



COMMUNITY PROGRESS MAKERS FUND

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THE COMMUNITY PROGRESS MAKERS FUND

is a **\$20 million, two-year initiative by the Citi Foundation to support high-impact community organizations that are driving economic opportunities in their communities.** These 40 change agents are addressing a range of urban challenges in the U.S., from economic development and affordable housing to environmental sustainability and urban infrastructure. In addition to core operating grant support, Community Progress Makers have access to technical assistance from leading experts and are part of a learning cohort to share best practices. First launched in 2015, the Community Progress Makers Fund builds upon the Citi Foundation's commitment to support local solutions and organizations that are helping build stronger, more resilient cities that catalyze economic opportunity for all their residents.

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A photograph of two women from behind, looking out over a city skyline. The woman on the right has her hair in a bun and is wearing a denim jacket. The woman on the left has long dark hair. They are standing on a rooftop or balcony with a white railing. In the background, there are several multi-story buildings, including a prominent white one with many windows and a fire escape. The sky is clear and blue.

**MEET THE
COMMUNITY
PROGRESS
MAKERS**



CHICAGO



CARA

Maria Kim, President & CEO

"We think of Cara as bootcamps and businesses that ready people affected by homelessness and poverty to sustainably re-enter the workforce. Focusing on socio-emotional skills and workforce competencies, we are unlocking new talent for entry-level positions in the private sector – folks who will stick and stay on their jobs (at retention rates over twenty points higher than national norms), as the first step towards long-term self-sufficiency. With support from the Community Progress Makers Fund, we are taking this established model and expanding our reach to more opportunity youth, so that we disrupt the cycle and start their new beginnings today."

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CHICAGO COMMONS

Edgar Ramirez, President & CEO

"We at Chicago Commons look to partner with individuals, families, and communities to help them overcome poverty, discrimination, and isolation. At our four Reggio Emilia-based early childhood education schools and partner schools; we serve nearly 1,500 low-income children annually. With support from the Citi Foundation Community Progress Makers Fund, we will be able to scale our two-generational family engagement work and our Pathways for Parents initiative to help the parents of our students advance their own education and secure meaningful employment at our early childhood schools."

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ELEVATE ENERGY

Anne Evens, Chief Executive Officer

"At Elevate Energy, we seek to ensure that the benefits of clean and efficient energy use reach the people who need them most. We pair data-driven strategies with community engagement efforts to educate residents and facilitate the delivery of energy efficiency incentives into low- and moderate-income communities that are often overlooked by conventional energy programs. With continued support from the Community Progress Makers Fund, we will be piloting five different community solar project models over the next two years that will increase energy efficiency benefits for 2,500 families in Chicago."

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GREATER SOUTHWEST DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Ghian Foreman, Executive Director

"The southwest side of Chicago is ripe for revitalization and Greater Southwest Development Corporation (GSDC) is perfectly positioned to be a catalyst for growth. The Community Progress Makers Fund will allow GSDC to expand its offering of entrepreneurial, commercial and residential resources in order to increase commerce and create financial security while reducing vacancy and unemployment. Moreover, this Fund will be vitally important in GSDC becoming an apparatus to share best practices in technology and data that will result in more prosperous communities throughout the city."

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NORTH LAWDALE EMPLOYMENT NETWORK

Brenda Palms Barber, Executive Director

"Fifty-seven percent of the people living in North Lawndale have been affected by the criminal justice system, either directly or through a family member. When those directly impacted return home, it's difficult to find a good job. We set out to change that by providing transitional employment and training to respectfully help people get back on their feet. As a Community Progress Maker, we plan to increase the number of transitional jobs we can offer to 400, while also deepening our relationships with area employers to maximize the number of permanent job placements."

