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FOUNDATION AWARDS \$286,000 TO EL MONTE NONPROFITS

LOS ANGELES — The California Community Foundation said Tuesday it awarded \$286,000 to 14 nonprofit organizations to support six-month projects to enhance the quality of life for El Monte residents. The grants, which represent the second set of grants of the foundation's 10-year El Monte Community Building Initiative, include a youth fitness program, graffiti cleanup, free parenting classes and a one-week summer camp.

"In the first year of the initiative, we spent most of our time listening to the communities' concerns to ensure our efforts would address the greatest needs in the City of El Monte," said Antonia Hernández, president and CEO at the foundation. "Many of the funded projects do just that – address the immediate needs of the community."

Grant recipients include the **Boys & Girls Club of San Gabriel Valley**, to send 125 boys and girls to a week-long High Sierra camp; the **El Monte Mounted Police Volunteers**, for a graffiti and neighborhood cleanup program; and **The Jerry Ortiz Memorial Boxing and Youth Fitness Gym**, to enroll 60 youth in the gym and provide fitness and training programs. A complete list of grant recipients is below.

The El Monte Community Building Initiative is a \$10 million initiative that seeks to revitalize the community by engaging residents, developing their leadership and improving their physical environment and social services. The initiative focuses on three neighborhoods: Little Five Points, Tyler Corridor and Ramona/Valley.

The California Community Foundation is L.A.'s foundation. Founded in 1915, its mission is to strengthen Los Angeles County communities through effective philanthropy and civic engagement. It manages more than \$1.3 billion in assets and invests in L.A.'s future by giving more than \$125 million in grants to outstanding nonprofits each year. The foundation is unique because it partners with donors to find innovative solutions. CCF is a leading investor in the development of permanent affordable housing; the biggest supporter of individual artists in the region; and a national leader in increasing services for returning veterans from Iraq and Afghanistan. CCF's personal service and expertise helps individuals, families and organizations fulfill their charitable goals and dreams. To learn more, visit CCF's Web site at www.calfund.org.

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SUMMARY OF GRANTS

Unless noted, all grants serve the Little Five Points, Ramona/Valley and Tyler Corridor neighborhoods of El Monte.

Name of Organization	Grant Amount	Purpose
AltaMed	\$25,000	To provide health outreach, screenings and insurance enrollment assistance to residents in the Little Five Points area through a mobile health unit.
BIENESTAR Human Services, Inc.	\$25,000	To increase understanding of HIV/AIDS by conducting workshops at several schools in El Monte and outreaching to at least 4,000 parents.
Boys & Girls Club of San Gabriel Valley	\$25,000	To provide 125 boys and girls a week-long residential, camping experience in the High Sierra.
El Monte Historical Society Museum	\$5,500	To increase tours for school children, update an inventory of museum property and develop a curriculum to engage youth.
El Monte Mounted Police Volunteers	\$25,000	To support a graffiti and neighborhood cleanup program.
El Monte/South El Monte Emergency Resources Association	\$25,000	To increase residents' awareness of resources available in the community by developing local leadership, organizing informational forums and increasing community participation through community activities.
Girl Scouts – Mt. Wilson Vista Council	\$25,000	To provide 192 girls in the Ramona/Valley and Tyler Corridor area Girl Scouting through after-school and summertime enrichment programs.
Goodwill Industries of Southern California, El Monte	\$11,000	To install an electronic door that will greatly improve access to the facility for clients with physical disabilities and establish a client resource library that will provide resources for jobseekers.
The Jerry Ortiz Memorial Boxing and Youth Fitness Gym	\$25,000	To expand the fitness and wellness program at the gym and enroll 60 new youth from El Monte's school districts in the gym and boxing programs.
Mid Valley Recovery Services, Inc.	\$9,550	To provide free parenting classes, substance abuse and anger management counseling to residents living primarily in the Little Five Points area.
Mujeres de la Tierra	\$25,000	To plan and develop the ceramic public art project for Mariposa Park.
Partnership Scholars	\$25,000	To send 12 scholars from the Little Five Points area to SuperCamp for additional training and support on time management, listening and study skills.
San Gabriel Valley Conservation Corps	\$25,000	To renovate Baldwin Mini Park by engaging youth.
Valley Economic Development Center	\$10,000	To support a market feasibility analysis on the needs of El Monte's small business community.
Total	\$286,050	

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