

DISTRICT - WIDE

John Martin	\$1,000	Berkeley Integrated Services Network: Connecting Community Resources to Berkeley Classrooms Funds outreach and program development for a collaborative, citywide effort to site health care, mental health, and other family support services at schools, for maximum accessibility.
Suzanne McCulloch	\$4,200	Jump-Start in Music Enriches Berkeley's music curriculum with support for the popular weekend workshops at Cazadero Music Camp. "Music teachers annually give up two weekends of their time to participate in this program which has proven to be an incredibly positive force for students."
Suzanne McCulloch	\$350	After School Learning Programs Brochure Prints a brochure on the after-school learning programs available at Berkeley schools.
Suzanne McCulloch	\$250	Cal Corps Intern Provides a stipend for a Cal Corps intern to establish a program that recruits UC student volunteers into Berkeley classrooms to serve as music tutors. "Tutors would ensure success for many students who now struggle to learn an instrument because of large class sizes."
Suzanne McCulloch	\$780	Berkeley Symphony Orchestra Teacher Support Provides substitutes allowing Berkeley music teachers to accompany their students as they rehearse and perform with the Berkeley Symphony Orchestra
Donna VanNoord	\$3,000	Reading Recovery Institute Provides the registration fee for 12 Reading Recovery teachers to attend an annual training conference. The teachers return to share what they have learned with their colleagues as part of the District's Early Literacy Plan.

DISTRICT PRESCHOOLS

Geraldine Bell, King Child Development Center	\$300	Multiculture Library Buys multicultural books for three teachers collaborating on a preschool library.
Gladys Biscocho, Rosa Parks Montessori	\$500	Cooking and Nutrition for Preschoolers Provides cookbooks, ingredients, and equipment for cooking and nutrition classes aimed at integrated instruction in science, literacy, and social skills.
R. Nelly Caloca, Franklin Parent Nursery	\$500	Multicultural and Career Play Materials Purchases books and games for the School District's only bilingual preschool.
Sandra Farmer, Franklin Parent Nursery	\$1,200	Fortify Preschool Playground Buys traffic paint and trees to improve two preschool play yards.
Diana Gonzalez, King Child Development Center	\$500	What Do Children Learn Outdoors? "We have an almost empty sandbox in our yard. We propose to turn it into a butterfly garden complete with various plants, herbs, and flowers."

Constance Murphy, Rosa Parks Child Development Center	\$390	Kindergym Pays transportation and registration fees for preschool students to attend the YMCA's Kindergym program. "Kindergym gives the children an outlet for exerting energy, expressing their feelings and frustrations. They are free! What a joy to see."
Latrina Rhinehart, Rosa Parks Child Development Center	\$245	Materials to Aid Diverse Learning Styles Provides art supplies and other sensory manipulatives "to encourage students' cognitive, psychosocial, literacy, and physical development."
Michele Witherspoon, Hopkins Child Development Center	\$1,050	Helping Parents Prepare Preschoolers for School Success Provides "On the Road to Learning" program and materials to coach preschool parents on supporting their children's learning and readying them for kindergarten.

BERKELEY ARTS MAGNET ELEMENTARY

Mary Chin	\$100	Science Biographies Provides biographies of accomplished scientists. "I'm hoping that by learning a bit about scientists and the work they do, the science curriculum will become more relevant because students will better understand how science is intertwined with math, literature, and history as well as everyday life."
Carol Delaney	\$250	Self Esteem Building at Whittier EDC Buys books and materials to build self-esteem in a diverse after-school classroom.
Joel Gildersleeve	\$500	Enhancing Math and Science Instruction Buys science and math games and other learning tools "to enhance direct instruction and students' synthesis, motivation, and performance in my fourth-grade classroom."
Charlene Kalagian	\$225	Visual Thinking Strategies Supports Visual Thinking Strategies, a teacher training program that "uses art to teach thinking, communication skills, and visual literacy to young people." At the request of teachers, funds from Berkeley Schools Now! covered the bulk of this program.
Madhuvanti Khare	\$400	Linking Performance, Math & Literacy Learning Provides costumes, scripts, and related needs for students to adapt a math-themed book into play form and then stage it for parents and fellow students. "Similar projects undertaken in past years have helped students learn to work better as a team and improve their critical thinking skills."
Betty Ladzekpo	\$500	Works-in-Progress Performances Provides costumes and audio equipment to support this school's vibrant visual and performing arts program.
Sabina Lanier	\$1,180	Picnic Tables Buys two picnic tables for three kindergarten classes. "Currently we have nowhere to sit down and work on our outside patio. This will give children a chance to work outside and engage in more messy activities."
Carole Ono	\$500	Math Tasks for Critical Thinking Provides a stipend for a longtime classroom volunteer to pursue his successful program of designing projects to take students beyond their math textbooks. Projects include paper airplanes, designing a scale-model house with furniture, and designing miniature vehicles for egg races.

Ruth Sacksteder	\$187	Kitchen Garden for First Grade Buys supplies to plant a kitchen garden and cook the results. Volunteer parents, including a Master Gardener with Alameda County, will assist with the year-long curriculum.
Lorna Skantze-Neill	\$1,000	Berkeley Symphony Orchestra at Berkeley Arts Magnet Continues the partnership with the Berkeley Symphony Orchestra wherein professional musician work with students twice a week on instrumental instruction and music appreciation.
Jennifer Stinson	\$500	Fifth Grade Historical Fiction Stories Brings a story teller into the classroom to read and perform historical fiction.
Karen Sudjian	\$400	Roots to the Fruit Purchases music, books, and art supplies for this intercultural celebration program. “Last year was a total success! Parents participated in research, cooking, and costume sewing. Students and parents developed an appreciation for the similarities and differences of our class rainbow. We even learned how to count in Zapoteca, Ebo, and Cantonese.”
Sumer Withers	\$900	Fifth Grade Field Trips Supports class trips to the Marin Headlands, the Oakland Museum of California History, and the sailing ship Balclutha. “Fifth grade core curriculum includes US history to 1850, earth sciences, and language arts. The School District does not have funds this year to cover the cost of field trips.”

