

# SFF GIVE GUIDE: ARTS

## **Bayview Hunters Point Center for Arts and Technology**

Located in San Francisco's Bayview Hunters Point community, BAYCAT educates, empowers and employs more than 180+ low-income youth, young people of color and young women who lack access to study and create digital media art. Youth participants (age 11-18) produce their own films, graphic art designs and music, while its interns (age 18-25) produce media and digital content for community organizations.

<https://www.baycat.org/>

## **Diamano Coura**

Since 1987, DC has empowered youth (age 4–21) to become engaged cultural citizens through job training and job placement in the visual and performing arts. Over 95% percent of the 1,100 student participants are from socio-economically disadvantaged families and 58% from single-parent African Diaspora immigrant families. In 2018, DC placed 20% of its high school and community college youth participants in arts-related jobs in the Bay Area.

<http://www.diamanocoura.org/>

## **La Peña Cultural Center**

Since 1975, LPCC has promoted peace, social justice and cultural understanding through arts classes, events, education and community action. Each year, LPCC offers a bilingual and multidisciplinary Summer Camp program where children (age 7-11) are introduced to cultural traditions and literacy. There is a strong focus on developing both creativity and language skills. They offer scholarship opportunities and many of the children who attend the camp come from low-income families.

<https://lapena.org/>

## **Queer Women of Color Media Arts Project**

QWOCMAP creates, exhibits, and distributes high-impact films that authentically reflect the lives of queer youth, women of color, and gender variant and transgender people of color. Since 2003, over 180 politically insightful, socially relevant and personally poignant films have been created through this program, which is the heart of QWOCMAP.

<https://qwocmap.org/>

## **SOMArts Cultural Center**

Located in the South of Market neighborhood, SOMArts leverages the power of art as a tool for social change through multi-disciplinary events and exhibitions. SOMArts provides ongoing school tours for grades 3 and up, and weekly drop-in youth ceramics classes. SOMArts' youth programs are representative of the Bay Area's diversity, and serve Latinx, API, Black and Indigenous communities.

<https://www.somarts.org/>

# SFF GIVE GUIDE: CRIMINAL JUSTICE

## **Asian Prisoner Support Committee**

APSC provides peer reentry support, case management, and community immersion opportunities to formerly incarcerated individuals in Alameda and San Francisco counties, with a less than 3% recidivism rate. APSC works with the broader community to create sustainable jobs and culturally competent health and human services.

<https://www.asianprisonersupport.com/programs-1>

## **Ella Baker Center**

The Ella Baker Center works locally, statewide, and nationally to shift resources away from prisons and punishment and towards opportunities that make our communities safe, healthy, and strong. They mobilize people to build power and prosperity including community-led solutions for unsheltered Oaklanders who are being displaced and criminalized to legislation that abolishes abusive practices in prisons and jails.

<https://ellabakercenter.org>

## **Financial Justice Project**

In November 2016, the Financial Justice Project (FJP) was started in the Office of the Treasurer of the City and County of San Francisco to respond to the growing number of government programs that levy fines and fees from residents, partly to generate revenue to balance public budgets. The insidious unintended consequences of this practice pushes people into poverty, making government a driver of inequality, not an equalizer of opportunity. The FJP's mission is to advance economic and racial equity by alleviating the adverse and disproportionate effects of fines and fees on low-income people and people of color. It collaborates with community organizations, advocates, city and county departments, and the courts to enact reforms that result in meaningful change for low-income San Franciscans. Reforms can mean getting rid of a penalty that is disproportionate with the offense (such as suspending driver's licenses when people can't pay traffic court fines and fees); working with a department to base fines and fees on people's ability to pay; and considering alternative solutions that might be more effective (for example, allowing someone to meet their obligation by performing community service).

<https://sftreasurer.org/financial-justice-project>

## **Prison University Project**

The Prison University Project provides an intellectually rigorous, inclusive Associate of Arts degree program and college preparatory program, free of charge, to people at San Quentin State Prison. The Project has emerged as a national leader in providing quality higher education opportunities to incarcerated people and was awarded the 2015 National Humanities Medal.

<https://prisonuniversityproject.org/>

## **San Francisco State University/Project Rebound**

Project Rebound was established at San Francisco State University fifty years ago to help formerly incarcerated students overcome barriers to academic achievement and success. Project Rebound assists students in addressing a range of financial roadblocks (transportation, books, financial aid, etc.) so they could continue with their college education.

