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>> CHAIR STEELE: Hello everyone. I'm going to go ahead, I know it is in the essence of time because we've got a lot to cover. We don't have quorum I know folks are on their way. So we'll kind of work our way through this and at least get started as that is taking place. So let's call the meeting to order. I hope you are doing well. It's the middle of summer are you staying cool, finding ways to do it, taking care of others who may not have the ability to. Yeah. Let's go ahead and call, do the meeting disclosures and we'll call the role.

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>> CHAIR STEELE: Can we take roll.

>> Welcome everybody. We will now conduct the roll call to expedite this process we ask advisory committee members to be ready with the

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microphone before your name is called so you can be ready to announce your attendance promptly. If you are unable to unmute yourself please raise your hand on the Zoom platform so we can assign cohost privileges to you. If you are calling in on your phone you can unmute yourself by pressing star 6. You can raise your hand with star 9. We will now begin the roll call by last name alphabetically when your name is called please say present.

Member Armstead or alternate. Member Carbajal or alternate. Member Castillo or alternate

>> Present.

>> Member Contreras or alternate.

>> Member Crunk or alternate

>> Present remotely.

>> Member Cyrus-Franklin or alternate. Member Eakins or alternate.

>> Present.

>> Member Earley or alternate. Member Ferrer or alternate.

>> Present.

>> Member Fuentes-Miranda or alternate. Member Garcia or alternate. Member Ghaly or alternate.

>> Present alternate.

>> Member Lewis or alternate.

>> Present online.

>> Member LoBianco or alternate.

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>> Present.

>> Member Nishiyama or alternate. Member O'Brien or alternate.
Member Schoonover or alternate.

>> Alternate present.

>> Member Scorza or alternate.

>> Present.

>> Member Soto or alternate.

>> Present.

>> Member Steele or alternate.

>> Present.

>> Member Stevens.

>> Present.

>> Member Williams or alternate.

>> Sorry. Tencha Chavez present.

>> Member Wong or alternate.

>> Alternate present.

>> Thank you. This meeting has not reached quorum.

>> CHAIR STEELE: I know Michelle is on her way. She called me as well. So we will work through this as the day goes on and I appreciate all the folks who were able to make it down. I'll be honest I was on my way to Magic Johnson but I called Stephen and I said where are we at today. I was like let me turn around. Thank you everybody who is making it today. Let's move

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to the land acknowledgement move it over to member Chavez who would like to lead us in today's acknowledgement.

>> ALTERNATE CHAVEZ: Born to the middle people for the Mexican people. The county of Los Angeles still inhabited and cared for built Tongva, quiche and Chumash peoples. We honor and pay respect to their elders and descendant past present and emerging as they continue their stewardship of these lands and waters. We acknowledge that colonization resulted in land seizure, disease, subjugation slavery relocation broken promises, genocide and multigenerational trauma. This acknowledgement demonstrates our responsibility and commitment to truth, healing and reconciliation and to the original inhabitants of Los Angeles County. We are grateful to have the opportunity to live and work on these ancestral lands. We are dedicated to growing and sustaining relationships with native peoples and oh local tribal governments including and in no particular order the Fernandeno Tatavium band of mission Indians Gabrieleno Tongva, Gabrieleno Tongva San Gabriel band. Indians and San Fernando mission Indians.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Gratitude. Moving on to the labor acknowledgement. Most modern day U.S. institutions have benefitted from the unaddressed legacy of stolen labor at the foundation of this nation and vast inequitable wealth. We respectfully acknowledge our debt to the enslaved people primarily of African decent whose labor and suffering built and grew the economy of infrastructure of a nation that refused to recognize there are humanity. While the 13th amendment of Constitution technically ended slavery in the U.S., through violence threat and coercion to work in the United States. We recognize our debt to exploited workers past and present whose labor was and continues to be stolen through unjust practices. We acknowledge our collective debt to the indigenous people of this land whose

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labor was forced and exploited the Chinese immigrants who built railroads that allowed for westward American development. Japanese Americans whose livelihoods were taken from them and migrate workers from the Philippines Mexico and central and South America who have worked Pacific Northwest farms and can Reese, we recognize the immigrant and African and Asian and south American decent whose labor remains hidden in the shadows but still contributes to the well being of our collective community. We recognize that our economy relies on people of color who earn pennies an hour while generating billions of goods and services each year and we know that there are many of them other people too numerous to mention who are prevented from reaping the true value of their labor by unjust systems and cruel practices. We mourn their loss of life, liberty and opportunity. We acknowledge that the theft of labor is the theft of generational progress. Nearly all people of color have been robbed of the opportunity and wealth that their ancestors might otherwise have passed onto them. An acknowledgement. All right.

Let's please move onto the community agreements. On the back of the land acknowledgement. I'll start. Be mindful of the diverse voices being represented and remain open minded.

>> Be mindful of power dynamics in this space as well as the historical disenfranchisement of Black and indigenous communities. Accordingly, prioritize and defer to community throughout this process.

>> Be mindful of the diverse audience you're representing to make sure you speak with clarity.

>> Be collaborative.

>> Assume best intentions.

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>> Challenge the idea, not the person.

>> Remember why we're here to center the Black, Brown and indigenous communities and other communities that have been most impacted by the carceral system low income communities trans, gender nonconforming folks.

>> Defer to community.

>> Transparency and follow through.

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

>> Be an active participant and try to be succinct in your thoughts and contributions.

>> Let equity lead the way.

>> Make spaces for youth voices.

>> As much as possible, allow community members for finish their sentence, thought, during public comment.

>> Review community agreements before every meeting and amend them as needed.

>> Begin CFCI advisory committee meetings with the land acknowledgement statement recognizing and respecting the indigenous peoples of the land we now call Los Angeles County. With that said, as you heard in today's acknowledgement for the land acknowledgement, it's a bit different than what was written and there was commentary from community at the last meeting asking a question about the representation and also some of the content so it gave us an opportunity to revisit it and make sure that we're being very thoughtful and inclusive in the acknowledgement itself.

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So member Chavez offered up this new version of it and the first question I have is how you all feel about the changing of the acknowledgement so that it's a little bit more inclusive and even more direct to the tribes, councils and bands that exist here. That should be I acknowledged directly. How do you all feel about it. I can't ask you to vote because we don't have quorum. How do you feel about the change.

>> Member Chavez I'm okay with it. It does make it so there are different bands as a Gabrieleno Tongva tribes and we want to be also respectful of the different bands that are along here in Los Angeles County so it does name the different bands so I'm okay with it

>> CHAIR STEELE: Any other thoughts.

>> The version you read today may not be available right now to folks, maybe if there's, so you talked about the fact there's a diverse Tongva community. Are there other pieces to it that you feel bring more inclusivity and maybe we can highlight that.

>> ALTERNATE CHAVEZ: This is the adopted one from the LA county and Los Angeles Native American commission so that's the one I pulled one. The first one we used was more personal but it wasn't inclusive all the different bands.

>> That's great it aligns to the county one.

>> CHAIR STEELE: I'll send it over to Stephen so you all can get access to it, take a look at it, I guess at the next meeting have a more diverse discussion about it. Maybe add it just as a part of the agenda to talk through quickly. But thank you for that I appreciate the opportunity, the time and attention to that.