C R A G M O N T E L E M E N T A R Y

Jabari Anderson	\$700	Learning to Read, Reading to Learn Purchases theme-based books designed to engage students both in literacy and the teacher’s year-long plan for science and social studies instruction.
Ana Luisa Delgado	\$240	Nature Field Trips to Enhance “Zoo-Phonics” Takes a bilingual class, speaking Spanish and English, to Tilden Park and the Oakland Zoo for nature observation and to supplement classroom work that uses the study of animals to teach language skills.
Belen Garrido	\$300	Mosaic Making Purchases art supplies for a study of accomplished artists and production of a class tile mosaic “from scratch”.
Kathleen Guistano	\$1,500	Chess in the School Provides a stipend for an expert to bring focused chess instruction to seven classes of students in first through fourth grades. “Chess is a real-world approach to math problem-solving skills.”
Nancy King	\$520	Latin American Countries Project Provides stipends for classroom visits by two Latin American dance and rhythm instructors. Parents also assist in this bilingual social studies curriculum being developed collaboratively by teachers in Cragmont’s third through fifth grades.
Jessica Shussett	\$346	Art Therapy Provides art supplies for a Special Day class of students who have been diagnosed with severe emotional and behavioral needs. “With this art therapy students have the opportunity to express themselves through a number of media. Enrichment classes are often skipped in this setting.”

Jessica Shussett	\$1,500	Teacher Training for Multi-Sensory Reading Program Provides a team of teachers with professional training in “a complete language learning experience starting with the smallest unit of sight, a single letter, and expanding to reading and writing paragraphs and themes.”
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EMERSON ELEMENTARY

Lucy Ames	\$500	Art Across the Curriculum Buys art supplies for Emerson’s new art teacher who has been asked by teachers “to integrate my art curriculum into the social studies, science, math and language arts curricula ...the art experience should really concretize the learning objectives for many of the students.”
Jamie Carlson	\$365	Science in Action Enables first-graders to attend workshops at the Lawrence Hall of Science. “We have chosen programs that cannot be duplicated in the classroom ...each standards-based program addresses one or more critical academic skills that many children have trouble mastering.”
Robert Chamberlin	\$300	Building Social Skills among Disabled and Targeted Non-Disabled Students Buys instruction manual and equipment to teach social skills “in a structured but comfortable environment in order to promote peer relationships that otherwise may not occur.”
Josie Diaz	\$320	Guided Reading Books for First Grade Buys books of leveled ability for carefully focused small-group reading as part of the Districtwide Early Literacy Plan.
Andrea Dunn	\$450	“Pasquala” —Integrated Social Studies & Language Arts Provides sets of books, along with a teacher’s resource guide, to integrate literacy and social studies for mixed fourth- and fifth-grade classes.
Susan Hodge	\$600	Chess in the Classroom Provides a stipend for a master chess teacher to teach second-graders. “Chess creates teachable moments for children of varying learning styles and skill levels. The point is not the creation of better chess players, but of better learners.”
Susan Hodge	\$750	Building Health Lifestyle Choices Through Organic Cooking: Classroom to Cafeteria to Community Purchases food and cooking supplies for this schoolwide nutrition and cooking program which has lost its state funding. Parents, teachers, and staff are working to keep the program running.
Kristen Lono	\$380	Chabot Observatory—Hands On Experiences Takes third-graders to the Chabot Observatory for a planetarium show and other exhibits. “Chabot is one of the best educational resources in the East Bay. Funding cuts, in conjunction with the increase in transportation costs, have made it increasingly difficult to reach these resources so close to our schools.”
Stefani Maida	\$370	Literacy Centers Materials for Kindergartners Buys phonics and writing manipulatives for hands-on reinforcement of reading and writing lessons.
Michelle Miguez	\$700	African Dance and Storytelling Brings a storyteller and African dancer to school. “This project supports four goals: academic, arts enrichment, personal growth, and community building.”

Jon Peterson	\$525	Playground Optimization Plan Buys jump ropes, soccer balls, and hula hoops for the school’s Sports 4 Kids physical education program.
Monica Santos	\$1,000	Academic Volunteer and Mentor Program Provides training and supplies for this longstanding program that provides one-on-one academic mentoring to over half the school population at least once a week. The program is a partnership with the Jewish Coalition for Literacy.
Jeannie Wang	\$560	Science Workshops for Kindergarteners Takes students to the Lawrence Hall of Science for popular hands-on science workshops that are linked to classroom studies. This year teachers have chosen Slime! and Insects in Action.
Phil Wiegand	\$500	Introduction to Video Making Provides video cameras for the after-school video production program. Students edit their film on class computers and show their work at schoolwide assemblies.

JEFFERSON ELEMENTARY

Sarah Goldstein	\$500	Assembly Pianist Provides a stipend for the pianist who has been a feature of Jefferson’s weekly assemblies for years. “We have had to reduce most of our programs. We very much hope to keep our exemplary assembly at its current high level.”
Sean Keller	\$384	Sticks and Hoses Buys a garden hose, scissors, and nuts and bolts for hands-on exploration of plane and solid geometry figures.
Robert Murray	\$350	Video Production Class Provides materials and a stipend for a professional video artist to help develop a “video production crew”. The project is designed to give underachieving students extra motivation through providing a productive and creative outlet.
Maggie Riddle	\$800	Let’s Get Gardening Buys shovels, rakes, and a wheelbarrow for the school’s garden program. “We want to provide our students with the tools they will need to (in some cases literally) dig in and learn.”
Marguerite Talley-Hughes	\$528	A-B-litera-C Funds purchase play equipment that reinforce alphabet recognition and letter/sound association. “Consider how the letters of an unknown alphabet—perhaps Cyrillic, or Sanskrit—appear to you. One of my foremost literacy objectives is to have the English alphabet stop looking like ‘Greek’ to my students.”
Beverly Thiele	\$800	Dance/Movement Class Brings two movement specialists to class for 20 sessions of dance and exercise classes. Teachers will learn techniques to teach the sessions on their own in the future.
Anna XL Wong	\$800	Assembly at Jefferson Brings local, culturally diverse guest artists to weekly school assemblies for celebrations including Juneteenth, Chinese New Year, and living history projects.

