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4:00PM

CHAIRMAN STEELE: We would like to bring this meeting to order. How are you doing today? Cool. Can we please read through the disclosures.

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MEMBER CARBAJAL: Present.

MEMBER CONTRERAS: Present. Alternate.

MEMBER CRUNK: Present.

MEMBER CYRUS-FRANKLIN: Present.

MEMBER EARLEY: Present.

MEMBER FERRER: Present.

MEMBER GHALY: Present.

MEMBER LOBIANCO: Present.

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MEMBER SCHOONOVER: Here.

MEMBER SOTO: Present.

CHAIRMAN STEELE: Here.

MEMBER STEVENS: Present.

MEMBER WILLIAMS: Here.

MEMBER WONG: Alternate present.

>>: Thank you. We have 16 here. Back to you.

CHAIRMAN STEELE: Thank you very much. Onto the land acknowledgment. Take a moment and start this meeting by recognizing those whose lands we currently reside. The current caretakers that still live among us. They thrive. We have one of the representatives here. About to graduate. She is taking it to the next level.

Thriving among us. The [FOREIGN LANGUAGE]. Peoples. They respected the land and creatures. We want to lift that up and continue the level of respect for the lands. Review of the agreements. Be respectful of the diverse voices. Remain openminded.

>>: Be mindful of power dynamics. Prioritize and defer to community throughout the process.

CHAIRMAN STEELE: You are getting your masters. I want to lift that up.

>>: Be mindful of the diverse audiences you are presenting to. Make sure you speak with clarity.

>>: Assume best intentions.

>>: Challenge the idea, not the person.

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>>: Remember why we are here. To center the black, brown, and Indigenous communities and other communities most impacted by the carceral system. Low income. Trans. Gender nonconforming people.

>>: Defer to the community.

>>: Be intentional about allowing space for additional voices to be uplifted.

>>: Be an active participant.

>>: Let equity lead the way.

>>: Make space for youth voices.

>>: Allow members to finish their sentence.

>>: Review community agreements.

>>: Start with a land acknowledgment. What is up, everyone? We want to review the minutes from May 4th. They are attached to the packet. Do we have a motion?

>>: I will make a motion.

>>: Second. Any review?

>>: Let us move to the comment. If you have comments, use the raise your hand feature. State your full name for the minutes. I will lower your hand once you have completed the comment. We will say your name or last digits. Star six to unmute. Does anyone have a public comment? We have one online.

These are on the minutes. Can you unmute yourself?

>>: I agree with what you have decided.

>>: Does anyone else have a comment? Back to you.

CHAIRMAN STEELE: Let me take a vote.

MEMBER CARBAJAL: Aye.

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>>: Aye.

MEMBER CASTILLO: Aye.

MEMBER CRUNK: Aye.

MEMBER CYRUS-FRANKLIN: Aye.

MEMBER EARLEY: Aye.

MEMBER FERRER: Aye.

MEMBER GHALY: Aye.

MEMBER LOBIANCO: Aye.

MEMBER SCHOONOVER: Aye.

MEMBER SOTO: Aye.

CHAIRMAN STEELE: Aye.

MEMBER STEVENS: Aye.

>>: Aye.

>>: We have 15 yes. 0 noes.

CHAIRMAN STEELE: I want to do some framing. Better to join those that dare mighty things. To win triumphs. I say that because we set some very ambitious goals this year. I think in the creation of the work, the gravity is there. Who were represent is. Why we do this. The arc of change. I have been reflective in the way that we approach the work. It is about planning the work.

Evaluating where we have been and able to accomplish. Take those from the next planning. We can take assessment over the next few meetings. What year will look like as well. That evaluation piece is only part of the puzzle.

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We have a lot of work to understand how we press forward the resource part of this too. One of the things we will see before it starts, the amount of things that were requested versus what we were able to provide. That is happening across the board. We know that the need is greater. I want to say and lift you all up. I am grateful to be in the trenches with you all. Our mark is way over here. We accomplished a lot.

We will talk through some positives. I am grateful to do this with you all. Us includes what happens in the board offices and resources. Also, the TPA foundation. They are getting the word out. Our trusted messengers to bring forth the community voice. It is the people who have participated along the way with us too. We had some triumphs. There is more to come. We will bring amity forward. I am excited.

>>: Good afternoon. Thanks for having us. Nice to see your face. I am Joanne. Project director for the 3rd party administrator. We have Rebecca Gray online. And we are our VP of information systems. Awards to date. 47,175,000 funds have been awarded.

A list of 118 awardees are published on our website. You can see the entire list there. 1010 percent or organizations served the highest needs zip code. 108 are BIPOC led. Six Indigenous led organizations to name a few. [FOREIGN LANGUAGE]. We have four trans-led or TGI-led organizations. Clear works and Mass Liberation. Next slide.

Applications and awards. Here is a breakdown of the application submitted versus awards granted per program area. We awarded is 118 out of 600. Applications versus awards. Here is a breakdown.

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SD two had the largest number of applicants and funds received. Largest applicants and funds received. 47,175,000 awards to give out. The request was 364 million total. You can see the gap in the funding needs.

>>: Does that mean that is where the organize is based? Or does that mean all individuals who are being served, the clients have to reside in the district?

>>: Providing services within those zip codes. In.

>>: Based in that district?

>>: It varies. Some don't have a location and go out into these districts.

>>: The client receiving the services.

>>: Correct.

>>: The different areas of focus. The concepts. Identify different zip codes. That had a lot to do with it.

>>: In the previous slide, you mentioned 108 BIPOC-led. Then you said six Indigenous. How many were black-led? How many were people of color? How are we defining?

>>: The 108?

>>: Yes.

>>: I don't have that breakdown. If we call out any population, we to a full breakdown to see the full picture.

>>: Sure. We can get that to you.

