

San Pablo Youth Commission



**Presentation to City Council
August 4, 2025**



San Pablo Youth Commission Members

Recruited new members since January 2025	<u>6 new Members</u>
Commissioners seeking re- appointment	<u>9 Members</u>
Representing SPYC in different high schools	<u>7 Schools</u>



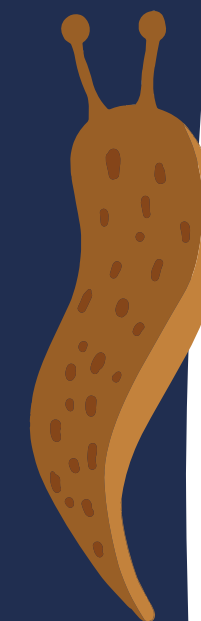
January- July 2025





S.L.U.G.

Student-Led Unity Grant



SY 24/25 REPORT



San Pablo Youth Commission



closer look on what **S.L.U.G** is, how we started, and our **growth!**

This is a student led project for **grades 5th-12th** designed to fund projects for student access to college and career readiness education (including trade school) & increase knowledge and awareness of the importance on mental health. Receive up to **\$1,000** in funds.

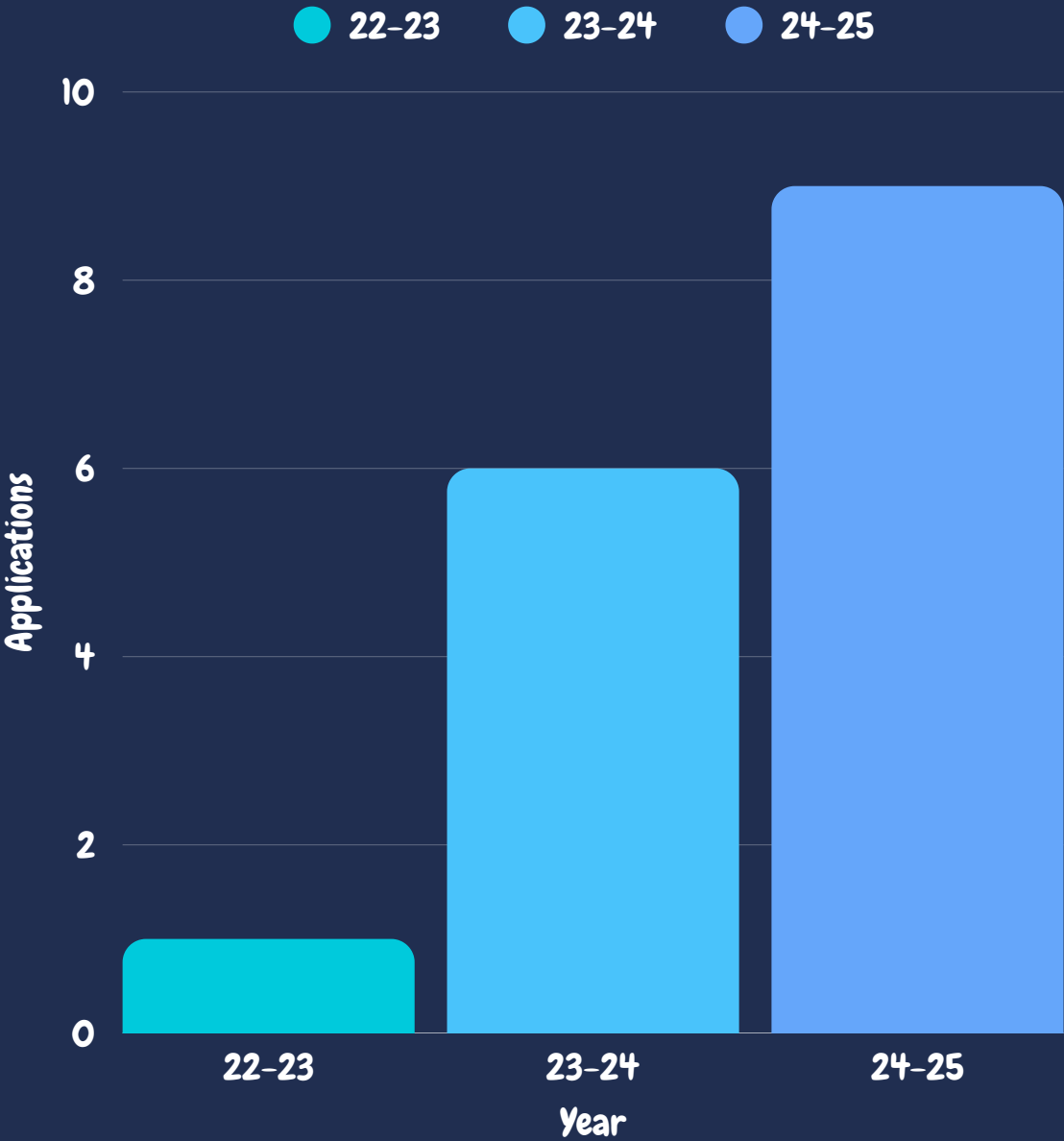
- When **S.L.U.G** first started it was focused only for High School students that would use the award for **College & Career Readiness**.

