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PROVIDENCE FOUNDATION CELEBRATES BLACK HISTORY MONTH BY MAKING FINANCIAL INVESTMENTS IN THE BAYVIEW-HUNTERS POINT COMMUNITY TO EMPOWER LASTING CHANGE

Leading Homelessness Advocate And Non-Profit Organization Will Award Educational Scholarships, Fellowships, And Small Business Micro-Grants To Honor Its Community's Legacy And Build Its Future

SAN FRANCISCO, CA. – FEBRUARY 10, 2026: Today, the Providence Foundation announces that it will celebrate Black History Month by awarding the organization's **Community Builders Scholarships, Changemaker Fellowships, Community Catalyst Grants, and Small Business Grants**. Rooted in the Bayview-Hunters Point community for over 80 years, Providence Foundation is deepening its commitment to strengthening the neighborhood by investing directly in the students, entrepreneurs, and community leaders who drive its future. These programs work together to expand educational opportunity, fuel youth leadership, stabilize and grow local small businesses. These community-led projects will also work to improve housing, health, and neighborhood vitality ensuring long-time residents have the resources, stability, and pathways needed to thrive.

“At Providence, we are committed to advancing systems-level solutions that strengthen the economic mobility of Bayview-Hunters Point residents. Our responsibility now is to ensure that everyone has the resources and opportunities to build lasting stability,” states Dexter Hall, Interim Executive Director of the Providence Foundation. “These funding initiatives are more than grants, they are part of a long-term strategy to spark innovation and create lasting, generational impact in a neighborhood that deserves intentional investment.”

Bayview-Hunters Point is one of San Francisco's most culturally rich and historically significant neighborhoods, home to generations of Black families whose resilience, creativity, and leadership continue to shape the city. While the community has faced decades of underinvestment, environmental injustice, and displacement pressures, Bayview remains a place of strength, identity, and possibility.

The Providence Foundation Community Builders Scholarship was created as a testament to the organization's dedication to honoring the rich legacy and vibrant spirit of Bayview-Hunters



Point. The scholarship aims to provide educational opportunities to those who have contributed to or plan to contribute to the community's growth and development. Some of the scholarship requirements include being a student or adult and accepted and/or currently in a 2-year or 4-year college, vocational program, or training institution. Four scholarships will be awarded in 2026. The deadline to apply is April 1, 2026.

The Providence Changemaker Fellowship was created to uplift bold, local voices with actionable ideas. The Changemaker Fellows will collaborate directly with families, grassroots leaders, and Providence's organizational team to turn real-world challenges into transformative solutions. Four fellowships will be awarded in 2026. The deadline to apply is April 1, 2026.

"Our awards will enable our Bayview community a foundation to stand on. Specifically, we're offering young people a challenge: unleash your boldest ideas, push past the usual fixes, and become the architects of real solutions," states Alpha Buie, President of the Providence Foundation. "This is an opportunity for young leaders to spark a renaissance in Bayview-Hunters Point and show what happens when you refuse to settle."

Created to strengthen Bayview-Hunters Point from within, the Community Catalyst Grants support resident-led or nonprofit-led initiatives that advance local solutions, uplift cultural and community identity, and activate projects that improve daily life for long-time neighbors. By backing the people and organizations already doing the work, these grants help accelerate grassroots change and deepen community resilience. The deadline to apply is April 1, 2026.

Small businesses are the lifeblood of the Bayview-Hunters Point because they drive economic mobility, preserve community identity, and inspire future generations. Yet, entrepreneurs in this community often face challenges that hinder their ability to thrive and grow. Providence's Small Business Grants are micro grants that work to support local commerce and help small business development. Small business entrepreneurs, micro-businesses, and emerging enterprises can apply for these grants on an ongoing basis.

At the end of February, Providence will host a Black History Month celebration and community convening to elevate and the issues shaping Bayview-Hunters Point's future from expanding economic opportunity to strengthening community wellness and building generational impact. This gathering is an open invitation for residents, local nonprofits, small businesses, and partners to join us in advancing community-driven solutions. To learn more, visit the Providence website and complete the contact form or contact the Providence office at (415) 206-0263.

"All of funding initiatives are strategic investments designed to interrupt cycles of economic vulnerability, expand pathways to prosperity, and ensure that Bayview-Hunters Point remains a place where long-standing residents can thrive. This is how we honor our history, strengthen our present, and shape a more equitable future for generations to come," states Hall.

For more information on the Providence Foundation scholarships, fellowships, and small business grants, visit <https://providencesf.org/>.



ABOUT THE PROVIDENCE FOUNDATION

Founded in 1997, the Providence Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that had operated as the charitable wing of the Providence Baptist Church. The mission of the Providence Foundation is to provide vital community support services and “protective care” for children, families, senior citizens, and its unhoused neighbors in the Bayview Hunters Point District of San Francisco, as well as supporting similar initiatives throughout other neighborhoods in the city. The organization works tirelessly to eradicate homelessness and operates supportive housing and provides case management services in San Francisco through its Oasis Family Shelters, Armstrong Senior Housing, and Bayview Hills Garden Housing. For more information on the Providence Foundation, visit <https://providencesf.org/>.

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