>>: Thank you. Good point.

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MEMBER CYRUS-FRANKLIN: I have a question as well towards the end, I believe it was how was led defined the organization being led by a certain community doesn't mean they only serve that community.

>>: Part of the application process was to identify leadership characteristics.

CHAIRMAN STEELE: Were you is asking for a demographic breakdown?

>>: Yes.

CHAIRMAN STEELE: Got you. Not just the can executive director.

>>: Total.

>>: Contract updates. March 1st. Collaboration with the county. We distributed the first quarter payments. \$3.9 million. Also in collaboration, all milestones have been finalized. Site visits have started. They are coordinating site visits.

Data collection. Four data systems training. We are providing on going tech assistance. Efforts to support data collection. Services are beginning. Next slide, please. Capacity building. All organizations are insured. Amity provided technical support. Paid insurance for many organizations. Assistance with good standing. Several organizations not in good standing.

Quarterly collaborative processes on milestones and budget reviews. Helping support them. Tailored is systems in place for data collection. On going personalized technical data and financial support.

A lot of the collection needs to be tailored. Upcoming tech assistance webinars. Financial reporting. Budget forecasting. Human recourses information. Tech.

>>: Your first bullet says that we are all insured.

CHAIRMAN STEELE: Cyber insurance.

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>>: A lot of companies use and store data. Sensitive information. With all the hacking going on, if there are no protections, people's names can be taken. That is why I asked the question. Cyber insurance is different.

>>: That was not required. Some organizations did include that. We will provide tech assistance to cover that.

We have a VP of data and information specialist assisting.

>>: Something we should put when we go in the next round include that. When a county department has a data breach, we will cover the person in terms of identity theft. Because in this round that was not included in the contracting process, if that were to happen, how would we protect?

>>: There were some providers that didn't have basic coverage they required to have. With we paid all that to steal contracts. I can't guarantee. This money is meant to reach organizations. If that is the decision, that will cut down on the dollars. We paid up insurances so they could still contract. We can't do that for 118 people.

CHAIRMAN STEELE: I want to add to that. One of the intentions for what we are trying to do to broaden the amount of organizations is not to create more barriers. We can discuss ways to mitigate it without a new requirement. The more added, the more barriers.

>>: It didn't have insurance. A lot of work involved to make sure they had the requirements needed.

>>: This is great. It is important that we do a shout out based on what I have heard in the previous slide. You said something that is critically important. All milestones

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have been finished. Site visited have started. Data collection has started. Services are starting. This is what we have been waiting for. It is important to celebrate the moments.

My hat is off to you.

CHAIRMAN STEELE: Story to be told there. How these organizations, the county contracts played a significant role in elevating our game when it came to the operational side of doing work. The work we have done, it can feel like a lot, that is a different conversation. Having this takes it to the next level.

Getting them the right insurance to get the dollars going with this, we are changing the dynamics in our communities.

>>: Give the organizations the first quarter payment. They expedite the payments.

CHAIRMAN STEELE: We can do this.

>>: Who was the county? Here is the thing. That is why it is important that we are naming who we are talking about. It is important as we move forward.

>>: There are things we learn from the first go around. I am bringing up cyber insurance so when we start for the next go around, we can discuss what makes sense and what does not. What we can do support people.

>>: To your point, it is tough to get a lot of the organizations in compliance. We are all in it assisting them and supporting them. The point is to get them to a level. That is the ultimate goal.

CHAIRMAN STEELE: Being thoughtful about how data protection is involved. Having a gap computer.

>>: Can you speak about data training.

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>>: I am overseeing all our data efforts and collection. We took that into consideration. We want to make sure they were compliant. Ensuring the systems had the necessary cyber security. An item we will work with is looking at how the infrastructure is. Provide them the tech assistance. Some of these organizations are just starting. We want to ensure everything is protected. We will continue to provide training.

>>: I want to applaud the team for getting this moving. I want to thank you for the idea of building up a future where we protect those. This body is asked for accountability on how these dollars are being spent. Can you speak to how you are working to help them prepare a report on outcomes. Report on services.

>>: Providing that tech support of how to pull those reports down. How to interpret the data. That way we are teaching people how to collect the information and also learning how to use it. We ensure they use the reports to implement their services.

>>: Thank you for sharing that.

>>: We want to understand whether or not investing in a certain region made the most sense, are you thinking of a way to help. I am wondering what the infrastructure looks like.

>>: The system is apricot. The decision making was from the front end user. How to make this system to let these people. Something new for them. We don't want to give them access to a system that is overwhelming.

>>: Good to hear. Social solutions is a good company to do this type of work. That is good to hear. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN STEELE: I see you also.

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>>: This is a future question. As the county tries to understand what it takes for organizations like you, hours, staff time, learnings, I would love to come back and talk about that too to make sure that as we try to bring in more organizations that we are putting in the necessary is supports.

>>: We have an Incubation Academy. I think 13 people or so. We are expanded and looking have a person have access to help support them. So they can be elevated and working with Raphael about other resources to help. We are working on how to integrate. How we can collaborate and use other resources.

>>: In terms of the breakdown, if there is a percentage of how many were funded, that could be helpful. Especially, when advocating for smaller organizations to apply. How many of those have been funded.

>>: The majority were under 1.5 million. We can get the data.

CHAIRMAN STEELE: You did the leadership breakdown. Did you ask the team members on each team? Do you have the numbers?

>>: We don't.

CHAIRMAN STEELE: Just asking.

>>: That would with great information to have. That would be a great help in terms of advancing this effort.

CHAIRMAN STEELE: We can add that going forward. Year one was based on what the committee said. We can add that going forward. 1.5 million annually budget. You don't have that big of a team. They have some, we have a few organizations.

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>>: The goal is to increase the success rate of applicants. Tips to improve budget and program development. Webinars will be offered before the two year applications. How to respond to solicitations. Do we have a deadline?

