

# Los Angeles County Care First Community Investment Advisory Committee

## Spending Plan Recommendations for Year Two (FY2022 - 2023)



# Executive Summary

The Care First Community Investment (CFCI) Advisory Committee Spending Plan for Year 2 (FY 2022-2023) outlined in the following report builds upon the strong foundation of [Year 1 \(FY 2021-2022\)](#) efforts.

Drawing from a mixture of professional expertise, lived experience, and a deep commitment to Los Angeles communities, the Advisory Committee presents this Spending Plan to bolster the continued decarceration of Men's Central Jail; expansion of community based housing and programs through strengthening capacity and direct investment; treatment and support for health conditions in the community instead of behind bars; creation of safe spaces and services for youth and young adults; direct community investment in the most impacted communities; culturally responsive education and economic supports; and the creation of a menu of housing options to help stabilize individuals.

Recognizing the historical moment in which we are living and the extent to which COVID-19 has exacerbated longstanding racial disparities and community disinvestment in the most underserved and impacted communities, this Spending Plan speaks to these challenges. The Spending Plan is also forward-looking, suggesting ways in which to impart long-lasting and sustainable change for future generations to enjoy. The Spending Plan continues to reimagine the L.A. County justice system while deconstructing structural inequities.



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# WHAT I LOVE ABOUT MY COMMUNITY



The people  
The culture  
The food  
The history  
The scenery  
The weather  
The language

PARKS  
BEACH

Self-identification  
• Race/Ethnicity  
• Sex/Gender  
• Age  
• Religion  
• Disability  
• Sexual Orientation  
• Socioeconomic Status

Diversity

Secret  
♡

FOOD

Community  
Open-minded people  
Wild life  
Sustaining  
Lifestyle

being  
flexible

People  
Look Like  
Me

Entertainment

Good  
Food

Sharing of  
Resources and  
Information

The diversity of  
the community  
and the shared  
responsibility

Friends in the  
hobby of people  
The community  
moved along  
the way  
The built | inspired

Experiences

Be the  
change you  
want to see

Which I do  
• The Community I belong  
• The People I belong  
• The Organization I belong  
• The Organization I belong

- Appreciation  
- Emergency



# OVERVIEW

## 1. Background

On August 10, 2021, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors (LAC BOS) established a new Board Budget Policy on Care First and Community Investment (CFCI). CFCI is intended to adopt the policies of ballot Measure J which is a Charter Amendment passed by County voters on November 3, 2020, and thereafter tentatively ruled as unconstitutional by a Los Angeles County Superior Court. Under direct Board authority, the Board of Supervisors adopted the core Measure J policies through the creation of Care First and Community Investment programs and budget set aside.

CFCI adheres to the spirit of Measure J and the abovementioned budget policy by allocating at least 10% of locally generated unrestricted revenue be invested directly into communities and alternatives to incarceration to address the impact of racial injustice — in particular within the criminal justice systems. In addition, CFCI prohibits using these funds for carceral systems and law enforcement agencies. The CFCI Programs budget policy identifies how the County will determine the amount of locally generated unrestricted revenues in the general fund (net County cost) to set aside for CFCI programs. The LAC BOS approved \$100 million for CFCI programs in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2021-22 budget as a down payment to the full set-aside amount in FY 2023-24.

The LA County Board of Supervisors' August 10, 2021, approved motion also established the CFCI Advisory Committee and stakeholder process to generate CFCI spending proposals and recommendations to the Chief Executive Office each year. This recommended Spending Plan was prepared by the 24-member CFCI Advisory Committee through a robust stakeholder and community engagement process detailed later in this document.

## Overview

The Committee is comprised of members and alternates from the following groups:

- One nominee from each of the (5) Supervisorial Districts
- Directors or designees from LA County Departments:
  - Consumer and Business Affairs
  - Public Health
  - Parks and Recreation
  - Health Services
  - Public Social Services
  - Development Authority
  - Mental Health
  - Economic Opportunity
  - Anti-Racism, Diversity, & Inclusion
  - Alternatives to Incarceration
- LA VOICE
- Southwest Regional Council of Carpenters
- SEIU Local 721
- Youth Justice Reimagined
- Youth Advisory Commission
- LAHSA Lived Experience Board
- REIMAGINE LA
- Native American Indian Commission
- Black Thought Collective



## 2. History

The following events led to LA County establishing the CFCI process and Advisory Committee. Over the last ten years, County residents, advocates, elected officials, government actors, philanthropy and individuals with lived experiences have collectively worked to re-orient the County's justice system to center the experiences of those most impacted by incarceration and structural racism and begin the work of reimagining the justice system. In February 2019, this work manifested in the convening of system-impacted individuals, community and system stakeholders, advocates and philanthropy to form the Alternatives to Incarceration (ATI) Work Group. The ATI Workgroup was tasked with developing a "concrete plan to increase the availability of treatment options and alternatives to custody while preserving public safety, including special consideration for justice-involved subpopulations and a description of the kind of program and type of facilities needed; a plan for how to establish these facilities; the County staff needed to implement the programs, an estimate of the funding needed to implement the programs; a survey of current and potential sources of current and potential sources of funds; and any legislative and policy changes that may be needed to advocate for them."

On March 10, 2020, the ATI Work Group presented their Final Report and set of recommendations to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors (Board of Supervisors) which used a modified Intercept framework to address the intersection of the criminal justice, health, social service, and community-based systems to create a "Care First, Jails Last" paradigm shift in Los Angeles County. The Board of Supervisors adopted the ATI Workgroup's five overarching strategies and prioritized just over two dozen of the 118 recommendations for review and analysis.

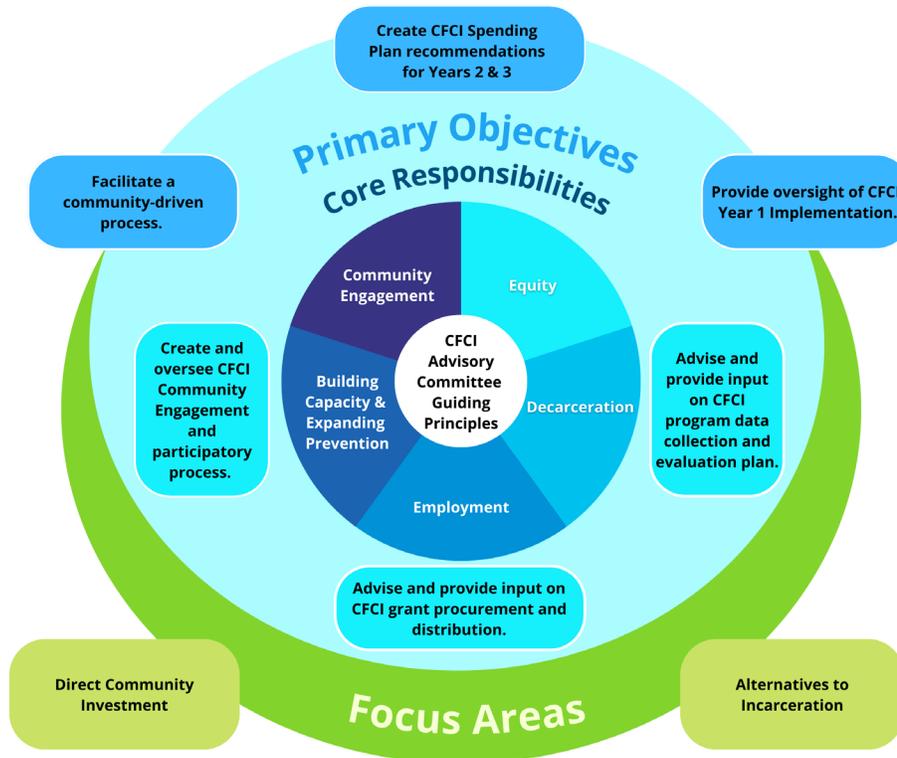
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During the summer of 2020, a group of community organizations and advocates came together and developed a coalition of stakeholders with the goal of placing an initiative on the November 3, 2020 ballot, aimed at addressing the longstanding racial disparities and limited community investments in the most underserved and impacted communities in the County.

