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Tribal Chairman Anthony Roberts
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**RE: Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation and Solano County Partnership
Report of Second Year Successes**

Dear Chairman Roberts and Members of the Tribal Council,

It was great to celebrate Native American Heritage Month with you here in Solano County on November 5th. In accordance with our Intergovernmental Agreement, we are providing this year-end report on activities and funding uses for the period November 1, 2018 and October 31, 2019.

1. **Helping Families:** Provides Basic Needs Support for the immediate basic needs for a family in crisis and work toward opening a First 5 Center in Vallejo.
Year 2 Funding: \$ 200,000 to continue the Basic Needs Support and \$ 300,000 to open the First 5 Center in Vallejo.
2. **Mobile Food Pharmacy:** This project prescribes healthy and nutritious food to the low-income, people in need throughout Solano County. Doctors prescribe healthy food through the Food Rx program.
Year 2 Funding: \$ 50,000 to continue the Food Rx program.
3. **Vibe Solano:** A dynamic health campaign working to reduce chronic diseases like diabetes and hypertension by increasing access to healthy choices, places, messages and engagement to make a more vibrant, healthy community.
Year 2 Funding: \$ 333,500 to fund four specific programs.
4. **High School Diplomas:** This program comes through a partnership between the State and County libraries—it helps people earn their High School diploma.
Year 2 Funding: \$ 16,500 to fund 30 high school diploma scholarships.
5. **Transportation for Seniors:** Through our partnership with the Solano Transportation Authority, this Vehicle Share Program will improve transportation options for Seniors, especially those with mobility issues.
Year 2 Funding: \$ 100,000 to purchase two paratransit vans.

Our partnership continues with the spirit of Doyuit T'ukhama. The acorn you entrusted to us is steadily growing into a tree that provides comfort and safety. The tree is thriving and the good work of addressing people's greatest needs is developing deep roots in Solano County thanks to our combined efforts.

Sincerely,

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Helping Solano Families with Basic Needs

Reporting Period: November 2018- October 2019



First 5 Solano appreciates Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation's support for basic needs funding to serve families in Solano County. In this second year, 406 families consisting of 1544 individuals were served with access to basic needs. **This brings the total number of families assisted over the 2-year period to 810 families and 3,026 individuals that have been impacted in a positive way!**

Below are a few stories of how the basic needs fund has affected those in our community:

Benicia Family in Crisis Receives Household Expense Support

The Benicia Family Resource Center was contacted by the mother of teenage twin sons. She and her husband had recently separated due to abuse experienced by one of the children. Because of the sudden loss of her husband's income, she was unable to pay for a high PG&E bill to keep the power on in their home. The Benicia Family Resource Center provided this family with \$798 through the Yocha Dehe basic needs fund to pay their bill and keep the lights on. After this initial contact, the mom realized that the Family Resource Center staff could help her family navigate through the process of obtaining additional services. This mother not only received food assistance from the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, she also received referrals to legal resources and therapy for her son. The family is now on their way to becoming self-sufficient and healing.

Dixon Family Determined to Stay in their Home

The Vacaville Family Resource Center worked in partnership with Dixon Family Services to assist a mother of two young children (ages 1 and 4) who needed help with her rental payment. The mother asked for help after her boyfriend was arrested for domestic violence and was no longer able to assist her with finances. She was overwhelmed and worried about losing housing and not having anywhere to go. With \$1,000 from the Yocha Dehe fund and an additional \$1256 in funding assistance from SafeQuest Solano and Seasons of Sharing, she was able to secure rental payments for two months. Since the time that she received assistance, the mom began working part-time and the family has been able to stay in their apartment providing the young children with some stability.



A Vallejo parent was referred to Fighting Back Partnership FRC for assistance because her daughter was diagnosed with gross-motor skills delays. With basic needs funding assistance from Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation, the family was able to purchase an Indoor Climb and Crawl playset prescribed by their pediatrician.