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Let's go over the meeting minutes. We can't vote on it but we can still review them. Anyone have any thoughts or needs towards the minutes from our last meeting? Hearing none. Okay. Cool. Sounds like a plan. We can we will table the voting of the approval of the minutes to the next meeting. However, we actually get quorum just keep an eye on that for me as we go forward. If we get quorum we can circle back quickly to vote on it but we can move on to the next item on the agenda which is the evaluation update. If you all remember correctly in our last meeting we had a conversation about being able to put together an RFSQ for the evaluation of the work having a third party towards it. Being this body is made up of departments as well as community. JCOD put in a precarious situation of trying to help to put together an evaluation of the work as a department. So we want to bring on a third party to help to do it independently.

But with the guidance of us with support from JCOD as well. So we just want to give an update where we are with that.

>> Thank you, chair Steele sound okay.

>> Yes.

>> Workflow we start I wanted to acknowledge Danielle Clark who is with us for her second week and this is her first meeting

>> CHAIR STEELE: Welcome, Danielle. I didn't want to jump the gun because this was going to happen but it's a pleasure to have you.

>> Like Chair Steele said we have been working collaboratively to working towards a program review of CFCI programs. So we released the request for information for the CFCI program review on July 3rd. It was sent to the entire body so it's in your inboxes and feel free to share widely.

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Through this RFI we're seeking information from qualified companies and firms and University programs and others expertise and designing and implementing program evaluation reviews, impact assessments and within the social service field.

So essentially it's a market survey trying to see what vendors are qualified to provide this kind of work. In that work like Chair Steele we will work with the committee and leadership and data and evaluation subcommittee which I think has been going really great so far. We've developed the review tool and the language for the RFI together. So I wanted to thank our colleagues for their help on that. That's the review and I'm happy to answer any questions.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Questions? All right requests? Requests, though, for everyone if you have it to send it out to people that you think need to have the, be a part of this study of sorts. To be reviewed, right. Because we want to be able to make sure that those that we know that do this work and do it well can be represented in what we're trying to get accomplished. Okay. Cool. That was easy. Let's move on to the what we're all here for today. Conversation about the recommendations with this additional funds. Okay. The last time that we left, there have been a series of short conversations about this so there's a framing we're going to walk through to get a bigger picture of resources that have been utilized.

So we understand the 12.3 million in context. But yeah I'm excited to kind of talk through and narrow down like some direction that we want to have as far as how to utilize those additional funds. But let's walk through this part first and answer any questions that we have and kind of get to the next part, yes. In tandem with us JCOD and the leadership as well. We got

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you. Do you have any questions on it? Okay, yeah. Again, this is part of the conversation that we were having ongoing about trying to have visual representation how the money is utilized.

And how it scaffolds in over time. This is the nature of this part. You go for it.

>> If there's any questions along the way, please feel free to ask. So we created this visual to support this conversation, to see the progression from the fiscal year 21 22 to now. Which we're in fiscal year 24 25. From left to right looking at the colored squares up there, you'll see the 100 million dollar allocated in the CFCI year one spending plan in 21 22. Then to the right you'll see the 100 million allocated sorry next 100 million plus another 100 million in green which is the funding allocated in CFCI year 2 spending plan for an annual total fiscal year 22 23 of 200 million.

Then to the right you see the first two allocations of 100 million in purple, 100 million in green plus 88.3 million in blue which is the funding allocated in the CFCI year three spending plan. For an annual total of 288.3 million in fiscal year 23 24. Finally you see these three allocations 100 million in purple, 100 million in green and 88.3 in blue plus 12.3 million in uncal indicated funding fiscal year 24 25 and the 12 million is what we're discussing today.

So then that's where we're at today. In the next column over which is labeled fiscal year 25 26 this would begin in July 1st, 2025 so as they do every year, the CFCI calculation of 10% of locally generated unrestricted funds will be completed and they will arrive at that year's funding level which may go up or down some, you know, year to year. And that's the presentation that CEO gave two months ago. So yes, that's the transition

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that we've made year to year and where we're at right now and where that 12 million lies within the grand scheme of things. I'll stop there for questions, if there's any.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Member Stevens.

>> MEMBER STEVENS: Thank you, Stephen. This helps. But I'm really concerned about where money has not been spent that has been allocated. I am greatly concerned about not being informed current where the county departments are concerned in the funding in which they have received. So I can we can do this today or have this discussion, but I cannot, not acknowledge that we don't know where funding has been used, how it's been used, and what is unspent and I'm really concerned about the unspent dollars.

>> Yes so the unspent dollars year to year say in that first fiscal year 21 200 million they are not lost they remain within the CFCI bucket they carry over to the following year. Should there be under spend it would continue, no money is lost. And then we had a presentation four months ago, maybe, on the current spend down of the county department programs and we could, we're happy to do that again should the committee want.

>> CHAIR STEELE: To be honest, we should probably have a running account of that like at each meeting so we kind of know month to month. I know that a reporting is month to month. Or at least quarter by quarter like where we are in the spend down of those dollars throughout the year as well. Is that a possibility of being able to do?

>> So the data reporting is quarterly. The financial reporting is on a different rhythm and I could get you exactly what that is. I don't want to misspeak but it's not right on the quarterly basis.

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>> CHAIR STEELE: In a way that we can bring that to this body so folks can always have their finger on the pulse of where we are with spend down each year of these resources. I think the main point of this is to see visually, for right now as long as we continue not reallocate funds this is a break down the funds of the different tranches of dollars that are able to put out that are allocated specifically to CFCI.

But I hear your point, member Stevens, that we want to know, right. We've got this full accounting from the TPA the other day about what's happening and like the break down of funds versus also what the outcomes look like. We want to be able to do the same thing with the county dollars as well. Go for it

>> MEMBER STEVENS: I think too it's important for me it's one thing to have dollars in the spend dollars but as a community member, I also recognize that oftentimes dollars are allocated and they are spent but are they actually making an impact. And so for me it's about understanding where those dollars are and what hasn't been spent but also to really see and feel and taste the impact of what we are doing here today.

>> CHAIR STEELE: I don't disagree. And like the depth of the reporting that we got from the TPA in our last meeting, where are we in the opportunity to have the same across the board? Right. Like to get that engagement. That is our report that we're trying to put together is that correct.

>> Correct, yes. So the evaluation, the one I was speaking about a minute ago with the request for information, that will include, and the review tool itself has been an attachment in previous meetings and we could bring that back and make sure everyone can take a look. It captures both

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outcomes as well as spend down in the course of that review tool being completed as well as success stories impact, you know, changes in the way county departments are contracting. It requests a holistic view of their experience at CFCI. Both at the county level and for the grantees but yeah, it would absolutely be a component of the review.

>> CHAIR STEELE: That's where the third party comes into place. That goes with us hand in hand getting to the end game of reporting on where we are with CFCI and the resources particularly for the year one dollars but we need to be able to have that regular energy year over year. I want to ask the question, is county counsel online with us right now.

>> In the room.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Yes. Question. Just raised to my attention because we don't have quorum are we not to talk about the things that are itemized or or we just can't vote right.

>> What was that we can't hear you.

>> CHAIR STEELE: We can't vote but we can discuss it though, yes? .

>> [Off mic] .

>> How can we take appropriate action if there's okay. But we're able to still have discussion around it even though we don't have quorum? It was my understanding that.

>> We can discuss just not vote on any decision.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Without quorum what I would really like to discuss is like the narrowing down of the concepts because just several different ideas we've talked about in passing around this conversation trying to get to this

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point of having enough space and time to do it. I know JCOD has been taking a running tab of this so what are some of the things that we've discussed.