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LOS ANGELES



EAST LA COMMUNITY CORPORATION

Isela Gracian, President

"Fighting gentrification has been a driving force behind our work in Boyle Heights and East Los Angeles, where a large number of low-income families are struggling to stay in the neighborhood. As a Community Progress Maker, we will work to curtail the displacement of our residents by building grassroots leadership to advocate for local needs, developing affordable housing, and providing access to economic opportunities for the families and businesses that call Boyle Heights and East Los Angeles home."

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HOMEBOY INDUSTRIES

Tom Vozzo, Chief Executive Officer

"At Homeboy Industries, we are helping formerly gang-involved men and women connect to jobs, community, and more on-ramps to opportunity. With the support and job training they receive at Homeboy, these men and women are discovering their own self-worth and transforming their lives. The Community Progress Makers Fund is building our capacity to expand our programs and double the number of lives we are able to change for the better."

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KOREATOWN YOUTH & COMMUNITY CENTER

John Ho Song, Executive Director

"Communities thrive when families are healthy and stable. The most vulnerable population in Koreatown, the recently immigrated socio-economically disadvantaged families, are confronted with additional challenges due to gentrification of the community. To help families cope with the financial complexities of living in Los Angeles, KYCC will integrate financial capability services into all of our social services. The Community Progress Makers Fund will allow us to design the service integration model and build the capacity of our social workers to enhance the impact of our services for our youth and their families."

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LISC LOS ANGELES

Tunua Thrash-Ntuk, Executive Director

"We work with local leaders to build resilient and inclusive communities of opportunity. A key piece of our economic development agenda in South LA is to serve as a bridge and trusted partner between anchor institutions such as hospitals, universities and local government, and the needs of the community. As a Community Progress Maker, we will leverage the economic power of local anchor institutions to create living wage jobs for residents and invest in small businesses, entrepreneurs and infrastructure, creating shared value and greater economic opportunity for these institutions and the South LA community."

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LOS ANGELES COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Bill Allen, Chief Executive Officer

"A strong, diverse and sustainable local economy where all residents can prosper depends on a highly-skilled labor force equipped for our evolving job market. Through Propel LA, we are forging partnerships with community colleges and employers in high-demand growth industries to train and connect unemployed and underemployed workers to livable wage jobs with benefits and career pathways. The Community Progress Makers Fund will enable us to test and evaluate this model so that we can refine and replicate it in future years and narrow the opportunity gaps for many more Los Angeles residents."

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LOS ANGELES LGBT CENTER

Lorri L. Jean, Chief Executive Officer

"LGBT people continue to face threats to their long-term health, economic stability, and well-being. A staggering 40% of youth surviving on the streets of Hollywood identify as LGBTQ, and nearly a quarter of the LGBT seniors in Los Angeles live on less than \$1,000 a month. With help from the Community Progress Makers Fund, we will continue to address barriers to affordable housing and steady employment as we work to build a world where every member of the LGBT community can thrive."

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UNITED WAY OF GREATER LOS ANGELES

Elise Buick, President & CEO

“United Way has been working for nearly a decade to end homelessness and poverty for tens of thousands of people across Los Angeles County. We are at a pivotal moment in the fight. Voters have approved billions in funding to invest in the solutions that we have piloted and tested, but the voter approved funds are not enough. The support from Citi Foundation’s Community Progress Makers Fund is critical to helping us continue to be the engine that builds the big coalitions necessary to drive the effective solutions forward. Through our ‘Everyone In’ campaign and parallel community impact work we plan to double down on this work and, with these new resources, do even more to help people across the region break the cycle of poverty, permanently.”

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CATALYST MIAMI

Gretchen Beesing, Chief Executive Officer

"Nearly 60 percent of Miamians don't have enough savings to cover basic life expenses for three months. So when a disaster - like Hurricane Irma - happens, they literally don't have the ability to 'weather the storm'. We've been working with a broad array of partners to help low-wealth residents prepare for, survive, and recover from natural disasters. Continued support from Community Progress Makers will enable us to deepen our community engagement and disaster preparedness work, integrating our financial coaching and benefits access platform, so that community members will be prepared when the next disaster hits."