<http://asi.sfsu.edu/asprograms/project-rebound>



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## **San Quentin News**

San Quentin News employs a staff of 12-15 incarcerated men, aided by 7 professional advisers and a handful of volunteers who work to produce the newspaper. San Quentin News staff prepares and distributes monthly issues to approximately 4,000 incarcerated men at San Quentin, prison staff, volunteers and visitors. San Quentin News staff also ships 18,000 copies of the newspaper to all 35 California prisons and local communities.

<https://sanquentinnews.com/>

## **UC Berkeley/Underground Scholars Initiative**

Underground Scholars Initiative provides customized support services to current and prospective prison-impacted students including academic mentoring and tutoring, professional and personal development, and network and community building on UC Berkeley's campus. The Scholars work with formerly incarcerated students in community colleges to promote UC eligibility, and assist them with their enrollment and applications.

<https://undergroundscholars.berkeley.edu>



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# SFF GIVE GUIDE: EDUCATION

## **Aim High**

Aim High develops the skills, knowledge and experience for young people to thrive in middle school, high school and college and to close the achievement and opportunity gaps in Northern California. In 2019, they served 2,264 middle school students.

<https://www.aimhigh.org/>

## **Building Blocks for Kids**

Building Blocks for Kids serves families in Richmond in an area with limited access to services. Building Blocks for Kids focuses on parent education and engagement so that they can support their children to thrive. They focus on the overall health and wellness of children and families.

<https://www.bbk-richmond.org/healthandwellness/>

## **Civicorps**

Civicorps was founded as one of the first local conservations corps in California and re-engages young adults to earn high school diplomas, gain job skills, pursue college and embark on family sustaining careers. Their social enterprises have trained youth to become powerful change agents as they overcome the effects of poor schooling, trauma, and pollution in their neighborhoods.

<https://www.cvcorps.org/>

## **Lotus Bloom**

With sites throughout Oakland, this family resource center helps parents be their child's first teacher. Teachers model activities in a safe space for healthy development and play and are trained to assess developmental screenings. Low-income multicultural families with young children learn through opportunities for social connection and parent workshops.

<http://www.lotusbloomfamily.org/>

## **Youth Access to Opportunity**

The Youth Access to Opportunity Fund, a partnership between donors and SFF, provides grants for youth, education and economic mobility. Launched in 2019, the fund is an innovative three-year pilot program that partners with three Bay Area high schools to fund support for college and career readiness, teacher retention, and positive school climate.

<https://sff.org/make-an-impact/give-new/yao/>



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# SFF GIVE GUIDE: ENVIRONMENT

## **Earthjustice**

Earthjustice is the premier nonprofit public interest environmental law organization using the power of the law to protect people's health, preserve magnificent places and wildlife, advance clean energy, and combat climate change.

<https://earthjustice.org>

## **Environmental Defense Fund**

EDF's climate strategies are to reduce energy waste and save customer's money, protect public health, and spur investments and new business practices. They are working for a clean, modern energy system that will better protect our health while boosting the economy.

<https://www.edf.org/>

## **Natural Resources Defense Council**

Their climate program is working to tackle the climate crisis at its source: pollution from fossil fuels. NRDC wants to reduce our dependence on these dirty sources by expanding clean energy across cities, states, and nations. They win court cases that allow the federal government to limit carbon pollution from cars and power plants; implement practical clean energy solutions; and fight oil and gas projects that would pump out even more pollution.

<https://www.nrdc.org/>

## **GRID Alternatives**

GRID's vision is a successful transition to clean, renewable energy that includes everyone by making renewable energy technology and job training accessible to underserved communities.

<https://gridalternatives.org/>

## **Alliance for Climate Education**

ACE educates, activates, and trains students to be the next generation of climate leaders. They are committed to not letting another generation graduate from high school misinformed about the climate crisis and what it means for their future.

<https://acespace.org/>

## **Youth Access to Nature Fund**

This fund at the San Francisco Foundation provides disconnected and underserved youth in the Bay Area with outdoor experiences in nature. Young people have been able to see the ocean for the first time, visit the awe-inspiring redwoods and get their hands dirty in the soil, with a goal of inspiring young people to protect our natural resources and become the next generation of environmental champions.

<https://sff.org/make-an-impact/give-new/yan/>



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## **Asian Pacific Environmental Network**

APEN is protecting people and their communities from climate change and pollution because they believe that we all deserve a healthy and clean environment where our communities can thrive. For over two decades, APEN has been building power in Asian immigrant and refugee communities to fight big polluters.