- The ballot measure aimed to create a sustained revenue source to fill the systemic funding allocation gap in the County's budgeting process for Alternatives to Incarceration and Direct Community Investment in low income, Black and Brown communities for jobs, housing and health.
- Measure J was placed on the ballot and was passed by the voters in November 2020.
- The County was allotted three years to achieve the minimum allocation of 10 percent, with the full set-aside to be in effect by July 1, 2024.
- One week following the passage of the ballot measure, on November 10, 2020, the Board of Supervisors adopted a motion to establish an inclusive and transparent process for allocating funds as outlined in Measure J and established a 17-member Re-Imagine LA Advisory Committee (Advisory Committee).
- The motion tasked the inaugural Advisory Committee to work in coordination with the LA County Chief Executive Office's (CEO) Alternatives to Incarceration (ATI Office) and Anti-Racism, Diversity and Inclusion (ARDI Initiative) to develop the Measure J spending plan.
- The Measure J Advisory Committee sunset in August 2021 and transformed into the CFCI Advisory Committee.

### 3. Committee Framework and Guiding Principles

The framework for the CFCI Advisory Committee’s existence is based on three primary objectives, defined core responsibilities, and established guiding principles and focus areas as shown on the Framework Graphic below.



The CFCI Advisory Committee also developed a Community Agreement to uplift best intentions, guide our interactions and dissenting views, and remind us to center the voice of the most disenfranchised people and communities.

#### A. CFCI Advisory Committee Primary Objectives and Core Responsibilities

CFCI Advisory Committee’s purpose is to serve as the formal stakeholder body to help inform, make recommendation about and advise on Care First and Community Investment policies, procedures, funding allocations, implementation and evaluation.

### **The Committee has three main objectives:**

1. Facilitate a robust community driven process to inform and guide the Committee's spending proposals and recommendations;
2. Provide advisement and oversight for the implementation of year one CFCI programs; and
3. Create CFCI Spending Plan Recommendations for Year 2 for submission to LA County CEO.

### **The Committee has three core responsibilities:**

1. Create and oversee CFCI Community Engagement and participatory process & workplan to develop a Spending Plan.
2. Advise and provide input on CFCI program data collection and evaluation plan.
3. Advise and provide input on CFCI grant procurement and distribution processes.

## **B. Guiding Principles**

The CFCI Advisory Committee adopted the following five categories and 21 guiding principles to govern its discussion and decisions about every facet of the spending plan development process.

### **1. Equity:**

- i. Meaningfully incorporate a Racial Equity lens to reduce disparities.
- ii. Ensure that harm is not done to Black and Brown communities because of this process.
- iii. Focus on communities with high rates of violence to reduce gang & street violence and expand prevention & community-based public safety.
- iv. Enhance behavioral health equity with a focus on community-driven/designed programs, peer support, and harm reduction strategies.
- v. Advance a "No Wrong Door" approach.

- vi. Improve geographic equity.
- vii. Create mechanisms to improve access for groups who cannot usually access government funding.

## **2. Decarceration:**

- i. Decarcerate jails and reduce the number of people incarcerated.
- ii. Prioritize funding community-based intervention and strategies to close Men's Central Jail.
- iii. Incorporate the experience and needs of ex-gang members to inform non-carceral programs.

## **3. Employment:**

- i. Ensure zero net job loss or unemployment.
- ii. Reduce and eliminate under-employment.

## **4. Building Capacity & Expanding Prevention:**

- i. Expand the capacity of the Office of Diversion & Reentry to scale up effective programs.
- ii. Strengthen and scale the substance use disorder system.
- iii. Expand and strengthen prevention efforts.
- iv. Increase capacity and access to community-based systems & programs for people returning home and to reduce recidivism for people in the community.
- v. Strengthen capacity and increase community-based resources in neighborhoods that have experienced significant divestment.
- vi. Uplift youth development programs & strategies.

## **5. Community Engagement:**

- i. Foster and cultivate opportunities to empower youth and include them in decision-making.
- ii. Use person-centered language & preferred gender pronouns.
- iii. Conduct meaningful community engagement that is transparent, respectful, and sufficiently resourced.

### C. CFCI Focus Areas

The CFCI Budget policy states that funds should be dedicated to two overarching areas: 1) Direct Community Investment and 2) Alternatives to Incarceration. The primary goal of the Direct Community Investments is to significantly fund and resource low-income communities that have experienced divestment to increase investment in housing, living wage jobs, and health and wellness.

The Direct Community Investment includes five categories: 1) Community-based youth development programs; 2) Job training and jobs to low-income residents focusing on jobs that support strategies with a focus on construction jobs tied to the expansion of the following: a decentralized system of care, affordable and supportive housing, and restorative care villages; 3) Access to capital for small minority-owned businesses with priority for Black-owned businesses; 4) Rental assistance, housing vouchers and related supportive services to people who are unhoused or at risk of losing their housing; and 5) Capital funding for a menu of housing interventions, including: transitional housing, affordable housing, supportive housing and restorative care villages with priority for shovel-ready projects.

The Alternatives to Incarceration CFCI investments are designed to implement the Board's vision of "Care First, Jails Last" in accordance with the adopted priority recommendations from the ATI Work Group. The Alternatives to Incarceration area includes four categories: 1) Community-based restorative justice programs; 2) Pretrial non-custody services and treatment; 3) Community-based health services, health promotion, counseling, wellness and prevention programs, and mental health and substance use disorder services; and 4) diversion and reentry programs (noncustodial) including housing and services.



## 4. Development of Recommended Spending Plan

### A. Establishing a Work Plan

The Advisory Committee was tasked with developing a recommended spending plan to present to the LA County Chief Executive Office (CEO) by mid July 2022. In response to the abbreviated timeline to create, execute and complete a work plan the Advisory Committee, along with the ATI Office adopted a thoughtful strategy to complete a robust and far-reaching community engagement process, cultivate thoughtful discussions, delegate some responsibilities to an Ad Hoc Community Engagement Subcommittee, review all project recommendations and draft the spending plan. To accomplish this the Advisory Committee added six additional meetings to its schedule including 12 consecutive weekly meetings from May through July 2022.

### B. Presentations on quantitative and qualitative data

The Advisory Committee hosted presentations to help frame the issues, key considerations, level setting as well as hear about

personal experiences from individuals with lived experience. The presentations were designed to provide additional context and insights for the Advisory Committee members. Some of the presentations included information on the Justice Metrics Framework, Racial Equity Framework, and a panel discussion on uplifting the Voices of Impacted Black, Indigenous and other People of Color as well as small community and faith-based organizations related to challenges with contracting with LA County.

### **C. Community Engagement**

The LA County Board of Supervisors and the Advisory Committee strongly value broad and meaningful input from community members, people who have been impacted by the system, and community/faith-based organizations. Given that value, considerable effort was made within the abbreviated time frame to incorporate opportunities for individuals to share their experiences and challenges with current structures. They also shared their ideas, hopes and strategies for how CFCI funds can be most effectively used to improve the lives and conditions of those most impacted by the justice system and systemic racism with a focus in particular in low-income communities of color. The Advisory Committee utilized four strategies to engage and receive input from the community: establishment of an Ad Hoc Community Engagement Subcommittee, Listening Sessions, and Surveys; opportunity for people to submit Project Recommendations; coordination with ten trusted messenger organizations and public comment opportunities; and listening sessions.

i. *Ad Hoc Community Engagement Committee*

Street Level Strategy (SLS) was contracted as the CFCI community engagement consultant firm by the LA County CEO Alternatives to Incarceration Office through an open competitive procurement process. The robust nature of the planned community engagement, stipends for participation and surveys called for extensive coordination and discussion of specific details. To ensure that the Advisory Committee provided specific guidance to SLS, the Committee established an Ad Hoc Subcommittee for Community Engagement to hold open meetings with public participation and work closely with the contracted firm. The Ad Hoc Subcommittee met seven times and had public participation of more than 175



people during its meetings.

ii. *Project and Concept Recommendations Form*

The Advisory Committee developed a web-based Concept/Project

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Recommendations Form for community members and County Departments to submit specific project ideas for year two CFCI Funding. The Form collected details including the target populations, geographical area(s) to be served, corresponding intercept number [[click here for intercept model](#)], equity impact statements, key activities and outcomes, and projected annual and one-time costs. Wide outreach was conducted to inform stakeholders from across LA County about the opportunity to submit project ideas. The Committee received a total of 85 project recommendations that amounted to \$200 Million.

