



LOS ALTOS
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Los Altos Community Foundation

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In the beginning...

In 1990, attorney Jim Reynolds called six Los Altos residents together and proposed a “community foundation.” Idea was to give community members a way to financially give back and help their community by donating a portion of their estate.



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Los Altos Community Foundation today

Mission: *Los Altos Community Foundation inspires, leads, and empowers residents and organizations for a stronger community.*

LACF and its donors address local needs through:

- **Grants** to nonprofits and community initiatives
- **Programs** – philanthropy, community leadership
- **Incubation** of new "startup" nonprofits
- **Funds** - Donor Advised and others
- **Convening** of groups to solve issues.
- **Events** that build community



LACF serves residents, private foundations, and businesses in Los Altos, Los Altos Hills, and Mountain View.



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LACF compared to private foundation

	Private Foundation	Los Altos Community Foundation
Focus	Typically 5-6 needs, anywhere around the world	<u>Any</u> need in our communities
Who funds	Usually a single individual or family (do not fundraise)	Community members contribute financial and volunteer resources
Primary activities	Grantmaking	Grantmaking, programs, funds, convening

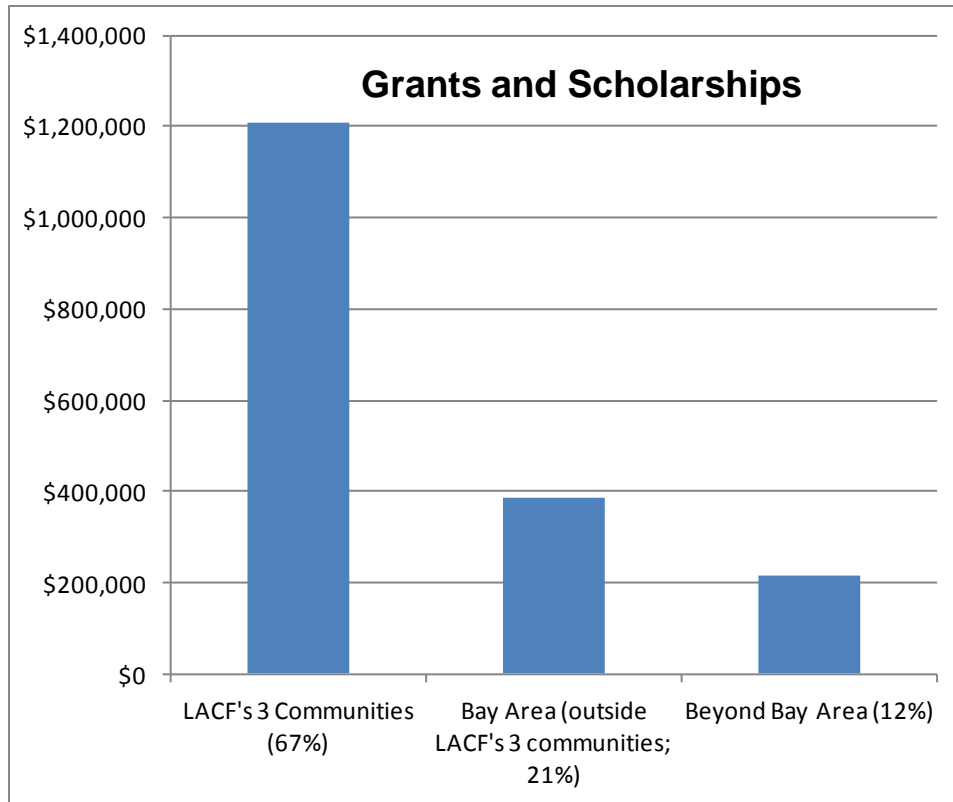
LACF:

- Enables community members to pool their resources to accomplish more than any one individual could do alone.
- Connects donors with nonprofits and community needs.



