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## **SMUD awards \$400,000 in round two of community funding**

*19 local nonprofits receive Shine awards to help beautify neighborhoods, provide education and workforce training, and improve energy efficiency*

SMUD announced its annual Shine community award recipients totaling \$400,140, which is round two of its funding. SMUD distributed an additional \$219,000 in November to immediately help community nonprofits during the COVID-19 pandemic. SMUD's Shine program supports projects that improve and revitalize neighborhoods in the Sacramento region. Shine awards are funded for projects that address neighborhood revitalization; STEM education; environment and energy efficiency; and workforce development.

"We're proud to partner with local nonprofits to improve our local communities," said SMUD Board President Nancy Bui-Thompson. "By supporting our community with job training, academic support and community services, we will make a lasting impact in our neighborhoods."

SMUD received 126 applications from a wide range of applicants. Shine awardees are those who successfully demonstrate collaboration and the potential for broad neighborhood impact. The first round of awards was expedited based on immediate COVID-19 responsive program design. Awardees are located throughout Sacramento County and include:

AGC of Cal Construction Education Foundation	Workforce Development
Alchemist CDC	Neighborhood Improvements
Center for Land Based Learning	STEM Education
Cosumnes Service District	Neighborhood Improvements/STEM
Christ Temple Apostolic Church	HVAC
Eta Gamma Omega Chapter Foundation	Infrastructure Improvements
First Step Communities	Infrastructure Improvements
Food Literacy Center	STEM Education
Juma Ventures	Workforce Development
Orangevale Food Bank	Infrastructure Improvements
NeighborWorks HOC Sac	Energy Efficiency Education
Ronald MacDonald House	Infrastructure Improvements
Sacramento Library	EV Charging
Sacramento Native American Health Center	Infrastructure Improvements

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Shiloh Baptist Church	Energy Efficiency Upgrades
Soil Born Farms	STEM Education
The River District	Lighting Project
Youth Development Network	Workforce Development
Volunteers of America	Infrastructure Improvements

Each year SMUD contributes approximately \$3 million in cash and in-kind services to community-based organizations. SMUD will continue to support healthy, vibrant and economically sustainable neighborhoods for all our customers with a special focus on improving equity in our region through our Sustainable Communities Initiative.

Applications for the 2021 Shine program are expected to open in June. All 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(6) organizations within SMUD’s service territory are eligible to apply. For more information about SMUD’s corporate citizenship programs, visit [smud.org/SustainableCommunities](http://smud.org/SustainableCommunities). For more information about the Shine program, visit [smud.org/Shine](http://smud.org/Shine).

**About SMUD**

As the nation’s sixth-largest, community-owned, not-for-profit electric service provider, SMUD has been providing low-cost, reliable electricity for almost 75 years to Sacramento County (and small adjoining portions of Placer and Yolo Counties). SMUD is a recognized industry leader and award winner for its innovative energy efficiency programs, renewable power technologies, and for its sustainable solutions for a healthier environment. SMUD’s energy is about 50 percent non-carbon emitting. For more information, visit [smud.org](http://smud.org).

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