

W.L.S. Spencer Foundation

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Organization Name Project/Program Title	Grant Description	Payment Amount
America SCORES - Words in Action	Using soccer, creative writing, diet guidance, and service-learning as the core, this WORDS IN ACTION program trains, develops, and supports the coaches who spend 4 to 6 days a week with underserved kids in elementary, middle and sometimes pre-school. This ongoing program will continue to strengthen the curriculum, leadership, and competency in low-income urban communities. This enhanced training has brought America SCORES special mention in the White House Task Force's report to President Obama, highlighting an increased level of student physical activity, self-confidence, self-efficacy, and enjoyment in learning - hard work on the part of the students and crucial strong leadership on the part of the coaches.	\$ 30,000
Asia Society - Nam June Paik Exhibition	Educational and catalogue support for the exhibition "Nam June Paik: Evolution, Revolution, Resolution".	\$ 30,000
Berkshire Arts and Technology Charter Public School (BART) - Building Expansion Project	To support the BART Building Expansion Project.	\$ 50,000
Breakthrough Collaborative - Recruitment & Campus Leader Initiative and Summits	This summer program for academically talented, under-served public middle school students is two-pronged: one, it challenges Breakthrough students to finish high school and go to college, and two, it encourages college-age teachers to go into teaching/community professions after college graduation. STUDENTS TEACHING STUDENTS is a win/win program!	\$ 30,000
CollegeSpring - SAT Preparation and College Readiness	This now four-year old SAT tutoring organization has a very basic premise: to help underserved kids get through high school and into college. Knowing how important SAT scores can be, as a sophomore in college, the founder and his friends offered to tutor high school kids for the SAT for free. The results were life-changing for both those students and the founder. After graduation and now three years later, free tutoring is soundly embedded in a number of public schools serving low-income kids in both Los Angeles and San Francisco, and there is an ongoing plan to expand and refine the program each year. Watching the fine tuning of this extraordinary yet simple program is both a tribute to, and an example of, a new generation of social entrepreneurs.	\$ 30,000

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College Track - Bayview Hunters Point	To support core programming in Bayview Hunters Point.	\$ 30,000
The Foundation Center - General Support	Supporting the philanthropic resource library and its programs.	\$4,000
Generation Citizen - Democracy Coaches	Founded 4 years ago by a recent college graduate, GC partners college students with classroom teachers to teach hands-on civics courses in which underserved high school students attempt to solve problems they are facing in their own communities through advocacy and hard work. Students learn the rights and responsibilities of citizenship, from voting to ensuring that elected officials hear their voices - and holding them accountable - to applying academic skills to real-world problems in their everyday life. These students are learning the democratic process! Now serving more than 6,000 civically-engaged students in Boston, New York and Providence, GC opened programs in the San Francisco Bay Area in 2013.	\$ 30,000
Horizons National - San Francisco Friends School	Launch funding for the first California Horizons program at San Francisco Friends School. Horizons is a nationally-recognized summer and year-round program for low income students, grades K-12.	\$ 30,000
Japan Society, Inc. - PoNJA-GenKon Symposium	To support the symposium entitled "PoNJA-GenKon 10th Anniversary - For a New Wave to Come: Post-1945 Japanese Art Now".	\$ 20,000
The John G. Shedd Institute for the Arts - Four "Genre" Departments	To create and operationalize four additional "genre" departments within the Community Music School.	\$ 8,000
KIPP Bay Area Schools	General support for this free, open-enrollment charter public education program which prepares middle-school students in underserved communities for success in college and in life. With KIPP's "Be Nice and Work Hard" motto, the school leaders and staff are constantly seeking improvement in education strategies to achieve designated goals. KIPP's "no shortcuts and no excuses" environment will most assuredly continue to set the tone as the organization reaches its goals.	\$ 30,000
New Leaders Inc - Leadership Development Program	To support New Leaders' Leadership Development Program.	\$ 30,000

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Peer Health Exchange - Bay Area Program	Support toward the training of college student volunteers to teach a comprehensive health curriculum to teenagers in San Francisco and Oakland, giving the students knowledge and skills they need to make healthy decisions. Founded in 2003 to address a growing crisis that teens are engaging in risk behavior at alarming rates, harming their bodies and their futures. Preventing serious health problems such as obesity, binge drinking, smoking, and teen pregnancy, these in-school programs serving low-income communities provide tools teens need to make educated decisions about their lives. Educated choices can prove to prevent school drop out, entering into the criminal justice system and the rise in poverty.	\$ 20,000
Playworks - San Francisco - Hunters Point Program	Once called SPORTS4KIDS, this re-named organization focuses on school recess, providing organized sports and coaching in 24 low-income elementary schools in San Francisco. The results of this rather simple program prove to have changed the very climate of the schools. School bullying has been significantly reduced, and after recess, the children go back to class, settle down and are more engaged in classroom studies.	\$ 15,000
Reading Partners - Literacy Intervention Tutoring	Reading Partners is a volunteer-driven, one-on-one literacy tutoring program enabling and encouraging children to stay in school and succeed academically. The highly trained volunteers help close the achievement gap in measurable ways, putting struggling readers on a path of academic success.	\$ 30,000
Solomon R. Guggenheim Foundation - V.S. Gaitonde Exhibition	To support the exhibition "V.S. Gaitonde: Painting as Process, Painting as Life".	\$ 25,000
Solomon R. Guggenheim Foundation - 4th Biannual Asian Art Council Meeting	Support for the biannual convening of the Asian Art Council in Bangkok, which will focus on: "Why China? Global Dimensions and Questions of Localities."	\$ 85,000

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South Eugene High School - Expanding the AVID Program	Support towards the expansion of South Eugene High School's ADVANCEMENT VIA INDIVIDUAL DETERMINATION (AVID) program, a national program which proves to be timely and challenges high school students in the "academic middle" to live up to their potential by working hard and attending college. The ingredients to fill the "achievement gap" are well trained teachers, dedicated parents, hard working students, rigorous curriculum, continuous expectations, and encouragement. It works!	\$ 43,155
Summer Search - Four-Part Program	Summer Search's summer experiences, college advising, and year-round mentoring contribute to a lasting support network that keeps over 1,000 kids in seven sites across the country in school and attending college. For example, 41% of all California high school students (California being one of the seven sites) are designated as under-served, and they need opportunities, role models, and support in order to break the cycle of truancy, failing grades, and dropping out of school. Summer Search creates opportunities for students to see beyond their neighborhoods and envision a different life for themselves, and then helps them achieve the goal of higher education.	\$ 30,000
Teach for America - Bay Area - Teacher Support and Leadership Development	Rethinking Teacher Support and Leadership Development in the Bay Area.	\$ 100,000
Teach for China - Incubator Start-Up	Accelerating a Cohort of Educational Entrepreneurs in China.	\$ 100,000
Total Mission Grants		\$ 800,155
Total Discretionary Grants	Discretionary grants are non-mission oriented grants that have been approved by the Board.	\$695,500
2014 Grants Total		<u>\$ 1,495,655</u>