>>: We have provided a list of awardees in area one. 22 awards. Reenvision youth in after school and Summer programs. I will highlight a view. H D through the arts. Next slide. Program area two. Career and education pathway programs. 28 awards given. A few were brothers against begging youth. Collective. Driving hope foundation. Hands for hope LA. Lost angels. Don't get mad if I didn't call out your name.

Program area three. Youth specific interventions. 249 G acres. New directions for youth. Youth with a purpose. Next slide. Program area four. 17 awards. Culturally relevant unification. God's pantry. Korean American family services. Life after. Two lifestyles. Support services for returning residents. Eight awards.

Some went to queer works. Unseen faces foundation. Program area six. New reflections. Antelope valley. Paving the way foundation. UN. Youth housing advocacy and education. Nine awards given. East side riders bike club. Street poets Inc. Taking the reins.

CHAIRMAN STEELE: When is your first report deadline?

>>: June 5th.

CHAIRMAN STEELE: We will probably come back to see how we look. I don't know if we will have quarterly updates. We may move into half or full year. Being able to have a touch point on the progress.

>>: I want to commend the transparency. As I look at the 47 million, the 3.5 distributed, I wonder what the timeline is for the remainder. Are they receiving quarterly?

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One of the challenges with small organizations is they rely on a small budget. The longer we take, the harder to implement.

They get upfront payments. They report out.

>>: Can you say about the success rate from earlier about there was a relatively low acceptance rate among the organizations that submitted applications to be contracted? You mentioned you were hoping to increase that rate of the number of organizations that could contract for a project. Is there a goal? If you add more organizations, each organization would have fewer funds to disperse. The amount is capped. Is the goal to bring on a certain number of organizations? You just trying to have participation knowing each would have a lot fewer dollars to disperse?

>>: There is a funding opportunity process. There is not intent until we look at the score and making sure it is equally divided. Some cases, we have more in one area than others.

>>: Is the goal to get to a certain number for each project area? What is the dollar amount? Is there some cap?

CHAIRMAN STEELE: The goal, I believe, is to spread funds around. Get the funds out to as many as possible.

>>: If they meet the bar, of ability, they would get funded. The total number of recipients would get (inaudible).

CHAIRMAN STEELE: There may be different amounts depending on awards. We can't say that. There is a limited amount of funds. There is only so many to give. The goal is always to fund as many organizations.

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>>: The question is the more people we grant, the less they will have. It is a balance. How do we fund a many people but still make sure it is an amount to make a difference. Because the awards are so different, I think it varies. I would imagine that they are looking at the minimum we should give is this amount. How many can we do by spreading dollars around.

>>: Correct. We recognize a greater need. The amount had to be higher.

>>: The thought that there is more funding coming. More opportunities to apply for funding.

>>: Thank you for this work. I know it was no easy feat. I am curious if you could share more about what the ranking process looked like with the commune scoring team. The materials used for each program area.

>>: Amity continues to work on the screening process. We are simplifying the process and improving the communication. Our pool comes from people with living experience. We have simplified budgets.

-- some of the stuff we simplified supporting with the insurance. Simplifying budgets so the organizations are b able to report on the expenditures and reduce the number of milestones for year one. We have 12 a year and reduce to four in collaboration with JCOD and also extended the window for application area program eight and intend to do for year two. We embedded fiscal sponsors as there is a need for fiscal sponsors to support the organization and they have been pre-approved and next slide please.

Time line for program Area 8. Deadline was April 21, 2023. And will serve zip code most impacted bid COVID-19. Funding intended to assist justice focusing

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community-based organizations in recovering from the impact of the pandemic. Amity has received 202 applications and we are in the process of screening and reviewing and intend to send out letters of award ins June and begin to contract in July and August.

Y>> I want to make sure that I hear this clearly. We are talking about Year 2.

>> Program Area 8.

>> This is Area 8.

>> DEREK STEELE: This is the art funding.

>> We added art funding to get money out quickly to the Amity contract it was not CFCI funds.

>> Timeline for year two. In collaboration with JCOD and amity foundation we met and did a public listening session with subject matter experts yesterday and got incredible feedback from the public and subject matter experts that is going to inform the application process for year two. The funding opportunity for year two will be released in June of 2023 and we anticipate the deadline to be July of 2023 and screening process begins in September and expect to contract starting in September and October for year two.

>> DEREK STEELE: That is the counties contracting timeline. Come around September and October?

>> This is lessons learn and had processes in place. The first year was quite difficult to start because there was a lot of negotiations back and forth with the county counsel and processes and recruiting and listening and based on what we have learned to get the first year out which we know took longer than it should have and there was a lot of creation that had to take place in the space. The process is going to get shorter

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and shorter and so this is sort of moving things as quickly as they can and including bringing the community in to review contracts and all of that and going through the process and everywhere we can cut time. We are trying us be best to cut time. If that makes any sense.

>> DEREK STEELE: I want to make a quick point and give me one second. Clarification between year two verses the second year of the contract for year within, right? Clarifying question, the \$47 million are broken up over three years, correct? Right? So, the year two of, I am sorry, the second year of the year one, we are calling. The first year. Second traunch. That starts when? Okay. Okay. So, I will wait. Go ahead.

>> Can I -- I can wait for late and we are wanted to follow up on the comments and I think it is great and always learning in programs which is natural and I am curious either now or in the future it might be helpful to think through whether or not there is recommendations you are best positioned to advise on how to help further reduce some of the time lines. You know up close and personal some of the challenges you had through the county process and I think it is, time matters doing the process right matters and gets community input matters and time also matters because it makes the difference between the money getting out of the door and starting to help people and it not and it is sitting in an account and it took two years to get the year one money out and looks like the time line is shorter on year two which is great and that is normal and we should raise the level of vigilance and expectation and be willing as a committee to think through what recommendations we make back to the p county about ways they can support about making the process faster and I think judge arm stead you know since your team at JCOD

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has managed the process where there is those opportunities and amity maybe you have your own thoughts about where there is those opportunities as well. This is not what the county does well.