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HISPANIC UNITY OF FLORIDA (HUF)

Josie Bacallao, President & CEO

"HUF is proud to be the Ellis Island of South Florida helping newly arrived immigrants to transition into their new lives and live their American dream. We do this by offering wraparound services, including English classes, financial capabilities and career services. As part of the Community Progress Makers Fund, we will pilot the Pathways to Progress program, a workforce training program aimed at improving the income and economic stability of working families, by setting the foundation for meaningful - and rewarding - careers."

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THE MIAMI FOUNDATION

Javier Alberto Soto, President & CEO

"The Miami Foundation seeks to advance civic leadership, community investment and philanthropy to improve the quality of life for everyone who calls Greater Miami home. Prioritizing the needs of the most vulnerable and creating equitable opportunity is central in all our work. As a Community Progress Maker, we will boost our civic leadership and partnerships to launch a capacity-building hub for the nonprofit sector we rely on to transform lives. We will create a new accelerator for high-potential organizations, develop open-source resources and community programming to strengthen Greater Miami's nonprofit eco-system and better serve the unique needs in this market."

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UNITED WAY OF MIAMI-DADE

Maria C. Alonso, President & CEO

"Our community and economy cannot succeed if hardworking families cannot thrive. The United Way ALICE Report states that more than 314,000 households in Miami-Dade earn more than the Federal Poverty Level, yet are one emergency away from falling into poverty. These are our ALICE families - people who educate our preschoolers, care for our seniors, construct buildings, keep the tourism engine running and in general, contribute to our quality of life. Yet, they struggle to make ends meet. As a Community Progress Maker, we will implement our first employer-based financial wellness program at Jackson Health Systems, where ALICE employees can access free on-site financial coaching and wraparound services to help strengthen their financial health."

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URBAN LEAGUE OF BROWARD COUNTY

Dr. Germaine Smith-Baugh, President & CEO

“Only nine percent of public spending in Florida in 2017 went to minority-owned enterprises. In Broward County, we’re changing that by partnering with the school board, which set an aspirational goal that 40 percent of its annual spending will be with minority, women and/or veteran-owned enterprises. In order to help these business owners prepare for this opportunity, the Urban League of Broward County will utilize support from the Community Progress Makers Fund to deliver customized technical assistance. This will help drive business growth as well as generate employment opportunities for County residents.”

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NEW YORK CITY



BROOKLYN WORKFORCE INNOVATIONS

Aaron Shiffman, Executive Director

"Poverty is a persistent challenge in New York City, and one closely related to unemployment and skills gaps in the local job market. Despite economic improvements over the last several years, the job training and support services that Brooklyn Workforce Innovations specializes in are in critical demand. As a Community Progress Maker, we will continue to deepen the impact of our sector-based job training programs linking low-income individuals to living-wage careers."

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CENTER FOR NYC NEIGHBORHOODS

Christie Peale, Executive Director & CEO

"Affordable homeownership has been a cornerstone for building strong, thriving neighborhoods in New York City, and also remains an essential driver of wealth for low- and moderate-income families. Unfortunately, this strategy has never been under greater threat in an increasingly unaffordable city. The Center is confronting the challenges by focusing on homeowner stabilization as an affordable housing preservation and anti-displacement strategy. Community Progress Makers will support our partnership with the City in developing a new, holistic approach to home repair and by integrating long-term financial sustainability, energy efficiency, and climate resiliency, so that LMI homeowners can remain in their communities."

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CYPRESS HILLS LOCAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Michelle Neugebauer, Executive Director

The Cypress Hills/East New York community is facing an unprecedented era of real estate speculation and threat of displacement looms large for low-income residents and small businesses. Now more than ever, Cypress Hills Local Development Corporation has a vital role to play in ensuring that it remains a strong, sustainable community where residents achieve educational and economic success and secure healthy and affordable housing. As a Community Progress Maker, CHLDC will enlist residents, merchants, manufacturers, schools and other community-based organizations in a neighborhood-wide campaign to track, get ahead of and combat displacement in East New York."