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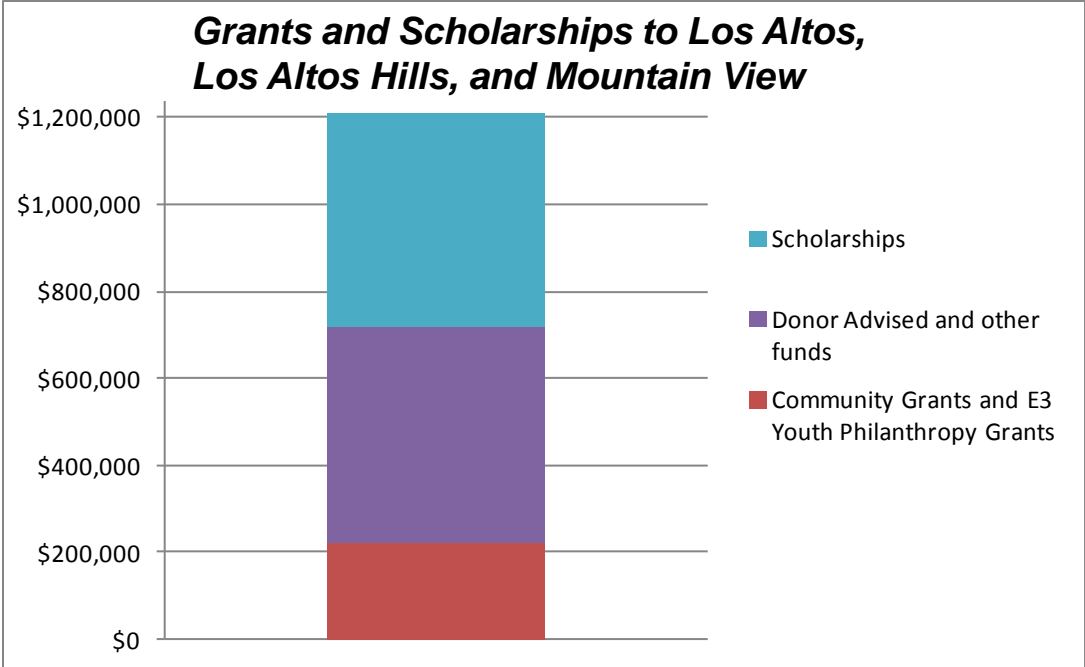
LACF gave over \$1.8M in grants and scholarships in FY19



- 321 grants to 208 nonprofits, totaling over \$1.3M
- 200 scholarships totaling \$488k given to students from LACF's three communities



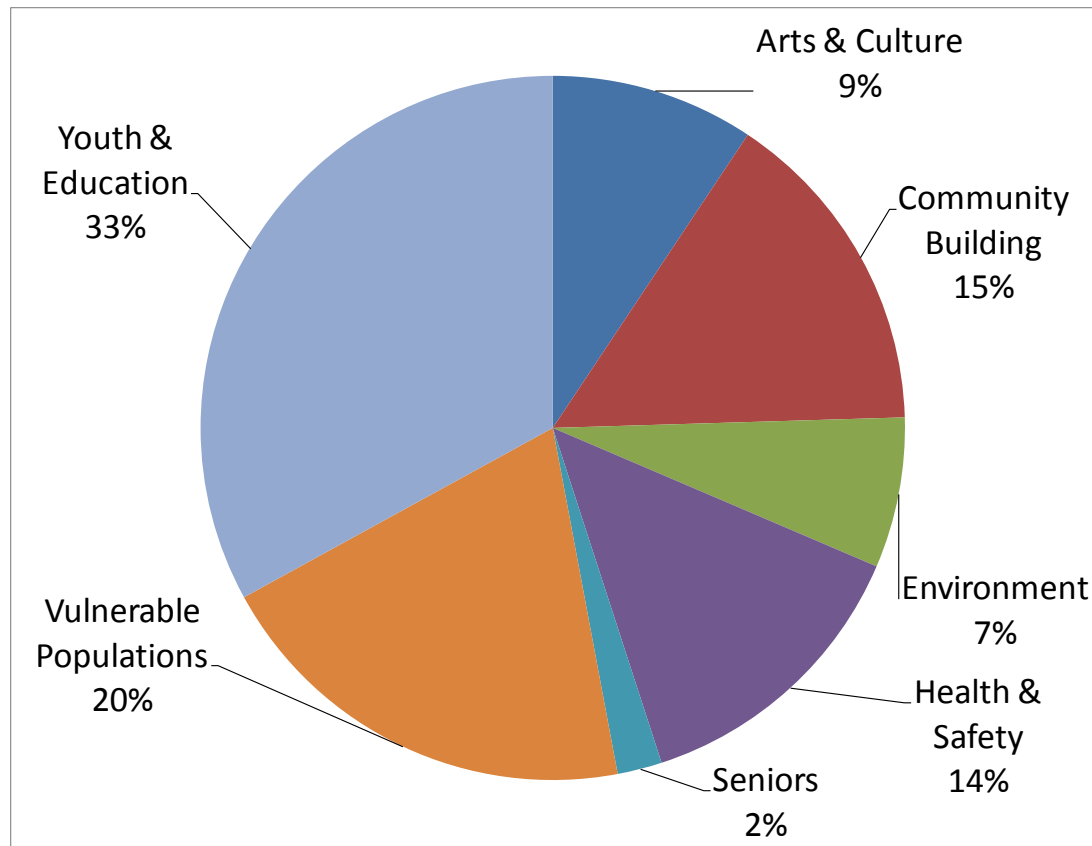
LACF's grants and scholarships to our three communities totaled \$1.2M in FY19



