



Community Access Partner Permit (CAPP) Summary

Brown Girl Surf (BGS) serves female identifying and gender expansive youth and adults who seek a female-centered space. The majority of our community is based in the East Bay, specifically in the Oakland area. Our participants are culturally diverse and our mission and values aim to reflect and uplift that diversity. In 2019, participants identified as 22% African American, 17% Latinx, 18% Asian, 2% Arab, 2% Pacific Islander, 1% Native American, and 21% Mixed Race. 50% of participants have household incomes below \$50K. Many of our participants did not see themselves reflected in surf lineups before joining affinity groups like ours. Brown Girl Surf is able to hold the space for these diverse and amazing community members to come to the beach and see their own image reflected in our surf culture. Below is a our data sheet from the program.

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DATE	TIME	ATTENDEES
4/14/21	5:30-7:30pm	3
4/28/21	5:30-7:30pm	4
5/5/21	5:30-7:30pm	4
5/12/21	5:30-7:30pm	4
9/18/21	9:30-2	7
9/31/21	5-7pm	4
10/6/21	5:30-7:30pm	3
10/28/21	7-9am	4
11/6/21	9:30-2	7
11/7/21	9:30-2	3
11/10/21	7-10am	6

Linda Mar beach is the closest beginner surf beach to most of our community members and being able to operate Brown Girl Surf programs on Linda Mar beach has opened a multitude of doors for us. During 2021, Brown Girl Surf Rising Leader youth were able to spend the most time at Linda Mar, participating in 5 program days. For many of BGS Rising Leader youth, this year was the first time they were able to come to Pacifica with Brown Girl Surf to surf. Linda Mar beach has offered them the new experience of sitting in a lineup with other surfers and paddling out beyond the whitewater. We were not always able to offer this experience at other beaches that do not have as accessible of a lineup. Several of our youth shared that paddling out at Linda Mar was the first time they had ever done so; this in itself is a success of being able to operate under the CAPP pilot.

In 2021 we also held 6 Water Warrior Wednesday programs, which serve returning adult participants, a Rising Leader youth celebration, a volunteer safety training, a youth mixed level program, and a Farewell celebration for our Co-founder, Mira Manickam-Shirley, at Linda Mar. The varied programming that BGS offers at Linda Mar creates multiple opportunities for interested folks to join and participate. On top of supporting beach access for our participants, we also are able to offer our volunteers

we had 44 volunteers donate over 500 hours of their time. Several of our volunteers return to Linda Mar on their own to surf after completing a BGS program there.

The CAPP pilot has been an incredibly successful program for Brown Girl Surf. Not only have we been able to increase beach accessibility for our community members, but we have also been able to start and hold conversations around surf equity with other organizations at the local, state, and federal level. We believe the pilot permit has been integral in changing the surf narrative to a more inclusive and diverse story that reflects all of our community members and their experiences. We have learned that there is a need for equitable beach access policy and that non-profit and community based organizations like City Surf Project and Brown Girl Surf can work with city government to help create those policies. The CAPP is a huge achievement for all of our allies, the City of Pacifica, and for beaches across the nation who are working towards equitable access. We are looking forward to continuing to use and share Linda Mar beach with our community members and beyond.