<https://apen4ej.org/>

## **Communities for a Better Environment**

CBE is building power in low-income communities of color across California to achieve environmental health and justice. CBE Richmond is advocating for a just transition from fossil fuels to build a new and healthier economy and environment.

[www.cbecal.org/](http://www.cbecal.org/)

## **Greenlining Institute**

Greenlining is a policy, research, organizing, and leadership institute working for racial and economic justice. GLI works on a variety of major policy issues, from the economy to environmental policy, health care and many others, because economic opportunity has many parts, and they all connect. Its program brings climate resources and programs to local communities. Their Environmental Equity program brings climate resources and programs to local communities. <https://greenlining.org/>

## **The Trust for Public Land**

TPL works to protect the places that people care about, and to create close-to-home parks—particularly in and near cities, where 80 percent of Americans live. TPL’s goal is to ensure that every child has easy access to a safe place to play in nature. They conserve working farms, ranches, and forests; lands of historical and cultural importance; rivers, streams, coasts, and watersheds; and other special places where people can experience nature close at hand.

<https://www.tpl.org/>



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# SFF GIVE GUIDE: HOUSING

## **Destination: Home**

Destination: Home works with partners to develop and fund strategies for homelessness reduction, and promote outcomes-driven housing and services models in Santa Clara County and are deeply involved in the new regional effort AllHome. They led the proposal of successful ballot measures to increase funding for affordable homes, particularly individuals who are homeless and those who are extremely low-income and in danger of becoming homeless.

<https://destinationhomesv.org/>

## **Eviction Defense Collaborative**

Established in 1995, Eviction Defense Collaborative (EDC) is the principal organization helping low-income, San Francisco tenants respond to eviction lawsuits. EDC was one of the first organizations in the nation to combine rental assistance, legal assistance, and advocacy for shelter clients, annually providing emergency legal services and rental assistance to over 5,000 tenants. Because of their proven track record serving low and extremely low-income tenants, EDC has been selected by the City of San Francisco through their Tenant Right to Counsel project as a lead partner in guaranteeing legal representation to any tenant facing eviction.

<http://evictiondefense.org>

## **Faith in Action Bay Area**

Faith in Action Bay Area is a network of congregations and community leaders working to uphold the dignity of all people. They develop shared leadership, promote civic engagement, and lift up faith values to ensure housing justice for all in San Francisco, San Mateo and throughout the Bay Area.

<https://faithinactionba.org/>

## **Hamilton Families**

Established in 1985, Hamilton Families is San Francisco's leading service provider to families experiencing homelessness, with carefully designed programs to prevent homelessness, provide shelter and stability, return families to permanent housing and support the well-being of children experiencing homelessness.

<https://www.hamiltonfamilies.org/>

## **Keep Oakland Housed**

Keep Oakland Housed prevents Oakland residents from losing their housing by providing legal representation, emergency financial assistance, and supportive services. This program is available to all Oakland residents who are experiencing a housing crisis and have a household income at or below 50% of the Area Median Income, with priority to extremely low-income households. Last year, the program provided over \$2.5M in emergency financial assistance and prevented more than 2,100 households from becoming homeless.

<https://www.keeпоaklandhoused.org/>

## **Mission Economic Development Agency**

Since 1973, MEDA has rapidly grown as a community organization rooted in the Mission District of San Francisco. The organization has moved from working solely on direct services to becoming a policy advocacy, community asset building, and affordable housing preserving organization. MEDA understands that for Latino families to reverse generational poverty and ensure they can call San

Francisco their permanent home, more must be done to dismantle the systemic social and economic barriers that exist for low- and moderate-income families. The San Francisco Foundation has remained a strong partner of MEDA over the years with key investments in its small site acquisition plans and organizational capacity building.

<https://medasf.org/>

### **Nonprofit Housing Association of Northern California**

The Nonprofit Housing Association of Northern California (NPH) was founded in 1979 as a collective voice for those who support, build and finance affordable housing. NPH now has 750 members including affordable housing developers, advocates, community leaders, financial institutions, public officials, faith leaders, and businesses — all working to secure resources, promote good policy, educate the public, and support affordable homes as the foundation for thriving individuals, families and neighborhoods. To advance its mission, NPH provides leadership in the local, regional and statewide movement for affordable housing and supportive services, successfully championing critical policy changes.