>> If I could just finish on here to explain the bottom part. Yes on the very bottom row, on the top of the bottom row, the annual total that's the year to year total that builds upon itself. So in the bottom row where it says total investments fiscal year 21 22 total investments since that year. You see the 100 million in that first purple box and the second column it's that 100 million plus the 200 million in the second column. Then the third totals up to 588 million because it's the 300 million from previously plus that year's 288. Then in this fiscal year you'll notice with the addition of the 12.3 million it is 888 million 88.9 million dollars since 21. We wanted to give that overview so you could see that the funding builds upon itself it isn't one set aside it is every year it is set aside and it grows from there.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Running total to date is the bottom line. This is how much money we spent so far versus this is how much money is available each year. Those are my words. Money has been allocated thus far. Clarification. Point taken. Versus how much resources allocated per year. Okay.

>> In terms of the 12 million I was asked to provide sort of an overview and some refresher on what has been discussed in previous meetings. So there's a few different things we provided a attachment in your packet that shows the programs from CFCI year three spending plan or that your recommendations and the actions that were taken that kept them out of that spending plan.

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You'll see what it was and action taken in red on the far right. And then in terms of conversation we've had the last couple months in this meeting around possibilities, there's also some need to technical assistance and capacity building for CFCI grantees. There's discussion around funding for dedicated community engagement and events to highlight the impact that CFCI organizations, winners, grantees and county departments have had. Sort of a road show of sorts to show the work and sort of really get the word out on the good things that are happening.

There is also some discussion around creating a reserve fund as CEO presented that 12 million and you can see on the top right corner where it says TBD that 10% of locally generated unrestricted funds can fluctuate year to year. So there isn't a guarantee that 12 million would be there next year. And so that could fluctuate and that total number as you can see between fiscal year 23 and 24 was 288.3, this fiscal year it was calculated to be 300 million. But that could fluctuate year to year. The idea of creating a reserve fund that could guard against short calls should it go down.

There was also discussion around one time needs for grantees so, you know, things that the grants wouldn't pay for. Computers, accounting services to audit their finances, materials, participant supplies things like that that typically aren't always covered within grants.

So those are some of the things that were mentioned in previous meetings and we wanted to refresh everybody. Thank you

>> CHAIR STEELE: Thank you very much for that, Stephen. There is the concepts that we talked about when we were putting together the last spending plan, and then some other like ideas or how to utilize those resources as well. Go for it.

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>> Stephen: If I could add one more thing. My point in talking about the calculation year to year is that should funding be decided to go to programs, you all should be aware that it should be treated as one time funding in that it could not be there next year. And so if it's like a proof of concept or a seed funding or starting up an idea testing it that's one thing. But ongoing funding things like that, the funding may not be there next year so we want to caution against that.

>> Member Lewis has her hand raised.

>> MEMBER LEWIS: I've had my hand up for awhile. Stephen thank you this is a much clearer picture of allocation so thank you so much for preparing this it's easy to read. My comment is about five minutes old but I'm still going to say it just to add onto the accountability and transparency about performance in terms of spending. Obviously we can't expect, for example, our July meeting as of June or maybe even May but I would appreciate if we can establish whatever the appropriate period is so even if it's 2 to 3 months in arrears that our committee is regularly getting those reports for all CFCI dollars in the best way that you can summarize them. I just wanted to again it's a little bit out dated but I still wanted to add my comment and appreciate it's very simple to understand graphic as well as the CFCI allocations. The other thing that would be helpful, just on the record is the ARPA dollars spending specific projects that were included in our original year one spending request. And then the last thing is I have something in the packet but I don't know that it's connected to the agenda hyperlink so I wanted to make sure I'm not missing something. Is there an additional handout in person? That's not available through the agenda?

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>> Stephen: Thank you for your comment about the visual and other comments. I just mentioned packet because I was facing them but it is in the attachments online as well.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Received on the accountability piece though. I want to find that cadence. From a not even just like meeting with CEO budget that's one aspect of it but I think an ongoing just like we have an oh, year to date of allocation, we should also have some way to kind of look at the breakdown of like year to date spend down, or the yeah year to date spend down as well, you know what I'm saying.

So yeah so like just pivoting back to the piece around the 12 million just kind of discussing it through, how are folks kind of leaning after thinking through how we can utilize those resources, right. So, you know, I'll be honest and from my positions from the dialogue going all the way back to the funding plan with the ongoing discussions with member Williams and member Chavez, like there's a commitment to that 2.5 million dollars of like the support for job training and stuff for American Indian Alaska native and indigenous families as well. Just underscoring these things that we allocated the only thing is to Stephen's point it's one time funds though. So like if we decide oh, yeah the whole 12 million to do this it's just for this year we don't know what next year is going to be.

But there's also like the reserve fund there is the emergency resource fund, there is the work to get the word out to the different districts of like all the to let people know what resources are in their communities that are CFCI funded. I feel like folks I don't think the supervisors even know what that looks like. Right.

There's also, yeah I'm sorry go ahead.

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>> I wasn't here my alternate was last session and so I don't know if we talked about as an idea but I know we talked about this at the concept phase like a fund for like flexible cash assistance or stipends that multiple grantees could tap into I wanted to raise that

>> CHAIR STEELE: Indeed. I know that was one of the items. Did that get funded that year?

>> I apologize, I didn't hear.

>> CHAIR STEELE: She was talking about the emergency stipends. There were some very last additions when we were going through the spending plan before, I'm not looking at it I can't remember if it got funded. Stipends for people who are having services for emergency support for those folks as well. I want to come I saw a hand. It was you Michelle. Michelle and then to you.

>> Thank you. I really love to see some of the funds be invested in the Incubation Academy that comes out of JCOD. Thank you, clap, clap. Our organization benefitted from that and, you know, our commitment to supporting smaller grassroots nonprofit organizations like that space was absolutely transformative. So I think it's a great space to put this one time funding invested in that space and let's invest in those organizations. Thank you.

>> Can I add an idea to that too because I also love the idea of expanding Incubation Academy and capacity building for hyperlocal nonprofits and providers. We are launching a revolving loan fund as part of the equity and county contracting initiative. The board put 2 million to it and DEO we're setting that fund up but thinking I don't know if that's a concept folks want to consider here because there's so many small grantees as well.

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>> If you don't mind on that same note, I think what I'm hearing, because, you know, I go around and I want to see what people are doing and I'm telling you I have not heard one negative thing about the Incubation Academy. And what I continuously am hearing is just greatness. They are so thankful and so grateful for it. Unfortunately, we have people that will show up or call in or send letters about things that aren't working and so we don't hear enough from the people that are pleased about, it's one of the reasons it's important to do an in reach to those.

I really, 100, 1,000% support funding the Incubation Academy.

>> I love the suggestion from member LoBianco. I think with Incubation Academy as we build, we are preparing organizations to partner with the county, right. So how do we build the capacity. But then also find opportunities to be able to enrich it through the micro loan program. And what other programs or opportunities some of the other county departments have that we can add to or just expose, introduce that to these organizations.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Couple questions on the loan piece for clarification. And I got you I'm going to come over to you Tencha and you Rosa. Just for clarification, the idea of the loan is so that the funds are always usable because it's being replenished once people pay it back it can go out to another organization, come back and go back out. It's a loan to bridge until they get their first check from the county and then they are able to pay it back and move on, is that the thinking?

