

MIND RESEARCH INSTITUTE

Orange County, CA
<http://www.mindinst.org/>

Scientific studies have shown the intersection of music and math improves math proficiency. Recognizing that language barriers were often an obstruction to learning for the large population of immigrant children, MIND Research Institute has designed a fun, interactive software game to be played by kids without any English language skills.

The game has consistently raised students' math scores by 15% per year. At Huff Elementary in Elgin IL, within one year, students shattered the state's 47.5% math proficiency standard with 80% math proficiency!

Despite its documented success, MIND could not secure a traditional bank loan to expand the number of schools and students it serves because it did not meet standard underwriting criteria. Through a lending partnership initiated by PCG with CDFI partner Neighborhood National Bank and the Orange County Community Foundation, MIND was able to secure a loan to expand its activities.



Student learning piano as part of the math and music curriculum designed by MIND.

"It is because of the philosophy behind the MIND Institute's problem-based learning, visualization strategies and concept-driven instruction that we believe our students experienced unparalleled levels of success." - Dr. Shawn Smith, Principal Huff Elementary

PCG Loan Amount: \$212,500

Partners: Neighborhood National Bank, San Diego, CA, Orange County Community Foundation, Orange County, CA

Total Loan Amount: \$425,000



Partners for the Common Good

Partners for the Common Good's (PCG) mission is to promote economic justice and social change. PCG's vision is a world where low income people have the means to support themselves and their families in dignity. We accomplish our mission and vision by providing access to capital and by building sustainable, healthy nonprofit and double bottom line organizations that advance economic opportunities for low income individuals.

PCG delivers its loan products nationwide through a network of local CDFI lending partners interested in expanding their service to nonprofits and double bottom line businesses. PCG also lends to international microfinance organizations serving the developing world.

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