[www.nonprofithousing.org](http://www.nonprofithousing.org)

### **Partnership for the Bay's Future**

The Partnership for the Bay's Future is the first of its kind in California consisting of philanthropic, faith, government, business and community leaders all working toward a shared vision: to address the affordable housing crisis. The public-private Partnership, and its investment and policy funds, aims to expand and protect the housing stability of up to 175,000 households over the next five years and preserve and produce more than 8,000 homes over the next five to 10 years. The unique Partnership focuses on Protection, Preservation, and Production of housing and achieves results through charitable investments and policy change.

<https://www.baysfuture.org/>

### **Somos MayFair**

Somos MayFair is the leading neighborhood collaborative engaged in preserving housing and other critical issues in the city of San Jose. They believe in building leadership capacity to ensure families have access to resources and opportunities to strengthen our community.

<https://www.somosmayfair.org/>



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# SFF GIVE GUIDE: IMMIGRANT RIGHTS

## **Asian Americans Advancing Justice – Asian Law Caucus**

Established in 1972, Asian Americans Advancing Justice – Asian Law Caucus (AAAJ-ALC) is the oldest Asian American civil rights legal organization in the country. Its mission is to promote, advance, and represent the legal and civil rights of Asian American communities, with a focus on addressing the needs of low-income, immigrant and underserved Asian Americans. AAAJ-ALC initiated Bay Area census advocacy and outreach in January 2019 by providing community-based organizations with early legal/policy/technical analysis and expertise, and a variety of translated informational materials on the census tailored towards hard-to-reach communities. They are working to ensure a fair and inclusive Census 2020 count, and the protection of worker, immigrant and tenant rights in the Bay Area.

<https://www.advancingjustice-alc.org>

## **California Immigrant Policy Center**

Founded in 1996, the California Immigrant Policy Center (CIPC) is a statewide immigrant rights organization with offices in Los Angeles, Sacramento, San Diego and Oakland. Through organizing and advocacy, customized technical assistance, and capacity-building, it advances policies that uphold the humanity of immigrants and refugees while advancing racial, social and economic justice. Over the past five years, it helped pass 30 pro-immigrant laws in the state that increase the economic mobility and opportunity of immigrants, including sanctuary state policies, expanded health coverage to over 200,000 children, driver licenses issued to over 1 million undocumented individuals, and increased immigration services funding.

<https://caimmigrant.org>

## **Canal Alliance**

For 36 years, the Canal Alliance's integrated strategies have worked to remove the many barriers in Marin County that extremely low-income Latino immigrants confront in attempting to access education, earn a living wage, and improve their financial security. Last year, Canal Alliance served more than 2,000 clients through their Immigration Legal Services, Social Services, Behavioral Health, Youth and Adult Education and Workforce Development programs. In partnership with College of Marin and the Marin Builders' Association, two cohorts of 26 total students graduated from their construction training program, 100% of whom are now employed and 96% have higher paying jobs as a result. Its University Prep program supported 114 students from 6th grade through college.

<https://canalalliance.org>

## **Central American Resource Center (CARECEN)**

Central American Resource Center SF (CARECEN) empowers and responds to the needs, rights and aspirations of Latino immigrants and under-resourced families in the Bay Area and builds leadership, self-determination and justice. Last year, CARECEN served 6,050 individuals by connecting them to immigration legal counseling regarding their cases, legal processing and form filing, removal defense, affirmative defense, representation of detained individuals, and other immigration legal support. CARECEN has also served as fiscal agent/lead agency for the San Francisco Immigrant Legal Defense Collaborative, a 15-member community-based initiative actively representing 1,050 individuals in SF Immigration Court.

<https://carecensf.org>



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## **Kids in Need of Defense (KIND)**

Kids in Need of Defense (KIND) is the leading national organization advocating for the rights of unaccompanied migrant and refugee children in the U.S. In 2019 alone, KIND provided free legal assistance to over 800 separated individuals and helped deported parents connect with their children. To assist children seeking asylum in the U.S. but stranded in Mexico, they provided legal orientations to children alone, accompanied particularly vulnerable children to ports of entry, ensured continuity of service for children who reached the U.S., and built local capacity to better protect children.

<https://supportkind.org/>

## **Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights of the San Francisco Bay Area**

Established in 1968, LCCR provides free legal representation to communities on the front lines of social justice struggles, including low-income people, communities of color, immigrants, and refugees. It also provides legal assistance to entrepreneurs and small businesses at risk of displacement. These direct legal services inform the organization's broader litigation and policy advocacy work. Immigrant, racial, and economic justice are at the heart of the Bay Area's more challenging dynamics, and they are further complicated by a rapidly growing economy that often leaves out the region's most vulnerable residents, and increasingly harsh federal policies and regulations targeting low-income communities of color.

