



Silicon Valley Community Foundation announces \$1.2m in grants to support Santa Clara County organizations' census outreach efforts

Supplemental Statements

"The African American Community Service Agency (AACSA) is excited to receive funding to inform, engage, excite, and educate the Black, Latino, Immigrant, and hard to count populations through the AACSA See Us Census 2020 Campaign."

-Milan R. Balinton, Executive Director, African American Community Service Agency

"Getting an accurate count of the most hard to reach communities means prioritizing people who are non-English speaking, work long hours, and are low wage immigrant and refugee workers---members who make up the Vietnamese nail salon community.

-Lisa Fu, Executive Director, CA Healthy Nail Salon Collaborative

"Can Morgan Hill count on you?"

- Richard Constantine, Mayor, City of Morgan Hill

"We must find ways to reach our hard to count individuals where they feel safe," said Dolores Alvarado, CEO of Community Health Partnership who represents community clinics that serve our most vulnerable neighborhoods. "Being able to partner with SVCF and access their resources has helped us reach so many more people who would otherwise go uncounted."

-Dolores Alvarado, MPH, MSWCEO, CEO, Community Health Partnership of Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties

"With SVCF and partners' support, we are excited to continue to inform and engage Muslims - along with friends and allies – on how important the Census is for building economic and political power to enforce our rights and strengthen our community."

-Aliza Kazmi, Advocacy Manager, Council on American-Islamic Relations

"EAH Housing is committed to ensuring that all of our residents, especially those Hard-To-Count individuals and families are included in Census 2020. The Census is critical to creating healthy neighborhoods. This grant allows us to reach out and educate our families, seniors, veterans and those with disabilities across 24 EAH communities in Santa Clara County. As an affordable housing developer, we are proud to partner with the Silicon Valley Community Foundation and Santa Clara County."



-Laura Hall, President and Chief Executive Officer, EAH Housing

"All count means development."

-Girmay Adhanom, Center Coordinator, Eritrean Community Center of Santa Clara County

"As a SVCF grantee, Friends of Children With Special Needs (FCSN) is committed to engage Asian families with or without special needs to be counted in 2020 Census."

-Sylvia Yeh, Executive Business Director, Friends of Children with Special Needs

"Participating in the census is a vote on behalf of the downtrodden: the unhoused, the unfed, the unauthorized, the unseen. If we believe in human rights, we must support all Silicon Valley Community Foundation and its census efforts."

-Richard Hobbs, Executive Director, Human Agenda

"The Indian Health Center of Santa Clara Valley was founded to ensure the survival and healing of American Indians and Alaskan Natives, providing high-quality comprehensive healthcare to them and all members of the community in which they live. IHCSVCV is honored to have been chosen as a SVCF 2020 Grantee. This grant will help us ensure that our nearly 22,000 hard-to-reach members, who represent the beautiful and vast diversity of San Jose, will be counted."

-Gerardo A. Loera, Director of Development and Communications, Indian Health Center of Santa Clara Valley Inc.

"The Census 2020 grant from SVCF will bolster our efforts to educate our patients—mostly monolingual Chinese and Vietnamese individuals, families, and seniors—while they are already at our San Jose health center and seeking care from providers and staff whom they trust. It will go a long way in reaching these often hard-to-count populations."

-Eddie Chan, President & CEO, North East Medical Services (NEMS)

"Sacred Heart Community Service is excited to join the efforts in the city of San Jose, County, and State to make sure that all people in our communities are counted. We are ensuring that our communities receive the right allocation of funding and political representation if of utmost importance. Our communities already feel the impact of not having enough resources to address the problems they face."



Having a larger undercount will only create more scarcity of resources. We invite all to join us in our outreach and education efforts. We will be canvassing neighborhoods throughout the county and hosting a Questions and Assistance Center at SHCS, where community members can come ask questions about the survey and fill it out on site."

-Doug Dennis, Senior Development Associate, Sacred Heart Community Service

"The Census is a big part of our democracy process. It will not just benefit our community in terms of federal money, but will influence the power in making laws that affect the whole country."

-Channary Bill, president, Santa Clara County Cambodian Women's Association

"There is too much at stake for our immigrant and refugee communities with the Census, we need to get out into the community, and educate families about the power of participating in the Census."

-Maricela Gutiérrez, Executive Director, Services and Immigrant Rights and Education Network

"The Census amplifies the voices of those people that are too frequently silenced. By participating in the Census, people can decide where their taxes go -- back to their community."

-Jill Sturm, Executive Director, Tax-Aid

"The Vasconcellos Institute for Democracy in Action at De Anza College is excited to do our part to get the hard to reach communities that are connected to community colleges in Santa Clara County engaged with the census. All of our students and all of their families deserve to be counted."

-Cynthia Kaufman, Director, Vasconcellos Institute for Democracy in Action

"VIVO Foundation, the oldest Vietnamese-American nonprofit foundation in the Bay Area, is relying on the SVCF Census grant to actively outreach to hard-to-count population living in Santa Clara County such as immigrants, homeless people, low income families with limited English skill and elderly population. Without this grant, we would not have adequate resources to reach and educate the hard-to-count population the importance of census participation where everyone counts. Thank you SVCF for providing the grant to help us all! "

-Peter Nguyen, Executive Director, Vietnamese Voluntary Foundation Inc.



"We know that a one-on-one conversation with someone from your community is one of the best ways to make sure we're all counted in the 2020 Census. We're excited to be knocking on doors and bringing together partners with deep neighborhood ties to ensure our community has fair political representation, great schools, quality health care, and other public resources."

-Derecka Mehrens, Executive Director, Working Partnerships USA