The Advisory Committee members developed a work plan to review, discuss and prioritize 85 project recommendations which included development of a ranking sheet that was based on the Framework described earlier in this document. The ranking sheets were completed by Advisory Committee members and aggregated to determine which recommendations/proposals were initially categorized as high, medium or a low priority for the Year 2 spending plan. These categories were color coded and reviewed during public Advisory Committee meetings as a prompt for discussions about which projects committee members wanted to prioritize. The Committee reviewed and prioritized the projects for eight consecutive weeks to arrive at the proposed spending plan in this document.

### iii. *Outreach Strategy for Regular and Special Committee Meeting Notices*

The Advisory Committee leveraged existing email distribution lists connected to the massive interest and previous participation in the

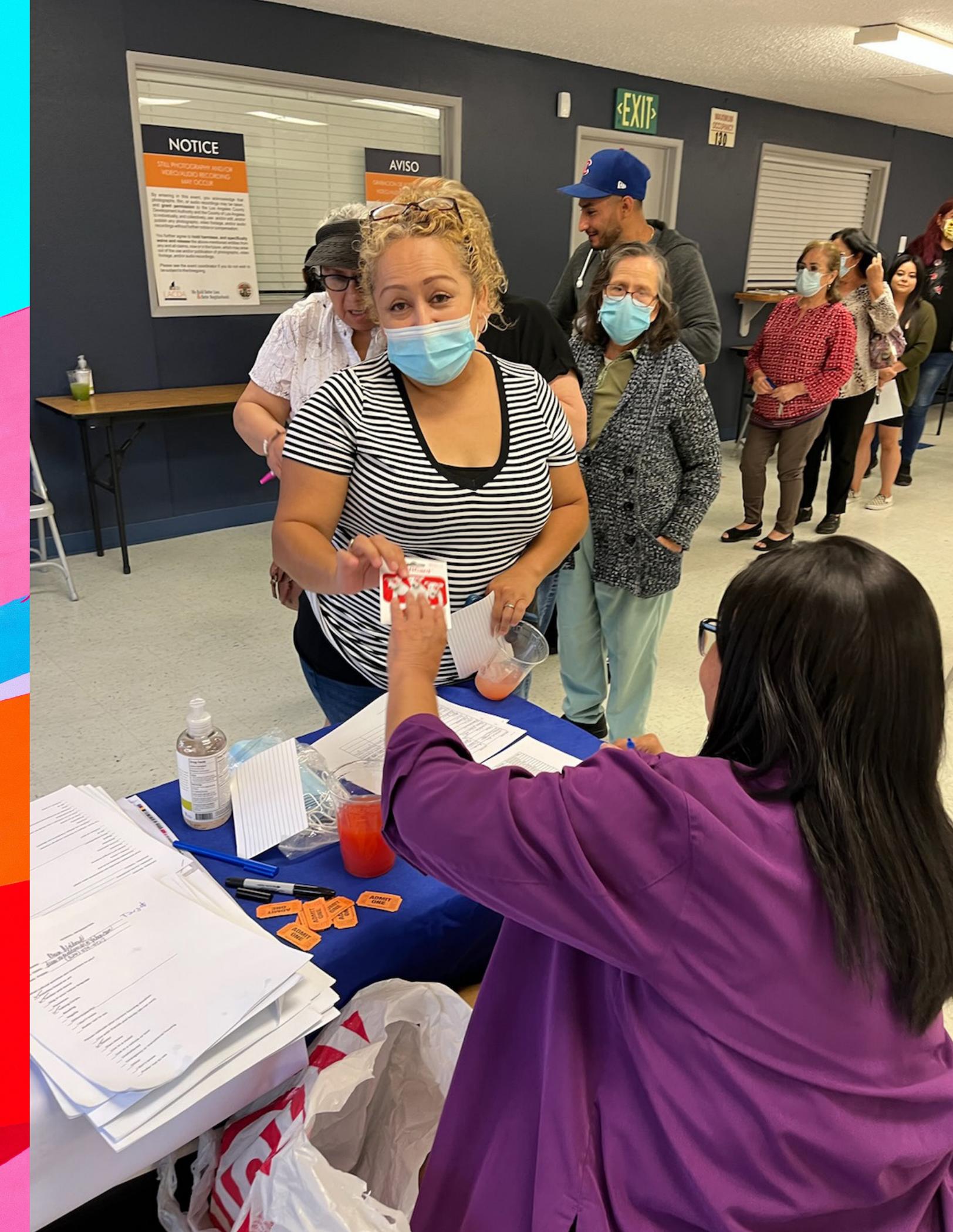
ATI Workgroup and Measure J processes. All communications about the Advisory Committee, Subcommittee or other meetings were sent out via email weekly by the ATI Office using their email distribution list which consists of over 16,800 email addresses. Individuals were encouraged to share meeting information with their networks and email distributions channels and were especially encouraged to contact community members who may not have had internet access.

#### iv. *Public Comment*

The Advisory Committee meetings consistently provided opportunities for participants to make public comments on all matters on the agenda immediately after discussion from the Advisory Committee members and prior to any formal action being taken. The insights and perspectives offered during public comment regularly prompted additional discussion and thoughtfulness amongst the Advisory Committee members. More than 360 public comments were received during this process; and 160 written public comments were also submitted to the Advisory Committee.

#### v. *Robust Community Engagement*

The Advisory Committee worked closely with ATI and SLS to develop and execute robust community engagement activities, events and data collections as detailed in the section below. Information and input from these activities helped inform this spending plan. Cumulatively, more than 6,000 people participated in the survey, listening sessions and or trusted messenger events. Events were hosted both virtually and in-person across varied communities across the County.



# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SUMMARY

## A. CFCI Community Listening Sessions and Survey Summary

In collaboration with the Care First & Community Investment Advisory Committee, Street Level Strategy (SLS) designed and executed a comprehensive community engagement plan for Los Angeles County. The community engagement plan was centered around hosting seven listening sessions – two virtual and five in-person sessions. The primary objective of the listening sessions was to inform the community about CFCI and obtain feedback on programmatic and spending priorities within the nine CFCI funding areas. These listening sessions were hosted in chronically under-resourced communities using the JENI, JESI, and ARDI indexes to identify the top under- resourced communities. SLS worked in partnership with the CFCI Ad Hoc Committee to identify engagement approaches, listening session locations, and format of the listening sessions. In two weeks, a comprehensive community engagement strategy was launched using the following approaches: one-on-one outreach to community partners and stakeholders, phone canvasses, literature canvassing, text messaging, and media engagement.

