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Central City Neighborhood Partners (CCNP) is the recipient of a \$500,000 grant supported by the Citi Foundation's Community Progress Makers initiative. CCNP Executive Director Margarita Alvarez Gomez says funding from the grant will enable the nonprofit to help boost leadership development for staff and better serve low income, BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, People of Color) and Latinx communities in Los Angeles.

### **Central City Neighborhood Partners Awarded \$500,000 Grant Helping to Advance Social and Economic Opportunity in Los Angeles**

(LOS ANGELES, Dec. 22, 2021)—A small nonprofit helping underserved households in Los Angeles was recently awarded a large national grant that will help its staff be more effective in serving the social and economic needs of low income, BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, People of Color) and Latinx communities.

Central City Neighborhood Partners (CCNP) was selected by Citi Foundation as a recipient of the Community Progress Makers initiative, which supports visionary organizations across the United States that are working to connect low-income communities and communities of color to social and economic opportunity.

As a 2021 Community Progress Maker, CCNP is receiving a multi-year, unrestricted grant of \$500,000 and access to technical assistance and a supportive learning community.

CCNP plans to use the grant to embrace its role as an influencer within the Los Angeles community, develop its emerging leaders within the organization, and continue to grow and serve more people.

"So much of the work we do at CCNP is based on collaboration," says CCNP Executive Director Margarita Alvarez Gomez. "This generous grant enables us to increase our collaboration with community partners and other organizations to help improve the health and economic outcomes of children and families."

Gomez says the grant will also address one of the nonprofit's greatest challenges—rapid growth. CCNP's team has grown from 15 to 40 people in the last two years, so some of the grant's funding will be utilized for professional development, while also enhancing growth opportunities and a more sustainable future.

"Our team equates receiving this grant to an athlete winning a gold medal in the Olympics," says Gomez. "Our staff, volunteers and community partners work hard day-in and day-out, and this grant recognizes the important work that makes a difference in the lives of so many people."

CCNP is a nonprofit collaborative providing resources, integrated financial and social services, and performance data to advance systemic changes that benefit low income, BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, People of Color) and Latinx communities. Learn more at [www.laccnp.org](http://www.laccnp.org).

For more information about the Citi Foundation's Community Progress Makers, please visit:

[www.citifoundation.com/cpm](http://www.citifoundation.com/cpm).

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### **About Central City Neighborhood Partners**

Since 2000, Central City Neighborhood Partners (CCNP) has been a cornerstone in the community, providing access to free services through a collaborative model and enhancing the quality of life for underserved households throughout the City and County of Los Angeles with a focus on the Westlake/Pico-Union communities. Our foundation is based on community, collaboration and systemic change. CCNP focuses on ensuring equal access to essential need services, primarily regarding housing, food, health, transportation and education; building financial security through professional and career development, financial education, free tax preparation and income supports; and empowering tomorrow's leaders through academic support, youth leadership, civic engagement and youth workforce development. [www.laccnp.org](http://www.laccnp.org)

### **About the Citi Foundation**

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