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GREEN CITY FORCE

Lisbeth Shepherd, Founder & Executive Director

"Green City Force is honored to receive renewed investment from the Citi Foundation. Community Progress Makers is an extraordinary program and community and we consider it a great distinction to be selected. Citi Foundation support and the resources available through the network will launch Green City Force's next phase of growth, through which we seek a step change in impact towards our vision of green and equitable cities driven by young adults transforming communities and their own lives on a path to careers."

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HOT BREAD KITCHEN

Jessamyn Waldman Rodriquez, Founder & CEO

"In New York City, nearly 25 percent of the city's four million women and girls are economically vulnerable. Meanwhile, the culinary industry lacks reliable, hard-working staff and hiring managers struggle to find and retain good candidates. Recognizing the disconnect, Hot Bread Kitchen provides a best-in-class, employer-driven workforce development program to support low-income and immigrant women in achieving economic security while creating a pipeline of highly skilled talent for the food industry. A Community Progress Makers grant will allow us to train and place more women with barriers to employment in management track jobs while meeting industry demand for skilled workers."

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LISC NYC

Sam Marks, Executive Director

"Although New York City's economy is booming, not everyone is sharing in the prosperity that comes with growth, and many residents remain disconnected from job opportunities that provide economic mobility. To build a more inclusive and equitable city, LISC NYC will use its expertise as a lender, capital provider, and thought leader to create affordable spaces for businesses that offer good, middle-skill jobs to New Yorkers seeking economic opportunity. We will strengthen the field of impact development by fostering public-private partnerships and convening new stakeholders, including nonprofits, impact investors, and other community development financial institutions, to form a constituency for inclusive economic development."

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LOW INCOME INVESTMENT FUND (LIIF)

Dan Nissenbaum, President & CEO

"Support from the Community Progress Makers Fund will build on LIIF's 20 years of experience investing more than \$130 million in high quality early childhood education (ECE) to launch LIIF's ECE Small Business Development Program. New York City's early childhood education small businesses have grown by more than 250% in the last two years under Mayor de Blasio's 'Pre-K for All' initiative. These small businesses, predominately minority- and women-owned, play a critical role in the local economy and serve low- and moderate-income children and families. By providing a suite of business development services, LIIF's ECE Small Business Development Program will be transformational for business owners and their communities, creating a triple halo effect: financially stronger small businesses, high quality early education for children, and broader economic opportunity through new jobs and support of working parents."

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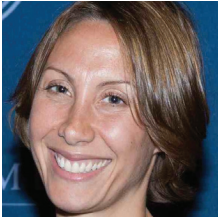


NEIGHBORHOOD TRUST FINANCIAL PARTNERS

Justine Zinkin, Chief Executive Officer

"Millions of low-wage workers in New York and across the country are facing income volatility and wage stagnation - and unfortunately, having a job no longer leads to financial security. At Neighborhood Trust, we believe all workers should have the tools for financial health at their fingertips, and we want to create transformative change by incorporating financial empowerment into the full ecosystem of institutions they already know and trust. As a Community Progress Maker, we will bring more employers, unions, and leaders in the job quality movement to the table to ensure workers have access to best-in-class financial counseling at the place where they need it most - where they get paid."

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START SMALL THINK BIG

Jennifer DaSilva, Executive Director

"Recognizing low- and moderate-income entrepreneurs face unique issues growing wealth through their businesses, Start Small Think Big provides a comprehensive suite of legal, financial management, and marketing technical assistance programming specifically designed to address the needs of these entrepreneurs so that they can increase their personal financial security as well as stimulate economic activity. The Community Progress Makers Fund will help us move our proven model to a more automated and streamlined online platform that will transform lessons learned on the ground into large-scale, system-level solutions."

