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## Bank of America gives big grants

The Bank of America Charitable Foundation recently announced \$160,500 in grants to 19 nonprofits in the Inland Empire to help individuals and families build better financial lives.

These grants will support the fight against hunger, access to housing and other basic human service initiatives that help communities thrive.

Basic human services, along with community and workforce development are top priorities because there is significant need in these areas in the Inland Empire and across the country. According to the nonprofits grantees, more than 300,000 individuals will be impacted by the funding, with more than 50 percent of the grants providing hunger relief. Many Fontana residents will benefit from the funding.

"When the people of the Inland Empire have access to affordable housing, jobs, and basic nutrition, the Inland Empire succeeds," said Al Arguello, Inland Empire market president, Bank of America.

"We are working to provide access to basic human services because we know it's a critical part of helping people start down a path to financial stability while meeting their immediate needs."

The local organizations that are receiving funding are the AIDS Assistance Program, Coachella Valley Rescue Mission, Cove Communities Senior Association, Desert AIDS Project, Inc., Food In Need Of Distribution, Inc., Galilee Center, Martha's Village and Kitchen, Inc., Catholic Charities of San Bernardino and Riverside Counties, Central City Lutheran Mission (CCLM), Children's Fund Incorporated, Community Settlement Association, Desert Communities United Way, Desert Manna Ministries, Inc., Inland Empire United Way, Lutheran Social Services of Southern California, Safe Alternatives for Everyone Inc., Second Harvest Food Bank Serving Riverside and San Bernardino Counties, Shelter Providers of Riverside Inc., and Time for Change Foundation.