

# San Bernardino Investment Playbook

## Project Details: El Sol Holistic Campus

An expansion of this established community transformation hub on a 1.9-acre parcel northeast of Seccombe Lake will provide additional space for the provision of culturally specific health education, basic health screenings, wellness classes, peer-to-peer counseling, and educational services for vulnerable San Bernardino residents. Designed in collaboration with community members, the El Sol Holistic Campus will provide space for service provision alongside gardens for food and healing, a playground, children's amphitheater, basketball court, turf play area, and a new two-story Learning and Community Center. This new facility will include flexible space for recreational activities and cultural pursuits, a children's playroom, library, art gallery, cafeteria, and commercial kitchen for onsite food preparation. Flexible multipurpose space will be available for events, meetings, workshops, and other community uses, with sliding-scale rental fees to ensure accessibility.

### RATIONALE

Established in 1991, San Bernardino's El Sol Neighborhood Educational Center provides much-needed services for vulnerable Inland Empire residents (particularly those with limited or no English proficiency). Its community health workers and promotores de salud have long played a vital role in boosting access to health care and support services. After more than thirty years serving the San Bernardino community, El Sol is ready to enlarge its physical footprint and expand its offerings, which continue to be in high demand.

### OBJECTIVES

- Strengthen an established community organization with a proven track record for assisting San Bernardino's most vulnerable communities
- Increase access to health care, education, recreation, and social services in the downtown core

### ADDITIONAL DETAILS

The vast majority of the funding for the El Sol Holistic Campus (~\$4M) has already been secured, but an additional \$2M in gap funding will be needed to cover inflation-related overages. Construction of the El Sol Holistic Campus will proceed in three phases:

#### *Phase 1*

Rehabilitation of El Sol's current home, a 4,400-square-foot commercial building at 766 N. Waterman Avenue. Proposed completion date: June 2023.

#### *Phase 2*

Construction of a 24,377-square-foot open-space area with food and healing gardens, a playground, children's amphitheater, basketball court, and turf play area. Proposed completion date: December 2024.

#### *Phase 3*

Construction of a new 11,866-square-foot two-story Learning and Community Center. Proposed completion date: December 2025.

COST

\$2M Gap funding

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**\$2M TOTAL**

POTENTIAL FUNDING

San Manuel Band of Mission Indians

LEAD ORGANIZATION

El Sol Neighborhood Educational Center – Alex Fajardo, executive director