- 184 grants totaling over \$719k to 95 nonprofits serving LACF's three communities
- 200 scholarships totaling over \$488k to students from LACF's three communities



FY19 Grant distribution – LACF Community and E3 Youth Philanthropy grants



LACF grants help many local nonprofits including Animal Assisted Happiness



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Sampling of LACF Community and Donor Advised Fund Grants

Arts & Culture

- KQED Inc.
- Los Altos History Museum
- Los Altos Stage Company
- Monterey Bay Aquarium
- Music for Minors
- Palo Alto Art Center Foundation
- Peninsula Symphony
- Santa Cruz Museum of Art and History
- TheatreWorks Silicon Valley

Community Building

- Assistance League of Los Altos
- Christ Episcopal Church
- CityTeam Ministries
- Community Foundation, Napa Valley
- Community Foundation Sonoma Cnty
- E3 Youth in Philanthropy
- Eastern University
- LACF Community Foundation
- Los Altos Dispute Resolution Service
- Los Altos Festival of Lights Parade
- Los Altos Forward-First Friday
- Los Altos Village Association Fund
- Morning Forum of Los Altos
- Roman Catholic Diocese of San Jose
- St. Williams Church
- Stanford First Ward, LDS church
- Ye Olde Towne Band

Environment

- Acterra
- California State Parks Foundation
- Canopy
- Committee for Green Foothills
- GreenTown Los Altos Fund
- National Park Foundation
- Nature Conservancy
- Peninsula Open Space Trust
- Sempervirens Fund
- Tuolumne River Preservation

Health and Safety

- Adolescent Counseling Services
- Alzheimers Disease Association
- American Red Cross-SV Chapter
- CHAC
- Doctors Without Borders
- Healthier Kids Foundation
- HERS Breast Cancer Foundation
- Michael J Fox Foundation
- Ronald McDonald House
- Childrens Health Council
- Westwind Riding for Handicapped

Seniors

- CAFE Senior Inclusion and Participation Project (SIPP)
- Center for Age Friendly Excellence (CAFE)
- Los Altos Forward-Club 55

Vulnerable Populations

- Bay Area Furniture Bank
- Caminar
- CHAC
- Child Advocates of Silicon Valley
- Community Services Agency
- Day Worker Center, Mountain View
- Family Engagement Institute (FEI) / Stretch to Kindergarten
- Habitat for Humanity East Bay / Silicon Valley
- Hopes Corner Inc.
- House2Home Connection
- Job Train
- Mayview Community Health Center
- Next Door Solutions to Domestic Violence
- Rebuilding Together Peninsula
- Sacred Heart Community Service
- Second Harvest Food Bank
- WomenSV
- World Possible
- YMCA of Silicon Valley

Youth and Education

- Boy Scouts Of America
- Boys & Girls Club of the Peninsula
- Cabrillo College Foundation
- Community School of Music & Arts (CSMA)
- E3 Youth in Philanthropy
- East Palo Alto Kids Foundation
- Eastside College Preparatory School
- Elevate Tutoring Inc
- Foothill-DeAnza Community College Foundation
- Friends of Deer Hollow Farm
- Just READ
- Living Classroom
- Los Altos Educational Foundation
- Make-A-Wish Foundation of America
- Marine Science Institute
- Mentor-Tutor Connection
- MVLA Scholars Fund
- Parents Helping Parents, Inc.
- Peninsula Bridge
- Reading Partners
- The Trust for Hidden Villa
- Urban Land Institute
- YMCA of Silicon Valley
- Youth Leadership Incubator, Inc.
- YWCA of Silicon Valley

LACF programs address community needs

LACF Directly Managed Programs

- E3 (E-Cubed) Youth Philanthropy
- Leadership Education Advancement (LEAD)
- Los Altos Block Action Teams
- Los Altos Dispute Resolution Service (LADRS)
- Neutra House



Fiscally Sponsored (“Incubated”) Programs

- Center for Age Friendly Excellence
- Community Womens’ Chorus
- GreenTown Los Altos
- Listos Mountain View
- Los Altos Forward
- MVLA Scholars
- Service League of Boys (SLOBs)
- Soil & Water (Mountain View)
- Stanford Changemakers
- TACO (Terrible Adult Chamber Orchestra)
- Together We Can

LACF extends its 501(c)(3) “umbrella” to fiscally sponsored programs, enabling local social entrepreneurs to focus on their philanthropic objectives.