>> Unofficially and not asking for ad hoc committee and want to do a small convening for lessons learned and had maybe the other departments and challenges they have to put together a list of recommendations about how to do it better and faster in fairness the first-year allocation didn't come at the beginning of the fiscal year and recommendations weren't done.

>> That is part of it.

>> I know it is. Recommendations didn't come and wasn't allocate and had special board letter. And have it was a lot of things that happened and a lot of processes that we had to work out and insurance requirements and even getting the money moved and thank you to Amity for support handgun in that way and we did agree to pay for insurance for anyone who and we have to get access to the money and approve and had all are things to work through and I am looking at creative ways to make things faster and there is a lot of lessons learned and I appreciate everyone's grace in it is creating out of whole cloth and like you have this and there was no staff to do it and a lot of learning. We have learned a lot and I know we are not the only people who struggle with this and I think we need p continue to Dr. Ghaly point to figure out how the to get it done better faster and also collect the data and that is a huge thing. How do we get to know the data and outcomes and that is a burden on the providers and a lot of them are not equipped to gather the information. What is the right balance? The insurance. There is a thing about

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cyber security and it is a real thing. Do they qualify and have a right equipment and need to get extra licensing? These are things that are popping up every day we have to tackle and to their point the collection of data. We want monthly data. And then every month. And quarterly. And what is the right balance we need to get all of the data for ARDI as well which is another burden both on the providers and the county and we are not set up in those ways and the best that we can do is work with ginny and Jessy index to make sure we targeting the communities with the greatest need and do the 1.5. If you only have 1.5 you don't have good computer systems and you can't afford to pay for them. How do we balance all of the things out in a way that makes senses and not asking for ad hoc and going to be clear if we want to do a separate meeting for this and maybe the county wide, I would love to do that.

>> Countywide too those departments and mine own included I am sure we have our struggles with the process and less sons learned across the board and it is, we all learn. There is learning along the way and there are residual barriers sometimes outside of our control as much we might learn through the process of doing the work, we don't have the ability to move on our own. But collectively we can highlight what those are and think about what an advocacy pathway or set of recommendations might be moving forward to the county to be able the to help remove some of what the barriers are.

>> DEREK STEELE: It is interesting a lot of the things happening at ECC. The equity and county contracting space. We are able the to put into practice and we are able to put into some level of practice in this space to give some on the ground lessons learned

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to that process to inform the rest of the county how to do it and I am excited about that. I see you member Castillo?

>> I was going to echo the sentiment Dr. Ghaly is uplifting around JCOD and how the to find and had somehow tracking what some of the barriers have been as a county department and I think that is incredible and uplifting the need for a meeting or whatever the case may be. And I think there is a level of requesting arbitrary data we haven't quite identified what it is we are asking for as a body and I think it is to our benefit to identify what they are looking for so we are not randomly asking for community-based organizations to submitt something monthly. What is it we as an advisory body want to see in data to be proactive for that next year?

>> You know as I am listening with an open mind and I am excited about the dialog that is happening in this space. But I think too that I don't know about any of your ft it knows when I have done something for the first time and creating something from scratch it is not as easy and I can't see in front of me and I don't know what is coming next or what is going to fall or what is going to crack and what is going to go work and not work and what adjustments have to be made. I am excited about us getting to a place where we are able to roll money out quicker and applaud and appreciate your doctor Gally for raising the concern about coming together and you offering that in order to understand. What I see and envision is that it is bigger than just about these dollars. It is about other dollars. It is about dollars and how your role. This is an opportunity to advocate broader than what we may, don't just think CFCI. Please. Let's look at something bigger and better and I do want to put a stamp there be because I truly believe that it is important for

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us to be thoughtful about new process and new opportunities. And how things happen and they don't always. They are not as easy as it seems but now here comes the truth. That does not mean we don't hold ourselves and the county and JCOD and others accountable as a result of what we are patiently waiting for and still be able to applaud the great work that is happening right now.

>> DEREK STEELE: You are not opposing today an ad hoc committee to deep dive into this and bring something forward especially in the county departments also participate in the committee to help round it off. I am not going to put it out there. I am just saying I am opposing today it. To be able to help out. Unofficial meeting. Okay cool. No problem. We will leave it there.

>> We have Year 2 funding areas and you have them listed there. There is the annual and three-year total and I don't want to take longer time and I want to hear from the awardees and we are excited and they are waiting and I will pass it back to Joanne.

>> DEREK STEELE: We are going to hear from mass (Indistinct) Latino quality alliance. Here to help and McKayla's house of hope.

>> We have Joel Curtly from Mass Liberation.

>> Thank you for having us and thank you Joanne we are Mass Liberation and we are located in south bay and right off the 110 at the Carson Street exit and in supervise district two and serve people from all over the county and have transportation and pick people up across zip codes and across spot areas and across districts and we are relatively new and have only been open for about three years and we have existed for four. We are at nine full time employees and eight part time and classes for individuals

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who have recently been release from incarceration and have a program that reaches inside with a reentry curriculum for individual who is are still incarcerated.