Rio Vista Family Keeps Utilities Running and Food on the Table

A mother of three came to Rio Vista CARE asking for assistance with her water bill because her water was turned off the day prior. Her husband had been laid off and they were having a difficult time keeping up with household expenses. While meeting with Rio Vista CARE staff, the mom also shared that there were hardly any groceries at home, especially because all her children were home during summer break. Through the Yocha Dehe basic needs fund, the family received \$220 to turn on their water service and an additional \$300 for groceries. Her husband is still searching for steady employment; however, the mom recently began work at the local grocery store in Rio Vista and is able to support the family.

With Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation funds, rental assistance has been the number one request, with **189 families avoiding homelessness** by utilizing Basic Needs funds.

Community Impact

In this second year of funding support from Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation, there have been steady requests from Solano families needing basic needs assistance. From November 2018 through October 2019, the full \$200,000 in support granted by Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation was provided to families to maintain housing and utilities, food, and other essential expenses. Assistance with mortgage/rent and utilities continues to be the primary need for families in the county. The chart below shows funding expended in each category:

<i>Disbursement Category</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Mortgage/Rental Assistance	\$111,641
Utilities (electric, water)	\$79,687
Medication/Hospital	\$312
Clothing/Food/Toiletries	\$6,714
Transportation	\$1,646
Total	\$200,000

The chart below summarizes the number of families supported November 2018-October 2019:

<i>Community</i>	<i># of families receiving basic needs assistance</i>	<i>Total # individuals impacted</i>
Benicia	20	71
Dixon	26	101
Fairfield/Suisun	122	518
Vallejo	154	534
Rio Vista	12	52
Vacaville	72	268
Countywide Total	406	1544

Over 400 Solano families this year have achieved stability because of generous support from Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation. First 5 Solano is grateful for the Nation's partnership and looks forward to helping many more families attain similar success.



Opening the First 5 Center in Vallejo

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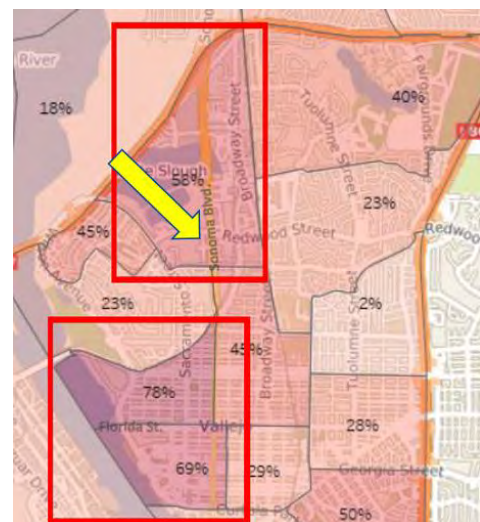


First 5 Solano appreciates the support that has been provided by the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation for the Tenant Improvement Project for the Vallejo First 5 Center. This project has paved the way to aiding the most marginalized in our community by supporting the establishment of a First 5 Center in the highest poverty area in Vallejo. The Center will provide dual-generation services for children and families with a focus on those with the most needs. This one-time investment of \$300,000 will have a lasting impact for the children and families in Solano and will strengthen the community.



From Vision to Action!

Over the last year, First 5 Solano has been working diligently to make the vision of the Vallejo First 5 Center a reality. The site selection process focused on finding a location close to the census tracts with the highest rates of childhood poverty in the county (69% and 78% childhood poverty). A lease for an 8,900 sq. ft. space at 3375 Sonoma Blvd, Vallejo was finalized in March of 2019. This map shows the two census tracts in the red boxes.





The space design and tenant improvement plan was finalized in June 2019. Highlights of the plan include:

- ❖ A Center design with a nature-based open play area for little ones to expend their energy and have a safe and age appropriate space to play and learn.
- ❖ Three activity rooms for early learning, school readiness, and parent-child interaction classes.
- ❖ Offices and casual spaces for multiple community partners to provide integrated on- site services.

