

W.L.S. SPENCER FOUNDATION

2015 GRANTS PAID

Organization Name Project/Program Title	Grant Description	Payment Amount
CASA of Lane County	Support for the Court Appointed Special Advocates chapter of Lane County Oregon. This is the first installment of a two year grant to help implement a new service model – A Voice for Every Child. This new model creates a group of seasoned Peer Coordinators who coach and guide CASA volunteers in order to enhance support for abused and neglected children in the foster care system.	\$ 40,000
CollegeSpring	First installment of a two year grant to support a Bay Area Executive Director who will manage programs and fulfill critical tasks that are necessary for expansion of programming. College Spring partners with schools and community organizations to help students from low-income backgrounds boost SAT scores, navigate college admissions and financial aid, and confidently pursue college degrees.	\$ 50,000
College Track	To support programming in Bayview Hunter's Point, helping underserved students finish high school and go to college.	\$ 30,000
Grey Art Gallery - New York University	To support "Global/Local 1960–2015: Six Artists from Iran", illuminating how three generations of artists participated in international art discourses over 55 years punctuated by the 1979 Iranian Revolution and war with Iraq. This is a timely exhibition promoting cross-cultural understanding between East and West.	\$ 25,000
Horizons	To support program growth at the 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.	\$ 15,000
John G. Shedd Institute for the Arts	To expand and broaden lesson offerings into more fields of study within the Community Music School.	\$ 8,000
KIPP Bay Area	To support KIPP's growth plan to open new charter schools, now at every level: elementary, middle, and high schools, in the Bay Area.	\$ 30,000
Peer Health Exchange - Bay Area Program	To support the training of college students to teach a health curriculum at high schools that lack health education classes.	\$ 20,000
Playworks	Renewal support for supervised active play at recess and after school in San Francisco Unified School District schools in the Hunter's Point/Bayview neighborhoods. The program reduces bullying and helps students to settle down once back in the classroom.	\$ 15,000
Reading Partners - Literacy Intervention Tutoring	Support for this volunteer-driven, one-on-one literacy tutoring program 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
South Eugene High School - Expanding the AVID Program	First installment of a 2 year grant to support the expansion of AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) in the 4J school district in Eugene, Oregon to include all High and Middle schools and some elementary schools by 2017. This national program challenges students in the "academic middle" to live up to their potential.	\$ 29,925
Summer Search San Francisco	To provide meaningful and enriching summer experiences, college advising, year-round mentoring, and a lasting support network to keep high school students in school and help them to attend college. Summer Search creates opportunities for students to see beyond their neighborhoods and envision a different life for themselves.	\$ 30,000
Teach for America - Bay Area	To support intense and continuous teacher training, recruitment for corps teachers, and corps teacher mentoring to benefit students in low-performing public schools in the San Francisco Bay Area.	\$ 100,000

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Teach for China	To support an incubator start-up in Beijing for Teach for China corps alums who have entrepreneurial ideas for education.	\$ 100,000
University of Oregon - Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art	To produce an academic catalogue and student participation in programming for an exhibition entitled "Postwar Japanese Prints."	\$ 50,000
University of Oregon - Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art	Support to bring a visiting artist printmaker from Japan to create a limited edition print with students and faculty of the University of Oregon Print Making Department, in conjunction with the exhibition "Postwar Japanese Prints."	\$ 20,000
Vincent Academy	To support this K-5 charter school in one of Oakland's underserved neighborhoods. This grant is for the school's mental health facility that helps with life and learning challenges faced by the students and their families.	\$ 30,000
Total Mission Grants		\$ 622,925
Total Discretionary Grants	Discretionary grants are non-mission oriented grants that have been approved by the Board.	\$ 480,000
2015 Grants Total		\$ 1,102,925