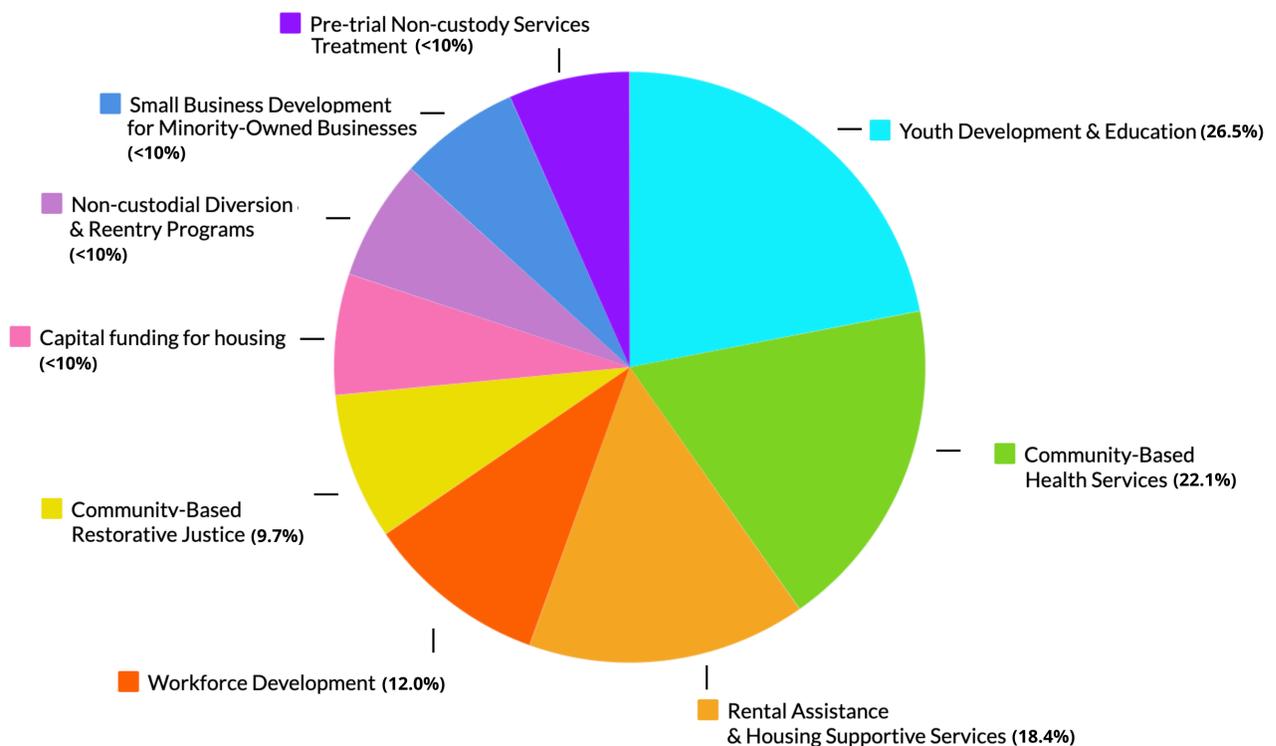
### **Topline Summary of Community Engagement**

1. During the two-week phone canvass, SLS made over 147,000 phone call attempts and conducted 5,000 conversations.
2. SLS made 2,500 calls to partner organizations to ensure they were aware of the sessions, registered, and facilitated the promotion of various scheduled listening sessions.
3. Social Media toolkits were available in 10 languages.
4. Press releases and media engagement was conducted for each listening session.
5. Text messages were sent to promote the sessions and community survey.
6. Ten thousand flyers were distributed near each in-person listening session location.

## Community Engagement Summary

The listening sessions were an opportunity for the community to engage in essential programming and allowed participants to share their stories, experiences, and needs as demonstrated in Figure 1. SLS hosted two virtual listening sessions achieving a combined registration of 345 people. Over 155,000 text messages were sent to community members and partner organizations leading to 125 people attending the virtual sessions. The five in-person listening session locations were selected as they were identified as chronically under-resourced communities using the JENI, JESI, and ARDI indexes: Boyle Heights, West Adams, Antelope Valley/Lancaster, Long Beach, and South Los Angeles. In order to ensure maximum engagement and attendance across all five in-person listening sessions, SLS sent nearly 177,000 text messages encouraging residents to attend the in-person meetings. Furthermore, SLS canvassed within a 10-15 mile radius of each of the in-person listening session locations and distributed 50,000 flyers prior to the five events.

**Figure 1: Percentage of qualitative feedback from community survey per program area**



Having delivered 50,000 flyers across Boyle Heights, West Adams, Antelope Valley/Lancaster, Long Beach, and South Los Angeles, over 800 people were registered for the in-person listening sessions and nearly 300 attended and engaged in robust conversations offering feedback on community priorities regarding alternatives to incarceration. Of the myriad avenues of engagement promoting the seven listening sessions, over 25 percent received the information via email, 22 percent responded to trusted partner promotion of the listening session, nearly 16 percent received the information via phone outreach as well as 16 percent received the information from a friend.

### **Listening Session Prevalent Themes**

1. Top funding priorities across all communities were youth after-school programs, more mental health resources, and affordable housing.
2. Broader access to program information to make application processes more accessible.
3. Ineffective restorative justice and pre-trial, non custodial services and treatment programs.
4. Funding gaps within youth development and small business development for minority owned businesses.
5. Job availability and training were high among participants in the funding area of workforce development.
6. When disaggregating community feedback data, an overwhelming amount of feedback highlighted the need for more affordable housing with an emphasis on interim housing, housing navigation/qualifications, and long-term housing assistance.

## Community Engagement Summary

In addition to listening sessions, SLS designed and facilitated the administration of a countywide community survey from April 19th to May 22nd, 2022. The survey was designed in partnership with the CFCI Ad Hoc Committee on Community Engagement feedback from community members who participated in the Ad Hoc Committee meetings during the month of April. The survey, along with a series of seven community listening sessions, was a primary tool by which to collect community attitudes and priorities to help inform the CFCI Committee's year-two funding priorities.

### Survey Specifics & Methodology

- Surveys were collected by live phone call, text message, email, and in-person administration.
- A total of 3,473 survey interviews were completed.
- The survey was available in six languages including Armenian, English, Mandarin, Spanish, Tagalog, and Vietnamese.
- Although residents throughout Los Angeles County were able and encouraged to participate, outreach was prioritized with residents in the top 50 zip codes with the highest levels of need as identified by the JENI, JESI, and ARDI indexes.

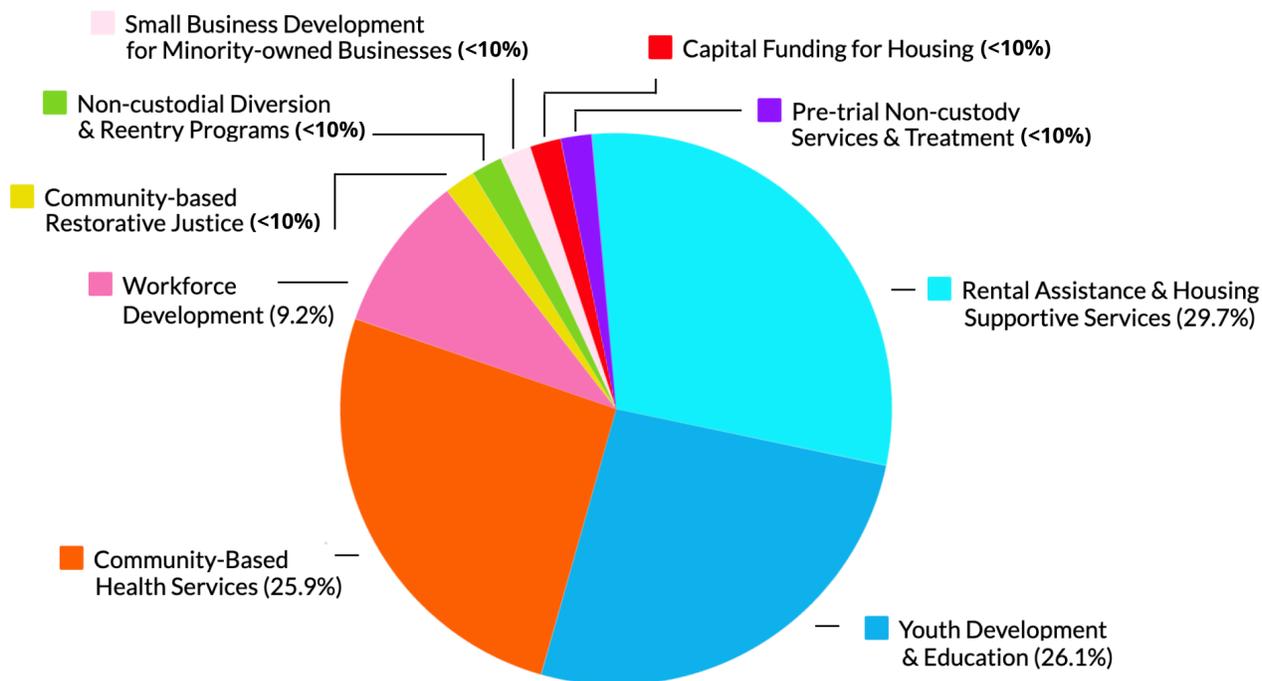
### Survey Respondents Demographics

Ultimately, SLS successfully collected completed surveys from priority communities. As seen in Figure 2, the data collection spanned all program areas with community members heavily weighing in on program areas in housing, youth, and health. Through the survey feedback results, SLS achieved a high degree of diversity among respondents.