LE CONTE ELEMENTARY

Lucy Ames	\$100	Science-Based Art Curriculum Provides supplies to help this seasoned art teacher work with teachers to “support the science they are teaching in their classrooms.”
Maria Carriedo	\$320	Color Copier Purchases a color copier to produce book illustrations and other materials that support early literacy instruction.
Bessie Citrin	\$300	Observing Elephant Seals and Our Environment Takes third-graders, many of whom have never seen the ocean, to Ano Nuevo State Reserve as part of their life science and Native American curricula.
Jeannie Gee	\$493	Instruments in Kindergarten Buys percussion instruments for kindergarten music lessons.
Benjamin Goff	\$550	LeConte Farm and Garden Purchases chicken and rabbit feed and supplies for the school’s farm and garden program. “Each year our new students learn ‘hands-on’ how to feed chickens, grow and harvest popcorn, and see and understand where their food comes from.”
Lanita Hyatt	\$900	Meeting Writing Standards for Children in Special Education Purchases a camera, instructional software, and supplies for a collaborative writing program for disabled students.
Robin Jew	\$300	The Love of Reading Buys picture books and workbooks to strengthen reading and writing skills. “When building a strong student, the reading foundations must be built early and with diligence.”
Mary Shogren	\$350	Books for Community Reading Purchases books to read aloud during group reading sessions. “Studies show that one crucial factor in a child’s successful development as a reader is being read to.” Parents assist in this morning ritual.

MALCOLM X ELEMENTARY

Ginny Gillespie	\$900	Chess at Malcolm X Provides a stipend for a chess expert to work with three third-grade classes one hour each week. “Chess promotes habits of thought that are characterized by looking ahead several moves to the consequences.”
Meredith Gold	\$1,180	Science and Social Studies Brought to Life Brings the Lawrence Hall of Science into the classroom for hands-on sessions including Insects in Action, Incredible Crystals, and Ponds Alive.
M.B. Hanif	\$500	Woodwinds and Brass at Malcolm X Funds would pay for weekly after-school instrumental instruction for third, fourth and fifth graders in woodwinds and brass.
Joemy Ito-Gates	\$300	Expanding the Classroom Library Purchases books for this new teacher to use “to expand our classroom library so that books are available for all the different reading levels.”

Honorine Kelley	\$288	Experiencing Technology at the San Jose Museum Provides BART and bus fare for students to “experience hands-on high tech equipment as it pertains to their lives.”
Mary Machens	\$604	Social Studies Inclusion Buys non-fiction books for use by both disabled students and English Language Learners “to address the grade-level content areas at a lower reading level.” Students using these books will join general education classrooms two hours a week for collaborative learning.
Rivka Mason	\$400	General Garden Materials Funds are for supplies for the school’s garden program. “All garden activities are integrated with classroom work: historical, cultural, science, and the geographical origins of food.”
Shira Peck	\$350	Hands-On Math Purchases materials to provide disabled students with hands-on math experiences. “I am committed to teaching my Special Education students the state math standards in a way that they can comprehend, using the materials best suitable.”
Sarah Jai Waggoner	\$300	“The Master Maid” by “Word-for-Word” This grant supports an assembly for which District funds have been eliminated. Students study the text of a play before and after the performance, see it performed by visiting artists, interview the performers, and study how the performance differs from or enriches the written text.

JOHN MUIR ELEMENTARY

Michael Bush	\$750	John Muir Garden Buys supplies and instructional materials for the school garden program. "Our goal is to allow the children to see the living world in an enlightened way."
Ann Einstein	\$724	Story Quilts Purchases fabric and other materials for a year-long quilt and literature project. "By making a quilt about the stories that are read to them, stories that they have listened to and enjoyed, the children will have a visual and permanent memory of a number of excellent pieces of literature."
Kristine Fowler	\$400	Book Clubs Buys sets of non-fiction books, of varying ability levels, for two second-grade teachers to share as part of their literacy curriculum.
Marina Franco	\$200	Field Trip to the Asian Art Museum Supports a field trip to San Francisco's Asian Art Museum, including a storytelling session. "This visit would expose my students to the art of many diverse Asian cultures and broaden their awareness of the world. It was such a success last year!"
Barbara Getz	\$900	Cross-Age Tutoring Program Provides tutor stipends and supplies to train third- and fourth-graders in reading strategies to use with first- and second-graders in an afterschool reading tutorial program that is "a key part of the literacy program at our school."
Robin Goldman	\$500	Cultural Backgrounds Explores through Social Studies Provides musical instruments, stamps, books, and other supplies for a social studies and language arts curriculum. "Through virtual travel to eight different countries children will be learning about maps and globes, the continents, and physical and human characteristics around the world."

Lisa Jackson	\$500	Look Who's Cooking Now Provides food and baking equipment for a state-funded after-school cooking program. "By working directly with teachers, staff, and specific school-based programs, we are better able to nurture students' learning."
Carrie Orth	\$1,000	Farmers, Cooking and Gardening Buys food and gardening supplies for the school's gardening curriculum. "Cooking combines literacy, math, and science in an exciting and tasty process."
Katherine Roberts	\$350	Participating in Literacy Development Provides an easel and book-making supplies for interactive writing projects between students and teacher.
Stephen Rutherford	\$1,825	Under the Sun: Designing for a Bright Future Purchases supplies and a teacher's kit for a two-year passive solar design project. "It is only by finding ways to powerfully integrate the curriculum that we can have a hope of meeting our professional obligations and the needs of our students. This project does that."
Marlo Warburton	\$594	Get in Gear for Algebra! Provides multiplication manipulatives and a teacher's kit to allow this teacher, who discovered these materials through training sessions with the Bay Area Math Project, to prepare her fourth- and fifth-grade students for the rigors of middle school algebra.
Kristine Waters	\$1,000	Experiencing Symphonic Music Supports the Berkeley Symphony Orchestra's successful music education program, both with in-class visits by professional musicians and through field trips to Symphony performances.
Nancy Waters	\$3,375	Mental Health Care for At-Risk Students Funds will hire a licensed clinical psychologist to provide at-risk children with individual and group therapy, as well as parental support. "Just one student experiencing deep grief, frustration, or anger can dramatically change the culture of the classroom." John Muir typically identifies about 15 children per year as "potentially benefiting from professional mental health consultation and a carefully crafted program."
Karen Wells	\$635	Contrabass Xylophone Bars Provides xylophones for use in the school's Orff music program. "The Orff approach is based on the premise that the elements of music are less abstract to a child when he or she is actively engaged in creating and performing the music."