Our Growth:

In the school year 23/24
San Pablo Youth Commission voted to extend the grant to **Elementary school, Middle school, and include the focus on promoting positive mental health!**

Application timeline:

First year 22-23	Applications: 1 ↓ \$1,000
Second year 23-24	Applications: 6 ↓ \$5,940
Third year 24-25	Applications: 9 ↓ \$6,354



Schools that participated in **S.L.U.G** & Our Budget.

During the 2024-2025 school year, the Student- Led Unity Grant had 8 awardees.

- **Helms Middle School** was the only middle school that applied. **Riverside, Dover, Lake, and Bayview** were the elementary schools that applied. **Richmond High School** was the only high school that applied. Lastly, **Discovering the Reality of Our Community (DROC)** was the only organization that applied.



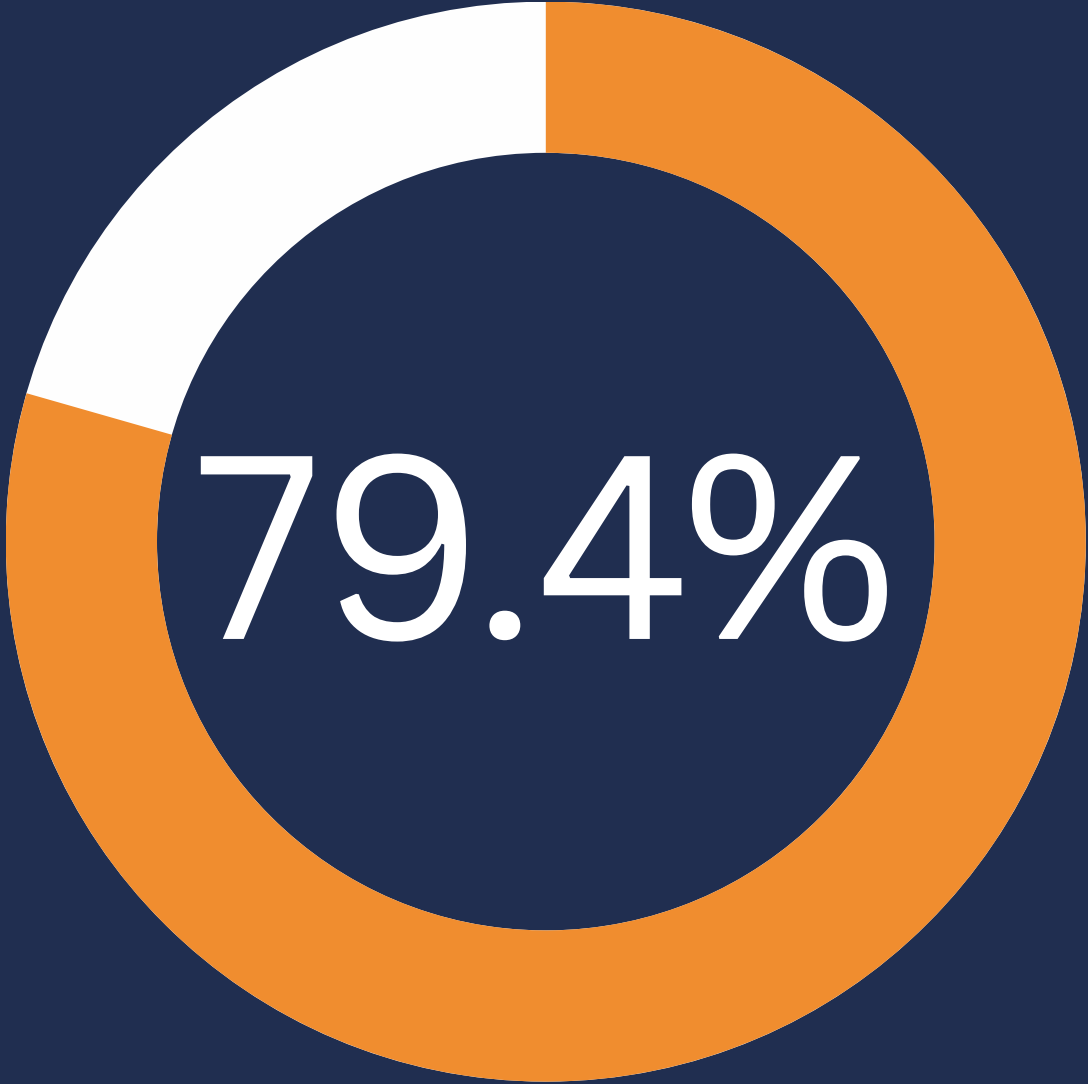
**Grant
budget
was
\$8,000**

How the funds were awarded for **S.L.U.G.**

BACR →

Schools/Organization	Awarded	Spent
Helms	\$1,000	\$863.21
Dover	\$1,000	\$994.45
Riverside	\$500	\$504.22
Lake	\$500	\$520.60
Bayview	\$500	\$493.24
DROC	\$940	\$982.38
School	Awarded	Spent
