

# KERN COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

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## A message to the community from our President and CEO



### Warm greetings!

Kern Community Foundation has been hard at work supporting our local nonprofit partners as we all try to beat the heat. I am proud of our work this summer, and I invite you to read on to see what we've been up to and what opportunities are available. If your organization has a special event or would like to be featured, please let us know! Happy August to you all.

Aaron Falk

## LATEST NEWS



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## MEET THE STAFF!

There has been a lot happening behind the scenes at Kern Community Foundation. KCF staff is growing!

We have some new faces in the office, who are motivated and excited to serve the community.

If you haven't seen them around, check out our website to learn more about our staff. ([click here](#))



This year, Kern Futures awarded 62 new students with college scholarships totaling \$97,100. About 64 continuing students received \$112,000 in renewable scholarships. **Totaling \$209,100 in scholarships for 2022!**

Recently, the Summer Bridge Program came to an end for 2022 participants. The Summer Bridge Program consists of weekly meetings with scholarship recipients to strengthen their skills and better prepare them for their first year of college. They are assigned to Kern Futures Peer Mentors, who were previous KCF scholarship recipients, to provide them with advice and guidance for the upcoming college year.

[Learn more](#)

### Edible Schoolyard Kern County

Kern Community Foundation partnered with Edible Schoolyard Kern County to receive a \$100K grant from Bank of America. The funds will aid in construction of a new greenhouse project to advance edible education, sustainability and help address food insecurity.

"We're thrilled to play a role linking corporate citizens like Bank of America with initiatives like ESYKC,



who are working to make our community a healthier and more prosperous place to live, work, and raise a family." said Aaron Falk, KCF President and CEO.

The photos provided are designs of the new greenhouse the Edible Schoolyard Kern County is working to develop. [Learn more](#)



## Bakersfield Youth Jobs Program



The Bakersfield Youth Jobs Program (BYJP) is well underway. The City Hall Summer Internship cohort is wrapping up; the last day is August 5, 2022. The City Hall Fellowship Program applications for Fall 2022 recently closed. The BYJP Fellowship applications are being reviewed by the 'City Managers' Office'.

As part of the City Hall Summer Internship, Kern Community Foundation provides weekly professional development workshops, that are meaningful to the student's professional growth and development. Past workshops include but are not limited to small business development, civic pride, and fiscal responsibility. Some of the special guest speakers that have presented are Assemblyman Vince Fong, Councilman Bruce Freeman, and CAPK's Chief Program Officer, Traco Matthews. [Learn More](#)





# DID YOU KNOW?

## GRANT OPPORTUNITIES



### Upper Kern Fisheries

The Fall cycle of the Upper Kern Fisheries grant is now open. The Upper Kern Fisheries Enhancement Fund was established as part of an agreement for fisheries mitigation during the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (FERC) re-licensing of the Kern River Number 3 Hydroelectric Plant (KR3), which is located on the Upper Kern River near Kernville. It was established with an initial contribution of \$2.5 million by Southern California Edison (SCE), and has grown to nearly \$3.5 million while distributing close to \$1.7 million in grants benefiting the Upper Kern River Basin. [Learn More](#)

**Application Due:**  
**Tuesday, August 30, 2022**



### Route to Parks Grants

The Route to Parks Grants program are now open. Parks California believes every person in California deserves the opportunity to foster a lifelong connection with nature- which begins with spending time in outdoor spaces. The Route to Parks Grants program supports a local organization in reducing transportation barriers so more people have the opportunity to experience the joy of California State Parks. Nonprofits including 501(c)(3); California State Park partners such as cooperating associations, friends' groups, etc.; K-12 institutions and city/county entities. [Learn More](#)

**Proposals Due:**  
**Friday, August 5th, 2022**

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### Central Valley Community Grant

If you work for a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, hospital, clinic or community

### Community Wildfire Defense Grant

The Community Wildfire Defense Grant Program is to assist at-risk local

health organization, faith-based organization, local government agency, or school that wants to make a *Wonderful* impact, we invite you to attend our grant information sessions through Zoom and see how you can become one of our next grantees!

Organizations and schools that are working in Avenal, Delano, Firebaugh, Lost Hills, Mendota, Sanger, Del Rey, Shafter, and Wasco are welcome to apply. [Learn More](#)

Application Due:  
Wednesday, August 31, 2022

communities and Indian Tribes with planning and mitigating against the risk created by wildfire.

The grants are only for eligible projects developed by communities, Tribes, states, non-profits, and Alaska Native Corporations. Communities will receive priority for this program if they are a low-income area, recently impacted by disaster or in a wildfire hazard location.

For questions regarding applications, please contact Sheila Walker at [accessga@usda.gov](mailto:accessga@usda.gov) [Learn More](#)

*Applications will be available soon.*

## Community Giving Guide



Would you like your nonprofit organization to appear in our 2023 Community Giving Guide? One of the benefits of being registered with Kern Community Foundation is that your agency is listed in our [Community Giving Guide](#), which is published every other year. It comes with its online companion, the [Nonprofit Search](#) on [our website](#), which is updated in real time as agencies register with the Foundation and as we receive updated information from our nonprofit partners.

If you are a registered nonprofit and need to update your organizations information, please be sure to submit a new Nonprofit Registration form.

Interested in becoming a sponsor for the Community Giving Guide?  
Please contact Cristina Camacho at [Cristina@kernfoundation.org](mailto:Cristina@kernfoundation.org).

[Nonprofit Registration Form click here.](#)



### Community Action Partnership of Kern (CAPK)

Community Action Partnership of Kern (CAPK) was honored as Nonprofit of the Year at the 2022 Beautiful Bakersfield Awards ceremony. CAPK is a local nonprofit that provides vital services to our community, changes people's lives, embodies the spirit of hope, and makes America a better place to live.

With over 900 employees and 17 programs, CAPK seeks to address the underlying causes of poverty, alleviate its affects, and promote self sufficiency in the communities they serve. Their goal is to give individuals and families access to a network of resources they need to overcome their challenges and reach their version of the American Dream. To learn more about CAPK, please visit [capk.org](https://capk.org)

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### Upcoming Events

August 11: Matrix Entrepreneur Academy: Family Cash Flow Game Night

August 12: Boys & Girls Club of Kern County: Back 2 School

August 14: Kern County Dept. of Child Support Services: Ready- Set Back 2 School

September 1, 2022: Matrix Entrepreneur Academy: Kick-Off Event

September 4: Classic Car Show: Fundraising for Kern County WWII Veterans Memorial

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# CALLING ALL NONPROFITS REGISTERED WITH KERN COMMUNITY FOUNDATION!

## DID YOU KNOW?

Kern Community Foundation's Community Calendar is available to all registered nonprofit organizations.

## ACCESS

Nonprofits registered with KCF can post straight to the Community Calendar by logging into their Partner Access account.

## REQUEST

To request **Partner Access**, please write to **[info@kernfoundation.org](mailto:info@kernfoundation.org)**. If you already have Partner Access, please submit your upcoming events to be featured on our monthly newsletters.

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