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LOCAL ASSOCIATION	PROJECT TITLE	GRANT PROJECT COORDINATOR	GRANT AMOUNT
Alameda County Teachers Association	We Belong in College	Elaine Whitney	\$20,000
Alhambra Teachers Association	Empowering Gladiator Student Leadership	Lynn Greep	\$5,000
Alum Rock Educators Association	Building a Thriving Classroom Library	Maria Martinez	\$5,000
Alvord Educators Association	The Collaborative Voices: Alvord Scholastic Journalism Project	William Nelson	\$19,781
Anaheim Secondary Teachers Association	Home Economics and Media Arts Collaboration to Educate the Community	Joby Gutierrez	\$18,740
Anaheim Secondary Teachers Association	Engineering and Robotics at Oxford Academy and Cambridge Virtual Academy: A Hybrid STEM Education Model	Susan Stephan	\$16,000
Anaheim Secondary Teachers Association	Vacant to Vibrant: Transforming Spaces for Community Wellness	Valencia Davis	\$20,000
Antioch Education Association	Math Minute Podcast: Engaging Minds, One Minute at a Time	Rene Herrick	\$12,968
Asociación De Maestros Unidos	School and Garden Greening Project	Shareen McFall	\$19,983

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Association of Cypress Teachers	Ripple Effect: Investigating Ocean Plastics and Inspiring Change	Melinda Steele	\$14,027
Association of Rowland Educators	Raising the Competition in Esports: Expanding Access, Equity, and Opportunity	David Weed	\$19,940
Association of Rowland Educators	Empowering Adolescents Through Community Outreach and Resilience Building	Olivia Najar	\$1,280
Bayshore Teachers Association	K-8 Cultural Celebration Program: Solidarity, Transformation, Affirmation, and Resilience	Nishat Taylor	\$18,200
Bret Harte Teachers Association	Bullfrog Baristas: Building Independence Through Business	Cora Broglio	\$5,000
Burbank Teachers Association	JBHS Cultivators of Growth Expansion and Accessibility Improvements	Erin Berich	\$3,800
Caruthers Unified Teachers Association	CHS Science Library Outreach Project	Eric Madrigal	\$19,940
Castle Rock Education Association	Castle Rock Orff Orchestra	Louis Silber	\$11,986
Certificated Hourly Instructors Long Beach City College	Beyond the Bars: A Public Speaking Curriculum for Transformative Education	Dale Lendrum	\$4,000

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Chico Unified Teachers Association	Building Bridges	M. Nayeli Camacho	\$5,000
Chico Unified Teachers Association	In Sight Photography Club	Mary Schoenthaler	\$6,196
Chico Unified Teachers Association	Oak Bridge Garden Club Greenhouse Project	Nicole Ballew	\$19,927
Chico Unified Teachers Association	Learning Life Science through Local Salmon Ecosystems	Suzanne King	\$20,000
Coachella Valley Teachers Association	Kidwind World Challenge	Ricardo Gonzales	\$11,517
Compton Education Association	Cultivating Diversity	Porsja Dyer	\$5,000
Corona-Norco Teachers Association	Knight Watch at Letha Raney Intermediate	Nichole Calizo	\$17,072
Covina Unified Education Association	Future Innovators: A Hands-On STEAM Lab	Shelly Warschaw	\$4,950
East Side Teachers Association	Expanding Language Learning Beyond the Classroom	Jennifer Black	\$20,000

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El Centro Secondary Teachers Association	Project ACE: Air Community Education	Jacqueline Valadez	\$5,000
Escondido Elementary Educators Association	STEAM Lab on Campus	Catarina Hernandez	\$4,930
Fontana Teachers Association	Environmental Impact K12	Alyssa Bement	\$19,760
Fresno Teachers Association	Food Scraps to Garden Soil: A School Composting Project	Rose Munn	\$5,000
Hayward Education Association	Expanding Environmental Innovation, Inquiry, and Equity	Lesley Feikert	\$13,500
Hayward Education Association	Climate Empowerment Learning Initiative	Peter Hiester	\$17,131
Hayward Education Association	Farm2Fork: Bridging Cooking, Equity and Environmental Responsibility in the Classroom	Rupika Malik	\$4,141
Huntington Beach Union High School District Education Association	SerranoCity Café a la Cart: Vocational Training and Life Skills for Neurodiverse Youth	Yvonne Serrano	\$5,000
Kern High School Teachers Association	Numeracy is the Nexus: No Formulas Here! Empowering Use Oriented Mathematics	Tamara Clark	\$19,558

