

CITY OF SANTA ROSA

Exhibit A



Community Helping Our Indispensable Children Excel CHOICE Grant Program Cycle XII Year One Funding Recommendations



January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025

AGENCY	PROGRAM & GRANT AWARD	DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAMS
Buckelew Programs	Family Service Coordination \$150,000	The Family Service Coordination (FSC) addresses the complex needs of families affected by youth and gang violence. FSC focuses on prevention and utilizes a variety of best practices to educate families on how to support themselves and their loved ones. The program is comprised of a system of navigators who identify as peers and have their own lived experience and will support families with youth that are at-risk, high-risk, gang impacted and gang intentional. FSC support increases the health and well-being of the whole family and the FSC program supports families to have self-efficacy and learn tools of empowerment from trusted peer navigators.
Chop's Teen Club	Work Ready Program \$72,030 Pro-Social Activities for Teens \$7,500	Chop's Work Ready Program offers six-week courses integrating classroom instruction and work experience to equip teens with essential job skills. Classroom activities focus on interpersonal and professional skills, and financial literacy. Participants receive personalized assistance in crafting cover letters and resumes and engage in mock interviews. Work Ready provides hands-on work experiences, especially in the retail sector at Chop's Café, with training in customer service, time management, and food-handling. Upon completion, teens receive a professional portfolio, a Work Readiness Completion Certificate, a Food-Handling Certificate, and a \$200 completion award. The Partnership will also provide 100 scholarships for youth referred through the Guiding People Successfully Program. Chop's will provide a space for referred youth to engage in pro-social activities after school and during school break periods.
Circuit Rider	Diversion ART \$99,447.74	Circuit Rider Community Services' Diversion ART® (Aggression Replacement Training) Program is an intervention for youth assessed as High-Risk, Gang-Impacted, or Gang-Intentional, designed to serve male and female youth participants ages 13-18 referred to the Program by The Partnership's Guiding People Successfully (GPS) referral system, local schools, other community-based organizations, Sonoma County Juvenile Court, and/or Juvenile Probation. ART® curriculum consists of three components: Structured Learning/Social Skills Training (The Behavior Component), Anger Control Training (The Emotional Component), and Moral Reasoning (The Values Component), to assist youth in restructuring the thought process by teaching cognitive and life skills that aid in decision-making, problem-solving, anger management, and effective communication.
Community Action Partnership	El Puente \$75,000	El Puente provides in-home therapy to youth and families using a culturally responsive, strength based approach focused on healing trauma, building communication, connection and enhancing resiliency. The program is delivered by two bilingual counselors trained in evidence based therapeutic modalities who join families in creating their own goals, breaking disruptive cycles, honing in on existing strengths and building effective skills. This is accomplished through 12-16 sessions of youth and family therapy in the home or community. Participants can expect to see an increase in communication and interpersonal skills, a decrease in risk taking and unsafe behavior, deepening of insight and personal awareness and a reduction in trauma and mental health symptoms.
Conservation Corps North Bay	Career Pathways Program \$92,225.86	The Career Pathways Workforce Development Program provides diverse, at-risk and high-risk youth ages 18-24 from Santa Rosa's high-need areas who are facing various systemic barriers to financial independence with training, education, and wraparound services needed to increase work readiness and economic stability. Young people participate in the program full-time for an average of one year and have the opportunity to gain valuable paid work experience in natural resources and zero waste services; earn their high school diplomas; improve their English language skills; navigate barriers to transportation, childcare, healthcare, and housing receive career exploration and soft skills coaching; and to apply for and secure living wage employment.
LandPaths	Rooting Youth in Nature – Stand with the Land \$50,000	Stand with the Land will host youth referred through the Guiding People Successfully Program on outings and invite partners who host youth development groups (e.g. Boys Council, Girls Circle, ART, etc.) to host these groups in LandPaths' nature reserves. The program will engage probation officers, VPP partners and youth in structured activities, including hikes, boating, trips to parks, and community cleanup events.

Restorative Resources	.RJ \$128,796.40	The (dot).RJ - Diversion Opportunity for Transformation Program is designed to provide "front" and "early" intervention and models a true restorative justice program. A restorative justice program that addresses a specific incident, invites all stakeholders, encourages collaborative solutions, involves community, promotes healing, and requires offender accountability. The .RJ Program strives to intervene and/or prevent gang violence and substance abuse by providing positive alternatives and restorative elements, approaches, techniques, and choices to youth. Restorative Resources will work to improve outcomes for referred youth by diverting them away from a future crime with this multi-tiered model. Our goal is to provide life changing tools to address the dilemmas and challenges that hinder youth from reaching their inherent and full potential and meet our community's desire for restorative justice approaches to street outreach, prevention, intervention, and mediation.
TLC Child & Family Services	Functional Family Therapy (FFT) \$75,000	TLC Child and Family Services will provide Functional Family Therapy (FFT) for at-risk and high-risk youth and families residing or attending school in the Equity Priority areas of Santa Rosa in partnership with Santa Rosa City Schools and Roseland Unified School District. TLC is the only entity in Sonoma County trained and able to offer FFT services, which is an evidence-based, in-home, culturally and linguistically responsive short-term family counseling model scientifically proven to support at-risk youth and families to address school behavior problems and truancy, substance abuse, mental health challenges, violence and gang involvement, and family functioning. The purpose is to provide FFT to strengthen youth, ages 10-18, and their families through whole family support, reducing youth violence and problem behaviors and improving family functioning to build a safer community.

***Year two and three funding contingent upon successful completion of year one requirements outlined in Exhibit B**