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Safe Passages Wins \$900,000 Youth Re-entry Grant

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Congresswoman Barbara Lee (D-CA) has announced an \$895,950 federal Face Forward-Serving Juvenile Offenders grant through the U.S. Department of Labor to Safe Passages, an Oakland community organization. These funds will be used for Safe Passages' Elev8 Law and Social Justice Career Pathway Project, which aims to improve employment opportunities for youth transitioning out of the criminal justice system. I am pleased that Safe Passages was selected for this competitive funding to provide comprehensive re-entry services to young adults," said Lee. "These types of investments in our youth are critical to breaking the cycle of violence and crime by providing young people tools to build productive and prosperous lives. I am committed to continuing the fight to bring all federal resources available to address crime and improve public safety here in Oakland and in the East Bay." The grant is part of \$26.6 million in 28 Face Forward-Serving Juvenile Offenders awards of up to \$1 million. The purpose of these grants is to improve the long-term labor market prospects of court-involved youth prior to adjudication. These grants will focus on giving youth a chance to succeed in the workplace by evading the stigma of having a juvenile record using diversion and/or record expungement strategies. The Face Forward grants give organizations the opportunity to implement programs that address this issue while developing skills and opportunities for youth. Safe Passages will provide diversion and/or expungement case management, mentoring, education, training leading to industry-recognized credentials for in-demand industries and occupations in the state or local area, service learning, workforce activities, and post-program support and follow-up services.

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