- Over 63% of respondents live in the top 50 priority zip codes.
- 44% of all respondents live in the top 14 priority zip codes.

- *Gender makeup of respondents:* 58% female and 37.8% male.
- *Race & Ethnicity of all respondents:* 38% Latinx, 22.3% African American, 16% White/Caucasian, 3% API, and 5% Indigenous/Native American.
- A plurality of respondents are renters (47%) while 24% are homeowners, and 6% reported living in a vehicle, temporary shelter, or are unhoused.

**Figure 2: The percentage of community survey feedback received per program area**



### Topline Summary of Viewpoints and Priorities

Overall, respondents selected programs for the unhoused/homelessness (64%), housing (63%), youth development (60%) and job training (59%) as top priorities. This was consistent across Latinx, African American, Native/Indigenous, and API respondents.

### *Alternatives To Incarceration*

- Approximately 54% reported personal experience with law enforcement/the justice system while 81% know someone with

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personal experience.

- Top experiences included being stopped or searched by the police, feeling harassed or threatened, and having been arrested.
- Nearly 57% know someone who has been incarcerated and 61% reported knowing someone who has been arrested.
- Overall, respondents selected pre or post arrest diversion, alternative sentencing, low cost legal services, and re-entry services as the highest priority needs. This was also consistent among those with lived experience as defined by having been incarcerated, arrested, on probation, or parole.

### ***Community Based Health Services***

- Top experiences among all respondents included the need for mental health care, and Substance Use Disorder treatment while also reporting having trouble accessing preventive care and navigating the healthcare system.
- Consistent among all racial/ethnic groups, mobile mental health providers, overdose prevention, and community health centers were prioritized and flagged as highly needed as well as free dental health care.

### ***Youth Development***

- A top priority area among all respondents, 60% reported personally accessing youth development programs while 56% reported knowing someone who has accessed similar programs.
- Top program needs identified by all respondents were mental health programs, social and emotional skills development, youth centers/hubs, and general educational programs.

- Among all racial/ethnic groups, the above was consistent among those who reported being parents or caretakers for youth. Additionally, a majority of Native/Indigenous respondents also selected cultural-based education and 67% of African Americans identified creative expression programs as priorities.

### ***Job Training***

- 63% of respondents have personally, or have known someone who has, accessed a job training or employment service.
- 65% reported a positive experience with these programs.
- Top program priorities include job placement, career planning, work based learning, and skills based workshops focused on finance. These priorities were consistent among all demographics including those with lived experience.

### ***Housing***

A high rate of respondents reported experiencing some degree of housing insecurity - 55% reported being unable to find affordable housing, 50% had been unhoused, 37% had faced eviction. Among this cohort with lived experience, the top program priorities include:

- Services to find housing payment.
- Services to find housing payment assistance.
- Permanent supportive housing with case management and/or on-site health care.
- Free/low cost legal services.
- Financial assistance with security deposits, moving, utilities, etc.

## Community Engagement Summary

### **B. Trusted Messengers**

During the process to create the first year CFCI/Measure J spending plan, the community consistently commented on the need for a more robust community engagement campaign. In addition to more overall engagement, the community requested that groups with an established presence and history of providing quality service in the community, take an active role in leading the community engagement process.

Accordingly, the CFCI Advisory Committee (CFCI Committee) and the Ad Hoc CFCI Community Engagement Subcommittee (CE Subcommittee) decided that in addition to the efforts of Street Level Strategy (SLS), community-based organizations would be asked to use their status as trusted messengers to increase participation in their respective communities.

The CFCI Committee identified 16 community-based trusted messenger organizations. The following organizations were identified:

- United American Indian Involvement (UAI)
- California Native Vote Project
- Youth with a Purpose/Geri's Place
- Puuku
- East LA Rising
- Los Angeles Community Action Network (LACAN)
- Trans Latina Coalition
- Youth Justice Coalition
- Los Angeles Youth Uprising (LAYUP)
- Sanctuary of Hope
- Cultiva LA
- Jovenes Inc.

- Black Lives Matter LA
- Watts Labor Community Action Committee (WLCAC)
- Anti-Recidivism Coalition

Each trusted messenger organization was offered the opportunity to lead its own engagement campaign. Specifically, each organization that chose to participate was promised \$14,600 upon completion of three of the following five engagement efforts:

- Host one listening session targeting 100 participants.
- Submit 100 completed online surveys.
- Conduct phone or street canvassing to inform residences of survey or listening sessions.
- Host healing circles.
- Ensure at least 50 formerly incarcerated individuals participate in listening sessions or completed survey.

Participating organizations were also required to submit a report documenting their results and present such results to the CFCI Committee.

The following Ten trusted messenger organizations chose to participate:

- United American Indian Involvement (UAI)
- California Native Vote Project
- Youth with a Purpose/Geri's Place
- Puuku
- East LA Rising
- Youth Justice Coalition
- Sanctuary of Hope
- Cultiva LA
- Watts Labor Community Action Committee (WLCAC)

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The remaining six organizations that were unable to participate will have the opportunity to lead community engagement efforts for Year 3 of the CFCI process. Participating organizations were also required to submit a report documenting their results and present such results to the CFCI Committee. A copy of all presentations can be found [here](#).

### Results

Collectively, the trusted messenger organizations touched over 6,000 individuals while conducting outreach and were responsible for nearly 1,700 completed surveys. 13 listening sessions and three healing circles were held with over 900 community members in attendance. The community participants identified the following areas as the top priorities for the Year 2 Spending Plan:

- Youth development and education
- Rental assistance and housing
- Community-based health services

### C. Community Engagement Challenges

SLS faced three major challenges during community outreach: time, budget, and geography.

1. SLS operated under an expedited schedule to conduct a series of outreach activities. Active community engagement requires trust, which takes time to build.
2. Budget constraints were another challenge, as the budget and expectation of activities were limited due to the vast geography of Los Angeles County.

3. Given the large population, SLS could not conduct expanded in-depth outreach in the time allotted, and more time would be required to thoroughly conduct community outreach.

These three interdependent challenges should be considered in future community engagement efforts.



### 1. Summary of Spending by Category

This year's Spending Plan's 21 project recommendations directly reflects the expressed priorities through input received as a part of the community engagement process. Participants continually lifted up the critical importance of CFCI funds paying to expand housing availability for the individuals returning home. As such, 44 percent of the year two budget is allocated to housing subsidies and operations support. Some projects that provide community-based housing appear in other categories (i.e., Diversion and Reentry, Harm Reduction). These projects will provide community based supportive housing for some of the most vulnerable people in LA County experiencing severe mental illness.

Twenty percent of the CFCI funds for year two are allocated to Youth focused programs including an innovative strategy to expand youth centers throughout LA County by establishing pathways for community-based organizations to both own and operate these sites. Other youth projects will provide mentorship; job preparation, training, and placement; healing through arts; education support; and gang intervention and violence prevention support.