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Lake Elsinore Teachers Association	Journey North Tulip Test Gardens	Amanda VonRosen	\$4,817
Las Lomitas Education Association	Kindness Ambassadors	Daniella Martinez Lefer	\$15,500
Lodi Education Association	Bright Futures: Increasing Opportunities for English Learners at LHS	Annika Pattenau	\$5,000
Los Banos Teachers Association	Smart Agriculture: Using Arduino to Enhance Sustainable Farming Practices	Stevie Wills	\$20,000
Mammoth Education Association	Mammoth Middle School Autoshop Club	Gil Campos	\$5,000
Manteca Educators Association	Manteca High School Speech and Debate	Ashlee Teczon	\$4,255
Meniffee Teachers Association	Environmentally Sustainable Solutions to the Housing Affordability Crisis	Chad Davis	\$19,860
Merced College Faculty Association	Merced College Shark Tank Innovation Challenge	Annette Macha	\$5,250
Moreno Valley Educators Association	Rally Around Fitness	Staci Reinalda	\$20,000

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Moreno Valley Educators Association	Palm's Game of Life	Trina Escarzaga	\$20,000
Nevada Joint Union High School Teachers Association	Building Community for the Neurodiverse Population at Nevada Union High School	Tracy Donadio	\$3,400
New Haven Teachers Association	Logan's Vocational Lab	Nikki Moore	\$3,678
Oakland Education Association	Weaving Art: Connecting Through Arts and Community	Helen Ghebreyesus	\$5,000
Oakland Education Association	FOBU: For Us, By Us: Our Oakland Stories by Design in Living Color	Muslimah Mohammed	\$19,600
Oakland Education Association	Young Ambassador Program	Wally Scott	\$19,999
Ocean View Teachers Association	Environmental Science: Urban Agriculture Lab	Caroline Rodriguez	\$20,000
Old Adobe Teachers Association	LTV Broadcast Equipment	Cynthia Nunez-Rivera	\$4,986
Pittsburg Education Association	Tech for Tomorrow's Leaders	Magdalene Mason	\$5,000

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Redlands Teachers Association	Playful Pathways: Enhancing Social and Emotional Development Through Dramatic Play in TK and K	Emily Merchant	\$8,382
Sacramento City Teachers Association	SEL Through Sports	Michael Garcia	\$13,665
Sacramento City Teachers Association	Funding for the After School Capitol Region Engineering Science Technology (CREST) Program	Rachelle Gray	\$5,000
San Bernardino Community College District Teachers Association	Enhancing Urban Biodiversity Through Native Plant Education	Thomas Lechuga	\$19,900
San Bernardino Teachers Association	Stepping into the Heart of things	Evan Scott	\$19,386
San Bernardino Teachers Association	Unified Through Sports	Sarah Apacible-Holm	\$19,950
San Diego Education Association	Aerial Guardians: Engaging Students in Watershed Conservation Through Drone Technology	Sarah Hillard	\$5,000
San Diego Education Association	Tiger Paw Café	Andrea Meier	\$19,960