Center staff and on-site partners will connect families to community resources such as health care, mental health services, job coaching, vocational training, childcare, early intervention services, CalWORKs, CalFresh, crisis response and domestic violence intervention, immigration services and other family supports. All programs and services will be



**Bringing the spirit of “Doyuti T’uhkama”
This acorn is getting ready for delivery to
the Vallejo First 5 Center**



Vallejo billboard raising awareness of how to address Adverse Childhood Experiences.

trauma informed in a family centered way, as we build resilience and strengthen the family bond.

The \$300,000 investment by the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation has provided for the initial construction including framing, drywall, electrical, and plumbing for all areas of the center. The Grand Opening is planned for January 2020 and we are thrilled to honor Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation as one of our premier partners!

Tenant Improvement Budget as of October 2019		
Item	Budget	Yocha Dehe Funds Expended
Construction	\$1,007,700	\$290,830
Architect	62,500	
Designer	40,000	3,750
Permits	28,700	5,420
Management fee	20,200	
Furniture, fixtures, and equipment (FFE)	172,000	
HVAC	150,000	
Playroom Structures	75,000	
Information Technology (network wiring, IT room)	52,200	
Signage	34,000	
Moving	5,000	
Audio visual equipment	22,000	
10% contingency on construction	100,700	
Total Project Cost	\$1,770,000	\$300,000



Mobile Food Pharmacy and Food Rx Program Reporting Period: November 2018- October 2019

The strong collaborative relationship among Solano County Family Health Services, Solano County Public Health's Nutrition Services Program and the Food Bank of Contra Costa & Solano Counties continues to flourish through initiative's second year of funding by the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation.

The We're All Family! Mobile Food Pharmacy and Food Rx Program continues to be sustained at the Family Health Services clinics in Fairfield, Vacaville and Vallejo. The MFP vehicle has been rotating among multiple sites in the County, operating four days per week, Monday through Thursday.



Community Impact

As part of the Food Rx Program, clients of Family Health Services' clinics who receive a Food Rx prescription receive produce and other food from the MFP vehicle as they leave the clinic.

Elaine from the Food Bank of Contra Costa & Solano Counties Filling Food Rx prescriptions for patients—helping to improve health through changing behavior

Since the official launch of the program, with the vehicle operating on a four day per week schedule, 5,645 households received produce and other foods totaling 86,870 pounds, an average of 511 households served per month. As of October 2019, a total of 2,566 Food Rx prescriptions were redeemed at the Mobile Food Pharmacy.

Mobile Food Pharmacy Year 2 Distribution Data

Month	Total Boxes*	Households Served**	Total Produce (lbs.) ^
November 2018	108	401	4,992
December 2018	177	241	2,143
January 2019	158	385	3,262
February 2019	211	503	4,918
March 2019	173	504	6,083
April 2019	185	501	5,973
May 2019	196	452	9,016
June 2019	190	461	9,180
July 2019	176	533	10,936
August 2019	263	652	12,524
September 2019	236	625	10,602
October 2019	494	877	13,876
Total	2,567	6,135	93,505

* Total Boxes = the number of Food Rx prescriptions redeemed by clients

**Households Served = the number of households that received produce

^Total Produce (lbs.) = the total amount of food in pounds given to households



The Mobile Food Pharmacy Program was a participant and vital resource during Solano County Supervisor Erin Hannigan's "Call to Action Family Day" events held in partnership with the school district. These events centered on providing services such as medical and dental care, assistance with Medi-Cal applications, and free bike repair services & helmets for underserved neighborhoods.

Over the course of three "Call to Action Family Day" events, from May 2019 through September 2019, over 1,700 pounds of produce were distributed to 117 households, and 98 Food Rx prescriptions were redeemed.



Supervisor Erin Hannigan distributing fresh produce to students during the "Call to Action" event at John Finney High School in Vallejo.

