Move LA's advocacy efforts have been instrumental in the passage of numerous ballot measures leading to investments in new, expanded transit systems; funding to address the homelessness crisis and build affordable housing; and new initiatives to combat climate change. Collectively, these measures raise over \$4 billion per year in LA County. Move LA also supports programs that increase access to safe, reliable, affordable, and sustainable options for how residents move across, live, and work in the Los Angeles region. These efforts improve day-to-day quality of life and strengthen long-term economic and environmental resilience.



*“Working with Community Partners gives us both stability and flexibility as we find new ways to advance our mission.”*

— Eli Lipman, Executive Director, Move LA

**18** YEARS WORKING WITH  
COMMUNITY PARTNERS

**\$120B** SECURED WITH TRANSIT  
BALLOT MEASURES R & M

*“These Transformative Climate Communities projects embody what it means to create climate solutions that begin at the neighborhood level and grow into lasting, statewide impact.”*

— Erin Curtis, Executive Director, California Strategic Growth Council



## INTERMEDIARY PROJECT

**Green Together Collaborative and South LA Eco-Lab**

Community Partners anchors the implementation for two initiatives that are part of the Transformative Climate Communities (TCC) grant program – the first time a nonprofit intermediary has been selected by the State of California's Strategic Growth Council to manage multiple TCC grants.

TCC supports community-based efforts to build infrastructure and strengthen the health of communities by reducing greenhouse gas emissions and air pollution. Since 2020, we have secured with our partners a combined \$58 million in state TCC funds while leveraging over \$63 million in additional climate-related investments for the Green Together Collaborative and the South LA Eco-Lab.

With these funds, Community Partners convenes public-private collaborations towards safer streets, cooler temperatures, solar power generation, tree planting, urban greening, and clean transportation alternatives. Residents also benefit directly from climate-related investments thanks to partners' community engagement, anti-displacement efforts, and career development and job placement activities.

**\$121M** IN CLIMATE-RELATED  
INVESTMENTS

**17,707** HOUSEHOLDS REACHED VIA  
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



FISCAL SPONSOR PARTNER

## ÓRALE

ÓRALE (Organizing Rooted in Abolition, Liberation, and Empowerment) is an intergenerational movement of immigrants working to end the unjust criminalization of immigrants, abolish oppressive systems, and create liberatory practices grounded in healing, love, and justice. A powerful force serving thousands of families each year, ÓRALE's work spans policy advocacy campaigns, power-building leadership academies, mutual aid and wellness programs, and community workshops.

This year, ÓRALE has also been on the frontlines of protecting communities impacted by ICE raids. Their efforts have included activating community defense networks, providing know-your-rights information, connecting families to legal resources, and serving as a steady source of support and care. From longstanding programs to rapid response action, ÓRALE is committed to helping immigrant communities live in dignity, feel safe, and have opportunities to thrive.

*“Strong partnerships are so critical as we all navigate together through this evolving and challenging landscape.”*

— Vickie Ramos Harris, Vice President of Policy and Programs, Catalyst California (Grantee)

**\$16M+** INVESTED IN COMMUNITIES

**50+** STAKEHOLDERS WITH LIVED EXPERIENCE AT LISTENING SESSIONS



*“ÓRALE is led by directly impacted people. We're the closest to the issues and understand solutions to address community needs effectively. With Community Partners as our fiscal sponsor, we have learned the importance of strengthening our internal infrastructure.”*

— Gaby Hernandez, Executive Director, ÓRALE

**8** YEARS WORKING WITH COMMUNITY PARTNERS

**20** YEARS ADVOCATING FOR IMMIGRANT JUSTICE

INTERMEDIARY PROJECT

## Early Childhood Policy Advocacy Fund

Community Partners leads the Early Childhood Policy Advocacy Fund (EC PAF), a grantmaking strategy of First 5 LA supporting children prenatal to five and their families statewide. Launched in 2023, this five-year, \$20 million initiative encompasses two funding pools and provides flexible, renewable grants for work on large-scale systems change, policy change and implementation, and movement-building activities that advance belonging and justice.

Building on the lessons and success of past partnerships with First 5 LA, our co-design process features listening sessions in English and Spanish that prioritize voices from historically excluded communities. We provide technical assistance and support to applicants to help them understand the grant process and successfully apply for funding. And we host grantee convenings for relationship building and peer learning. In these ways, Community Partners has been able to serve as a brain trust and action partner for First 5 LA, while also strengthening connection, access, and resources for community organizations large and small.



# What Sets Community Partners Apart

Our impact is directly tied to how we show up as a partner.

- We welcome partnerships with organizations and initiatives at all stages of development.
- We recognize each partner is unique and align our services to meet their goals.
- Through our intermediary initiatives we expand access to resources and accelerate community-based solutions.
- Our complementary roles as a fiscal sponsor and intermediary strengthen each other for the benefit of our partners.
- We stand beside our partners as they advance better systems and advocate for their communities.

## Our Board of Directors

Community Partners is guided by passionate individuals united in their commitment to community-centered change.

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## Our Financials

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](http://communitypartners.org) or scan the QR code.



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