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San Diego Education Association	Garden2Class2Table	Anne Armstrong	\$20,000
San Diego Education Association	Addressing Environmental Impact & Social Inequities Through Public Art	Cat Chiu Phillips	\$11,000
San Diego Education Association	Drone-Based Environmental Education for 6th Grade Students	Christina Tucker	\$19,988
San Diego Education Association	ALBA Film Festival	Mark Hoskisson	\$19,957
San Diego Education Association	PHHS AVID California Colleges Road Trip	Patrick Schoettler	\$20,000
San Diego Education Association	Transition Expansion Project	Pauline Cabales	\$20,000
San Diego Education Association	From Page to Stage: the Transition of Literary works to Musicals	Rebecca Rankin	\$16,800
San Juan Teachers Association	"Voices in Focus: A Studio for Empowerment and Expression"	Tyler Pierce	\$4,700
San Luis Coastal Teachers Association	Together We Will Soar: A Year of Family Engagement with Hawthorne Eagles!	Fiona Lloyd-Moffett	\$9,348

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San Marcos Educators Association	Culinary Arts Kitchen Garden	Sadie Rose	\$4,400
Santa Ana Educators Association	Edison Elementary Goes Green	Jennifer Larocque	\$12,650
Santa Ana Educators Association	EcoGaming: Student-Designed Environmental Education in Unreal Engine	Laura Compton	\$19,027
Sweetwater Education Association	Designing Green Spaces and Enhancing Zero Waste: An Inclusive Approach to Drawdown for BVHS Climate Action	Jennifer Ekstein	\$18,263
Sweetwater Education Association	Farm2School	Maria Galleher	\$5,000
Tahoe Truckee Education Association	TAHOE Lab and Outdoor School	Suzie Bates Dale	\$20,000
Teachers Association of Long Beach	Growing and Going Green: Arts & Leadership in Action	Liza Gesuden	\$7,710
Teachers Association of Paradise	Amplify the Arts	Derek Mangan	\$19,045
Teachers of Encinitas	Into the Wild: A Living Laboratory for Environmental Education	Miriam Sikking	\$19,421

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Temecula Valley Educators Association	Ceramics Initiative	Nichole Santangelo	\$5,000
Torrance Teachers Association	The Modern Workshop	Nancy Ton	\$5,000
Tracy Educators Association	The Historical Marketplace – Where the Past Meets Creativity	Kia Gregory	\$5,000
Twin Rivers United Educators	The Kindness Squad: Building a Culture of Compassion	Elle Hassani	\$5,000
United Educators of San Francisco	Huelga! Student-led Literary and Arts Magazine	Anand Vedawala	\$7,143
United Educators of San Francisco	Wilderness Arts and Literacy Collaborative (WALC)	Conrad Benedicto	\$19,500
United Educators of San Francisco	Hydroponic System for Biology Class	Sam Hamilton	\$4,995
United Teachers Los Angeles	English Learners Leading Change	Alejandra Reynoso	\$4,975
United Teachers Los Angeles	CRISPR in the Classroom: Exploring Genetic Solutions for Environmental Challenges	Dylane Painter	\$5,000

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United Teachers Los Angeles	Learning to Lead with Link Crew	Erin Mettlen	\$19,921
United Teachers Los Angeles	EcoHale:Student-Led Sustainability	Joy Ferrante	\$16,653
United Teachers Los Angeles	Mural Masterpieces: Revitalizing School Spaces	Lee Harrington-Reese	\$19,500
United Teachers Los Angeles	Hands On, Hearts In: Sustaining A Student Run Crafting Studio	Tascha Folsoi	\$3,873
United Teachers Los Angeles	My C.R.E.W. (Creating Resilience Empowering Wellness)	William Cullen	\$5,000
United Teachers Los Angeles	Mitigating Climate Anxiety Through Environmental Engagement, Civic Engagement & Literary Engagement	Zeena Pliska	\$19,970
United Teachers of Pasadena	The Dome: An Art Installation of Hope and Resilience	Liane Shih	\$17,849
Victor Elementary Teachers Association	Trout Tales: An Interdisciplinary Journey Through the Life Cycle	Paul Longshore	\$19,541
Victor Valley Teachers Association	Thrive Project	Jennifer Longueira	\$19,000

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West Sacramento Teachers Association	Westfield STEM Robotics and Maker Space Competitions	Elizabeth Estella Burkholder	\$4,000
Westminister Teachers Association	Seeds of Literacy	Lauren Vu- Tran	\$4,800