>> Exactly. So some of the things we've been talking about in the equity and county contracting initiative. We've got 2 million dollars and that's good but other jurisdictions like New York have a standing 70 million

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dollar fund for something similar. So I think there's a lot of opportunity to grow that because people really need it and not something they have to ask for but they know they can get up front cash to start up and operationalize at very low interest.

>> CHAIR STEELE: I'm going to come to.

>> Member Lewis has their hand up.

>> CHAIR STEELE: I got you member Lewis Chavez and Soto and I'll come to you.

>> ALTERNATE CHAVEZ: I get a little emotional here because this is important to my community. We've said this over and over again. Feels like we're always forgotten when it comes to money being spent on the community. When I look at this what we said I remember member Steele telling me if we go ahead and exclude it for that first year we're going to for sure not be forgotten on the second time if it comes up we're going to get that money towards the native community. I'll tell you why it's really important. I benefitted off of a WEOA program myself. I went to school was able to get stipends and scholarships that helped me stay clean and sober and get my degree and pay my rent and all these things. If we do 2.5 there are programs helping the native community when it comes to job training and employment. I know even if it's just for one year it could change lives with the stipend with the financial awareness. Higher education, stuff like that will help the community. There are many other out there that are just like me who are trying to be bag to school and get their children back get out of poverty and homelessness.

I can name you just a handful right now off the bat. So I do want to acknowledge that we did talk about that when we made that last, you know,

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we moved it to, when we reduced it. I wanted to uplift that again. Thank you.

>> CHAIR STEELE: And that's one of the reasons I lifted it up first because we did make that commitment. We had that whole conversation and you all did us the honor of okay, let's go ahead so we can make sure we can make this happen for what is actually there. So I just want to, you know, plus one on everything you're saying. For sure. Member Soto and Member Lewis online.

>> MEMBER SOTO: I think that's important to this committee to keep our commitments. If there's any way that we can just ensure that we make whole that request, I think is important. In thinking about the Incubation Academy, I know we were, and I do agree with you that we haven't had, you know, any negative comments about it. It's only a community power building opportunity and that's important. Also mapping where people have come to benefit from that program is important. As compared to where the highest needs are across the county. So I know oftentimes we've talked about also, you know, mapping by supervisor district. If we do move forward in this way we can target areas that are highest need and be able to recruit from those communities to enhance that nonprofit base and then with the loan program I also appreciate as a nonprofit, we're a good sized nonprofit as a foundation, right, to a hospital but we too struggle with how long it takes to, right, get contracts paid with the county.

And I can't imagine what it's like for a small organization and that is one of their biggest challenges. So let's continue to support that economic boost that our partners need in order to grow.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Member Lewis online.

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>> MEMBER LEWIS: Can you hear me?

>> CHAIR STEELE: Go for it we can hear you.

>> MEMBER LEWIS: I support moving forward for 2.5 million represented in the middle of the page on the handout and I also definitely support the incubator piece. I want to I have a different lens in terms of support for the existing CFCI organizations. We've heard multiple times in this formal setting with the presentations from grant recipients as well as many other conversations with those of us who are tied to a lot of the organizations through our work in the community. That they are appreciative and it has been life changing so organizations in the community that are still struggling. For me, I would like to you asked the question did the other thing move forward Derek. It was diluted I don't feel it was moving forward in the way we talked about it. I don't remember the exact process but I don't feel like that. But it's kind and obviously we have to be capped but some type of operating support for these organizations we've already made commitments and investments to. It's critical. JCOD obviously could speak more to it but also Amity. If we have an opportunity to make sure they are not barely keeping the doors opening and stabilize them this is different than what was presented in terms of the loan I think that we need to explore the possibility of doing something like that. So they continue to tell us what do they got 15,000 or 200,000 or whatever it is they are still some gaps in their ability to operate. We would really like to fund a lot of the innovative, creative and effective programs that we may not be funding. I don't want to just continue to listen and hear from the investments we have made organizations that are working or executive directors are still doing, maybe they are not doing 7 but still doing 5 jobs. I think we should really step back and think about what we're trying to do and help to sustain what we're

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trying to do. And make sure that the organizations we've already invested in are fully supported or at least provide some additional support given all the things we've heard about their, the needs they still have.

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>> CHAIR STEELE: I'm all the way on board with this and this is my ignorance of the Incubation Academy. The idea of not just capacity building support.

You get the training and taking it a step further and being like you, not only do we need to have a conversation with you about establishing your reserve but actually making sure we're providing some resources to help you establish it. Making sure it's put into money marketing accounts so it can grow and there's resources there. What does it look like to set up the structures you need for your hiring process? Is there HR support or virtual HR support that you can tap into to have help you with your hiring process so you don't spend the money hiring in like, can we have an HR CFCI funded HR virtual management so that everybody can tap into that -- do you know what I mean -- that they can utilize.

Being able to make sure that we're helping people stabilize to get past that hump. Because once you get past that hump, you know, from an operational standpoint for your organization and running your business the way you need to run your business, the programming side is already bread and butter. That part you know how to do. It's the other part of the actually being a business operator and setting those structures up and having that support.

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Like, I'm definitely down with trying to figure out how we can not only just utilize these resources to provide emergency help for the organizations but also help them stand themselves up in a way that can create longevity for themselves as well. Member Castillo?

>> MEMBER CASTILLO: Thank you. I support the request made around the Native American and Indigenous allocation for community members and I think we should definitely honor that commitment.

I think there might be a misstep. I wholeheartedly support -- we've had conversations with CFCI recipients and folks who have gone through the program and have heard very good things about the program. To your point, it's about going beyond programming and thinking about sustainability. I feel like this needs to be a proposal to see what that will look like and how that is implement and so on and so forth so that we can make the proper recommendation for funding if that's the direction that we want to go.

I think it's great and I totally support it.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Just lay clarifying question. The proposal, should we get it from outsource or are you asking to draw you up one with a visual to be like, oh yeah, I like this idea. Let's put money towards this. So I'm recommending this so I can put a proposal together. Okay.

>> MEMBER CASTILLO: I don't know if you can do it, right? But what I'm saying is we landed on these three project ideas based off of a proposal submitted and we made decisions accordingly. Right now we're dreaming and thinking which is beautiful but I think there is also a fundamental practice we should honor in that case.

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>> CHAIR STEELE: I see what you're saying. You got it. Member Hong and then Member Stevens.

>> MEMBER HONG: I think the proposal is a great idea and the Incubation Academy I think is a great anchor and especially with one time money. You can build capacity organizations do it but coming from a County perspective one of the goals has to be how do we move from Incubation to County contractors so it's sustainable. I know we've had conversations because we're thinking about how we contract smaller entities directly through our ODL contracts and such and I know we have had early conversations but we would love to sort of think through what that proposal looks like from Incubation into a phase County contract.

I think a big part of that, the piece that we hear a lot and we're going to do further explanation to learn more is this. What is the infrastructure need? And when is the organization able to take a direct County contract with support around the infrastructure elements from outside and grow from into having that themselves. That's a huge pathway, right? If you think about the pathway we're trying to explore here. Too often we contract a big entity that chooses subcontracts and they get to choose. There are equity concerns that develop in that sphere. Partners matter whereas if we can consider the smaller organizations with supports within the big organization with this incubation pathway in mind so that group is left with a County contract independently. We would like to explore that further and through the Incubation Academy, what that looks like.