OXFORD ELEMENTARY

Mary Burmester	\$800	Accessible Literature for Struggling Readers at Oxford School At the request of this Reading Recovery teacher, this grant enhances the school's collection of "carefully leveled books that help the lowest readers the most ... Our school's general literature collection is geared toward the high end, but we have the widest achievement gap in the district."
Rita Davies	\$900	Ceramics Studio—Faces and Masks Brings a ceramics artist into the classroom for a popular, six-week art project.
Hali Hammer	\$400	Classroom Centers Provides this new special education teacher with equipment to set up classroom learning centers. "Our children are sensory motivated and need centers that are able to stimulate them and help with visual and motor skills."

Dana Hill	\$500	Shakespeare in the Park Funds help hire an assistant director and provide costumes for this annual student production which is the culmination of a year-long curriculum. Students perform at Oxford and other Berkeley schools. This year's play is "A Midsummer Night's Dream".
Carla Inniss	\$500	Grandma's Hands Provides artists' fees and costumes for an original play, written by this teacher who, "after observing the self-esteem, self-discipline, and motivation of underachievers and many students of color plummet in relationship to their grade level, felt a burning desire to write a play which spoke to the real issues facing today's fifth-graders."
Katie Johnson	\$500	Architecture and History for Third Graders Supports a ferry trip to San Francisco to supplement the social studies curriculum in this third grade class. With a focus on architecture that integrates math, reading, science and visual arts, students will study bridges, the historic architecture of Chinatown, and the cityscape of San Francisco.
Kathleen Lewis	\$470	Intramural Sports Program at Oxford Buys equipment for a lunchtime and after-school intramural sports program. "Last year our fifth-graders did miserably on the fitness test. They need to learn how to take care of themselves."
Virginia Muller	\$300	Children, Photography, and Art Buys a camera and film for an art project that includes going with Berkeley High photography students to the Oakland Museum.
Chris Nakao	\$500	Oxford Kitchen Garden Buys compost bins and an irrigation system for this ever-growing kitchen garden.

ROSA PARKS ELEMENTARY

Gurjeet Ahluwalia	\$300	Play and Learn Purchases books, balls, and crafts materials for the after-school program.
Carrie Fehr	\$400	Instructional Cooking and Nutrition Specialist Purchases a juicer and books to help kids focus on healthy eating and exercise.
Shirley Herrera	\$2,000	Poetry with Science Learning Provides a stipend for a poet to work with bilingual students on expressive writing as part of the Poetry Inside Out program. The specific focus is to "extend our science program into the writing and language arts."
Rebecca Hopkirk	\$300	Equipment for Listening Center Buys tape players and books for individual listening centers to allow students intensive exposure to texts. "I am new this year, and find that the majority of my class is far below grade level in reading ...I have used this system before and seen great results."
Suzanne Ingley	\$500	Kid Science Magazines Purchases Kid Science magazines for the school's science teacher to allow students "to read, do experiments, and enjoy all year."
Suzanne Ingley	\$500	Aprons and Supplies for Science Class Buys supplies for the school's science teacher to set up terrariums and other animal habitats.

Kate Kirkhuff	\$500	Third Graders Study Regional Geography and History Provides school buses for field trips to Claremont Canyon and Coyote Hills to “bring to life our classroom geography and mapping study.”
Tom Prince	\$1,000	Boosting Early Literacy Buys Spanish and English “big books” for use in classrooms and after school. “Children who come from homes with few books often enter kindergarten thousands of literacy experience hours behind their peers. We are hoping to diminish some of the literacy gap.”
Erin Schweng	\$300	Intensive Writer’s Workshop Buys books for an after-school intensive writer’s workshop aimed at helping fourth and fifth graders “go beyond regular classroom instruction.” “I was moved to write this application by families whose students were identified as gifted and talented and have few resources to support their students outside of school.”
Susan Torbohn	\$546	Games for After School Enrichment Enhances the bilingual after-school program with chess sets, cooking, and art supplies. “The severe budget cuts of the last two years have made it almost impossible to replace broken toys, games, and equipment.”
John Tubbs	\$126	Individual White Boards, Markers and Erasers for Core Curriculum Buys supplies to enhance interactive classroom experiences.

THOUSAND OAKS ELEMENTARY

Megan Abramson-Ward	\$700	Science Fair Provides science project materials for students who cannot afford the cost; also provides supplies for classroom experiments and visits from the Lawrence Hall of Science.
Michael Bauce	\$300	Cooking Buys a cart and equipment for the school’s California Nutrition Network nutrition and cooking program.
Kimberly Beeson	\$300	Cooking Program at Thousand Oaks The grant will pay for supplies and equipment to enhance the cooking program. The project uses cooking to teach literacy, nutrition, science and math concepts.
Jon Bindloss	\$1,000	Exploring Blackberry Creek Buys water monitoring kits and funds field trips related to this fourth- and fifth-grade ecology project to monitor water quality, study aquatic insects, and restore habitat. Last year students in this project testified before the City Council and were instrumental in the clean-up of this creek that runs through the school yard.
Diane Chan	\$200	Games for the Extended Day Program Purchases board games and age-appropriate puzzles and card games to give after-school students a chance to challenge their peers through play.
Rita Franklin	\$500	Explore Nature at the Fitzgerald Marine Reserve Supports a field trip for two third-grade classes “to feel the natural energy forces of the ocean, and witness the movement of the moon and its effects on the tides.” Photography and writing are integrated into this ecology study.

