

November 1, 2020

Dear CBH Board Members,

Each year, the Biberstein Social Action Fund invites non-profit organizations in Yolo County to submit applications for grant consideration and award. The call for proposals is released each September. Proposals are reviewed by the Fund committee members Ernie Biberstein, Amy Abramson, Anne Gieseke, Sandy Jones, Joan Sublett and Shoshana Zatz. Rabbi Wolfe is an "honorary" member of the committee.

The fund was established in 2002 by the Board of Directors of Congregation Bet Haverim, Jewish Fellowship of Davis, to honor Ernie and Hannah Biberstein, who are among the founding members of the synagogue. The Bibersteins are longtime residents and have devoted much of their lives to community service and social justice. We mourn the loss of Hannah, who passed away in April 2011.

The goal of the annual awards made from the Biberstein Social Action Fund is to help groups in their efforts to meet unfulfilled needs. Special consideration is given to new and/or innovative projects.

This year we received 14 proposals with requests totaling \$27,025. After consideration of each proposal, we have selected 10 projects with a total award of \$14,500. A summary of the awards and the proposals for each project is attached.

It is CBH policy that the Board review and approve the awards. Subsequent to Board approval, Ernie will prepare the award (and declination) letters to be sent with the checks.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best,

Amy Abramson on behalf of
Biberstein Social Action Fund Committee

Biberstein Social Action Fund 2020

Organization name	Amount requested	Amount awarded	Purpose
Empower Yolo	\$2,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	Empower Yolo is one of several nonprofit agencies partnering with Yolo County in a coordinated response to COVID-19 called Project Room Key. Project Room Key is a statewide initiative to bring our most vulnerable residents - those living outside—into non-congregate hotel rooms to shelter in place and prevent infection. For the 350 Project Roomkey individuals being housed in Yolo County motel rooms. The clients served through Project Room Key are high risk and continue to have several needs. EY would like to provide warm meals for these clients especially during the holidays. Empower Yolo will administer the funds to each "Agency Lead" who will budget for holiday food for the season. Agency leads include: Empower Yolo for the city of Woodland; CommuniCare Health Center for the city of Davis; and Yolo County Children's Alliance for the City of West Sacramento. Each agency lead will be responsible for securing food and delivering it to clients.
Fourth and Hope	\$2,030.00	\$ 2,000.00	In collaboration with the City of Woodland, a 6,500 square foot permanent building is in the process of completion and will have the capacity for 100 adults. We will be purchasing bunk beds and mattresses for the new men's and women's dormitories and need bedding for these additional beds. Funds will be used to purchase twin bed sheet sets and blankets for the new Emergency Shelter.
Interfaith Rotating Winter Shelter	\$2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	Due to the Covid crisis and CDC requirements we cannot have a congregate shelter this year. This year, IRWS has partnered with the City of Davis, Yolo Food Bank, DOVe, CommuniCare, and private entities to lease 25 apartments in Davis which will house up to 40 individuals without homes. Funds will be used to supplement furnishing the apartments. Any money left over from the budget will be used for client appointments for behavioral counseling or legal aid for clearing credit or evictions.
Make it Happen for Yolo County	\$1,495.00	\$ 1,500.00	Make it Happen for Yolo County provides support and resources to transition age (ages 18-24) underserved youth in Yolo County, primarily those leaving foster care. Funding will provide move-in baskets to 13 transition age Yolo County youth moving out on their own. Each basket can be used as a laundry hamper or storage basket and includes Basic cleaning supplies, multipurpose tool for minor repairs and \$50 grocery gift card.
Meals on Wheels Yolo County	\$2,000.00	\$ 1,500.00	Many local seniors in Yolo County are isolated and have the desire to stay healthy in their own homes. Every weekday, Meals on Wheels provides a nutritious lunch, a friendly social visit, and a wellness check, helping prevent premature institutionalization by supporting seniors to stay independent for as long as possible. Funds will add clients to the monthly Weekend Food Project bag program which provides a bag of shelf-stable groceries to the neediest home delivered meal clients for the last weekend of each month. These clients are homebound, unable to cook or prepare their own food and range from very-low to low-income .

Multicultural Families Rock	\$2,000.00	\$ 500.00	MFR's mission is to provide mental health resources through the free access of children's books and storytelling by and about BIPOC (Black, Indigenous and People of Color), for at-risk communities receiving food, immigration services, and rent help. Funds will be spent in two ways: 1) Multicultural and bilingual children's book donations (books are bought from Black, Indigenous, and People of Color aka BIPOC-owned award-winning publishers at-risk of losing their business due to COVID-19, and given to the communities in need for free); donated books to be picked up at distribution food points, or placed in food boxes to be delivered, or delivered along with food boxes and 2) Free empowering story time circles + activities (art or discussions).
NorCal Trykers	\$2,000.00	\$ 1,500.00	NorCal Trykers mission is to provide customized adaptive tricycles to children with special needs. (These needs are not met by third-party payers and family contributions). Funds will be used to purchase 3 customized adaptive tricycles for children on the waiting list.
Personal Care Pantry (WUMC)	\$1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	The mission of the Personal Care Pantry is to work toward lessening the consequences of poverty and in that way leads to a greater degree of health and self-sufficiency. A lack of personal hygiene invites poor health. The basic essentials help families financially as well as help them prevent illness. Funds will be used to purchase items for distribution to Woodland residents with low and very low income that cannot be purchased with food stamps. These items include laundry soap, kitchen and bathroom cleaner, razors and shaving cream, deodorant, shampoo, toilet paper and dish soap.
STEAC	\$2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	The mission of the Short Term Emergency Aid Committee (STEAC) is to provide immediate short-term assistance with basic necessities to Yolo County families and individuals with income below the poverty level. STEAC is committed to enlarging the social awareness of the community and to providing opportunities for local citizens to help others in need. In addition to providing assistance with basic necessities, STEAC also provides support to help residents become employed and self-sufficient. Grant funds will be used to support the STEAC Education Textbook Program at SCC and WCC. The program provides low income community college students with textbook purchases financial assistance so they can successfully complete their education, find employment and become self-sufficient. Approximately 10 students will be served through grant funds.
Suicide Prevention of Yolo County	\$2,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	Since early March with the news of a new virus spreading, Suicide Prevention and Crisis Services began planning an emergency process to continue operating their 24-hour crisis lines. During these past 7 months SP's trained crisis line volunteers have responded to over 5,400 contacts. The funds will be used to support their crisis volunteers through the purchase of unexpected equipment costs due to COVID-19 safety concerns including new keyboards, individual headsets, air purifiers, a vacuum and two phones (one portable, one desktop).
Total	\$19,025.00	\$ 14,500.00	