Assemblyman Salas Brings $1 million to Friendship House

CAPK and Assemblyman Rudy Salas teamed up Friday, August 5, to announce $1 million
in funding for new lighting and fencing at Friendship House Community Center. Salas secured the funds in the current California State Budget. The funds will be used to construct new fencing and stadium lights at the Friendship House Sports field - adding additional security and evening access to community groups, students and sports teams.

Children from Friendship House's Summer Program cheered the news and talked about their plans to play more sports and share activities at Friendship House when the work is done next year. Thanks to Assemblyman Salas for helping us grow and enhance the Friendship House and the positive impact it makes in southeast Bakersfield.
On July 18 Temblor Brewing hosted Community Action Partnership of Kern for Bingo Night. The fun, family-friendly event raised funds for the Friendship House Community Center. Thanks to Temblor owner, and CAPK Foundation Board Member, Don Bynum for hosting us and providing a fun evening for agency staff, leaders and members of the Foundation and Friendship House Advisory Board.

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Youth Center Adventures

The California Coastal Commission’s Whale Tail grant made it possible for 60 children from summer education programs at CAPK’s two youth centers - Shafter Youth Center and Friendship House Community Center - to have exceptional experiences this summer. They visited the Aquarium of the Pacific in Long Beach to learn about marine life and ecosystems.

In addition, the California Coastal Commission’s Adopt-A-Beach grant allowed Summer Program youth to visit San Simeon State Park to conduct a beach clean-up. Many of the participants reported that the beach trip was their first time ever visiting a beach. Program youth also went on a field trip to California Living Museum in Bakersfield, where they enjoyed the day learning about the animals and how to care for them, and even took part in a scavenger hunt.
Shafter Youth Center Trips

Friendship House Travels
New Shot at Microbusiness Grant

California Microbusiness COVID-19 Relief Grant: Kern County

$2,500 for Eligible Microbusinesses

Did your Microbusiness (0-4 full-time equivalent employees) earn less than $50,000 gross revenue/sales in 2019?

Was your business significantly impacted by COVID-19?

See flyer for details on how to complete an application

Funded in part through a Grant from the California Office of the Small Business Advocate

Just a few of the business types who may qualify:
- Artists & Musicians
- Childcare Providers
- Construction Workers
- Food Vendors
- Hair & Makeup Stylists
- Nail Technicians
- Handy Man
- House Cleaners
- Landscapers
CAPK is continuing to help small business owners connect with a grant that could help relieve some of the impact they felt from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Business owners with four or fewer employees and less than $50,000 in sales/gross revenue in 2019 are eligible for the grant. The business needs to be your primary source of income and had to have been significantly impacted by COVID-19.

**If your business meets those targets, you may qualify for a $2,500 grant!**

Download the application by clicking the button below, fill it out and e-mail it to info@capk.org to be reviewed for one of these grants though Kern County's Employers' Training Resource.

Eligible businesses include but are not limited to: Artists and Musicians, Childcare Providers, Construction Worker, Food Vendors, Hair & Makeup Stylists, Nail Technicians, Handy Man, House Cleaners and Landscapers.

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**School Kick-Off**

CAPK programs were proud to participate in Kern County Child Support Services' Ready-Set Back 2 School Event at the Kern County Fairgrounds on Thursday, August 4. This fantastic annual health and wellness fair helps families get ready for the end of summer and the beginning of a new school year. CAPK Food Bank, WIC, Home Visiting, Energy 211 and Cal-Fresh Healthy Living were all there! Thanks to the county for letting our programs come out to connect with families as we all head back into the school year.

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**Cal-Fresh Healthy Living Celebrates Farmers' Market Week**

The week of August 8 is Farmers Market week in Kern County and CAPK's CalFresh Healthy Living team is capping their celebrations on Saturday, August 13 with a big event at the F Street Farmers Market in Bakersfield.
Date: August 13
Time: 8 to 12 p.m.
Location: F Street Farmers Market, 2819 F Street, Bakersfield

The event will include kids activities, a bike rodeo, free food samples, recipes, nutrition information and more. Check out your invitation from our Healthy Living team below!