

CDBG Success Story

Teen Scholarship Program

Riverside County, CA: Corona

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Problem or need addressed: Teens are one of the most underserved populations in the district where this project is located. They sometimes have nowhere to go after school which can get them into trouble. With the help of the CDBG Grant, the YMCA can offer the teens somewhere to go everyday after school and offer tutoring services. In addition, teens are also given the opportunity to become volunteers.

Solution: The YMCA afterschool teen program offers the students a variety of activities in the 3 hours they are open every day after school. They have partnered with the local high school, Santiago High School, and have teachers coming into their program twice a week to help tutor their teens. They have added the YMCA PLAY (Physical Learning Activities for Youth) program to give the teens extra outdoor activities every week. Most recently, they have incorporated different activities, workshops, and guest speakers for the teens.

Results: A great recent success: the YMCA was able to take some of the teens up to Sacramento for the Summit Conference for the Youth and Government program and one of their students was able to take his very first flight. At the summit, the students participated in a model government with 1200 other students from across the state. One of the teens in the program, **Luis Valencia**, was even recognized in front of 1200 students for an award "The spirit of ConCon". This award was given to one student who embodied the program and embraced what the program is all about.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RSG3g3UFjg8>



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