Attendees of the events were highly receptive to the Food Rx Program and were grateful to receive the fresh produce, along with the non-perishable foods.

Expanding Services

In addition to the MFP vehicle's regular Family Health Services rotation, it is currently in a second pilot phase, **expanding services to three fellow Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs)** serving Solano County residents. When Solano County Health & Social Services leaders approached representatives of Community Medical Centers, Inc., La Clínica de la Raza, and OLÉ Health, each

expressed extreme interest in hosting the MFP vehicle at their sites. Family Health Services and our FQHC partners strive each day to provide superior healthcare to our patients and this project, made possible by the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation, only strengthens our abilities to do so. The second pilot phase's goal is to rotate the vehicle amongst participating FQHC sites to result in a five day a week service rotation.

In October of 2019, the Mobile Food Pharmacy began distribution at Community Medical Centers, Inc. in Dixon and Vacaville. Though in its early stages and only having two days of distribution respectively, both Community Medical Centers sites in Dixon and Vacaville have been highly receptive by the program. Vacaville distributed 2,283 pounds of produce to 132 households and redeemed 95 Food Rx prescriptions. As for the Dixon site, a total of 143 households received 2,371 pounds in produce over two days of distribution, and 108 Food Rx prescriptions were redeemed.

Nutrition Education

Subsequently, through the efforts of the Solano County Nutrition Services Program (NSP), Public Health Nutritionist, Marisa Castaldini, Registered Dietician (RD), Certified Diabetes Educator (CDE) began seeing patients on Family Health Services distribution days to provide nutrition counseling to Food Rx prescription recipients. Next steps will be to partner with the fellow FQHC Nutritionists, and continue partnering with the Food Bank, to develop food boxes with food items more appropriate to the circumstances of those who are homeless, a significant portion of our population.



Program Successes

The We're All Family! Mobile Food Pharmacy Program received two awards this past year. At the National Association of County Governments (NACo) Annual Conference and Exposition in July representatives were presented with the **National Achievement Award in the category of Health**. More recently, at the November 5th Solano County Board of Supervisors meeting the Food Rx Program was presented with the **California State Association of Counties (CSAC) Challenge Award** by Graham Knaus, Executive Director of CSAC. This is CSAC's annual statewide program that honors innovation and best practices in county government. This year, CSAC honored 51 programs from 27 different counties.



Solano County Board of Supervisors, Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation Tribal Members, Mobile Food Pharmacy representatives, and CSAC Executive Director after receiving CSAC Challenge Award.

The Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation's kindness has enabled the Food Rx Program to provide close to 40 tons of free and fresh produce to Solano County residents.

Category	Budget	Amount expended or Encumbered
Year One Roll-Over	\$ (225,000.00)	
Year 2 Request	\$ (50,000.00)	
Operations/Office Expenses	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 2,500.00
Contract with Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 125,000.00
Special Departmental Expenses - prints, flyers, boxing supplies, etc.	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Staffing	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Food for Indigent Patients	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 7,500.00
Total (roll over \$ 125,000 to Year 3)	\$ 275,000.00	\$ 150,000.00



Inspiring Healthy Outcomes

Reporting Period: November 2018 – October 2019



VibeSolano strives to make lasting, system changes to improve the places and spaces in Solano County, so that when people make behavior changes while their neighborhood resources support that change. It is hard to make a healthy choice or change if there are no or limited options or support for those modifications. Changing systems, listening to residents' needs and adapting environments to those needs, fostering legislation, and improving access to healthy choices is very hard work that takes time; however, the dividends for the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation investment will pay off for many years to come.