>> CHAIR STEELE: He said with pathways to contracts. I like the way you rode that out. Yeah.

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>> Moving to a specific outcome where you have a sustainable outcome at the end of the organization for the organizations and they have a County contract and they have a lead contractor and they are doing the work. They have one walk with them when they don't have their own HR infrastructure to build one and then they can operate independently.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Mmm hmm. Mmm hmm. Member Stevens and then Member LoBianco.

>> MEMBER LOBIANCO: Thank you. I love that idea. One thing I wanted to add in the interim -- I know we're dreaming and I don't mean to get us off track. We have the American rescue plan funds right now and we oversee the County certification and we manage the utilization goal tracking for all departments that are trying to get 25%, local small business enterprise. We're building an online curriculum and we fund capacity building through the One LA and the LA area chamber and I would love to better connect that to the Incubation Academies now too so that when you come out of the Incubation Academy you're certified with the County and connected to us.

We're just starting to ramp up some of those capacity building investments at DEO for the first time and building the online curriculum too that folks can use too and plug in themselves. I love the idea of thinking about what the pathway to sustainability is and where we can support in the interim for ARPA investments. I'd like to partner.

>> CHAIR STEELE: I got you Member Stevens give me one second. Question to Stephen. These additional dreamy but very existential ideas brought up in the conversation, if resources were to be allocated to JCOD to

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not only support more of the foundation of the Incubation Academy but build these other ideas into it, like, what is the feasibility in that?

>> It's totally feasible. And our plans already, I think the connection with County colleagues in particular is of interest. You know, we have 113 organizations that have gone through the initial Incubation Academy. The way we're moving is having higher level training with dedicated Data Consultants sort of like Graduate level Incubation Academy that is paired with a specific service track. Say folks wanted to work with DHS they would get high level training, one on one support along with other training and resource from DHS or DMHS or whoever. That's where we're already planning on going and we've had discussions with the planning department about that.

In terms of technical assistance and triaging needs for CFCI grantees, we want to work towards that. We have 400 grants and 350 plus grantees and there's a need for technical assistance and support and if we can deploy folks to surround them with care and resources and the types of trainings that they need, we can help them along the way and make sure they perform on the grant and are successful and can go out for other funding and be successful. There are other things we are exploring. It's already in our plans and it's often unfunded or we're searching for funding.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Okay Member Eakins. I'm sorry I thought you yielded your time.

>> MEMBER STEVENS: Yielding? [Laughter]

>> CHAIR STEELE: [Laughter]

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>> MEMBER STEVENS: One is I strongly want to be on the record in order support for the Native Americans for the record. Strongly. You saying over 400 grants, that says to me, who is evaluating the programs and then the outcomes. Not certain. And then you said you were seeking funding. I'm curious about that accountability piece and should we also be considering evaluation programs and outcomes as a part of this 12 million?

And then I'm also thinking that, you know, I'm going to keep raising up about unspent dollars or money that's just sitting somewhere in somebody's bank account, particularly the County. [Laughter] to find out what we could be using there.

The last thing is being creative and innovative and I can appreciate what's being said here and I'm often reminded of those exiting our jails with nowhere to go and how can we be supportive to JCOD or somebody to have some drop in, triage something where people don't have to find themselves on skid row or elsewhere.

And I'm going to close by saying this: I want to remember to remember, never forget, the many times that I exited a jail and had nowhere to go. All I remember and can still hear in my mind today is Stevens, 48375 roll um up. Everyone is excited. They called your name. You get to leave. But the fear I got to experience and the shame because nobody knew that I had absolutely nowhere to go. And so I am encouraging us to think about that population of people who are exiting and having some place that is safe, that provides them with some water, some resources, perhaps a cot that they can stay on if they are exiting late at night. Can we please be creative?

I'm going to pin it right there. But we are talking about people who are already outside. Don't forget why we're here in the first place.

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>> CHAIR STEELE: Hmm. Are you replying to the comment?

>> Thank you, Member Stevens. JCOD recently purchased land from central jail for a warm landing place and we're happy to provide the body with more details and one time funding for that sort of thing would go a long way.

>> CHAIR STEELE: And also the resources for the evaluation for the RFSQ. RFQ. I. RFI. Sorry. The resources are there for that contractor do you need resources?

>> We are dipping into our admin. That covers all things that JCOD doesn't support of CFCI so should there be more dedicated funding, that would be extremely helpful.

>> CHAIR STEELE: I agree. I agree. I want to -- Member Eakins. I'm sorry. Thank you very much for your patience. I got you, Member Castillo.

>> MEMBER EAKINS: You know the saying, give a man to fish and he'll eat for a day and teach him to fish, he'll eat for a lifetime.

As I echo my Peers, they all are great and I -- we give honor to the commitments that this commission has made.

But I also sit on other boards, small CBOs and we talk about capacity building. I don't have any backgrounds for what the curriculum involves for the program associated with this. I also see the need for board development. Many of the CBOs, their boards are clueless or they don't have the board members to carry out the mission of the organization. That's one area.

The other thing is, you know, just being sort of paper ready or audit ready. Because beyond a reasonable doubt to apply for some of these, like,

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contracts, or to get the certifications, you have to have certain documents in place and many small CBOs are barely hanging on and don't have all of that. Support, being paper ready, I like the idea of investing and getting the business paperwork so in order so they can compete with others for the funds. In order to apply for some of these grants you had to be at 1.25.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Or lower.

>> MEMBER EAKINS: Or lower? I missed that part. Let's them be in a position to compete for the dollars. .

Grant writing. Some organizations do not have the capacity for the development. Because the board is weak they are not able to get the dollars necessity need to sustain themselves. Those are a few of the things. Also in regards to Member Stevens, you know, to her point, it's important that we help these organizations think creatively around how to create job opportunities that generate monies, not only for the organization but also because you get out of jail, you have to have money, right? You got to sustain yourself.

Your probation officer is looking for you to have a job, right? You if don't know where to go, I'm thinking deeply about how to support the individual -- they have a successful reentry into the community.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Thank you very much for that. Because all of that is spot on and in the hard framing that I'm in as well as with the operational piece of what it means to have your nonprofit stabilized as a business, you're completely spot on. Member Castillo?

>> MEMBER CASTILLO: I forgot what I was going to say.

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>> CHAIR STEELE: Okay. Love it. Please. I'll come back around. Anybody online two? I want to keep an eye on that.

>> Will you yield your time to me?

>> I'm yielding to you.

>> I just really appreciate Member, uplifting our organization as a nonprofit.

>> MEMBER FUENTES-MIRANDA: I just really appreciate Member Hong. Our organization is a nonprofit and we participated in two Incubation projects with the County. The first one we did was I think in response to pressure from the Board of Supervisors to engage more with community Organizations since its been quite some time since they brought in new contractors.

We participated in this academy for a year. It led none of the participate organizations, got a County contract with that particular department. So pressure was put it to go for another year. County funded it for another year. One person. One organization, I should say. And as an organization that's been around for a little bit know, we've checked every box.

To your point, I think that is amazing but there's going to have to be a culture shift in some County departments. We are constantly sitting on opportunity but we've got to all be aligned with what the goals are and be willing to trust each other and create space for organizations. So thank you, thank you, thank you, and Member LoBianco, thank you for initiating the whole, get the juices flowing about how we can get the County departments also to be a part of the Incubation Academy work.

