

Bank of the West collaborates with a network of more than 540 local and national nonprofit organizations to address complex challenges facing our communities. They've been fortunate to work with some of the leading innovators in the field of social enterprise. Through these partnerships as well as their own Bank initiatives, they are committed to making a positive impact on the world around us.

They believe financial education improves people's abilities to create stable futures. Through partnerships with organizations such as Junior Achievement and Operation HOPE, they reached more than 20,500 individuals with important skills for navigating consumer decisions and building credit. In June 2016, they completed their first academic year of the Bank of the West Financial Scholars Program, which utilized technology company EverFi's online curriculum and allowed them to provide financial education to more than 4,700 high school students.

Their commitment to helping people access safe and affordable housing goes beyond loans and investments. In 2016, they supported 90 nonprofits with a dedicated focus on homeownership education and neighborhood improvements efforts. At a local level they offer counseling and seminars to help consumers prepare for their next step toward homeownership. Nationally, they accelerated homebuyer opportunities by working with organizations such as NeighborWorks America to provide intensive training for counselors who serve low- to moderate-income homebuyers across the country.

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