Our makeup I know there is a lot of talk about that today 82 percent of the staff have services in Korean (Indistinct) and English and we are queer and BIPOC people on the leadership team and also (Indistinct) and for the purposes of the grant we were awarded funds from program area five and so excite and had grateful for the opportunity we wanted to own a transitional house for a while basically from the beginning for the LGBTQIA plus community. Centering familiarly on trans-folks and those who identify somewhere on the non-binary spectrum. We are opening up the house on bay and we found a place seven minutes from the center and we will be able to house and also have everybody come over the to the center for services and we made a great hire and she is capable we are able the to do the house and also continue outreach work specifically for the LGBTQIA plus population and we are going to do direct work with employment placement. Systems navigation and also put in other houses around the county and that is an area we become expert in and I want to give a shout out because I can right now to Amity and the process to this grant. Particularly Joanne if I can call you out. You are incredible and the process is smooth for us and I want you to hear that they have been I think good stewards of this and helpful for us during the process and we are an organization that struggled with acquiring the insurance that is required. Particularly because we only work with people with felony backgrounds, and it is difficult to find insurers when you are working with our population you need extra patience and they were patient with us and we want to thank them for that.

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>> DEREK STEELE: Thank you very much.

>> I have a question for Mass Liberation.

>> Yeah?

>> Weren't you also an Incubation Academy?

>> Yeah. And (Indistinct) worked with capacity building which was helpful and I could stop doing accounting myself and thing like that and we are happy to host the events at our center in Torrance.

>> Thank you.

>> Hello are we able to share our screen?

>> Yes.

>> Awesome. Can you make us capable?

>> We are Latino quality alliance and talking today about the work with the amity foundation and going to talk about the new location which is going to be called MISELA and our youth center and family LGBTQ resource to the southeast region. My name is by and go by she her pronouns and resource navigator.

>> I am Angel and program coordinator. And to learn a little more about the organization we are known as LEA and mission to advocate for safety and equity and for the Latinx LGBTQ plus community and focus is build power through leadership development. LGBTQ youth and families. And we are locating here at El Centro and the community of po owe heights in LA and areas of service are Boyle Heights. East LA. In the southeast region and also point out or highlight the fact we are living the ton ga native land as a (Indistinct). And so, we are excited to work with amity foundation to being able

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the to open the LGBTQ youth research center which is the first of the kind in the region and we are excited about that. And, yeah, this is our permanent space to expand our resources to the communities and they really need that those resources available for them since it is a desert area for resources, we are really excited to be able the to work with youth and families in the communities and we are, this location would be in between three major high schools and include bell high school. Bell gardens high school and excited to work with the youth and this will be the first of the kind in the region and we are amazed to be able the to have the support and help from amity.

>> Like Angel mentioned sometimes ins the southeast LA region it could be a resource desert in terms of resources and services for LGBTQ youth. Why do we work with LGBTQ youth and students because students at the end of the day they can't learn if they don't feel safe and sometimes youth may not feel safe at home. It is a struggle when you don't feel safe at home and not at school. And also, queer and trans-students are at a higher risk of having a negative and emotional state than their counterparts and another study we did. We p found 86 percent of LGBTQ plus students were harassed or assaulted at school. Half of the students identified as trans-. And --

Stums it is easy to get into our bubble of thinking because we are in Los Angeles there is so many resources there is a lot of acceptance here. First of all, within LA there is a lot of work to do and when you go into the out skirts and gate way cities of LA region there is less resources and we saw a lot of students protest Latino quality alliance under the discretion of the parents and they are (Indistinct) the parents and these are people that are in the young adulthood. 20 to 20-year-olds too. On the bright side you know

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LGBTQ youth (Indistinct) to be LGBTQ and if you remembering reported lower rates of attempting suicide. All right? To address these issues of students not feeling welcomed in school and home and whatever it maybe we have services through the Latino quality alliance. We have resource navigation I lead and internship and scholarship opportunities and a lot of planning collaborative events with community. And we have a queer prom that is planned in collaboration with high school students and we are high school students and have a lot of leadership and volunteer opportunities and also, we can't just forget students because the work shouldn't be all put on them. We have to target the parent as well. Speaking for myself my parents didn't have all of the schools and knowledge of how to handle a trans-kid and that is where we step in as well and give the trainings and something we are able to do with the location and we have our food pantry that gives out free groceries every Friday from 12 to 3:00 p.m. and let's look at the upcoming events we have.

>> We have our camp which is our second annual time posting this summer camp for you and this is open for youth ages 18 to 14 and have the opportunity to develop leadership skills and become social justice advocates and we are excited to be able to host this camp and it is in both of the locations in Boyle Heights and El Centro and Bell Gardens which is the new location opening and we also have our queer prom coming up at the end of the month on Saturday the 27th. And (Indistinct). It was youth led and it is if going to be fun and youth are going to love it and I want to point out this is substance free event and we are promoting a sense of healing and community and as well as staying safe. I also want to point out we are hosting our eighth annual purple awards June 22nd

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and this is an event are gala where we honor members, leaders from the community that have done amazing job to highlight our visibility and they have supported our community. We are awarding them for the amazing support.

I want to thank you for the time and listening to the presentation and Amity for the amazing support and the chance to make our dreams come true. If you have any questions feel free to let us know.

>> Thank you. I would like to highlight although they offer the services are LGBTQ plus. They are awarded in youth centers. No questions?

>> DEREK STEELE: No.

>> Thank you so much. Here to help foundation we have TAMIKA.

>> DEREK STEELE: Thank you. It was a great presentation.

>> Hello.

>> DEREK STEELE: How are you?

>> I am great. My name is TAMIKA.

>> DEREK STEELE: Put the one in the background on mute.

>> Okay.

>> DEREK STEELE: The one in the background put that on mute.

>> Can you hear me now?

>> DEREK STEELE: Yes.

