



SAN FRANCISCO
JAPANTOWN
FOUNDATION

COVID-19 COMMUNITY FUND 2021 GRANTEES

API LEGAL OUTREACH (APILO)

Certain services have remained extra active despite our offices being closed, especially the immigration, small business and Covid-19 relief work we are doing. The Immigration Courts not only stayed open but because of the anti immigrant agenda of the Federal government, the system pushed cases forward. Certain State Courts also continued to operate to address urgent matters such as domestic violence and elder abuse. Those cases were also active despite our closure with the additional barriers added by the work-from-home situation. Our public grants have informed us that severe cuts in funding will be experienced in 2020 through 2022.

<https://www.apilegaloutreach.org>

GENRYU ARTS

The SFJF funding will provide a major matching grant already awarded by the California Arts Council to support artists and vital Japanese cultural activities involving SF Japantown community members, and cultivating the next generation of SF Japantown leaders.

<http://www.genryuarts.org>

GOLDEN GATE INSTITUTE, INC. FISCAL AGENT FOR KINMON GAKUEN

To install an iron gate at both staircases to prevent unauthorized persons from entering the front terrace and building.

<http://www.kinmongakuen.com>

HOKKA NICHIBEI KAI

The funding will provide \$10,000 toward the Tea House Restorations which total \$32,600 and \$5,000 for PR/Marketing. This is for revamping of their website, start various social media accounts, and graphic design. Enabling them to transition into online programming.

<http://www.nichibeikai.org>

JAPANESE COMMUNITY YOUTH COUNCIL (JCYC)

Support for JCYC's Chibi Chan Preschool.

<https://www.jcyc.org>

JAPANESE CULTURAL AND COMMUNITY CENTER OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA (JCCCNC)

Funds from the Foundation will be used to support: Continued outreach to the Nisei/senior constituents in our community; the continued development and implementation of online programs and events; the decrease in the Center's revenue due to the continued COVID-19 shutdown; loss of Bingo revenue, limitations on indoor activities and providing affordable/free online programs to ensure access and exposure.

<https://www.jcccnc.org>

JAPANTOWN COMMUNITY BENEFIT DISTRICT (JCBD)

The JCBD will use funding to continue assisting small businesses with reopening and increasing foot traffic in Japantown safely in 2021. Funding purchases of more PPE supplies, translation services to assist Japanese and Korean speaking merchants with information about social distancing and new opening protocols, and to assist more businesses with the Shared Space areas.

<https://www.jtowncbd.org>

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JAPANTOWN TASK FORCE, INC. (JTF)

The Japantown Task Force Inc.(JTF) will be using the funds to cover our budget deficit and Peace Plaza Redesign Project. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Mayor's Office of Economic and Workforce Development (MOEWD) cut the JTF budget by \$49,000, a 27% cut from our anticipated funding. This cut placed our Administrative infrastructure in jeopardy by directly impacting the salaries of our Executive Director and Administrative Manager. JTF will also continue working on the Peace Plaza redesign Project since passage of Proposition A, the SF Health and Recovery Bond. JTF will continue to be involved in the design and implementation phases of the project, and currently remain in close contact with Rec and Park and Department of Public Works (DPW) officials. Upcoming tasks for the Peace Plaza include the continued design phase for the project with additional community engagement; and the demolition/reconstruction phase.

<https://www.japantowntaskforce.org>

KIMOCHI, INC.

SF Japantown Foundation funds will be used to match funds received from the San Francisco Disability and Aging Services (DAS) Department for Kimochi, Inc. Elderly Nutrition Program. Kimochi has entered into a contract with DAS to provide meals to seniors for the period of November 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. Kimochi is required to match a portion of the approved budget and has committed to matching \$33,140 in raw food costs. Prior to the current pandemic, unrestricted fundraising dollars would be to meet the matching requirements. However, due to the cancellation or postponement of fundraising events Kimochi is facing a reduction in unrestricted fundraising dollars. SF Japantown Foundation funds will be used to meet the matching fund requirements so that Kimochi may continue to provide nutritious, culturally appropriate meals to older adults in our community.

<https://www.kimochi-inc.org>

NATIONAL JAPANESE AMERICAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY (NJAHS)

Funds will be used in support of Public Health COVID-19 cleaning and prevention measures and ADA - compliant upgrades in the gallery and library space, address the air circulation and environmental compliance requirements in order to safely open to the public. NJAHS plans to continue broadcasting its successful live online programs through ZOOM until local authorities approve our COVID-19 safety protocols.

<https://www.njahs.org>

NJAHS FISCAL AGENT FOR DAY OF REMEMBRANCE CONSORTIUM NJAHS FISCAL AGENT FOR DAY OF REMEMBRANCE CONSORTIUM

Present a virtual on-line Bay Area Day of Remembrance Program on February 2021.

<https://www.njahs.org>

NJAHS FISCAL AGENT FOR ITO YOSAKOI

Grant funds will support Kazanami Yosakoi Dance Showcase and other Ito Yosakoi virtual programs including work-shops and classes.

facebook.com/itoyosakoi

NICHI BEI FOUNDATION

Production and distribution of our 2021 San Francisco Japantown Map and Directory.

<https://www.nichibei.org>

NIHONMACHI LITTLE FRIENDS (NLF)

Funding will help pay for the salaries and benefits of staff as NLF is experiencing a revenue deficit of over \$30,000 monthly due to decreasing students served, but maintaining most of the staff.

<https://www.nlfchildcare.org>

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PARENT TEACHER COMM COUNCIL OF THE JAPANESE BILINGUAL BICULTURAL PROGRAM (PTCC) (JBPP)

The funding to be used starting in January with Oshogatsu, our sensei and teachers have planned and distributed games and activities for all of the JBBC students. Other activities include; Virtual Taiko with Jiten Daiko; Day of Remembrance/ Japanese American internment; Sakura Matsuri video requested by Cherry Blossom Festival Committee; Kodomo no hi celebration online; Undokai, where we invite preschoolers and seniors (contingent on school reopening); and Gakugeikai, where members of the JA community are welcomed (contingent on school reopening).

<https://www.jbbpsf.org>

SAKURA MATSURI, INC.

The Grant funds will be used to support the production of the two weekend (4 day total) in person socially distanced "Hanami in the Plaza" to offer outdoor seating for guests to support local Japantown restaurants. Funds will also support support the execution of COVID-19 safety protocols in an outdoor, socially distanced arts & crafts marketplace on Post Street to support the community artisans and mobile vendors that have been affected by the pandemic. This space will also be offered for local nonprofit organizations to table and outreach to the community. The planning of these events will continue with the expectation that the shelter in place and COVID regulations will allow for outdoor gatherings by April.

<http://www.sakuramatsuri.org>

SOTO MISSION OF SAN FRANCISCO (SOKOJI)

Sokoji currently is only providing ZOOM meditation sessions on Wednesday and Sundays, is open online to the general public. We plan to use the funds from SF Japantown Foundation to purchase supplies and present via newspaper advertising, YouTube and ZOOM several celebrations as follow: Shichi-Go-San (7-5-3); Joya-No-Kane (New Year's Eve Bell Ringing) and New Year's Day and Week; Virtyal Toro Nagashi (Floating Lantern) Ceremony via YouTube; Shojin Ryori (Vegan Cooking) Classes; Mochi-tsuki takeout. In addition we will purchase food supplies for the cooking classes, the Mochi-tsuki takeout and camera equipment to improve our YouTube and Zoom productions.

<http://www.sokoji.org>