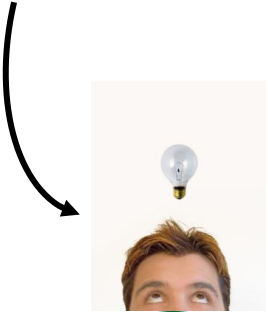


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LACF “incubates” new non-profits

1. Community Need

- Youth
- Women
- Seniors
- Families, etc.



2. Non-Profit Idea

3. LACF provides 501(c)(3) Fiscal Sponsorship



5. Program becomes 501(c)(3) non-profit



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LACF Fosters Volunteerism

- ▶ Compassion Week partner
 - ▶ Sept 30 – Oct 6, 2019
 - ▶ <https://www.compassionweeklosaltos.org/>
- ▶ Nonprofit Volunteer Fair on Downtown Green
- ▶ Online Volunteer Directory
 - ▶ (<https://lacf.fcsuite.com/erp/donate/list/directory>)
- ▶ Many volunteer opportunities with LACF's Fiscally Sponsored programs

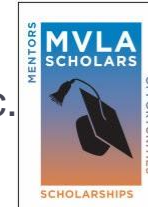


Thinking about helping the community?

LACF can help you!

▶ See a community need?

- ▶ Create a fund; raise money for a cause, nonprofit, disaster victims, etc.
- ▶ Start a fiscally sponsored program or nonprofit



MAKING COLLEGE POSSIBLE

▶ Preserve or create a community asset

- ▶ Move, preserve, restore a historic asset – e.g. Community, Neutra houses
- ▶ Raise money for a new one – Day Workers Center



LIVING CLASSROOM

▶ Honor, memorialize someone or a significant historical event

- ▶ A statue, a bench, a clock, organ for Mark Shaull at LAHS, an event...
- ▶ Start a scholarship fund and raise money for it



▶ Bring groups/people together to raise awareness and focus on an issue

- ▶ First Friday... Los Altos Forward... Club 55... Los Altos Community Coalition
- ▶ Community Roundtable common scholarship program (service clubs, MVLA Scholars, MVLA Chamber)

SOS
(Save Our Staff)

▶ Improve quality of life – build community, make your community a better, more vibrant place to live

- ▶ A fun event – Peninsula Symphony's annual June concert
- ▶ A facility (e.g. dog park, skateboard park, play structure...)



2006 GSA Parade



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LACF has over 100 funds for community programs and causes

- **Nonprofit (“Designated” Funds).** *Examples:*
 - Los Altos Festival of Lights Parade
 - Los Altos Village Association Fund
 - Singer Family Endowment Fund
 - SPLASH fund for Los Altos swimming pool
- **Funds for local causes.** *Examples:*
 - Community Roundtable
 - Friends of Historic Redwood Grove
 - Los Altos Amateur Radio Disaster Preparedness Fund
 - Los Altos Youth Theatre Fund
- **Scholarship Funds**
- **Donor Advised Funds**
 - Similar to private foundation, but with fewer restrictions and expenses.
- **Grantmaking funds**
- **LACF Community Endowment Fund**
- **Managed & Incubated Program Funds.** *Examples:*
 - E3 Youth Philanthropy
 - GreenTown Los Altos
 - LEAD
 - Los Altos Block Action Team Program
 - Los Altos Dispute Resolution Service (LADRS)
 - Los Altos Forward/First Friday
 - Los Altos Prepare
 - MVLA Scholars
 - Service League of Boys (SLOBs)
 - Terrible Adult Chamber Orchestra
- **Nonprofit Investment Funds (owned by nonprofit)**
 - Los Altos History Museum Los Altos Legacies
 - Mentor-Tutor Connection



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Individuals, foundations, & companies give back to the community through LACF

	Purpose	When the Gift Helps the Community	Tax Benefit of Contributing
LACF's Community Impact Fund	Enables LACF to provide its programs and services	Immediate	Immediate
Donor Advised Fund	Similar to private foundation but less expensive to set up and maintain	Now <u>and</u> throughout your lifetime -- Grant from fund at your convenience. Use to instruct children.	Immediate
Legacy Giving	Provide gift that serves the community forever	After your lifetime	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Life Income gifts: Immediate • Retirement plans, bequests, etc: Your heirs benefit after your lifetime
Volunteering	Help the community, learn more about it, gain satisfaction.	Immediately	A lot more enjoyable than doing taxes!