Also if I can just share, because I know some folks are not sure about what the different curriculum or how topics are even selected and that

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maybe can be something that you can provide for the membership. But it's very intentional and it's based on the core and where the gaps are and there's a lot of Peer to Peer for organizations that do have certain elements built up. Like a strong board. They come in and also provide Peer to Peer support. Great model. Great program. I am done. I yield the rest of my time.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Member LoBianco?

>> MEMBER LOBIANCO: One thing I want to and I'll work with JCOD to get information about this. But like I was saying with American Rescue Plan funds we launched the economic mobility initiative and 25 million and hoping to grow it. It includes entrepreneurship academies in each district. So folks that are brand-new or early stage entrepreneur and helping you set up your full business and be ready for County contracting.

We also have partnerships with the Chamber One LA. Specifically boot camp around County contracting and landing awards and sustainability programs for nonprofits who want to become an enterprise and add that funding stream. Capacity building for social enterprises who want to expand their revenue and who want to enter into an employee ownership model.

We're going to be opening up a small business mobility fund for flexible cash for start-ups and folks that want to grow. So we're going to be putting some of CFCI money into that too come this fall. But some of these programs with launching right now and I want to make sure that our grantees now and Incubation Academy parking lot inertias have access to some of these programs that are going to be launching like right now over the next course of a year, year and a half into 2026. I'll go ahead and say that and leave that for now. Thank you.

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>> CHAIR STEELE: Some is CFCI funds? I remember there was a business support piece.

>> MEMBER LOBIANCO: I should know but I'm blanking in the exact amount of money. We're putting the CFCI small business support money into the Small Business Mobility Fund, braiding it with American Rescue Plan Funds so it's a bigger pot. But we will be making sure we come to this group when it launches so everyone knows and is ready and ready to apply.

>> CHAIR STEELE: That's fantastic. Go ahead Member Stevens. No. Member Castillo.

>> MEMBER CASTILLO: If you can share how many people typically go through the Incubation Academy at any given time. I wanted to uplift the importance of these particular funds, CFCI funding going majority toward community-based organizations and thinking about how, if there is an ATI Incubation Academy decision made, that whatever program or innovation is developed or proposal is developed that that majority of the funding for that goes directly to that CBO, that is, you know, the CBOs that take part.

>> Each cohort is about 25 organizations and we have gone a little bit up beyond that. They are 100% BIPOC, LGBTQ+, or justice involved led and they all are located in the highest or high need areas on the JENI index. I've heard a few different things that are covered in the curriculum and it runs a gamete of nonprofit management from board development, grant writing, marketing, HR, tax documents and accounting practices and tax structures and that sort of thing.

Once they complete the program then they receive a capacity building grant. We're moving towards about \$50,000 in capacity building grants. We have been doing around \$40,000 at the moment and those are meant to

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support the learnings that they have and the errors of growth of the time in the cohort and they can hire consultants to help. It's pretty flexible in the realm of capacity building.

Then we're building towards having a pretty specific and tailored mentorship and executive coaching system or program for them where they are paired with nonprofit leaders who have grown from a burgeoning nonprofit to knowing where they are going. At least a year of support in those different fashions and we're working towards having multiple entry points for organizations. Not all folks are ready for an Incubation Academy.

We're going to launch a program in the fall. A new venture. Those serving people and maybe not in a nonprofit and we want to train them in how to set up their nonprofit appropriately and that it's done legally and following the laws and so that they set them up for success. We're building a resource hub where folks can learn a synchronously. We're trying to create multiple points for them to engage with the Incubation Academy and on the credit. CFCI we want to make sure they have all of their tech anything in this casual assistance needs in place.

Amity does so much work with them; however, there are 400 plus grants, 300 plus organizations and they often need additional really specific technical support and so we want to meet their need there. Some of our incubation academy Providers have won CFCI grants. I'm going to speak a little bit. 24, 25 million and year three, it's not final but about another 25 million of Incubation Academy awarded grants. They are separate. They have just done well. We have contracts with organizations to provide services through JCOD programs, particularly in-housing.

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We're doing a lot. I misspoke. We have a lot across men's central and we're working toward building a building. That's the financial hurdle we're facing now. That is it. Thank you.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Are you all able to use the money that was given to build this? Do you know what I mean? That's why I'm like, heck yeah. The Year one funds of unspent dollars. Are we allowed to tap into that? Do we need to have a conversation about reallocating the funds so that we can build the building across the men's central jail.

>> That program is separate and I'm happy to have the conversation with the people running that.

>> CHAIR STEELE: We'll have that conversation. Isn't he? Isn't he? He's not trying to get messy with me. He's buttoned up.

>> MEMBER EAKINS: This may seem like a bit of hand holding but is there a data base of BIPOC organizations that help with marketing and a lot of times you talk with these organizations and they don't know where to find a grant writer or marketing person to help them build a website that looks professional that somebody will look at it and say we want to look more into this organization. You can't guarantee but these are the type of things that these organizations are struggling. Is there something like that that exists?

>> It's more informal but it's something we're working with. We have a network of 113 organizations at the moment and with the grants we always want it make sure they are connected with folks that can support them in a positive way and not be predatory or gone down the wrong path of what they are working on. We don't make direct recommendations at this point on who they should work with but we connect them with folks who can

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support them in finding the correct kind of support. If that answers your question.

>> CHAIR STEELE: To that end. I just feel like, man, things that are on retainer that I can tap into just because I'm a part of the network.

There's five different digital design companies I can tap into because I'm a part of the net, would. Five grant writers I can tap into or five different HR companies I can tap into or something like that. That makes it easier for me to utilize these operating support mechanisms for my business while I'm still building it, I think would be so awesome. Do you know what I mean? Seriously. You're right. Know who they are and if they are readily available to you and all you have to do is tap in. I think that's fantastic.

>> MEMBER LOBIANCO: You do one better and then you get the list that get them onto County contracting Master Agreement List for those items like grant writing, marketing, et cetera. Yeah. I love it.

>> CHAIR STEELE: For sure.

>> MEMBER FUENTES-MIRANDA: CSUN has a nice directory guide I don't know maybe later we can look at how this committee can then partner with the university to help develop that tool, that resource that expands countywide.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Just as a recap of the discussion here because I've been taking notes and also your plus ones and add on of certain things.

The capacity -- I'm sorry, the making the whole of our commitment to our native brothers and sisters as well for the 2.5 million commitment was recognized, like, seven times in today's conversations. The capacity building for Incubation Academy was mentioned eight times in today's conversation

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with the addition of supporting development, grant writing, board development, pathways to County contracts, making sure they are paper ready in audits. The general operating support mechanisms that help to stand them up as businesses as addons to the idea of supporting the Incubation Academy. The.

That was mentioned eight times. The loan fund was mentioned twice. What else do I have here? That's it. There were other things mentioned but they were mentioned one time versus the continuing on of all of these different ideas. I'm sorry. The housing piece which we talked about three times because of JCOD having something across the street. So that's that part.

>> MEMBER STEVENS: Complement what the initiate idea in the finding of what they are doing.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Indeed. That was mentioned three times. You mentioned it first. We had a discussion off of the idea because he said, he came back and said it again because there was a question about -- no, he mentioned it twice. You mentioned it one time. So it was three times though.