Luis Covarrubias	\$300	The Earth and its Endangered Species—A Year of Study Purchases learning materials to supplement field trips to the Oakland Zoo and other sites that culminate a collaborative, year-long curriculum developed by three first-grade teachers.
Annette Gamper	\$300	Author Studies for First and Second Graders Enriches reading and writing studies, especially for students with special needs, with biographies about accomplished authors.
Chris Nakao	\$500	Roots & Shoots Garden Buys tools, books, and plants for the school garden.
Jesse Ramos	\$1,000	Berkeley Symphony Orchestra, Music Education Program Supports the successful partnership between the Berkeley Symphony Orchestra and local schools wherein Orchestra musicians train teachers and work with students to produce a year-end concert.
Sharon Strachan	\$500	Power Ink Magazine Funds printing and binding costs for fourth-grade news and literary magazines. “Thanks to the School Site council and the teamwork of staff, parents, and administration—I feel able to provide a fantastic writing environment for our students.”
Andra Tom	\$500	3rd Grade Bilingual Magazine Funds printing and binding for a bilingual magazine produced by third-graders. “Last year’s magazine was a truly empowering experience, culminating in a publication of which the students are extremely proud.”
Elizabeth Weinstein	\$500	Listening Library for Beginning Readers Purchases read-along book and tape kits so that “students do not have to focus on decoding and can focus instead on building their reading comprehension skills.”

WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY

Kimberly Burton-Laurance	\$350	Into, Through and Beyond California History with Literature Provides sets of California history books for a teacher new to fourth grade. “I am committed to helping students discover history’s relevance to their lives today, both with respect to the past and to the part they can play in creating history for the future.”
Tara Creehan	\$750	Washington Environmental Yard Project Provides plants, soil, and cooking supplies for the school garden.
Mindy Geminder	\$500	Fantastic Mexican Paper Mache Art Workshops Provides materials, books, and an artist’s stipend for a cultural studies project. “My class is very diverse, both economically and culturally. Half are below grade level in reading, writing, and math—and about one-third are gifted. Many do not have access to artistic or cultural events outside our classroom.”
Rita Kimball	\$3,375	Behavioral Support for Boys Doubles the time a student support consultant could devote to encouraging “healthy self-esteem, positive behavior, and academic engagement” for troubled fourth- and fifth-grade boys after school.
Hilary Mitchell	\$500	Team Building Skills with Ropes Course Supports transportation and lodging costs for a ropes course in Occidental. “Fifth grade is critical as students are about to enter a whole new social scene that is very peer-oriented and where kids become wary of making a mistake.”

Charlene Reis	\$600	Cooking Program at Washington Buys a refrigerator and stove “now that the school’s Nutrition/Ecology program has its own classroom.”
Shawna Mie Suzuki	\$810	Using Scientific Procedures to Learn about Life Cycles Buys meal worms, fish, and science books. “This is my first year teaching first grade and I am looking for a project to capture, engage, and stimulate students to think more scientifically.”

LONGFELLOW MIDDLE

Carole Bloomstein	\$500	Historical Fiction for Sixth Graders Builds on the school librarian’s holdings of historical fiction tied to classroom history lessons.
Carole Bloomstein	\$500	Accelerated Reading Program Purchases “reading practice quizzes” to support the school librarian’s Accelerated Reading program. “The program has proven effective because the students seem to appreciate how they are tested each time they finish a book.”
Joan Brannigan	\$350	Accelerated Reader Books Provides classroom sets of books to expand the school’s reading program beyond the library.
Davis Ceaser	\$700	Combining Nutrition and Exercise Buys parts for a bicycle-powered juicer and blender “to have a lot of fun in uniting the California Nutrition Network’s two important goals of increasing fruit and vegetable consumption and increasing exercise.”
Rebecca Cheung	\$2,500	AmeriCorps Intern Supports the school’s AmeriCorps intern who helps with daily garden and cooking classes and serves as a tutor in the after-school homework center.
Patrick Collins	\$350	Accelerated Reading Support Supports the school library’s accelerated reading program with books aimed at struggling readers.
Kimberley D’Adamo	\$480	Technology Supports Core Curriculum Buys “thumb drives” for students to earn by volunteering to become school technology assistants. “This project will help narrow the digital divide that exists in our student body, and encourage student leadership and social responsibility.”
Jan Davis	\$900	His Majesty’s Musicians at Three Middle Schools Provides books and artist performances culminating in five concerts by students at all three middle schools. “This project will bring the Renaissance to life through the music and dances of the times.”
Ruth Dorman	\$500	Playable Latin American Musical Instruments Provides supplies and a stipend for Oaxacan artist Ernesto Olmos to help students make playable Latin American musical instruments with an animal design motif.
Ruth Dorman	\$1,000	Healthy Nutrition Mural Provides supplies and an artist’s stipend to help art students design and produce a mural for the cafeteria “in a bold Latino color scheme which will brighten the space, support our healthy nutrition program, and give our students pride of ownership with this piece of public art.”

Nydia A. Gonzalez	\$1,000	Mexican Dance Funds an after-school instructor for traditional Mexican dance to provide “a venue for physical fitness, cultural awareness, and performance opportunity.”
Tyra Herr	\$500	Encouraging Reluctant Readers Buys leveled-ability books to help the Special Education Department develop a comprehensive literacy program for Special Education students and others who are reading below grade level.
Tina Lewis	\$1,100	Tutors for the English Language Learner Center Funds bilingual tutors for to provide personalized assistance in the after-school homework center.
Mary Patterson	\$500	Team Building Retreat Supports a retreat to the Marin Headlands Youth Hostel for the bilingual Dual-Immersion program. “The students were unanimous in their praise for this event last year, and I know that it was a real highlight of our year.”