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THE HOPE PROGRAM

Jennifer Mitchell, Executive Director

"All New Yorkers who are eager to work and provide for their families should have access to the opportunities they deserve. Serving individuals with high barriers to employment, The HOPE Program provides a unique blend of training, support, resources and networks to the people who need us most. Unrestricted support from the Community Progress Makers Fund will enable us to implement our new strategic plan - including new sector-based training programs and the establishment of a local hiring network - doubling our impact over the next five years."

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THE POINT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Danny R. Peralta, Executive Managing Director

"The Hunts Point community is challenged by both the digital divide and climate change. Recognizing the need is urgent, The Point CDC launched a community Wi-Fi network to ensure the community is better prepared for the next natural disaster. The network is designed so that nodes, commonly placed on top buildings, can send and receive data and broadcast a free and steady Wi-Fi signal to one another without internet connection. The Community Progress Makers Fund is helping sustain and enhance the wireless mesh network so that it reaches more residents and small businesses, ultimately improving the resiliency of our community."

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WHEDCO

Davon Russell, President

"The South Bronx is at a critical turning point in its trajectory. With the proposed rezonings and revitalization efforts happening in the neighborhood, the community is at the axis of new growth and investment while serving as a harbor for immigrants and the city's most overlooked residents. With the strong belief that all Bronx residents should have opportunities to participate in the economic changes and new investments coming to the borough, operating support from the Community Progress Makers Fund will help us expand our support of small businesses and residents in the South Bronx."

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SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA



ENTERPRISE COMMUNITY PARTNERS NORTHERN CA

Rich Gross, Vice President and Market Leader

"Across the Bay Area, low-income families are finding themselves priced out and displaced to the far corners of the region as a result of soaring rents and home prices. Permanent affordable housing is the foundation for a thriving San Francisco Bay Area, where all residents are connected to economic opportunity, reliable transit, good schools, jobs and health care. As a Community Progress Maker, we will align the efforts of city agencies, developers and advocacy groups to create solutions that will catalyze the production and preservation of affordable housing and stop the exodus of low- and moderate-income residents from the community."

enterprisecommunity.org/where-we-work/northern-california | [@Eprise_NorCal](https://twitter.com/Eprise_NorCal)



JEWISH VOCATIONAL SERVICE

Abby Snay, Chief Executive Officer

"In the Bay Area's thriving economy, over 1.3 million people are struggling with poverty. Jewish Vocational Service believes that we can fight poverty by helping people secure well-paying jobs on career pathways. Every year, JVS helps close to 3,000 people build in-demand skills and secure good, career path jobs. Our training programs meet the hiring needs of the fastest growing industries in the area with the most middle-wage jobs. As a Community Progress Maker, we will expand partnerships with municipal employers to increase access to high quality, stable jobs and help diversify the city's workforce."

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MAIN STREET LAUNCH

Jacob Singer, President & CEO

"We believe in the power of entrepreneurship to transform lives and help communities thrive. We help small businesses expand in size, increase their profits, and reach their goals by providing capital, guidance, and relationships that allow them to flourish. As a Community Progress

Maker, we will address the racial wealth gap by accelerating African American wealth creation through business ownership. The Community Progress Makers funding will allow us to expand our Entrepreneur-in-Residence program, support the small business ecosystem, and launch an African American Entrepreneurship Institute."

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PACIFIC COMMUNITY VENTURES

Mary Jo Cook, President & Chief Executive Officer

"Pacific Community Ventures envisions a world of thriving communities where everyone has a fair shake. Yet the decline of jobs that afford working people and their families dignity, financial security, and economic mobility is one of the biggest societal challenges of our time.

As a Community Progress Maker, we are piloting an integrated model that provides diverse Bay Area small businesses with affordable loans, pro-bono mentoring, and quality jobs tools and incentives to help them create jobs that are good for their workers and good for their business. We will expand this model via BusinessAdvising.org, our national mentoring platform."