>> Okay. Hello my name is TAMIKA ask and with the here to help foundation and I am the founder and I have been in the human service field for over 26 years and this is the first time I had had the opportunity to represent my community as I would like to. I am

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(Indistinct) youth specific housing intervention program. So, what we do here at here to help we give housing resources. Case management. Life skills. life coaching. Gang intervention. Anger management. NA and AA. I was once an at youth teen myself and I know what it takes and the opportunity for this grant has been amazing and as far as the insurance requirements go it was a little rough. That was an obstacle for me to pay for everything. It was hard for me to pay for the insurance too. I appreciate it. I appreciate the county and I appreciate Amity and I wanted today say as far as the data contact collecting system we have. Apricot is great. And I also work with champ and clarity and I find apricot to be a little easier to navigate through. My specialty is housing and retention and I work with age 16 to 25 years old. Keeping them housed and getting them housed and had house sg a problem in Los Angeles and the resources I provide is as helpful as it could be. And I look forward to more resource from agents that are out there helping with housing because housing is the biggest problem in Los Angeles now that I see. Located at 409 Crenshaw Boulevard. In Los Angeles off of Crenshaw and Florence. Thank you if the you have questions, please feel free.

>> Congratulations and thank you for the presentation and congratulation on being the founder of the here to help foundation. What got my attention was when you talked about and not only you made mention about spa six. You mentioned alcoholics anonymous and other fellowships that is offered at your location and I think we need to pay close attention to that with the current climate we are in with substance use and I personally want to applaud you for that and also hope you are extending an invitation for someone like myself to come by and see all of the work that you are doing in the

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community. Particularly in the, in a black and brown area. Spa six. Thank you again and congratulations.

>> You're welcome and I would love for you to come by. Anyone of you feel free.

>> Thank you. P.

>> Next Fredericks house of hope.

>> Hello I want to thank everyone for being on the platform and as she said my name is Frederick and I am codirector for house of hope. Leading with my wife Kimberly Millner and in service program area three and our focus area is housing service, stable housing for young ladies transitioning out of foster care and homelessness. Amity house of hope we are providing the housing for our program is 12 to 24 months and with support and resources of the onsite mentors and cultures to guide participants using the program. You ask what is the program? It stands for supporting our young ladies and giving them hope. Inspiring them to be all that they can be and helping to navigate through the system and life and equipping with the resources that will help them to have their move to permanent and independent see. Organization is BIPOC led and we are grateful for amity and definitely for Joanne and our grant advocate. They have been tremendous slid helpful in helping to navigate the system we are new on the block and just about myself I am a veteran and I was, before I went into military, I was in a foster home from age three and I stayed in one place in the foster home. And I aged out and went into the military and there is so many young people that do not have the opportunity to be in one place and they age out and they foster homes they are in for whatever reason they are not that forever home and this they go out into the world and have to navigate through craziness.

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You know? Where my wife and them are coming in is giving them a safe place to go to school and find employment and build on their positives and we adopted our son from age three and want to continue this and be able the to help the young ladies and eventually have a place for young men. Called Timothy house of hope. McKayla's house of hope is a beautiful place and we had a grand opening a few weeks ago. And excite and had we have a lot of dignitaries coming to the home and grand opening and working with a lot of community and partnering with a lot of community. community in our area to help with job navigation and just the things that the young ladies need to be able the to be their best self. And I am grateful to be here and to be allowed to be on the platform that you created for us to be on today and again, shout out to Joanne and to my advocate Sabrina and we are grateful to be here. Thank you.

>> Thank you, Frederick.

>> You're welcome.

>> Can I ask a quick question? Mr. Millner are you participating in the Incubation Academy?

>> Yes, ma'am I am participating in the Incubation Academy and it is tremendous help for us.

>> DEREK STEELE: It is the JCOD commercial.

>> Before we move forward, I see we have -- community cultural center on they were going to try and get somebody on the to present and I want to call them out and see if they are going to present. If you are can you raise your hand? Maybe they are not going to present.

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>> DEREK STEELE: Thank you very much for coming forward and bring forward all of the work that has happened and had we have been climbing up the hill for some time and to get on the other side of it is fantastic.

As I mention as you get more information to be able to bring back to the space so we can get a sense of the direction of a lot of the different projects and what success look like. I think member Castillo raise a good point on understanding what we are asking as far as the data is concern and had in the sense of what is actually in the apricot system as far as the thing they are tracking and the why behind some of those things and so that we can get that as larger picture to, in connection to what we are try to go achieve as far as the CFCI advisory committee is concerned and I want to pinpoint though. I think it is slide -- 2, 3, there were 588 applications submit and had we got to 118 of them. That 588 represented \$364 million worth of requests. Right? So. I just want to underscore that. You know. When we talking about the continuum of care, we can create in the communities with the type of system we have and we are continuing to get better at and building here with CFCI the impact is great man. I think the folks who is are able the to come forward and talk about the, work so far that is just four out of the 108. But there is so much more that could even be from 118. I am sorry I apologize. That is four out of the 118. But that 118 is out of the 588. Right? There is more we can do and continue to push for more and are more resources them to come this way and con t to care for the environment in our communities and you got it member --

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>> WESLEY CRUNK: I want to thank all of the work that has been done. Right now, working on year two spending that is coming up. Right now, we are talking about results from year one?

>> DEREK STEELE: Getting year one off of the ground that is what we are talking about now.

>> WESLEY CRUNK: That started in 2020?

>> DEREK STEELE: March 1st.

>> WESLEY CRUNK: That started this year. Sounds more productive.

>> DEREK STEELE: Yet the second traunch of dollars. Year, that we call year two. Yeah. It looks like those dollars are going to be out the door by September or October and that is the game plan and goal by way of this time line.

We have, you know the report from Amity this week we are going to go (Indistinct) let's give it up for them. There is more to hear from the different departments, I am sorry. I am sorry I didn't see you.

>> I appreciate hearing from those who are fund and had how they created magic from the funding allocations and the direct impact to communities and to people and I want to thank you because it translates the funding allocation to the impact in the local communities.