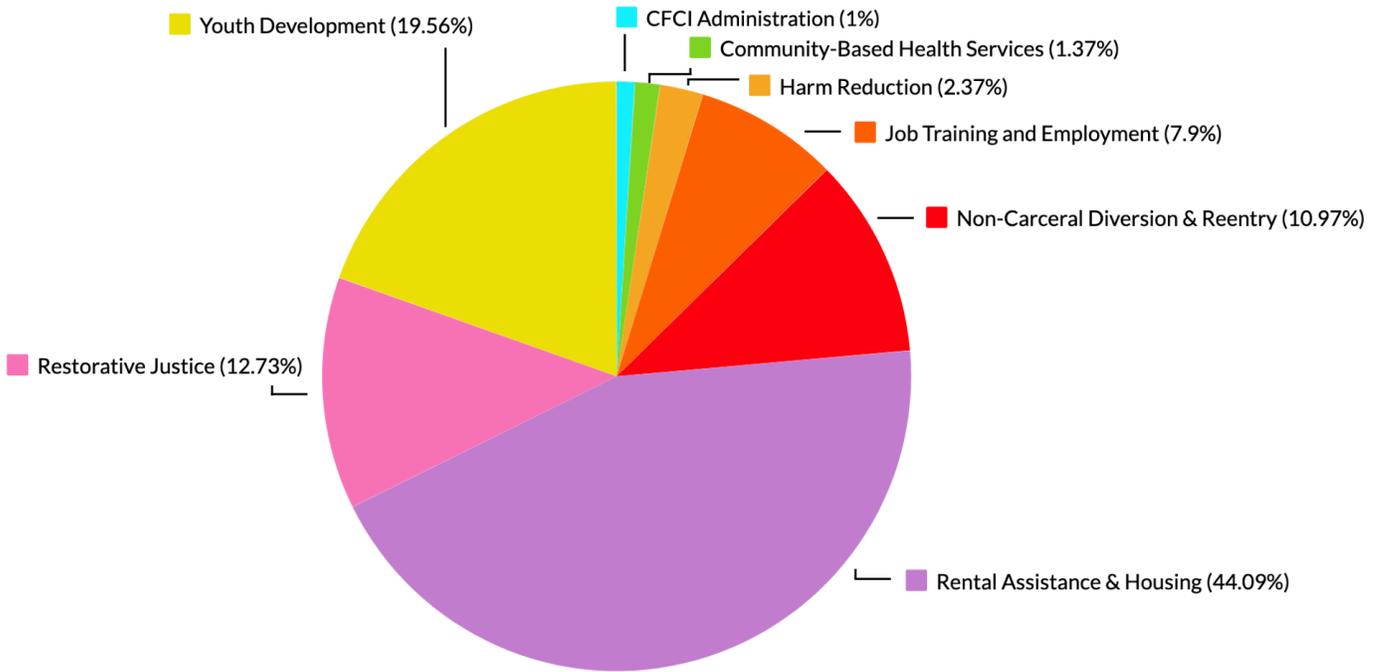
The Year Two Spending Plan also includes first time programs that will provide a safe, non-judgmental space to be supported and address long term gaps in our system including: Warm Landing Place to create a welcoming, safe and accessible landing place for people released from County Jails as both a triage center and supportive services linkages; and Harm Reduction Centers to help reduce the spread of HIV/AIDS and STIs amongst people experiencing homelessness, help prevent or reverse fatal overdoses, and lifesaving supplies.

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The project recommendations in this plan also help expand existing strategies or interventions that have proven to be impactful, including safe spaces and treatment for girls and women who are survivors of sexual exploitation and trafficking; and culturally proficient job readiness, training and placements for adults.

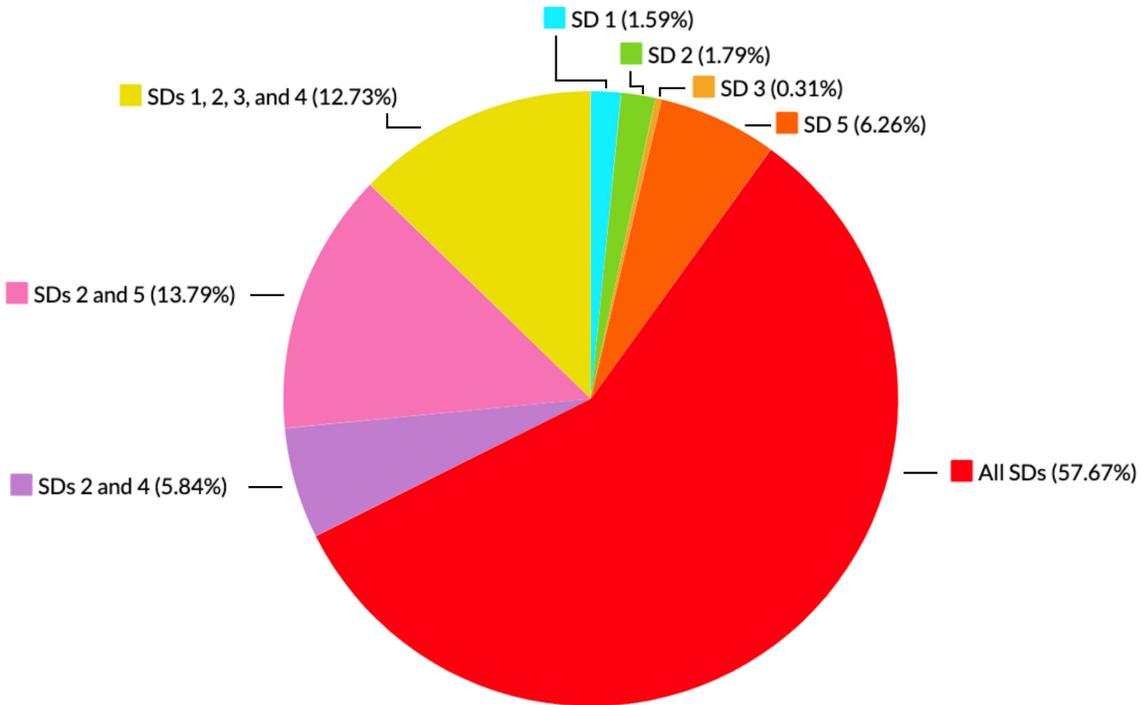
The Detailed Spending Recommendations in Attachment A of this Plan provide details about project descriptions, Year One funding amounts, suggested grant administrators, and whether programs are new, expansions, or existing programs with modifications. The recommendations total to \$100,000,000 and are grouped by the following categories:

Figure 3: Funding Amounts by CFCI Focus Area



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Figure 4: Funding Amounts by Supervisorial District (SD)