MARTIN LUTHER KING MIDDLE

Colin Anderson	\$500	Video Production at the Edible Schoolyard Funds film equipment rental and other materials to “support a student-driven project tied into the food, garden, and nutrition curriculum” at the Edible Schoolyard. The project takes place after school, and is staffed by the school’s gardening instructors and volunteers.
Skyler Barton	\$1,000	Sports Program Funds tournament fees, equipment, transportation, and uniforms for the after-school athletic program, for which District funds have been severely cut.
Rachel Brand	\$300	Equipment for Edible Schoolyard Buys a blender and juicer for the Edible Schoolyard kitchen. “We would like to teach students they can make smoothies themselves.”
Jay Cohen	\$620	Model Solar Car Class Buys wheels, gears, and solar panels for an after-school class “where no one ever gets in trouble for getting out of their seat or talking, and the only pencils required are those used to help us cut straight lines.”
Mark Delepine	\$285	Math for Health & Wellness Provides film and publicity materials for a health and wellness awareness curriculum that incorporates statistics. The program is the result of the math department’s effort “to better integrate math with other curricular areas.”
Elaine Eger	\$929	Making Literature Accessible for Students with Special Needs Purchases tape players and headphones to help low-skilled readers improve their understanding of other core curriculum topics. “Difficulty is not only due to poor reading skills, but can also be attributed to poor visual acuity, poor visual processing, or poor attention to the page.”
Alix Friedman-Byrnes	\$300	Meet the Author at Your Library Provides stipends for local authors to address students about the mysteries of the writing process.
Akemi Hamai	\$750	Pillar Point Tide Pools Sends all seventh-graders to Pillar Point, near Half Moon Bay, as the culmination of a year-long life science curriculum. Our grant covers school bus costs.

Mikko Jokela	\$525	Individual Student Anthologies Pays for copying and binding of students' best essays, stories, poems and artwork. "This is a way of motivating students and building their confidence in their work."
Barbara Lind	\$687	Digital Cameras for Online Yearbook Purchases two digital cameras for production of the school yearbook. Skills learned will connect to computer classes taught at Berkeley High.
Elizabeth Little	\$155	Math Games Supports the purchase of games such as "Maya Madness" and chess. "Students learn best when their affective filters are down. Games are a good way to build skills with high interest."
Frank Martin	\$500	Fitness Sportsfolios Purchases pedometers and folders for students to pilot the concept of keeping personal fitness files as part of the physical education curriculum.
Jonathan Mayer	\$500	Support and Develop Leadership with Title I Families Purchases literacy and math books for use at family potluck evenings aimed at encouraging families qualifying at federal Title I poverty levels to engage in active support of their children's education.
Alison Nakasako	\$750	Newsletter Translation for Spanish-Speaking Parents Provides a stipend for a translator of the PTA newsletter, "a vital source of communication between the school and the home," for this school where the Spanish-speaking population is approaching 20 percent.
Joy Osborne	\$1,000	King Outdoor Education: Point Reyes Retreat Funds food for this three-day field trip offered to all sixth graders at Berkeley's largest middle school. "My own class was transformed into engaged and inquisitive students who remember 'camp' as the 'most interesting and educational part of the school year'."
Joy Osborne	\$425	Literacy Pals Pays for postage and supplies to enable middle school students to write regularly to adults about books and reading. "Literacy Pals offers students an opportunity to engage in authentic, purposeful writing in the form of regular letters to an adult pen pal." This program is a partnership with Berkeley School Volunteers.
Patricia Rathwell	\$1,050	English as a Second Language Tutorial Funds bilingual tutors for an afterschool homework program, which is "often the only place students can get academic help in their own language."
Julie Searle	\$450	Family Writing Nights Provides refreshments for Family Writing Nights, educational evenings with seasonal themes, planned "as a way to expand the practice of writing beyond a standard school day."
Jan Sells	\$503	Therapeutic Games as Counseling Tools Provides games and tools used by King's school counselor. "More than 100 students have already signed up for counseling—many of them self-referred sixth graders. I don't know whether to laugh or cry! We have never had this many students signed up so early."
Kelsey Siegel	\$1,000	Harnessing Power from the Sun Purchases hardware for a solar energy project in the Edible Schoolyard.

Richard Silberg	\$355	Yoga Mats for Drama Classes Buys mats for relaxation exercises in the new drama room. “Yes, there are times of running and jumping and shouting. But there is time in a drama program for quiet, as well—for imaginations to soar above the clouds; for stretching and relaxation.”
Richard Silberg	\$750	Playmaking and Costumes for King Drama Rents lighting equipment and provides costumes for two drama productions, one written by students and another based on literature.”This fall, walking the halls of our school, I was overwhelmed by the number of students who asked, ‘what is this year’s play?’”.
Thomas Sinsheimer	\$650	Poetry Anthology Pays printing costs for a student-produced poetry anthology containing original writing and illustrations based on the works of great poets.
Leslie Stenger	\$500	Bats: The Myths, the Reality Brings “the Bat Lady” to the classroom. “Before children can be called on to protect the environment, they must understand it.”
Phoebe Tanner	\$400	Slow Food for Kids Funds publicity materials and outings to launch a “Kids for Slow Food” club at King, which would conduct research, hands-on experiences, and then educational outreach to other schools as to the values of the international Slow Food movement.
Kimberly Watson-Cox	\$300	Girl Talk Funds dance performances and speakers for a class in which girls develop speaking skills.

WILLARD MIDDLE

Patricia Bonsall	\$512	Punch and Bind Machine for Poetry Books Purchases a binding machine to add professional flourish to an ambitious student writing program.
Ryan Chinn	\$500	Science Discovery Boxes Replenishes supplies of small animals—rats, cockroaches, meal worms, etc.—for use in a hands-on project “which allows each student to enter the world of science through his or her own lens and understanding.”
Ryan Chinn	\$462	Scholastic Dynamath Pays for subscriptions to “DynaMath”, a monthly magazine presenting up-to-date articles of interest with challenging math and word problems. “Experience has shown that with high-interest articles, photographs, and challenging work, motivation is greater, curiosity is stronger, and time on task is longer.”
Ryan Chinn	\$750	Problems of the Month & Math Department Special Events Covers photocopying and awards for a schoolwide effort by the math department that “addresses the idea that mathematics is more than just a body of knowledge and skills, but that it involves a way of approaching situations, of communicating, and is a fluid process of information exchange to solve problems.”
Joshua Church	\$475	Solar Workshop Purchases a solar panel kit and building materials for an after-school model car workshop. The project is a partnership with Berkeley EcoHouse and UC’s Society of Women Engineers.