Chronic Disease Prevention

Diabetes Community Forum/Listening Session:

In partnership with Touro University California, VibeSolano hosted a Solano Diabetes Advisory Forum on September 15th. **Twenty-two community members participated in this community listening session.** The goal was to engage with community members to foster meaningful collaboration and shared decision making. Through this process, the community identified the following strategies that would better help to prevent and manage diabetes throughout Solano County:



- 1) Improve and expand the way we send health information out into the community;
- 2) Integrate culturally appropriate diabetes awareness into practice;
- 3) Launch a health education campaign, including paid media, to address the stigma of "diabetes as a death sentence";
- 4) provide a Mobile Farmer's Market.

Residents of color expressed that they fear a diabetes diagnosis and feel that it is a "death sentence." This points out a need to do a lot more work in this area to let the community know that it is possible to live well with diabetes and to take control of their health for better outcomes. We have much more work to do.



Just Check It! Update:

Since the January 2019 launch of the Blood Pressure Self-Monitoring program, *Just Check It!*, VibeSolano in collaboration with the Solano County Library System, has successfully loaned out **71 blood pressure kits** to members of the community. The Solano County employee wellness blood pressure stations continue to be utilized in 9 employee breakrooms throughout the County. This program has led the Solano County Sheriff's Department to purchase additional blood pressure monitors to increase usage and to encourage self-monitoring of blood pressure among their staff. Next steps for this program include *Just Check It!* kits in Spanish.



Touro University, MOBEC update:



During their contract with VibeSolano/Solano County between June and October 2019, Touro University's Mobile Diabetes Education Center (MOBEC) provided blood **glucose screenings and diabetes education to 857 people** across Solano County, concentrating their outreach efforts in some of Solano's most vulnerable neighborhoods. Of these 857 residents, they identified 44 people with prediabetes and 3 with diabetes who had not been previously diagnosed. MOBEC staff **referred 132**

people to the Diabetes Prevention Program (DPP) and 82 people to the Diabetes Education and Empowerment Prevention (DEEP) classes. In addition, Touro and VibeSolano launched 5, fifty-week long DPP classes, and 5 DEEP classes. MOBEC staff delivered twenty-eight educational presentations and is working with newly hired educational assistants to provide the DPP and materials in other languages such as Punjabi, Tagalog and Spanish. They held a DEEP class in Punjabi, which helps expand diabetes prevention services into our very diverse neighborhoods.



Senior Falls Prevention

Leveraged funding: VibeSolano supported the Fall Prevention Partnership's efforts to plan, gather, and submit partner applications to the Solano Community Foundation. The Fall Prevention Partnership was **successful in winning a \$43,291 grant** to offer Senior Falls Prevention classes such as Tai Chi, Matter of Balance, and Bingocize, for which all their teaching materials and content have been tested and proven to work to reduce falls. VibeSolano helped to promote NorthBay's Matter of Balance train the trainer trainings quarterly in January, April, July and October, which resulted in NorthBay training 30 new coaches. This means that many more Matter of Balance classes can be offered next year throughout Solano County, impacting many more seniors!

New legislation: VibeSolano staff contributed data, concepts, and information to the California Senior Legislature which supported a **new Senate Bill, SB 280, passed** on October 8, 2019. This bill requires the Department of Housing and Community Development, in their next rule-making cycle, to **investigate possible changes to the building standards in the California Residential Code for adoption by the California Building Standards Commission to promote aging-in-place designs**. While not all the items on VibeSolano's wish list were ratified, this bill is a significant stride forward in helping new housing be constructed in ways that are senior friendly, so that vulnerable seniors can age-in-place with senior friendly construction standards, rather than having to move out of their residences due to incompatible structural issues. The bill includes the location of doorbells, light switches, and heating and ventilation, and air conditioning controls that are reachable by those with mobility impairments; the installation of support backing for the later installation of grab bars in one or more bathrooms; and the provision of a 32-inch clearance in width opening for one bathroom door and one bedroom door on the ground floor, or on the second or third floors for multi-story residences.

Grab bars and home modifications: With the startup of the new Area Agency on Aging (AAA), VibeSolano chose to work collaboratively with their process to ensure that the grab bars and safety items purchased would be professionally requested by an occupational or physical therapist and installed by a licensed contractor. Making this choice delayed the implementation of this work, however it is critical to have the appropriate professional infrastructure in place before doing home modifications.