RHS-Holistic Hike	\$1,000	\$1,000
RHS-Public Safety	\$1,000	\$996.06

Touch of
New Life →



Total Reimbursed:
\$6,354.16

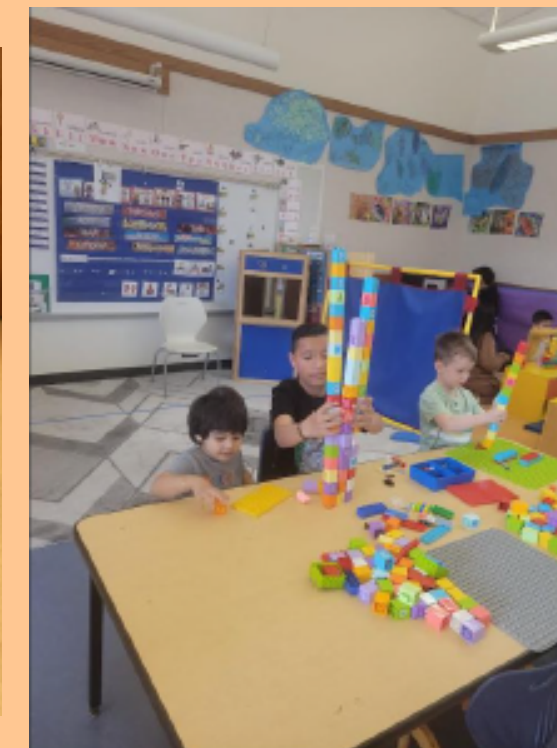
Here's what Helms Middle School did:

- Helms Middle School held a College & Career Event! They had 4 reps from the **College and Career Center** that introduced college access programs to the students.
- The **80 students** that participated were able to explore different career pathways such as **health, law enforcement, culinary, animation, law, author/writers, and music.**
- Students also used their funds towards a student led college tour at UC Berkeley!



Here's what **Dover Elementary** did:

- Dover Elementary leaders launched the start of Dover Buddies and Recess Committee!
- Dover Buddies **over 35 students** that needed extra support had student led counseling, and educational/fun activities!
- Recess Committee involved the leader's organizing activities during recess for lower grades each Friday!
- The grant helped provide supplies and new activities for both programs. The rest of the funds were used for a retreat for the Dover Leaders.