Jessica Cole	\$502	Life Science for All Funds dissecting pans and other materials to help this science teacher “provide a more hands-on and visual presentation of the major concepts in biology that my diverse group of students can all understand.”
Debra Hill	\$318	Reading & Science Supplement Purchases a class set of Current Science magazine to enhance science and reading studies.
Debra Hill	\$504	Sixth Grade Field Trip to Chabot Observatory Helps pay admission fees and AC Transit costs for a one-day field trip to the Chabot Space and Science Center. “I value the teaching style and methods at Chabot, as they are very diverse and interesting for both students and adults.”
Susanne Jensen	\$600	Nutrition and Cooking Classes Funds cooking and cleaning equipment for the cooking class, along with art supplies for a student-produced cookbook.
Ralph Nelson	\$400	Typing Can Be Fun Buys instructional software to teach typing after school in the computer lab.
Ralph Nelson	\$1,020	Hip-Hop Dance Class Provides a teacher stipend for hip-hop dance lessons after school, with a culminating schoolwide performance at a spring assembly. “As Willard’s new after-school coordinator I began the year with a mandate to revitalize the program structurally and financially, as well as to restore the academic focus.”
Alma Owens	\$1,000	Listening Library Buys tape players and books for use by the school’s reading specialists who work with struggling readers. “Books on tape expose students who may have very little literacy support outside of the classroom to an immense body of work that can help develop and sustain their interest in reading.”
Daniel Palau	\$600	Hip-Hop CD Production Purchases a microphone and portable recorder for an after-school class using hip-hop as a vehicle for studying the spoken word.
George Rose	\$500	Drama Field Trips Covers copying costs and transportation scholarships to take students in the newly revived elective drama classes to local performances.

BERKELEY ALTERNATIVE HIGH

Paula Argentieri	\$250	Bridge of Support Between Alternative High School and UC Covers tutor stipends and transportation costs for a program linking UC Berkeley student volunteers of color with Alternative High students “through a buddy/tutorial program to create hopeful, positive futures.”
Alisha Berry	\$712	Calculators for College Prep Math Supplements the teacher’s own collection of scientific calculators so that low-income students in the College Preparatory Math classes can “not spend a lot of time on the computation that calculators can easily do, but instead spend their time on the problem solving and creative tasks that people are still essential for.”

Ananda Esteva	\$1,577	Reading Rampage Purchases specialized tape players and headphones for this Special Education and Independent Studies teacher. “The School District has books on tape or CD’s for my blind and dyslexic students, but I have nothing to play them on.”
Philip Halpern	\$433	Video Production Program Buys tapes and other equipment for the production of fictional and documentary videos. “Video production is a valuable tool for the teaching of English, awareness of audience, and graphic self-expression.”
Alex Palau	\$2,250	Mentoring Center Funds counselors to facilitate weekly group sessions for students on court-ordered probation, with truancy problems, or who have been suspended for drug use or disruption.
Anthony Santangelo	\$540	Trade Union Apprenticeship Program Provides transportation and other costs to bring trade union representatives to campus for career presentations, and to allow students to travel to an annual Apprenticeship Fair in Hayward.
Anthony Santangelo	\$455	Let’s Get Physical Funds athletic equipment, tournament prizes, and coach stipends for UC students to work on schoolwide sports tournaments every Friday. “Studies reveal that the poor neighborhoods without grocery stores and safe places to exercise are producing more unhealthy kids. This shows that the obesity epidemic is not as much a failure of personal responsibility as it is an abandonment of community building.”
Traivon Soto	\$600	Interactive History Purchases DVD’s to enrich the U. S. History curriculum and appeal to students of diverse learning styles and abilities.
Larry Stefl	\$600	Drumming Teacher Brings an Afro-Brazilian rhythm specialist to class. “Studies show that students from the lowest socioeconomic backgrounds who receive musical training outpace the overall student average at rigorous mathematics—yet our school has limited art offerings, and has not had a music class in the twelve years I have been here.”
Larry Stefl	\$600	Schoolwide Ceramic Tile Mural Buys tiles and glazes for a permanent schoolwide ceramic mural.
Jean Whittlesey	\$500	CPR Project Contracts for the services of certified teachers to train students in CPR. “CPR is a basic way for our students to get a taste of what working in the health field entails, and to gain a skill required for entrance to some colleges offering these programs.”
Jean Whittlesey	\$500	Garden Supplies Buys seeds, chicken wire, and other supplies for the school garden. “The garden has gradually become an attraction for some students and continuity is established between one year and the next.”

BERKELEY HIGH

Alex Angell	\$300	Art History Enrichment Purchases color slides and period music to enhance the study of art history.
Dan Appel	\$714	Professional Development for New Math Teachers Pays registration fees to send two new math teachers to a professional training conference focusing on strategies to ensure academic success for all students. <i>Funded by the Mary Friedman Teacher Training Fund.</i>
Josephine Balakrishnan	\$500	Berkeley High Forensics Team Supports entry fees and transportation costs to help revive the school's debate team after a gap of more than 20 years.
Myron Berkman	\$700	Culture and Language Exchange Club Sends students on a field trip to the La Honda Ropes Course for team building and culmination of year-long activities. "I had never thought about how difficult it is to come to the US and learn to speak English until joining this club."
Rory Bled	\$500	Organizer Book Supports the annual production of the Organizer, a spiral-bound daily student planner book distributed to all Berkeley High students. "Consistent use of the Organizer can assist with the development of organization skills and can have a great impact on student achievement."
Catherine Brady	\$2,000	Maximizing Career Potential Covers printing and administrative costs of a vocational education program that includes job shadowing, internships, and a spring career fair.
Tamar Chaet	\$400	Special Education and a Café Purchases cooking equipment and supplies to launch a food cart run by students with developmental disabilities.
Patrick Chamberlain	\$226	Cooperative Activity Buys wooden plates and assorted hardware for games that build communication and trust among freshmen as a prelude to academic teamwork projects.
Patrick Chamberlain	\$100	Tinikling Buys equipment for multicultural physical education activities; tinikling is the national dance of the Philippines.
Lucinda Daly	\$428	A Picture of Health Buys film and supplies for a collaborative project between Advanced Photography students and the Berkeley High School Health Center. Students will conceptualize and produce posters on various aspects of adolescent health.
James Dopman	\$978	Technology in the Classroom Purchases a digital projector to help teach word processing and internet research skills.
Steven Fong	\$500	Literacy in the Science Classroom Purchases <i>Fast Food Nation</i> and other current nonfiction books to use in literature circles to promote scientific literacy. The goal is "to demonstrate that science is NOT just definitions and names, but rather a field that is constantly changing and advancing."