>> MEMBER STEVENS: I just mentioned it again. [Laughter]

>> CHAIR STEELE: That's a fourth one. Is that your fourth and fifth, Reba? I'm with you on that.

Also the assistance for the organizations, that goes along with the capacity piece building for Incubation Academy, making sure there are resources and emergency funds for the organizations. All of that is kind of tied together.

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So I feel like we're kind of circling some ideas down to about maybe three to four things. 12.3 million. I'm sorry. 2.5 that we have as an outline item for the job training and employment work so you end up with 9.8? 9.7 and five divvying that up amongst the rest. Stephen, if you can help with a financial breakdown as far as what we're talking about with the Incubation Academy, that would be helpful.

Also with the loan fund idea, what the capacity of that? What are we talking about as far as we're concerned?

>> MEMBER FUENTES-MIRANDA: I believe on that she was talking about that as an initiative coming out of her department that how can we connect Incubation Academy participant organizations to that initiative. But she did talk about interests and I know as a nonprofit I don't charge the County interests. I'm wondering if CFCI can pick up whatever interests are there. There's definitely a social inequity thereof charging.

>> CHAIR STEELE: There should be no interest loans I feel like, that's truly what it is. 90 days same as cash. I'm just joking. No interest loans. I totally feel you. We shouldn't be having to figure out having to come up with more. The funds will always be there as long as the resources are replenished. I get that idea as a revolving loan. Almost in perpetuity you have resources readily available to be able to utilize for new businesses. Member Stevens and then I got you.

>> MEMBER STEVENS: I heard you mention 9 million, assuming there's more dollars, possibly more dollars that are left. And I was thinking a couple of events that I attended. I don't know how this works I'm shooting it out there. There was a resource at a huge event and I know that JCOD has put on events in the community, particularly in the second supervisorial

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district. I've never seen anything and I have gone to many events put on by the County but the participation of it. I even had to ask about the healing. What was it called? Healing space.

Look at here, y'all. There had to be 5,000 people plus at that event, not to mention the many folks who were providing the resource in the community as a vendor. In addition to that, recently I attended an event that JCOD put on and it was for fathers.

I went to it because I wanted to see, you know, what is this going to actually going to look like? Look out. I saw so many men and their children and it's something that you don't, I don't see a whole lot of packed in this park with variety of, you know, games and prizes and food and a host of everything. Now, I'm not suggesting anything here. But I was thinking more about how that could look across the entire County of Los Angeles and all of the supervisorial districts. Should that be something that the Board of Supervisors fund?

I do want to put that out there because it's important for us to be able to see, at least I believe, for us to be able to see those who are receiving these dollars or these grants in our community, sharing those resources broadly in the community. So I don't know how you could put that together but something else to think about.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Mmm hmm. I think when Stephen was up front, he was mentioning the outreach and the road show type event where there are, incident different districts, the organizations that are CFCI funded, being able to be a part of a showcase of sorts about their work, bringing out the people they serve to be a part of an event of sorts.

I'll be honest --

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>> MEMBER STEVENS: Isn't that another way of building capacity?

>> CHAIR STEELE: It is.

>> MEMBER STEVENS: Exposure. And I'm going to be honest with you. The reason why I'm uplifting this is because a lot of folks can put on an event but they don't know how to put on an event. The one thing I can tell you about JCOD is JCOD know how to party. They know how to show up and get people to show up. I'm serious. It's very, very impressive.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Received. Receive San Diego. Member?

>> MEMBER HONG: I was going to highlight the one time nature of the funds and if we highlight the number Member Chavez put farther and it should be whether we fund for multiple years, if it's one time funding.

These are things we don't want to put on one time and it's something we should be cautious about when funds are available.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Good point.

>> MEMBER FUENTES-MIRANDA: I'm wondering if a part of this is to revisit the projects to where it's still supporting the intent. Maybe there's more capacity building. Maybe it's work force development. Maybe that is, like, for acquiring equipment, you know, that supports job training beyond that year, right? So, yeah. But to revisit to where if it's for service as opposed to more infrastructure item that's still support the intended project. Or the intended goals.

>> CHAIR STEELE: In my mind, what this does is, because it was originally supposed to go to the TPA, right?

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What we would do is kind of similar to the rest. Similar to what Member Castillo was saying. There were proposals that were written up for all of these things. So we would do what we did with the rest of okay that goes to the TPA so they can put up RFP. They would have proposals submitted about how the resources would be utilized but to Member Hong's point at no time 7.5 rather than 2.5 million. I'm sorry 7 million. No, I said it right. 7.5 million because we were funding for multiple years rather than having it be one off for one year. That's what he's suggesting. Do you understand what I'm saying?

>> MEMBER HONG: I think it could be for different programs. One year investment doesn't make sense. Not to revise it but just to say we want three years or two years to make this work. That's what I was trying to put out there.

>> CHAIR STEELE: I got you. I'm suggesting three because it was originally supposed to go out with the rest evident year three funds. If we're suggesting that oh yeah, this will be a part of that, then give it three years like the rest. Do you know what I'm saying? That's the thinking I have on this.

>> MEMBER FUENTES-MIRANDA: [Audio blinked]

>> CHAIR STEELE: 7.5 and use the rest of it one year off. Does that make sense?

>> MEMBER STEVENS: If I'm not mistaken, Stephen, I heard him say it's going to go away?

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>> CHAIR STEELE: Right. So I'm saying we would give the TPA, instead of giving them 2.5 for one year funds, we would give them 7.5 with the instruction of spreading it over three years.

>> MEMBER STEVENS: And that can happen?

>> STEPHEN: It will carry over if it's not fully spent.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Which I think is fair and I'm just making a suggestion and I follow where you're coming from with that.

>> STEPHEN: Just discussion.

>> CHAIR STEELE: This is all discussion now and I'm just writing down the notes of the discussion. What it would mean if we did that. The 12.3 minus the 7.5 and then the map out the rest for some of the other ideas that came up in the conversation which is why we would need; okay, let's get a budget for what we're talking about, for Incubation Academy so we know what that proposal is. I got you. Thank you for that. The.

And then also for some of the other items we were discussing, making sure that we can understand what that number is so that we can, how to divvy up the rest.

>> MEMBER STEVENS: So when do we advocate for this ongoing funding from the County of Los Angeles? So we're sitting here and we are having great discussion. It certainly feels good but at the same time, I'm reminded that, you know, this should be ongoing and we should not just be talking about 12 million. The other is -- I'm going to lift this up one more time so you can put another mark by it -- the unspent dollars and understanding what's unspent and then what do we do so that we can do more. Or utilize those dollars if those dollars are just sitting somewhere. I'm also thinking,

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because somebody talked about interest or somewhat or another. I was thinking to myself, I wonder how much interest is being collected on some of these dollars that may just be in the bank?

People are hurting outside. And then once again and for the last time for today, I want to mention people exiting jail and having a place to land because -- can I tell y'all a little story.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Go for it, Reba. You got it.

>> MEMBER STEVENS: I was arrival timed about 12 times and every time I found myself either going, you know, after either spending a few months where you're sober in the sense of not utilizing a substance.

But every single time I ended up back at the dope house, you know. Or I ended up back in an unhealthy relation knowing that this was not healthy for me or an environment. And the only bargaining chip that I had was between my legs. And it's really important that we think about, particularly not just women in this day, you know. We know what's happening with even young boys. And I can't stress enough the fear of not having a safe place to go and having to, feeling safe, inside, believe it or not, inside the jailhouse, there is a sense of safety because you have a meal. You have three meals and you have a place to sleep. You get to take a shower. Even though you're confined and then you are let out of this door into this big ole world and without a plan.