VibeSolano has been in close contact with the new Project Manager for AAA. We are meeting mid-November to incorporate existing unspent year 2 Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation tribal funds of approximately \$22,000 into a new contract of an approved vendor(s) that has been identified through their Request for Proposal process. This will increase the number of Solano County residents that will be eligible to receive grab bars. The approved contractor's contract will run from January-June 2020 and we anticipate being able to help **modify at least thirty homes**.



Ramp Project

In our work on Senior Falls Prevention, VibeSolano became aware of a client who had a huge barrier to being able to get a ramp at her home to be able to get safely into her front door. Her health insurance would cover for the ramp itself but NOT for the shipping charges for the ramp. Knowing that this was a fall prevention necessity, we used Yocha Dehe



Wintun Nation funds in the fall prevention category to pay the shipping charges on this ramp so that the client could complete the purchase. Here are some comments directly from the client, Estella G: "I can't thank you....enough for everything that they did for me. I appreciate it with all my heart. I live on limited income, so although the shipping charges may not seem like much, it's a big expense for me. There is no way that I could every repay everyone that was involved that helped to make this happen for me. There needs to be more people like this. We don't all have the money in situations like this; there aren't many people on earth like this."

Food Systems & Water Access



Solano Local Food System Alliance

During year two of the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation grant, VibeSolano funded Sustainable Solano to continue the expansion from an original twelve-member Local Food System Advisory Board to a 22 member Solano Local Food System Alliance. The mission of the alliance is to create an environmentally sustainable, economically viable, socially just and equitable local food system in Solano County.

To this end, the alliance meets quarterly and grapples with the tough issues found in the local food center feasibility project. In October, the Alliance met at Be.Love.Farm, a regenerative farm in Vacaville. The goals of the Listening Sessions were to bring together Alliance members on Day 1 and stakeholders and key policy makers on Day 2 to collect feedback and discuss solutions to move forward the vision of a county-wide food system.



Specific goals for Alliance members were to discuss strategies to advance bringing farm produce to institutions like restaurants, hospitals or schools. The Alliance members performed a Strengths, Weakness, Opportunities, and Threats analysis and identified a strategic priority – Farm to School – and discussed next steps and other projects within the context of a local food system. Day 2 marked the first time that policy makers joined Alliance members and other stakeholders to discuss a holistic food system and leading goals and priorities; they expressed support for Farm to Institution projects beginning with Farm to School.

Food procurement project

Solano Community College's **Early Learning Center (ELC)** is about to embark on a year-long pilot project where the chef in their commercial kitchen, who prepares all the meals served to their children, will **select seasonal produce from Solano-based farmers to use in their menu**. The Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation funding subsidizes the cost of buying organic and local fruits, vegetables, and nuts compared to their typical cost of buying from big chains or box stores. This partnership is important because it helps secure economic stability for local farms/farmers in Solano County by providing sales to institutional customers such as the ELC. Linking farms to local institutions with consistent demand was listed as a primary recommendation in the feasibility study "Towards a Solano Local Food System" (KieselSpalding, 2019) led by partners at UC Davis.

We anticipate that children attending the ELC may have increased health benefits by consuming fresh, organic fruits and vegetables during this partnership, as we are targeting first replacing the Environmental Working Group's "dirty dozen" list (fruits and vegetables most laden with herbicides and pesticides – see www.ewg.org).

In addition, **Kaiser Permanente's Vallejo cafeteria** just launched their pilot program with Sustainable Solano to likewise **source and purchase local produce from Solano farmers**. They are now asking for assistance to help with marketing information and stickers for their salad bar that will allow consumers to know that the food they are sourcing is locally grown!

These partnerships have the potential to increase both public awareness about local farms and knowledge about the benefits of buying and consuming local food. All these potential outcomes help build a stronger and more equitable local food system in Solano County.