Matthew Fritzing	\$1,000	Mountain Bicycle Racing Team Supports race registration fees and provides team bikes to low-income bicyclists for this sports club that last year captured first place in the Northern California High School Mountain Bike Racing League, which was formed by this teacher to encourage bicycling as a lifelong fitness sport.
Charles Hamilton	\$2,200	Jazz Mentoring Program Provides stipends for professional musicians who will provide individualized instruction to the Jazz Ensemble and the Jazz Lab Band. These jazz programs are considered “the jewel in the crown of Berkeley High School.”
Annie Johnston	\$1,500	Communities Facing Challenges Funds transportation and other costs for a Community Partnerships Academy (a new “small school”) field trip to Point Reyes. The object is to provide a “hands-on study of how natural communities react to the stresses of environmental damage, as an excellent parallel for studying how communities in the U. S. dealt with the tremendous stresses of the Great Depression.”
Maria Kersey	\$1,500	Scholarships for Students Who Need Art Materials Purchases clay and photography paper for art students who “sometimes fall behind in completion of projects because they can’t afford the supplies they need.”
Jaime Knight	\$506	Single Lens Reflex Cameras for Beginning Photography Purchases cameras for a new teacher teaching beginning photography and producing the school yearbook.
Matthew McHugh	\$1,022	Improved Curriculum Delivery Using PowerPoint Purchases an LCD projector that two science teachers will use to improve their presentations in Integrated Science and Physics classes. “I can face the class instead of having my back to them. I can pick up on confusion and respond to questions more quickly and effectively.”
Mary Murphy	\$500	Comparative Anatomy Survey Buys sheep hearts and dissection equipment for biology classes. “My aim is to expose students to the complexities of living things—to show them that a worm is more than a bunch of segments and that a frog, on the inside, is very similar to them.”
Eric Norberg	\$300	Stipends for Guest Artists Provides stipends to bring guest artists into art and photography classes.
Dharini Rasiah	\$2,000	Equipment for Integrated Media Projects Buys camera equipment to continue the integration of photography into core academic classes throughout the school including the new small schools and the Special Education department.
Stephen Salser	\$1,000	Bringing Computers into Science Classroom Buys software to enable the science department to use “a wide variety of force, position, acceleration, voltage, current, and sound probes that we currently possess but cannot use because we lack the computer interfaces to go with the probes.”
Andrea Sanguine	\$350	Handheld Extruder for Sculpture and Pottery Provides ceramics students with a tool that permits them “to make very ‘professional’ looking shapes without the wheel.”
Doertlis Schultze-Allen	\$120	Interactive Games for German Class Purchases interactive games that allow students to learn German grammar in a fun way.

Jody Sokolower	\$595	Field Guide to U. S. Economy Buys a class set of an economics textbook tailored to this English Language Learners class consisting of “very sophisticated, critical thinkers who have limited English.”
Vern Spohn	\$2,000	Biology Consumables for Enrichment Lab Program Provides lab supplies for an enriched biology curriculum (developed with the help of BPEF grants over the last two years) that allows “students to explore the biological concepts being studied in a small group setting, rather than a teacher-directed classroom demonstration.”
Miriam Stahl	\$949	Projection Unit for the Art Department Supplies a digital projector to help the art department introduce digital media into everyday classroom practice.
David Stevens	\$325	10,000 Foot Club Provides bus fare for the Outsiders Club, which serves “students who are having a hard time academically or socially,” in a fitness program that challenges students to climb a total of 10,000 feet during the school year.
David Stevens	\$657	Case Studies for Staff Development Develops a library of resources for a staff development program that teachers in the new Community Partners Academy want to use to gain an understanding of each student’s unique neuro-developmental profile. “As we began our new academy, we were unable to find any small school in the country that had developed a thoughtful and alternative model for supporting special education students.” <i>Funded by the Mary Friedman Teacher Training Fund.</i>
Elisa Stone	\$700	Exploring Biographical Texts in Biology Class Provides biographies of accomplished scientists to allow this first-year science teacher to further develop the reading skills of her students.
Karen Wells	\$600	Professional Music Mentors for Orchestra & Band Provides honoraria for four professional musicians to provide individualized instruction and mentoring to band and orchestra students.
Scott Willson	\$500	Technological Equity in High School Algebra II students are required to have graphing calculators, yet many cannot afford this sophisticated equipment. This grant purchases five, which the teacher will provide on day loans to needy students.
Jordan Winer	\$2,500	Costume Director Supports the annual salary for the largely volunteer costume director, to maintain the school’s extensive and cherished costume collection and to design costumes for two productions.

INDEPENDENT STUDY

Kamala Asher	\$300	Healthy Choices Buys academic materials for the development of a comprehensive health education curriculum aimed at students in the Independent Study Home School Program.
Pamela Drew	\$110	Fraction Calculators Provides calculators for two classes of students who are “fraction averse,” in an effort to help them prepare for the mandatory High School Exit Exam.
Nancy Silver	\$400	Nutrition through Garden Buys seeds and a juicer so students can grow vegetables and then juice them. “Many of our students in Independent Study and at the Alternative High School have no nutritional education.”
Nancy Silver	\$200	Lunchtime Yoga/Pilates Purchases pillows and balls for lunchtime yoga classes at the Alternative High School and for the Independent Study program.

Total Grants Awarded: 225

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