

## **Education Focus Group Finalist: Sacramento Area Bicycle Advocates**

Project: Positive Spin Bicycle Collective

Sacramento Area Bicycle Advocates is collaborating with two other nonprofits to create **Positive Spin**, a youth-led community bike shop that will teach young people bicycle mechanics and repair, and business skills. Many low-income residents rely on bicycles to get to their job or school. A reason people don't ride their bikes more often is because they don't know how to fix them. Learning how to repair bicycles is a skillset in demand at bike shops nationwide and useful in places where a bike shop doesn't currently exist. E-bikes are the fastest growing sector of the bicycle industry yet are too expensive for many. Retro-fitting lightly used analog bikes with e-bike kits can put more e-bikes into the hands of people who most need them for transportation.

SABA is partnering with Community Shop Class (CSC) and Sierra Service Project (SSP). CSC is located on Stockton Blvd and works with neurodivergent youth who don't always excel in traditional learning settings; instead, they thrive in experiential settings working with their hands and learning by doing. SSP teaches manufacturing and safe tool use so youth can gain necessary workforce skills. CSC and SSP currently run classes on building tiny homes, community gardens and food trucks. SABA will partner with them to establish Positive Spin, enabling youth to build sustainable transportation and support others.

Impact100 funding will help SABA redesign existing space and expand into an additional 1,000 sq/ft area attached to CSC's shop and access to a large backyard where students can work on projects while learning workforce development skills. Stockton Boulevard is a top Vision Zero High Injury corridor in the city and the Stockton Corridor Plan envisions 4 miles of new and improved bike access along the Boulevard. A bicycle collective in the area will serve the current community and future residents.