Sustainable Solano Grants

More leveraged funding: During this grant period, Sustainable Solano applied for seven grants. Of those, **two grants were awarded for a total of \$288,500**, three were not awarded, and two are still pending the outcome. The two grants that were awarded were a **California Environmental Protection Agency Environmental Justice grant for \$50,000** to conduct listening circles in Central Solano to involve low-income communities into sustainability, including local food sustainability; and a **California Department of Food and Agriculture, Specialty Crop grant for \$238,500** (total over two years) to conduct **eighty-eight cooking classes**, host a Bounty of the County event to recognize local farmers, and work on **farm to restaurant and hospital procurement of local produce**.



Water access update

Building on the successes of the provision of 125 water stations with bottle fillers in Vallejo, Vacaville, and Fairfield-Suisun Unified School Districts, the Florence Douglas Center, a couple of private schools, Solano Community College's Early Learning Center, the Trower Center, the North Bay Athletic Association and Vallejo and City of Suisun City parks, VibeSolano is next striving to provide at least 6 water stations, and their installation, for Dixon Unified School District, and one for St. Dominic's in Benicia. So far, Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation funding has enabled us to install at least 31 water stations in the schools and at the Florence Douglas Center for which the installation fees were beyond the capacity of the school or agency to provide. With the water stations project, we work with the school's administration to tighten up their beverage standards, working to decrease access to and consumption of sugary drinks, and to increase access to and consumption of free, delicious, cool, water. **A group of youth from the Solano County Office of Education's Friday Night Live program are very excited about working with us on the next phase of water stations with Dixon and/or a water promotion campaign that goes along with the installation of the water stations.** The youth are excited about helping us craft messages that will help motivate students K-12 to drink more water, and to build on Friday Night Live's work promoting the Armijo High School water station #hydr8nstation, which became a "go to" selfie spot for proms and other big events, and very cool to use!



Primary Prevention Innovations

VibeSolano is working with our community coalition, VibeSolano Alliance (VSA), on a meditative walking path in Vallejo. Through the Solano Moves Mini-Grant Program 2018, made possible with funding from Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation, two faith-based congregations were awarded mini-grants of \$2000 each to help fund this walking path. The General



Manager of the Greater Vallejo Recreation District has **approved a labyrinth walking meditative path at the Grant Mahony Park**, 818 Mariposa Street, Vallejo. Grant Mahony Park is in a residential area and is the site for a new childcare center. The **Greater Vallejo Recreation District has generously agreed to match Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation funds** used for this project and installed the concrete pad for the labyrinth on November 5, 2019. After a 28-day



curing process, and pending the appropriate weather conditions, the next step will be painting, and then sealing, the labyrinth design on the concrete surface. When the project is completed, VibeSolano and GVRD will extend an invitation to the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation tribal council to participate in the ribbon cutting for this new space which will be a free open space for physical, mental, and spiritual health in Vallejo.

VibeSolano is incredibly grateful to the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation for your generosity in funding this important systems work that is making possible a more vibrant, healthy Solano.

Community Impact This Year

Program Category	Budget	Spent/Encumbered by October 31, 2019
Chronic Disease Prevention	\$100,000	\$110,000
Injury Prevention	\$100,000	\$ 70,000
Food Systems and Water Access	\$ 75,000	\$ 118,500
Primary Prevention Innovations	\$ 58,500	\$ 35,000
Total	\$333,500	\$333,500



Career Online High School

Reporting Period: November 2018- October 2019

The library received \$16,500 dollars from the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation that was applied to a matching grant from the California State Library Literacy Services office and allowed the library to purchase 30 scholarships to Career Online High School.

The cost of each scholarship is \$1,095 and the total cost of the 30 scholarships was \$32,850. The scholarships have all been purchased and the award amount is fully expended. Remaining scholarships are awarded on an ongoing basis as prospective students complete the prerequisite assessment. Additional outreach materials (banners/postcards) are in the process of being ordered and a targeted mailing will be going out in January 2020.



