



# Protect Our Coast and Oceans Fund

**Fiscal Year 2023/2024**

## **\$40,165 to Coastside Land Trust**

For the Junior Land Stewards project. An outdoor education and stewardship program will engage all 4<sup>th</sup> graders in the Cabrillo Unified School District in Coastal San Mateo County during the 2024 school year with weekly in-class lessons and four walking field trips to coastal bluffs for habitat restoration and nature journaling. Educators will receive training in nature journaling and two high school classes will be trained to assist in field trip instruction for the 4<sup>th</sup> graders.

## **\$47,847 to Elk Grove Unified School District**

For Catalina Island Marine Institute Field Trips project. During two school years, upper division high school biology and environmental science students from Elk Grove and South Sacramento will attend a three-day program on Catalina Island to learn about marine ecosystems through labs, hikes, and snorkeling, followed by presentations to freshman biology classes to inspire them to continue their science education and care of the coast and ocean.

## **\$50,000 to University Corporation at Monterey Bay/Habitat Stewardship Project**

For the 4<sup>th</sup> grade - Flows to the Bay project. Over two years, 4<sup>th</sup> graders in the Alisal School District in Salinas will engage in a three-part program of hands-on watershed experiences in their schoolyard, at local creek parks, and on a beach field trip, including nature journaling, neighborhood cleanups, and wildlife observation.

## **\$17,692 to Mujeres de la Tierra**

For the Vamos a la Playa project. *Platicas* (conversations) will engage participants from northeast Los Angeles in topics related to coastal access and ocean health, followed by a fun trip to the beach including surf lessons and environmental education activities.

## **\$50,000 to City of Huntington Beach Fire Department**

For the Beach Ranger Coastal Education Program. A four-week program will engage youth ages 9-17 from the Oak View neighborhood in beach and ocean education, safety, and recreation in a version of Huntington Beach Junior Lifeguards program without a swimming skill prerequisite.

**TOTAL AWARDED: \$205,704**