>> DEREK STEELE: Here to that and we are excited for you to come back and keep us where things are heading and year two roll out and what the impacts are from the learning and this is good to hear on the backside. But there is the department work we have to bring forward and ore things that happened in the year \$1 and we need to get

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the feedback on and I am excited about start to go see some of the pieces for year two starting to be a part of the conversation too. We want to make sure the dollars are getting out and that the community is supported in ways that we have lifted up. Yeah. Any other thoughts on this? Please.

>> You mind repeating some of the requests that were made of the third-party administrator that were uplifted today?

>> DEREK STEELE: Today? What I heard today was you asked for the breakdown of the process and also the tools that were used for the evaluation by the community evaluators and there was also a request for the BIPOC list they called out the indigenous led and also the trans-led. Can we get a break do up of what the the leadership looked like for the rest of the organizations and there was also a question about the data system itself and I was asking can we get more of a break down on what type of data is collect and had why behind the data? So, we can track that to the larger narrative and story of what we are try to go get accomplished for CFCI. Go ahead.

What does lead mean? Yeah. And there is also a discussion from member arm stead and Dr. Ghaly about the learnings of the process and being able the to bring to the full advisory committee so we can talk through not only our process but what the rest of the county can be doing. T did I mis anything from anyone?

>> This is, I don't think it is over burden TPA but more JCOD and the county and I think one of the areas that is always overlooked in terms of community capacity is budgeting and learning how to budget and scale-ability. I think the job training pipelines and also equity and pay scales. Right? I think one of the things a lot of our communities

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around general hospital talked about was the community health worker model and the idea we were able to pay for v more equitable wages to people who are out in the middle of the pandemic try to go get information out. Whereas before maybe, this isn't actual but it is what I remember and I remember there were \$15 an hour jobs at one point and there was conversations with even the board of supervisors what is the AHW suppose today earn and went as high as \$25 an hour and I think it had to average out and there was education around what equitable wages are about and I think for a lot of the non-profits they struggle to retain good talent and those individuals to support their families and I think it is something we need to spend a little more time on in the terms of capacity building with our partners.

>> I appreciate that and like said before we are try to go integrate more people and get more fund to go expand that and I think with have a presentation coming up from the Incubation Academy to hear the things from our folks and things we are already doing and as I said there is at least 13 people who are funded through this round and had already receiving services and we are try to go expand to folk who is need more help and you will hear what we are doing in that space and I an am trying to bring that program more into the folks, we are trying the to help grass roots organizations and may deliver the services fantastically and not have the infrastructure in place to run the business yet and p want to support in those ways so the work can be done I think it is the next meeting or the meeting after. Something like that. Sometime in June they are coming to do a presentation for you guys and they are listening now.

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>> DEREK STEELE: That is exciting too. They could be county sponsor or third-party administrator. You know, to be able to know what the field is doing, so you know? I like that.

>> The academy is separate from the TPA but leveraging other work within JCOD to support each other if that makes sense.

>> REBA: I want to say thank you again and in addition to that. It is so refreshing to learn more and discover more about what the process has been and I think it is important fortuitus carry the message outside to the community we are advancing in our work. Because it is really about community. And then also, you know, sometimes there is the, the messaging is not so great because there isn't any at all. Keeping it real.

I think this is not so much to celebrate and we should be excited but to really educate and inform and then also it is going to be different for me at least as a member and I can only speak for myself a different level of accountability as we move forward next year because of all of the lessons that have been learn and had I know more lessons will be learned as a result of how the dollars are spent and rolled out especially for those having an experience as first time as CBO with this type of funding and I think it is important to be transparent about how we are going to raise the bar Amity? JCOD.

>> I want to say June 1st is when the Incubation Academy will present the work they are doing and also listening and if you have ideas how the braid that program into this and other things that should be included feel free to raise before then or at that time thank you.

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>> WESLEY CRUNK: Wesley. That is four out of 118 that started to get disbursements. We are going to start to hear from all 118.

>> DEREK STEELE: That was a sample size today but when they come back, they will give more information what the support, what the organizations are actually doing and what the data. We will start to get and bring back in a quarter or so.

>> WESLEY CRUNK: That is cool.

>> DEREK STEELE: You got it man. Now I do want to -- we were going do a review of the year three process and I will table that for a future meeting.

We are going to start with the positive and I think we can come back to that when we have more time and getting as much information about what was going on with year \$1 with Amity is way more prevalent and I want to let that go forward and I want to do general public comment and I have you a little piece at the end and we will wrap up and let's go to public comment. This is general public comment by the way. One minute.

>> We reached general public comment and once again raise your hand if you are on the phone star, which one is it? Star nine to raise your hand and star six to un-mute yourself and I always get them con if fuse and had we will begin public comment. Any public comments in the room? Okay. Seeing none. Raise your hand. I see um, it looks like EBA please begin.

>> Thank you aim one of the grantees and a BIPOC organization funded in the career and education path ways and our program trains returning citizens and gang involved and affected youth in audio and video production and places in entry level position in the entertainment industry and it is also a gang intervention strategy.

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I just want to say that having been involved in this from measure J and I want to say this is keeping to the spirit of how this initiative started and having amity as a third-party administrator is really been a great experience because I am involve in other programs with third party administrators and this is different. And to just want to give a shout out to Joanne and say how grateful we are to amity because they are more than a third-party administrator, they are a partner and advocate and we are grateful.

>> Thank you so much. Up next, we have looks like I phone CCXX.

>> DEREK STEELE: Angela can you bring up the.

>> Hello.

>> We can hear you.

>> Greetings. Thank you for all of your work and thank you Ms. Stevens for raising the breakdown of the BIPOC and I agree we need to know which organizations the black and brown should be definitely broken down to what organizations are getting what and thank you for bringing up cyber security and that is important. I have a question and who decided in terms of who gets these contracts. You no e? I am unaware of who is in charge of deciding who get it is contracts and I have an important question on one of them and I believe it was a slide for number two. How police business and youth programs and why are people who harm us part of the organizations that are getting money from the funding? The police business and the result are also something about safety. Who is that? Not people experiencing but a safety program who is that?