Here's what **Riverside Elementary** did:

- Riverside student's running the **Student Activity & Leadership Team (SALT)** used the funds to hold **a two-day Wellness Workshop Series** for lower grade students, **TK through 3rd grade!**
- This series was aimed towards promoting **emotional awareness**, **self-expression**, **empathy**, and **mental well-being through engaging, age-appropriate activities!**
- The success of the workshop with the funds led to SALT recommending these Wellness Workshop Series to be an annual event!



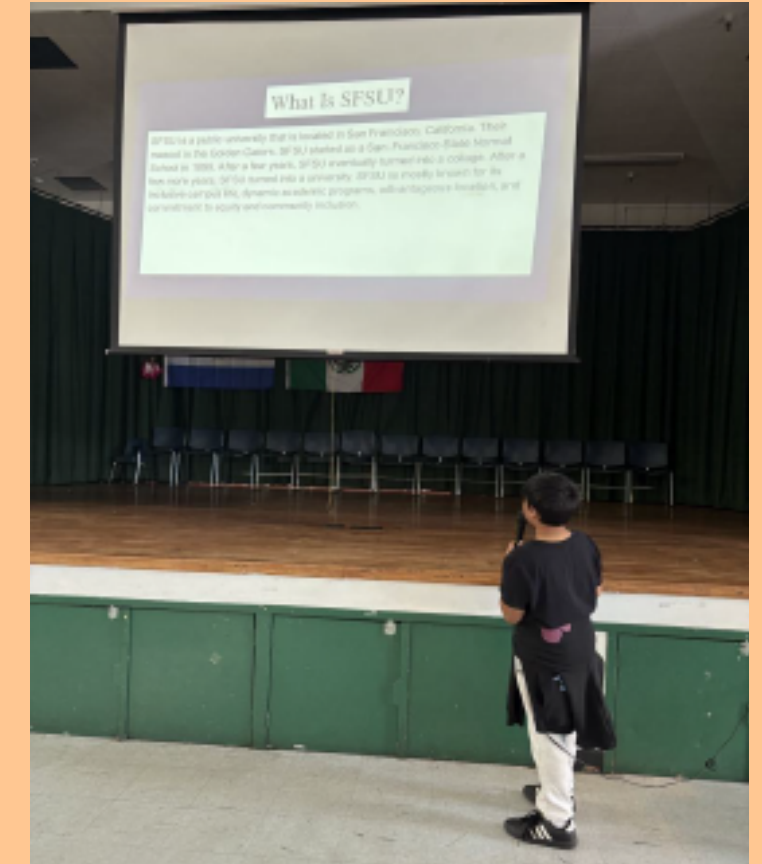
Here's what **Lake Elementary** did:

- **Students at Lake Elementary School used the funds towards an educational reptile show from East Bay Vivarium!**
- **Students were very engaged with the show, and learned about the different reptiles and spiders Owen (the host) brought.**



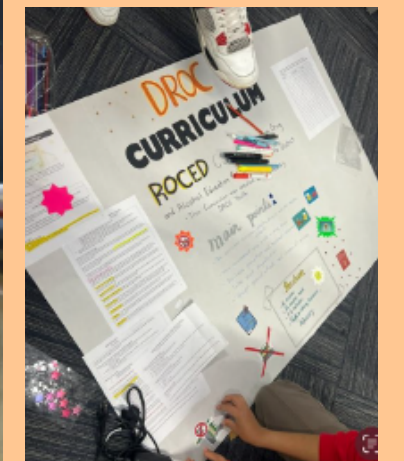
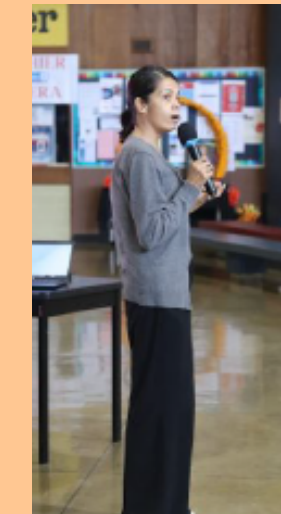
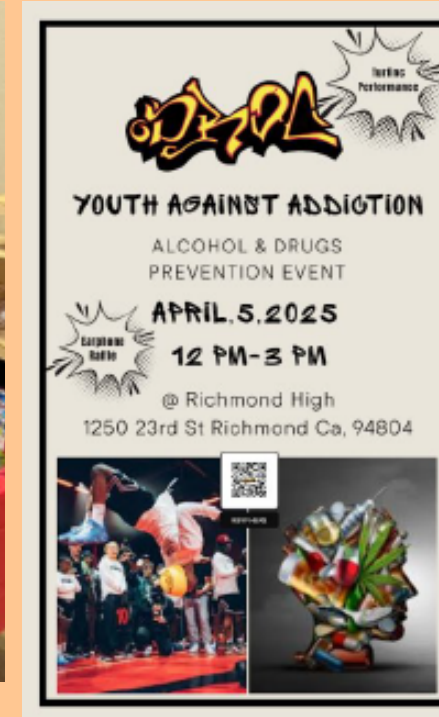
Here's what **Bayview Elementary** did:

- A group of students at Bayview Elementary School used the funds towards a **College Tour at San Francisco State University!**
- After the tour, **students were asked to create a presentation on what they learned from their visit to SFSU and present it to Bayview students.**
- Students bought shirts to wear at the presentation, and they also bought stickers to give out to students at the presentation!



Here's what **Discovering the Reality of Our Community** did:

- **DROC** used their award to host a student-led **Youth Against Addiction Event** at **Richmond High School**.
- Their funds helped organize the event and even hold a raffle to win earphones!
- They had **guest speakers, alcohol preemption presentation, workshops, a mindfulness corner, non-profit organizations table, informative games, resources that relate to rehabilitation and alcohol prevention in the Bay Area, as well as ways to get involved in our smaller community!**
- The funds were also used to **purchase shirts to wear during the events and snacks for those who attended.**



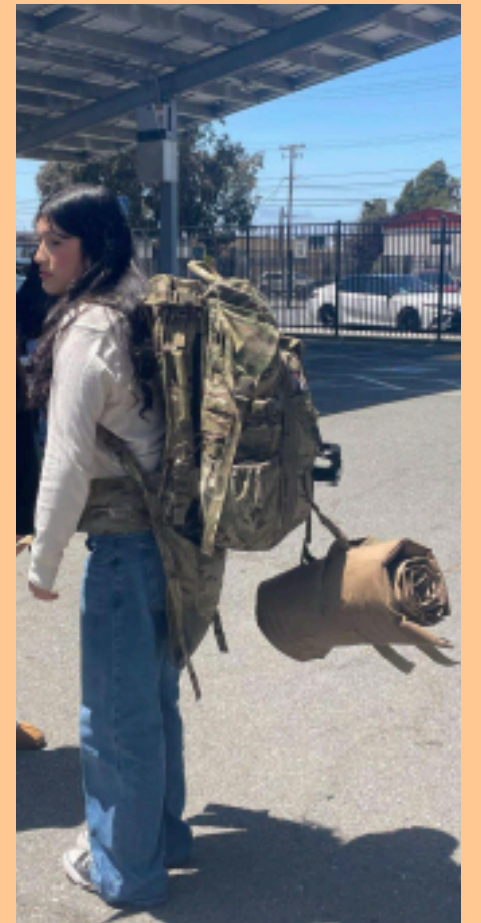
Here's what **Richmond High School-Holistic Hike** did:

- Richmond High School students that are part of the **Youth Public Safety Academy (YPSA)** used their funds to plan a hiking trip to Kennedy Grove!
- They also used their award to have a **BBQ** prior to the hike, to ensure their bodies were nourished and fueled with nutrients filled food to be ready for their hike.



Here's what **Richmond High School-Public Safety** did:

- Richmond Oiler's is part of the Youth Public Safety Academy (YPSA) and they used their award to take an **Alcatraz Study Trip**, host a **Community College (CCC, DVC, LMC) Educational Presentation for the Health and Law field**. They also were able to have two study trips with their award: **San Pablo Police Department** and **Richmond Fire Department**!
- Students learned information about the fields and what's required to pursue those careers.



Whats Next for SPYC?



- **SY 25- 26 S.L.U.G.**
- **Recruit SPYC Members**
- **More Volunteer Opportunities**
- **Promote SPYC on Social Media**

THANK YOU!

