**2016 Legacy Fund Grants Recipients**

The JACL Legacy Fund was established by the JACL National Council in 1990. Approximately $5 million was first donated to the fund by members who used their redress monies to further the legacy of patriotism and civil rights that is central to the story of Japanese Americans in the U.S. Earnings from this perpetual endowment are used to award grants to JACL Districts, Chapters and NYSC for projects that support JACL’s mission and purposes.

In 2016, grants were awarded to 12 JACL Chapters and the National Youth/Student Council totaling $35,500.

The 2016 Legacy Fund Grant Recipients are:

**Berkeley JACL** = Support for the Mineta Legacy Project, with funds to video record an interview with President George W. Bush for a one-hour documentary of Secretary Norman Y. Mineta to be televised nationally and at film festivals, with web-based educational curriculum provided.

**Chicago JACL** = The Kansha Project Alumni Leadership Board, which would provide an opportunity for meaningful engagement of current and former Kansha Project participants, leading to a sustainable youth development initiative.

**Mile High JACL** = The Minoru Yasui Legacy Project, an all-day symposium in Denver, Colorado, on civil liberties and human rights to mark the centennial of Yasui’s birth and to honor his legacy of fighting for social justice for all.

**New Mexico JACL** = A documentation and education program, “Confinement in the Land of Enchantment (CLOE): Japanese Americans in New Mexico During World War II,” this phase focuses on the small town of Clovis, New Mexico and the Nikkei there who hold the distinction of being practically the only JAs from the sparsely-populated interior west to suffer incarceration.

**National Youth/Student Council** = Youth Summits to be held in different JACL Districts across the country addressing the needs of the local API community, and which shall engage youth, introduce them to the JACL and provide leadership and networking skills to equip them to create change in their communities.

**Philadelphia JACL** = An exhibit of “Good Luck Soup,” an interactive online database of Japanese American stories before, during and after the incarceration, with its initial showcase at the Philadelphia Asian American Film Festival, followed by showings at traditional art galleries.

**Philadelphia JACL** = The exhibit, “Uprooted: Japanese American Farm Labor Camps During World War II,” would be brought to the East Coast for a month to expand the knowledge and awareness of how these labor camps were a part of the incarceration story, and to talk with East Coast families who may have lived and worked in these labor camps.

**Portland JACL** = Reproduce 5000 copies of the “Power of Words” brochure to make available at the 2017 Smithsonian Exhibition on the 75th anniversary of Executive Order 9066. The “Power of Words” brochure addresses the language euphemisms used to describe the Japanese American World War II incarceration and the preferred terminology that more accurately describes the dire realities of that experience.

**Puyallup Valley JACL**: Replacement signage for noted artist George Tsutakawa’s sculpture titled “Harmony,” located on the Washington State Fairgrounds in Puyallup, WA., the former site of the Puyallup Valley Assembly Center (also known as Camp Harmony) where Japanese Americans were forcibly taken after EO 9066 was issued.

**Seattle JACL**: A conference, “Family 2.0,” will bring together and leverage individuals from the LGBTQ and AAPI communities for a day of workshops, learning and support that speaks to intersections of race and LGBTQ identities, and which can serve as a starting point for new and lasting resources and relationships.

**South Bay JACL**: Tanoshii Fun Camp, a summer program whose goal is to promote the legacy of Japanese American culture and heritage to youth, ages 7 to 10. Children will learn of Japanese festivals like Oshogatsu, values like *gaman, gambaru* and *kansha,* and be exposed to the experience of youth in the concentration camps. High school and college students shall develop leadership skills serving as camp counselors.

**Twin Cities JACL**: To organize “February 19, 1942: The Day the Constitution Died,” for its 2017 Day of Remembrance observance of the 75th anniversary of EO 9066. The goals are to honor Japanese Americans impacted by the incarceration, educate the broader community about EO 9066, increase awareness of the parallels with events occurring today and inspire individuals to be vigilant.

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