



### **Mission of the Fund for Calistoga**

The Fund aims to provide more resources to nonprofit programs in Calistoga. In doing so, the Fund hopes to draw the attention of other grant makers and donors, as well as the general public, to the needs in this comparatively under-served area of Napa County, where two-thirds of families live in poverty. This year, the Fund has the following Focus Areas:

- Giving Calistoga youth ages 14-24 opportunities to develop themselves as students and leaders, and expose them to the broader world of career and citizenship. **What we see:** Although education and income are more closely linked now than ever before, many of California's young people reach adulthood without the education or experiences needed to participate in our current economy. A significant number of Calistoga's youth come from low-income, working poor or immigrant families, and they often face economic and cultural isolation. We also find that there are just a handful of options for Calistoga's youth (outside of sports teams) to participate in stimulating extracurricular activities.
- Empower youth ages 14-24 to get their voices heard and invite them to actively participate in the grant application process. **What we see:** Calistoga has a couple of venues outside the classroom for youth to express the changes they'd like to see in their town (a teen center and a fledgling youth-organizing program). There are few, if any, ways for youth to partner with adults or work with younger kids to make these changes happen.
- Support nonprofits to pilot new projects or expand existing ones aimed at youth ages 14-24. **What we see:** Historically, programs for this age range have been available exclusively through the school system, or have been focused on youth diversion activities aimed at reducing crime. Only limited financial resources have been available for charitable programs (beyond the scope of crime prevention) that reach out to older youth. While nonprofits and funders have begun to turn their attention towards this age group in Calistoga, there still is lots of work to be done.

### **Examples of Projects**

\$9,320 to Boys and Girls Clubs of St. Helena and Calistoga to case manage and offer community service projects to Calistoga teens who have committed first-time minor offences.

\$10,000 to Calistoga Family Center for workshops and counseling targeted to at-risk students attending Calistoga Junior/Senior High School, in order to foster resiliency and healthy behaviors.

\$5,330 to Calistoga Art Center to provide special art classes to high school kids with limited English language skills, in order to increase their proficiency in writing and speaking.

### **How to Apply**

The Fund is open for applications once during the calendar year. For more information go to [http://www.napavalleycf.org/index.php?page\\_id=184&available\\_grant\\_id=42](http://www.napavalleycf.org/index.php?page_id=184&available_grant_id=42)