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SAN FRANCISCO HOUSING DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (SFHDC)

David J. Sobel, Executive Director & CEO

"Bayview Hunters Point is one of the few remaining diverse communities in San Francisco that is home to a significant percentage of African American, Asian and Hispanic households. Dramatically escalating

housing costs, an influx of higher income households and pervasive economic and social inequality continue to drive out low-income communities of color from San Francisco. San Francisco Housing Development Corporation will utilize the Community Progress Makers Fund to deepen our capacity to deliver transformative change to residents through the expansion and cross-integration of our highly successful financial empowerment, affordable housing development, resident services and economic development programs."

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SOCIAL FINANCE

Tracey Palandjian, Chief Executive Officer & Co-Founder

"On any given night over 7,000 individuals are homeless in San Francisco. This is an individual tragedy but also costly to communities. As a Community Progress Maker, we will unite government, impact investors, and nonprofits in San Francisco around the common goal of reducing chronic homelessness. We will tackle this pressing social challenge, using a new public finance model called Pay for Success to set performance goals, mobilize private capital, and track results."

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WASHINGTON, DC



BUILDING BRIDGES ACROSS THE RIVER

Rahsaan Bernard, President

"Wards 7 and 8 are the last bastion of affordability for low-income families in Washington, D.C.; unfortunately, they are also home to high unemployment, childhood poverty and an historic lack of investment. At Building Bridges Across the River, we seek to improve the quality of life for families living east of the Anacostia River by partnering with key stakeholders to address the disparities that exist in D.C. today. Support from the Community Progress Makers Fund is critical to the success of our Equitable Development Plan, which is working to ensure that east of the river residents benefit from the employment, business and recreation opportunities that will emerge from the redevelopment of the 11th Street Bridge into a destination park."

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BYTE BACK

Elizabeth Lindsey, Executive Director

"There are 627,000 unfilled, high-paying tech jobs in the U.S. Can you imagine what poverty in America would look like if we bridged the digital divide and brought people living in poverty into tech? Byte Back is one of the only organizations where unemployed adults can start with basics computer training and move up to IT training and a career. In 2017, our alumni earned \$24,000 a year more than before coming to Byte Back. We're changing lives and proving that a pathway into the tech sector can be a lasting solution to poverty. With support from the Community Progress Makers Fund, we'll expand our impact to more communities."

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GROUNDSWELL

Michelle Moore, Chief Executive Officer

"Clean energy is a necessity, not a luxury; and we can't afford to leave our neighbors in need behind. That's why Groundswell develops community solar projects that connect solar power with economic empowerment for people who need it the most. Most models for low-income solar depend on public subsidies, and subsidies don't scale. That's why Groundswell is pioneering a market-based approach that enables communities to share power, leveraging private capital to deliver social good. The Community Progress Makers Fund will help us replicate our community solar model and build more projects that share power - cutting participating low-income household electricity bills in half while investing in neighborhood-scale clean, resilient energy infrastructure."

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LATINO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CENTER (LEDC)

Marla Bilonick, Executive Director

"At LEDC, we equip Latinos and other underserved communities with the skills and financial tools to create a better future for their families and communities. Our clients are learning how to buy and stay in their homes, start or expand small businesses, and take control of decisions affecting their apartment buildings. We believe the communities we serve are stronger when all families have the power to achieve financial independence and join with their neighbors to improve their quality of life. With the renewed support from the Community Progress Makers Fund, we will expand our reach throughout the region."

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MARY'S CENTER

Maria Gomez, Founder & President/Chief Executive Officer

"Mary's Center is not just a health center; we are an anchor in the community that partners with residents to help determine how they can best relieve the stress in their lives and build a solid base for improving their health, education and economic situation. One of the ways we anchor the community is as a model employer. We are thrilled that the Community Progress Makers Fund will enable us to launch a new medical assistant training program, which will advance employees onto meaningful career pathways to support themselves and become even greater role models for their families and colleagues."

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