>> Next we have Dan Roberson.

>> Can you hear me?

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>> DEREK STEELE: Yes.

>> Good afternoon thanks you for allowing to be in the space. Aim Debra and executive director and founder of TDD supportive living and we service area five which is to provide supportive service for returning LGBTQIA our organization offers supportive services consists of case management and linkage to wrap around service for member and wellness health and housing and our organization is BIPOC led with those who have lived experience. How this grant helps the organization and I want you to hear this. This grant has a lot of organization opportunity to provide the services that are needed for the reentry and employ those with the lived experience because they proud advanced funding. Without the advance advanced funding I would not be able to provide these services because the other grants always ask you to reimburse and with the funding it has helped a lot of us and I can you speak for many and also I want to give a shout out to judge arm stead I am Incubation Academy first graduate and shout to amity and Wendy to support me through the first contract that I have and I feel confident on many more and thank you for allowing me to share.

>> Thank you.

>> Next project Q.

>> Can you see and hear me all right?

>> Sure can.

>> Wonderful I am Madeline. Project director. My pronounces are he and they and I am a black trans masculine person here in California and started as a hair stylist years ago and knowing how to do haircuts for the four C to two B styles and understanding

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gender diverse needs I am able to create project Q salon and community center and give services to the young people beyond haircuts and we are able the to offer mentorship. Internships. Free therapy and one of my favorite things which is our reunification program that we are able the to implement because of amity and what we are able to do is give free workshops to parents of queer youth. Specifically black and brown queer youth to help them the systemic issues that is are keeping them from accepting their children and this is try to go get ahead of the homelessness issue and give ourselves the opportunity to see our young people and create long lasting cycles of success.

>> DEREK STEELE: Can I interrupt? We -- I want to give everybody a shot to have a chance to be in public comment and I love the work that you are doing and we got to keep everything down to a minute and I want to give awe opportunity to finish your thought but we want to make sure you stay within the bounds.

>> Thank you so much and all I want to say is we got our first installment from the Amity grant. I am appreciative in so many ways of seeing the representation from the service receivers on our end from the direct service sitting on the board and that is all I have to say and thank you so much.

>> DEREK STEELE: That is dope. Thank you so much for that and I apologize for interrupting next one?

>> Bruno Hernandez.

>> Good afternoon. I am executive director of be creative. We service the greater Los Angeles area and primarily district three. Head quarter in Tarzana and most of the work is south LA. We are focus in the justice reform space. Diversion. Reentry programs

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and jail to work and you can say area two. Founded by a Latina woman and as far as amity goes, I can't tell you how great they have been and amaze ng every way and patient and supportive and one thing I want to make sure I communicate today is don't add any more costs to us I think we qualify on one of the lower end grants and if you add other costs to us, it would put me in the red. Other than that, we love amity and they have been fantastic and look forward to continuing to build our relationship with them.

>> Thank you very much.

>> Trans-Latina coalition.

>> This is buying Ron. Coalition and reimagine LA. Definitely uplifting all of the different data and information we want to gather from the third party administrator from amity to make sure there is no follow through on that and specifically around transgender extensive and communities serviced by the funds and also as we have the spending plan and last meeting there was conversation on the third party administrators and different department to to ensure there is CPO as third party administrators and also ensures these are led by folks that are, have lived experience. Black. And as well as making sure we are wondering how many of the current grantees are fiscally sponsored as oppose today their organizations to ensure that the investment is intentional and definitely look forward to that. Thank you.

>> Next we have Jacob. Sorry the computer is far away from me.

>> Hello my name is Jacob and I am executive director over queer works and we serve program area five. LGBTQ plus. And our main focus is providing equality and equity and mental health care and we bring free mental health services the to our

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community. I am trans, masculine and our organization is trans-led and also out of paid staff two-thirds BIPOC and all three are trans-identify and had this grant helps the organization by being able to pay the clinical supervisors so we can supervise up to seven interns so we can then provide free therapy and this grant helps to bring our services to then community. Thank you very much and look forward to putting in the data.

>> Thank you we have la toy ya con way?

>> I am la toy ya and founder of -- we are program service area for reunifying with families and I just want to say thank you again for the opportunity just to hear behind the scenes how you process it is so amazing and I am honored for that and as ap birth parent reunifying with my children I saw there was a need for services in the development as far as the treatment I experienced as an African American woman and regaining custody of my children I want today make changes and last 24 years I have been using my retirement to make things work and I was at the point everything was drying up and I got granted the grant which allows me to expand the services I have been provided and hire two more champions and helping birth mothers reunify with children and read court reports and difference between case plans and case management and how you reunify with your children. Not just parent and anger management and sexual abuse awareness and the basic life skills and I am honored this is available. This allowed me to look. I never had a grant and had a facility for 12 years now and this is the first time I saw a grant from the beginning to the middle and to the end.

>> DEREK STEELE: What happened?

>> I didn't do anything.

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>> DEREK STEELE: She fell off. Awe man she was about to get into it.

>> I don't know what happened I want to say thank you so much. I don't know what you did here. But if you did it wasn't meant to be. I am honored to have the process to help birth parents reunify with the children and keep the kids out of care if possible and this allows me to hire a couple of other people and I don't have to do the work alone and thank you so much for allowing me to come here and be a part of the process and thank you for all of the work you are doing behind the scenes and I feel like I was drying out one thing I know as an African American woman it is a challenge to get support in the family and when they said yes I started crying and said yes God I won't stop.

>> DEREK STEELE: What is the name of the organization?

>> Two lifestyles women empowerment program 12 years we have been open.

>> DEREK STEELE: Thank you so much.

>> You are welcome.