**Figure 5: Funding Amounts by Service Planning Area (SPA)**

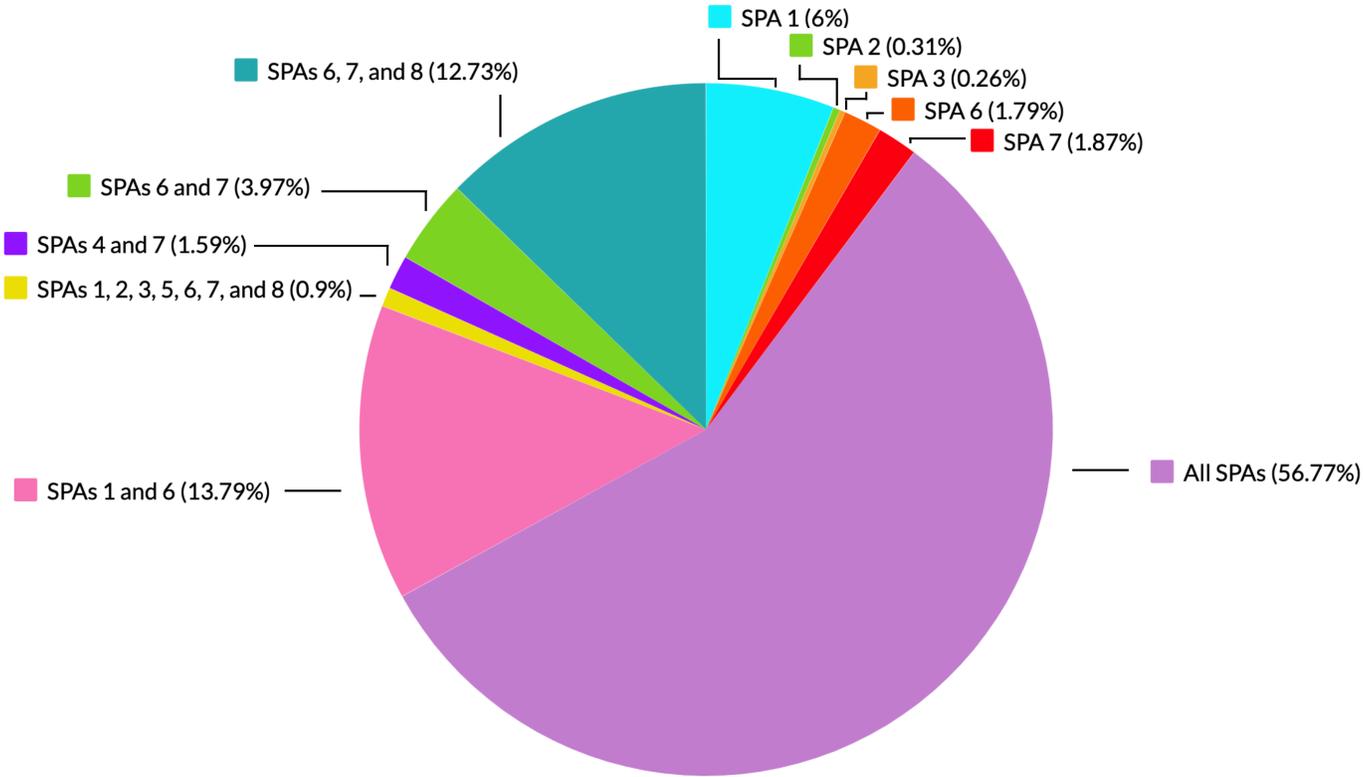
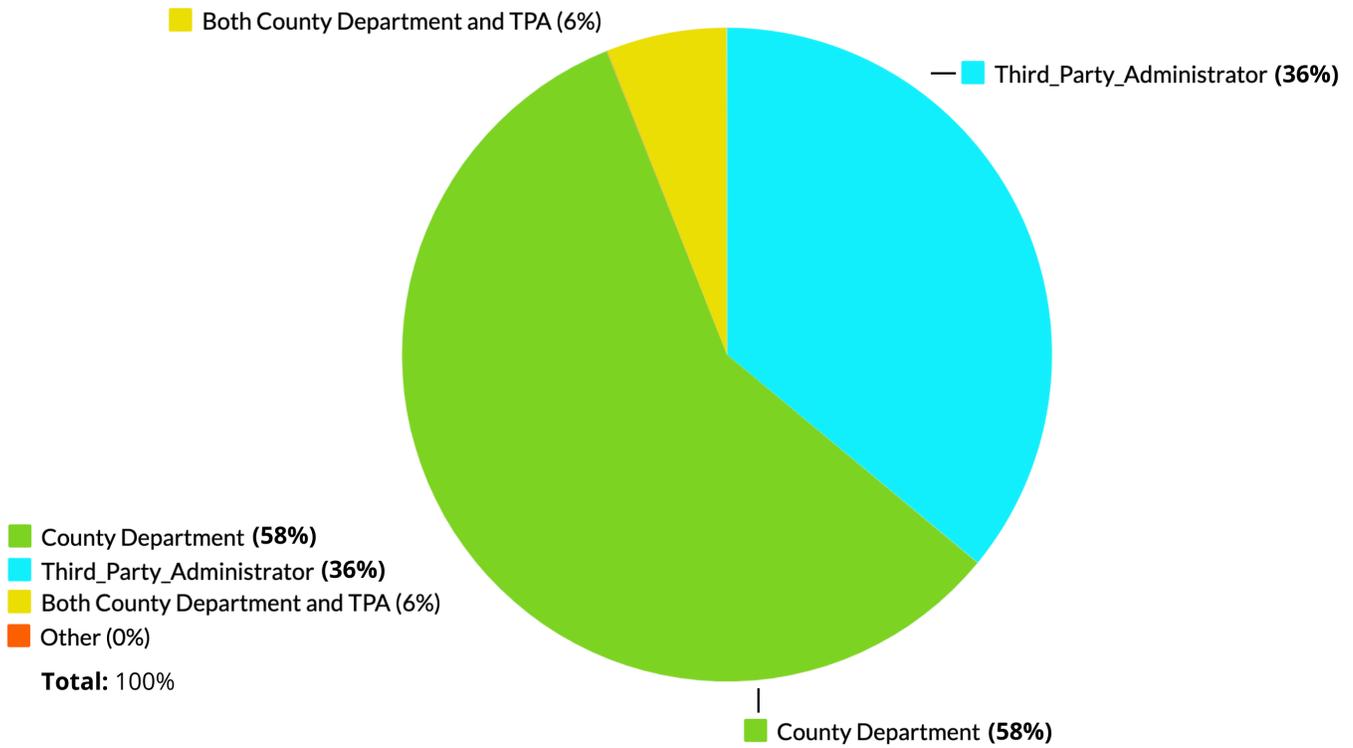


Figure 6: Recommended Grant Administrator



## APPENDIX

Image 1, Person reaches out to open the window of his bedroom :  
Photograph from ATI Visits LA DOORS in South Los Angeles.

Image 2, A young woman with a microphone enthusiastically addresses an outside crowd at the Annual Unity 4 Foster Care Awareness Event, Resource Fair, and CFCI listening session in Palmdale : Photograph from Youth with a Purpose.

Image 3, Person stands at an open window smiling : Photograph from East LA Rising, CFCI Community Engagement Listening Session

Image 4, Person smiles while wearing embroidered face mask and beaded necklace : Photograph from Tia Chucha's Centro Cultural & Bookstore

Image 5, Kids enjoy face painting at the Annual Unity 4 Foster Care Awareness Event, Resource Fair, and CFCI listening session in Palmdale : Photograph from Youth with a Purpose.

Image 6, Young person with tattoos stands in front of a mural and smiles with his hands over his head : Photograph from AMAAD

Image 7, Two people sit together at a park, one looks at the camera and smiles : Photograph from LA County Parks After Dark

Image 8, Three teenage girls smile and hold baby goats at the Annual Unity 4 Foster Care Awareness Event, Resource Fair, and CFCI listening session in Palmdale : Photograph from Youth With a Purpose.

Image 9, Person wearing face mask hugs their child in a playground : Photograph from East LA Rising, CFCI Community Engagement Listening Session

Image 10, page 3: Five young women, two of whom carry babies, sit in the back of a classroom a CFCI Community Engagement listening session at South Bay Hope Connections.

Image 11, page 6: Young person in a sweatshirt and mask engages in a listening session. Above his head are post-it notes from a whiteboarding session called “What I love about my community.” Photograph from Sanctuary of Hope, CFCI Community Engagement Listening Session. LA County Images.

Image 12, page 8: Two people with masks stroll among the booths at a community event.

Image 13, page 15: Young woman smiles and poses holding a baby goat. Photograph from Youth With a Purpose Listening Session.

Image 14, page 19: Community members converse under a tent with words “United American Indian Involvement, Inc.” written on the top. Photograph from United American Indian Involvement (UAI) and California Native Vote Project, CFCI Community Engagement listening sessions.

Image 15, page 20: Person looks at the camera and smiles while receiving a gift card after participating in a CFCI Community Engagement Listening Sessions. Photograph Amity.

Image 16, page 32: Two young people sign in for a CFCI Community Engagement listening session provided by Trusted Messenger organization. Photograph from Cultiva LA.

Image 17, page 38: People sit and listen to a presentation during a CFCI Community Engagement listening session provided by a Trusted Messenger organization, California Native Vote Project.



## Barriers (Popcorn)

What is getting in the way of your success?