Current Status

13 enrolled students (4 of the enrolled students are over 58% completed with their courses)

1 contingent scholarship awarded (pending transcripts from high school classes in Philippines)

1 scheduled interview for prospective student

2 students completing online prerequisite assessment

17 have been sent info on how to access prerequisite but have not started assessment

Total amount of award: \$16,500 (the entire amount has been spent)

Total amount of match from CA State Library \$16,350

Number of scholarships awarded as of November 2019: 14

Success Story

Donna was recently awarded a scholarship to COHS. Donna was inspired by her son, Steven, a Career Online High School graduate of 2018. Steven inspired many at the COHS graduation ceremony, speaking about many of the life obstacles that he and other students in the program faced and feeling as if they were missing out on an important part of their life. Donna was inspired by Steven's success and wanted to attend COHS, however the Library had distributed all of the current scholarships. The grant awarded to the library by the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation allowed the Library to get additional scholarships for COHS and we were able to call Donna and let her know that a scholarship was available for her. Career Online High School appeals to so many students because of the hope for a second opportunity and the Yocha Dehe Wintun Grant provided that for Donna.





Vehicle Share Program

Reporting Period: November 2018- October 2019



The concept of a Vehicle Share Program for Solano County was one of several proposed at Solano Community Based Transportation Studies and the 2011 Solano County Mobility Study for Seniors and People with Disabilities conducted by the Solano Transportation Authority (STA).

The issue raised was as follows: Non-profits do not have the funding to purchase a vehicle and may only need a vehicle a few hours a week to transport their clients to medical appointment, social services, and activities to stay engaged in their community.

The program currently has seven nonprofits registered, two finalized the participation agreement in early November. Currently, nine drivers have been trained, and seven more drivers are scheduled for training by the end of November.

The seven registered non-profits and their service areas:

1. Connections for Life (all of Solano County)
2. Faith in Action (all of Solano County)
3. Vallejo Citizens' Council Inc. (Vallejo)
4. Opportunity House (Vacaville)
5. Independent Living Resources (All of Solano County)
6. Gur Sikh Temple (Fairfield)
7. Community Action North Bay (Fairfield/Suisun and Dixon)



This program is intended to improve transportation options for non-ambulatory low-income older adults and people with disabilities to access medical appointments, social services, and other activities. \$100,000 was allocated to partner with STA to purchase two wheelchair accessible vans for a Vehicle Share Program. The total cost of the two vans was \$ 102,657.96, the overage was covered by the State Transit Assistance Funds (STAF). The Solano Transportation Authority has allocated \$ 75,000 in STAF to cover program expenses such as insurance and maintenance.

Partnering with the Community

A formal request for qualifications was developed and released on March 1, 2019. Under this partnership, the non-profit agencies will provide the drivers and fuel. The non-profit agencies borrowing the vehicles will also need insurance for general liability and insurance for hired and non-owned auto liability. STA staff is working with Michael's Transportation, located in Vallejo, who will provide the drivers training on how to safely secure individuals that utilize a mobility device as well as how to safely operate the non-ambulatory vehicle. This training will be an ongoing process as other nonprofits and drivers are incorporated into the Vehicle Share Program.



With the funding provided by Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation, the STA was able to purchase two non-ambulatory vehicles. The vehicles were ordered by STA in March 2019, after some community engagement as to what specific vehicle would be best suited to serve the needs of the community. Based on that input, the STA ordered two vehicles that have a rear lift, so that non-ambulatory individuals have access to the vehicle. STA ordered these vehicles through a cooperative purchasing agreement provided by the California Association for Coordinated Transportation to leverage a discount on the purchase price. The vehicles are able to hold two non-ambulatory individuals and two occupants simultaneously, or seven occupants that do not need non-ambulatory care.