<https://www.lccr.com>

## **Upwardly Global**

Upwardly Global (UpGlo) serves immigrant, refugee and asylee job seekers who have college degrees from their home countries but are unemployed or working far below their skill level. UpGlo helped job seekers completed core training and one-on-one coaching needed to successfully navigate a professional job search.

<https://www.upwardlyglobal.org>



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# SFF GIVE GUIDE: YOUTH

## **3rd Street Youth Center**

3<sup>rd</sup> Street Youth Center helps youth from the Bayview Hunters Point improve their physical, emotional and social health in order to become successful, engaged adults. The center provides physical and mental health services including reproductive care, and counseling.

<https://3rdstyouth.org/>

## **826 Valencia**

Founded in 2002, 826 Valencia provides free writing, tutoring and publishing programs for 9,000 under-resourced students ages 6-18 in San Francisco, the vast majority of whom attend under-served public schools in the San Francisco Unified School District. Through its accessible, year-round programming, 826 Valencia seeks to close the academic achievement gap for underserved youth, provide writing tools and resources necessary for success in school and beyond, and make the path to college and career less of a leap.

<https://826valencia.org/>

## **First Place for Youth**

First Place for Youth serves foster youth ages 16-24 who are homeless or imminently homeless, those who have dropped out of high school, are pregnant or parenting, are unemployed, and have limited community connections. They help youth get their GED, enroll in college, secure jobs, and stay stably housed. First Place co-sponsored and supported bills, which allocates \$5 million for counties to provide housing navigation services for youth in extended foster care and \$8 million for counties to provide housing for former foster and probation youth aged 18-25.

<https://www.firstplaceforyouth.org/>

## **New Door Ventures**

New Door Ventures serves disconnected youth ages 16-24 who are neither working nor in school by helping them overcome multiple barriers such as homelessness, poverty, involvement with foster care and justice systems, institutional racism and lack of family support. 91% of previously homeless youth have acquired stable housing and 100% of youth with a criminal history have not re-offended.

<http://www.newdoor.org/>

## **Oakland Leaf**

Oakland Leaf equips future leaders with emotional and academic skills to express themselves peacefully. Their after-school programs, summer camps and internships empower at-risk youth to think critically about how their actions impact others, to choose healthy decisions for themselves and the environment, and to become active, engaged citizens in their community. Their summer camp emphasizes arts, culture and their relationship to social and restorative justice and interns participate in 4,100 hours of workshops about financial literacy, youth development, and hands-on science instruction.

<http://www.oaklandleaf.org/>



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## **Phoenix Project**

The Phoenix Project is a collaborative of eight community-based organizations that serves youth ages 14 to 24 living in four HOPE SF's public housing communities. More than half of the students who live in these sites are chronically absent from school. Of these approximately 850 transitional age youth, 66 percent have no earnings and aren't on track to graduate or even enrolled in school. Phoenix Project partners provide trusted life coaches and peer advocates who develop supportive relationships with the youth as they provide wraparound educational, employment, behavioral, physical health, peace promotion and barrier remediation services. In its initial two years, 70 youth have been engaged in the services.

<http://phoenixprojectsf.org/>

## **YMCA SF**

YMCA supports education and employment in high-need neighborhoods. Through the Transition to Independence program, the Bayview Y connected 1,397 young people to the full range of workforce development services and sector opportunities, including hospitality and culinary arts, IT, small business development, and construction. Services are holistic in nature, providing coaching and confidence building, clothing, and job skills training and placement—including in the higher paying union jobs. The Urban Services YMCA (Potrero Hill) partnered with nearby schools and families to advance educational engagement, decrease chronic absence, and improve academic performance for over 300 elementary students in Potrero's HOPE SF public housing community.

<https://www.ymcasf.org/>

## **Youth Employment Partnership**

Founded in 1973, Youth Employment Partnership (YEP) enhances the employment and educational opportunities of Oakland youth and young adults effected by poverty, the criminal justice system, the foster care system, school underachievement, and lack of work experience. Utilizing an approach that incentivizes youth to work against employment and educational barriers, YEP provides career exploration, workforce training, supplemental education, and supportive services to create models of youth success while improving the overall health of the community.

<http://www.yep.org/>

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