Project ID #	Project Name	Equity and Impact Statement:	Recommended Grant Administrator	Submission Type	CFCI Focus Area	Supervisory District(s)	Service Planning Areas	Project Type	Final Amount
30	<b>ODR Diversion Permanent Supportive Housing (ODRH + LEAD)</b>	This project will equitably reduce the number of people incarcerated in LA County with serious mental illness or other complex health needs, and reduce homelessness, emergency services use, and healthcare cost for this population. This population - persons experiencing homelessness and mental health, substance use, or complex physical health needs, are	County Department	County	Rental_Assistance_Housing_Vouch	All SDs	All	New	\$ 29,780,352.27
51	<b>Community Owned and Operated Youth Centers</b>	Our proposal supports the reclamation of existing, vacant spaces in LA County by community-based organizations (CBOs) who, along with local youth and residents will shape the process of transforming these spaces into youth and community resource hubs. These youth centers will provide system impacted and marginalized Black and Brown communities with	Third_Party_Administrator	Community	Youth_Development	2 and 5	1 and 6	Adaptation	\$ 13,795,000.00
58	<b>Housing for Health Permanent Housing Expansion</b>	Housing for Health (HFH) serves the County's most vulnerable homeless individuals who have high rates of physical and mental health disabilities, addiction issues, comorbid diagnoses, and early mortality. HFH's Flexible Housing Subsidy Pool (FHSP) is a fiscal tool that enables HFH to braid funding streams and create flexible local rental subsidies. This resource	County Department	County	Rental_Assistance_Housing_Vouch	All SDs	All	Expansion	\$ 12,784,761.00
42	<b>Peacemakers Initiative: Expanding Safety in Los Angeles County</b>	The Peacemakers Initiative, led by a collection of community organizations dedicated to violence reduction, will provide communities in Los Angeles County with the resources to combat and prevent violence within predominantly Black and Brown communities. By expanding the capacity of violence intervention agencies, they can have an increased impact in	Third_Party_Administrator	Community	Restorative_Justice	1, 2, 3 and 4	6, 7 and 8	Expansion	\$ 12,734,271.30
27	<b>Warm Landing Place</b>	Participants will mirror the demographics of the jail population, in which Black and Latinx individuals are overrepresented. Currently, Latinx individuals make up 54% of the jail population (48.6% of the overall County population) and Black individuals comprise 29% of the jail population (8.1% of the overall County population). The WLP will be staffed 24/7, 365	County Department	County	Non_Carceral_Diversion_and_Reen	All SDs	All	New	\$ 7,000,000.00
15	<b>Job Readiness, Training and Placements for Adults</b>	PTW's mission enables people of all walks of life to be as healthy and active as possible by assisting them to maintain the highest quality of purpose, improving the quality of their lives. Our certified job training and reentry services offered for both men and women and will teach people how to rise above their circumstances of poverty, hurt, sickness, and	Both County Department and TPA	Community	Job_Training_and_Employment	5	1	Expansion	\$ 6,000,000.00
20	<b>POWR (Providing Opportunities for Women In Reentry)</b>	This project will holistically empower and serve systems-impacted women through the following: promoting healthy connections with children, family, and significant others; increasing economic well-being through education, employment and housing support; and improving health outcomes through addressing substance use and mental illness. The program design and	County Department	County	Non_Carceral_Diversion_and_Reen	2 and 4	6 and 7	Expansion	\$ 3,048,625.00
63	<b>Healing-Informed Arts Project</b>	This project will give young people access to healing-informed, culturally-relevant arts programming. Youth will be able to use the arts as a method of self-expression and create meaningful connections with caring adults. The arts will also serve as a re-entry strategy, helping youth returning to community. The arts will serve as a pathway to healing trauma, learning	Third_Party_Administrator	Community	Youth_Development	All SDs	All	Expansion	\$ 1,932,825.00
65	<b>Satellite Sites in Gang Impacted Communities to Work with Active Gang Members</b>	Although gangs and their members are known to be the ones who bring destruction to their respected communities. Many times it is forgotten that they are community members themselves, who at one point were the children growing up in those communities. These members impact communities in many ways, unfortunately in a negative more than a	Third_Party_Administrator	Community	Youth_Development	2 and 4	7	New	\$ 1,874,000.00
74	<b>Increasing Food Access in Los Angeles: CultivaLA Urban Agriculture &amp; Training Program</b>	This project will promote a community-centered and intergenerational approach to urban agriculture in order to address food insecurity through a holistic 6-module curriculum with strong emphasis around workforce development, mentorship, and social entrepreneurship for youth and adults.	Third_Party_Administrator	Community	Job_Training_and_Employment	1	4 and 7	New	\$ 1,590,500.00
67	<b>Breaking Barriers Rapid Rehousing and Employment Program</b>	Of the clients Breaking Barriers has served to date, 56% are Black, 35% are Hispanic/Latinx, and 30% are TAY (18-25); in continuing to serve individuals and families who have been impacted by the carceral system, this project will equitably reduce justice involvement and homelessness for adults across all SPAs in Los Angeles County by providing rapid rehousing,	County Department	Community	Rental_Assistance_Housing_Vouch	All SDs	All	Expansion	\$ 1,525,392.00

18	Bridge Housing	The Project will provide bridge housing, supportive services, and strategies for addressing criminal justice Involvement by adding expungement specialists to the treatment teams to work with individuals to complete the court-ordered process to "seal" or remove old charges from their legal records which will give them better job and housing opportunities. The Project will provide a homelike setting with programs and services implemented by the Executive Director and staff with similar backgrounds	Third_Party_Administrator	Community	Harm Reduction (e.g., services	2	6	Adaptation	\$	1,470,658.20
47	LeadOn Reentry Navigators	Ensuring youth returning home from detention and incarceration have access to a robust continuum of care rooted in the principles of youth development, including credible messengers and pathways to employment, is key to supporting wellbeing for Black, Indigenous, and young people of color. This project will equitably connect young people of	County Department	County	Youth_Development	All SDs	All	Expansion	\$	1,250,000.00
N/A	CFCI Administration	One percent administrative costs	County Department	County	Admin				\$	1,000,000.00
34	RELEASE, EDUCATION, NEIGHBORHOOD, TREATMENT, REINTEGRATION, AND YOUTH EMPOWERMENT	This project will equitably reduce mass incarceration for men, women, and youth 18+ in the judicial system in Los Angeles County. We are integrally involved in the development and implementation of creative solutions such as job placement, anger management, breaking barriers, alternative parenting, housing and mental health. We recognize that helping men,	Third_Party_Administrator	Community	Non_Carceral_Diversion_and_Reen	2 and 4	6 and 7	New	\$	917,020.00
55	Harm Reduction Drop In Centers	Drop-in centers would help provide essentials, such as food, water, tents, blankets, undergarments, hygiene support, phone chargers, harm reduction supplies, and needed either by referral or on-site they will provide medical, mental health and other supportive services to decrease racial health disparities and incidence of food insecurity, HIV/AIDS, STIs,	County Department	County	Harm Reduction (e.g., services	All SDs	1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7 and 8	New	\$	900,000.00
60	Residential Treatment for Survivors of Sexual Exploitation	Sexual exploitation is inherently a system of gender-based inequality and violence, existing at the intersection of sexism, racism, and classism. The sex trade preys upon marginalized populations like homeless youth, foster youth, and sexual minorities as well as vulnerable women - those with histories of sexual abuse, domestic violence, homelessness, mental health	Third_Party_Administrator	Community	Community_Based_Health_Services	All SDs	All	New	\$	579,277.00
85	Tutçint Youth Empowerment Program	The goal of Tutçint is to work with community-based organizations, schools, and government entities as a preventative measure for youth who were part of the legal system. Tutçint is guided by an Indigenous approach to ensure holistic wellness by providing services like tutoring, outdoor activities, cultural programming and education, as well as weekly family-	Third_Party_Administrator	Community	Community_Based_Health_Services	All SDs	All	Adaptation	\$	470,455.00
62	CASA of Los Angeles' Youth Justice Program	CASA/LA's youth justice project aims to provide early intervention and preventative services to youth who are in or at risk of involvement in Los Angeles County's juvenile justice system, most of whom also have open cases in Los Angeles County's child welfare system. CASA/LA will reduce justice system involvement for these young people in Los Angeles County	Third_Party_Administrator	Community	Youth_Development	All SDs	All	Expansion	\$	447,731.52
25	Project S.H.E.E. (Sistahs Help End Exploitation)	This project will create a safer South Los Angeles community for women, children, and families by equitably helping survivors of commercial sexual exploitation and sex trafficking lead a life free from sexual coercion, force, fraud, perpetration, manipulation, and criminal involvement by helping victims leave a life of abuse, violence, and fear by empowering them to	Third_Party_Administrator	Community	Community_Based_Health_Services	2	6	Expansion	\$	322,809.71
54	From Treatment, Diversion or Jail to Work!	This project will equitably reduce justice system involvement for those who have been in the criminal justice system and prevent or reduce justice involvement for those with substance use disorder and/or experiencing housing instability.	Third_Party_Administrator	Community	Job_Training_and_Employment	3	2	Expansion	\$	313,510.00
68	My Brothers' & Sisters' Keeper Program	My Brothers' & Sisters' Keeper Program will increase the awareness of our Community Facilitators (CFs) and youth/adult male and female participants who in turn will be empowered with impactful information to provide support and healing to their children and families. We will increase educational, vocational, social, and mental health attainment of African-	County Department	Community	Youth_Development	5	3	New	\$	262,812.00
		<b>Total</b>							\$	<b>100,000,000</b>