

Chabot College For Immediate Release

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Chabot College to Benefit from Hayward Promise Neighborhood Grant

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Chabot College, one of 10 local organizations in Cal State East Bay's Hayward Promise Neighborhood (HPN) partnership, will benefit from a nearly \$30 million grant recently announced by the U.S. Department of Education.

As one of only four programs in the country to receive funding this year, HPN focuses on alleviating generational poverty, ensures residents feel safe and have access to education and healthcare, and coordinates and aligns resources, making them accessible to local families.

"The Hayward Promise Neighborhood grant has provided Chabot College the opportunity to greatly enhance our outreach and service to communities [that are] facing many challenges - by strengthening our community's educational and service partnerships, and by helping us to evolve new ones," said Chabot College President Susan Sperling. "We are grateful for this great opportunity to expand upon this successful work with Cal State East Bay and our other community partners."

HPN serves more than 10,000 residents and 6,000 students in Hayward's Jackson Triangle neighborhood - one of the poorest areas within the city - and was one of the first five communities in the country selected to pilot the promise neighborhood concept through a five-year federal initiative in 2011. The program supports children from infancy through college with tutoring, advising and drop out/truancy prevention, and its community services include health screenings, job training and food banks, including Fresh Food for Families which distributes 10,000 pounds of food to 310 families a month. This new grant will allow HPN to expand its services outside of the Jackson Triangle and into other underrepresented Hayward neighborhoods and ensure the progress and impact HPN has made over the past six years continues.

Chabot College has participated in intervention initiatives aimed at helping underserved students go to college and the grant will continue to allow the college to help students reach their potential and follow their dreams.

About Chabot College

Chabot College in Hayward is a comprehensive community college in the heart of a thriving, diverse community where students of all ages and backgrounds can get a high quality education at an affordable price. The college awards associate degrees and certificates, and specializes in university transfer, workforce training, and lifelong learning opportunities.

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