

Alameda & Contra Costa Counties, Bay Area, CA 2019-2021 Funding Streams: Youth Food Justice ~and~ Girls Empowerment

Total Revenue: \$180,000 USD over 2 year grant cycle
Targeted Grant Size: \$40,000 to \$50,000 USD over 2 years
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Strategy: The Horner Foundation has been working for the past 6 years at the intersection of youth development and food justice, with the goal of empowering youth to learn about and take action to localize their food system and increase food security for all. Our 2019-2021 Funding Stream will continue this mission, with an increased emphasis on youth-led and youth-organized projects. Youth outcomes are maximized when youth are able to envision, organize and execute projects alongside supportive adult mentors and allies. This stream hopes to provide more funding directly to youth, so that they can make a measurable difference in their communities.

*Also, we are launching a new funding stream to empower young women and girls to access experiential learning and leadership opportunities in the Bay Area. See below for details.

Types of Organizations that should apply:

- Not for Profit organizations serving youth in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties
- Emphasis on under-resourced youth aged 10-19 years (middle & high school students)
- Organization must have interest in improving their capacity to collect, understand, and use data for ongoing improvements and stronger results

Funding Focuses:

- 1. Youth Food Justice
 - Organizations working at the intersection of youth development and food justice
 - Grants that work to elevate youth voice will be prioritized. This may include
 mini-grant programs for youth, where one organization or collective of
 organizations build on existing infrastructure or create a new program for youth to
 apply for / receive mini-grants. It is understood that many youth development
 programs provide adult mentoring and structured opportunities for youth to
 participate meaningfully.
- 2. Girls Empowerment
 - One organization or collection of organizations