My vision is that there would be a place that's very, very near -- thank you JCOD -- that would welcome an individual and present them with resources and help them to navigate so that they don't have to go into this domestic violence scene all over again or find their self at the dope house or

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having to compromise them and I'm talking about incomprehensive demoralization. It's unfair.

All of the things we do for people not coming out of jails is one thing. But where is that where is that safety net?

>> CHAIR STEELE: To be honest, going back to the idea of outreach piece and making sure folks who what resource right side available, there is a need for the, I guess, I don't like to use -- I'm using, well, for lack of a better word, the showcase of what resources are there, right? Because we're funding -- to your point -- several different organizations that are doing the work that you're discussing. The question is, do people know how to access them? That's the piece.

And so we, I agree, we definitely need to do more.

>> MEMBER STEVENS: Here is the other piece. Every time I was left, you saw the bails bonds folks and they are out there soliciting to the family telling you where you can get a bail bond. JCOD would hire people that would be 24/7 telling people about this landing space. Or spot.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Mmm hmm. Is that part of where the pretrial folks are going at the course how the now?

>> STEPHEN: We have people at courthouses with laptops set up getting people connected. And we have the call center which sets them up with rides to court and court reminders and other things connecting them with housing.

>> CHAIR STEELE: I got you Member Chavez. I got you. Member Wong?

>> MEMBER WONG: The warm landings are CFCI funded.

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We met with the lead team yesterday and they are out there in the certain communities trying to address and doing diversion prior to the incarceration even happening and one of the programs we operated was consider called the motel voucher program.

A lot of the folks we serve and lead don't want to go to a traditional shelter. There are barriers and trauma that trigger them and so we created safe motel space where they have their own individual room and bathroom and a safe space to stay. It's coming to an end and we're trying to leverage existing dollars to do that.

What we have coming now with Medicaid funding is something called short-term post hospitalization funding. There is a lot of conversation housing for health ODR with homeless initiative. We will have a contract soon with the health plans to receive Interim Housing dollars, six months of Interim Housing funding to support people with one of the sites being hospitals but also carceral settings. We'll be able to draw down funding and expand housing. The Interim Housing has about a 1% vacancy wait. We need to expand the housing from those coming from let alone our jails but also from state prisons.

There's a broader system that we can put into place and I think it's going to need to be a combination of shelter in the traditional sense but also things like motels and places that are the right fit for different people and I think there's an opportunity and we're working with health plans to fund some of that. So we're not putting forward the lead proposal here. That requires ongoing funding and there's a big bucket of funds but there's a lot of opportunity to partner and do that together. It's important and a really

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critical time of post release. I'm crushed to hear what you went through and we need to fix is it and so there's a lot of urgency.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Thank you for that. I think that part is crucial to this whole thing. Yes, we need to have more and also under some of the things we are already doing because there are stories, just like the ones that Reba just shared with us, of people going through this on a day-to-day basis, right? I appreciate you being the foundation to make sure we're not forgetting those folks.

That was well received for sure. Member Castillo and then Member Chavez.

>> MEMBER CASTILLO: Much of what I was going to say is shared and thank you Reba for sharing your experiences. What she was uplifting could have saved the life of [unintelligible] who was released in the morning and later lost her life. It's important to continue to think about these things and is important why we funded it I think Year two, 2.5 million? I think it went to JCOD. I'm pretty sure we funded to the tune of 2.5 million and maybe a report back so we can learn what's going on with that particular pool of funding.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Indeed. Member Chavez and then we're going to go to Public Comment.

>> ALTERNATE CHAVEZ: I wanted to say is you and as well as your suggestion for the community. I want to uplift Member Stevens for being transparent. You took me back to a time of being out at 1:00, 2:00 o'clock in the morning where it's so dangerous and now thinking about community health workers being out there and passing out what's available to the community who are coming out of jail.

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From what I remember, there's no more letting out women late at night anymore. But it's still dangerous to be let out during the daytime as well. Can happen from the time you're released to where you get to where your home is and if you don't have a home, you're out there looking for the in connection with available thing. You shared it. We have to do what we have to do. I think the fact that we have voices on this committee, on this advisory board, to share what we went through uplifts the voice of those who we feel are forgotten and I just want to uplift that.

>> CHAIR STEELE: I can't even imagine, man. I really appreciate you sharing that story. I really do.

Even what you just said. Like, from the step out of the door, you know, it underscores the story even more. I don't got nowhere to go so what am I going to do at this point? Okay. Yeah, that's received. Thank you for the dialogue today, you all.

I hope the JCOD team is taking notations here. I have at well and so we'll deliberate on the back end as to how to prepare for the next meeting and make decisions on how to utilize the funds.

To your question, Reba, this report that we're trying to finalize matters because that conversation is also under guarded with the support of the success that we have accomplished and how much more we can move forward with the board's support to continue to move away from incarceration and utilize these tool that's we have developed with care first, the care first agenda to support people in our communities.

So we're getting there. We're definitely getting there. I want to move to Public Comment. General Public Comment and we can adjourn the meeting afterwards.

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>> We will now open the general Public Comment period. As a reminder, the Public Comment period is one minute per person. Telephone users dial star nine to use the raise hand feature and star six to unmute yourself. Computer and smartphone locate raise hand to be placed in the queue. General comment are limited to the matters within the subject matter jurisdiction of the CFCI Advisory Committee. We will call you on in the order your hand was raised. Please Republican to state your full name. We will now begin the general Public Comment.

Do we have any Public Comment in the room? Seeing no hands in the room, we would like to go online.

>> Thank you. There's no Public Comments online.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Really? I was excited to hear what the public had to say today about today's conversation but okay.

>> As a reminder, if you would like to submit a written Public Comment for a future meeting please email JCOD at JCOD.lacounty.gov up to 24-hours prior to the meeting. Please include the meeting date for correspondence. This concludes the Public Comment period and I will pass it back to you chair Steele.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Thank you for today's conversation and I think it was very rich and this is why we do what we do and I will on to say that this is why we're one of the most impactful committees that exist in the County. Seriously. I said it. I said it, that's right. Let's continue to do the work together.

You all have a great rest of your month.

>> I have a question about August. I believe the board goes dark?

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>> CHAIR STEELE: The board goes dark.

>> Do you want to suggest? I know we can't vote.

>> CHAIR STEELE: There is a recess on the calendar for the August meeting. There's no August meeting on the agenda?

>> It says August 15th.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Oh. I can't really vote on it, unfortunately. What should we do? What can we do?

>> MEMBER LEWIS: You can hold a special meeting if you need to if you have all of the requirements.

>> CHAIR STEELE: The problem is the August 15th meeting is already on the calendar for the approved meetings that we have for the year.

>> MEMBER LEWIS: I believe you can cancel the meeting as well. As the chair, can't you cancel the meeting? I think so. You can call a special meeting if you want to have an abbreviated one. Yes.

>> CHAIR STEELE: .

>> MEMBER STEVENS: I didn't hear what was said but yes.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Canceling August gives us more time to work through the third party evaluator to bring back that work. So we're see you in September. Thank you everybody. Have a great rest of your summer. Meeting adjourned.

[Meeting adjourned 5:58 PM]]