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>> Okay. My name is co vice chair Megan Castillo, and I'm calling this meeting to order. Thank you for joining today's convening of the CFCI advisory committee meeting. Before we begin, I will hand it off to Danielle to read the meeting disclosures.

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This concludes the meeting disclosures.

Co-vice Chair Castillo, I'll pass it over to you.

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>> Thank you. Welcome, welcome, welcome, everybody. We're going to go ahead and do roll call, so I'm going to pass of pass it to Julie.

>> Welcome, everyone. We will now conduct the roll call. To expedite this process, we will ask all advisory committee members to be ready with the microphone before your name is called so you can be ready to announce your attendance promptly.

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We will now begin the roll call by last name alphabetically. When your name is called, please say present. If you are attending via Zoom, please mention remote attendance.

Member Armstead or alternate.

Member Carbajal or alternate.

>> Present remotely.

>> Member Castillo or alternate.

>> Present.

>> Member Contreras or altercate.

>> Present.

>> Member Crunk or alternate.

>> Present.

>> Member Cyrus-Franklin or alternate.

>> Present.

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>> Member Eakins.

Member Ferrer or alternate.

Member Fuentes-Miranda or alternate.

>> Present.

>> Member Garcia or alternate.

Member Hong or alternate.

Member Lewis or alternate.

Member LoBianco or alternate.

>> Present.

>> Member Nishiyama or alternate.

Member O'Brien or alternate.

Member Schoonover or alternate.

>> Alternate present.

>> Member Scorza or alternate.

Member Soto or alternate.

Member Steele or alternate.

Member Stevens or alternate.

>> Present.

>> Member Joey Williams or alternate.

>> Present.

>> Member Myk'I Williams.

>> Present.

>> Member Wong or alternate.

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Thank you. This meeting has reached quorum.

As a reminder, the governor's COVID 19 emergency offered expired on February 28th, 2023. This ended the ability for members of a Brown Act body to appear remotely under AB 361. Members of the Brown Act body must now meet in person and may only participate remotely for just cause or emergency circumstances for 20 percent of the meetings, approximately two meetings within the calendar year. If you are able to provide advance notice, please direct any reporting of absence or tardiness to our email at CFCI@jcod.lacounty.gov.

Next, I'd I would like to open this meeting with a land acknowledgement. Is there anyone who is willing to kick us off?

>> There are seats in front.

>> Yes, yes, lots of them.

>> Please join us.

But anybody want to read the land acknowledgement today?

Okay. I'll kick us off.

All right. The land beneath our feet is the let me make sure I got the right one.

Okay. The land beneath our feet is the ancestral land of people who lived in Los Angeles County and surrounding areas for thousands of years. I would like for us to acknowledge the Gabrieleno Tongva people, the Fernandeno Tatavium Tribe and the Ventureno Chumash people. These Native people understood and respected the land, connected and respected the four-legged creatures who once roamed the earth freely; the winged ones and everything in the ocean. Their hearts told them never to take more than

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they could use, and always give back to Mother Earth. These amazing people are still here today living and breathing among us and still giving back to the community that surrounds us.

Aheehe Thank you to our ancestors.

Is there anyone who would like to read 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 its vast and inequitable wealth.

We respectfully acknowledge our debt to the enslaved people, primarily of African descent, whose labor and suffering built and grew the economy and infrastructure of a nation that refused to recognize their humanity.

While the 13th Amendment to the Constitution technically ended slavery in the U.S., we know that slavery's ongoing impacts are still felt by countless people forced, through violence, threats, and coercion, to work 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 labor was forced and exploited. The Chinese immigrants who built railroads that allowed for western westward American development, the Japanese Americans whose properties and livelihoods were taken from them while incarcerated during World War II, and immigrant workers from the Philippines, Mexico, and Central and South America, who have worked Pacific Northwest farms and canneries.

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We recognize the immigrant and American born workers of African, Asian, and Central and South American descent, whose labor remains hidden in the shadows but still continues to be still continues to contribute to the wellbeing of our collective community.

We recognize that our economy continues to rely on the exploited labor of incarcerated people, largely people of color, who earn pennies an hour, while generating billions in goods and services each year. And we know that there are many 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 the 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 on to them.

>> Thank you. Just want to note for the record, Chair Steele, Derek Steele, I'm here.

What's up, everybody? How y'all doing?

Thank you very much for leadership, being able to lean in and step in and get us going.

Let's go through the community agreements.

>> Be respectful of the diversion voices being represented and remain open minded.

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- >> Be mindful of power dynamics in this space, as well as the historical disenfranchisement of black, indigenous black and indigenous communities accordingly prioritize and defer to communities throughout this process.
- >> Be mindful of the diverse audience you're presenting to and make sure you speak with clarity.
- >> Be collaborative.
- >> Assume best intentions.
- >> Challenge the idea, not the person.
- >> Remembered, 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 low income communities, trans, and nonconforming folks, etc.
- >> Defer to unity.
- >> 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 space for youth voices.
- >> As much as possible, allow community members to finish their sentence, thought during public comment.
- >> Review community agreements before every meeting and amend them as needed.
- >> And we begin CFCI advisory committee meetings with a land acknowledgement statement, recognizing and respecting the indigenous peoples of the land we now call Los Angeles County.

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We have a very interesting agenda today, and I want to ask everyone to keep the community agreements in mind. His there's some procedural things that we got to navigate that, if I'm being completely transparent, I'm not we have some procedural things we got to attend to, I'll just leave it at that.

But at the same time, though, in about, like, what the landscape is it is and where we're headed, we're in election season, there's a there's an aura of contention that is just kind of in the air in several different spaces. As I was anticipating actually being in this space, I felt a sense of relief. Because even in the heart of discussion that is we have to have here, there's still opportunities for to us move forward together. So I just want to say thank you, all, for the historical work that we have been able to do over the year. Let's continue to do that. And, you know, strive to just continue to make the change.

So I want to move on to the next part of the agenda.

My bad. Here we go. We're going to go and did we take the roll already?

>> Yes.

>> All right. Great. Thank you. Let's go ahead and review the minutes for September 19th's meeting. Anyone want to make a motion to move to approve the minutes from September 19th, 2024?

>> I'll second that motion.

>> Motion made and seconded. Any changes, any thoughts on the minutes?

>> I have a question, I guess it's procedural.

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>> Before we vote on the minutes, seeing how the minutes are taken out, as we took action, but I'm seeing on the agenda, so before I vote to approve minutes that were done, we're getting the cart before the horse on that, so I would have to abstain from approving the minutes, if the case.

>> Understood. On the clarification of what we're voting on today?

>> On the agenda. Because my understanding what we voted on, it was passed and then I see it again on the agenda. That's kind of what you're alluding to on your initial comments around the procedural stuff, I'd rather we just call the kettle black and, like, name it instead of tiptoeing around it.

>> For sure. For sure.

>> I had a question on the process and so I'd love for them to be able to come give a give some guidance so that we know what we're voting on. There's no changes. Let me be very clear. There's no changes to what we're talking about. It's just the go ahead.

>> We are recommending retaking the vote. There were some issues with the posting of the attachments, the link wasn't accessible to everyone at the time of the meeting, so out of an abundance of caution we want to retake the vote. And there's also some procedural matters there around some of the funding. It's specifically geared towards current grantees and grantees are currently on the committee and so, again, just to protect the vote and make sure that everything's solid, we would recommend recusal of folks who are grantees or contractors through can the departments that receive funding. So that's why we brought it back today, and that's why we wrought it back that would ask folks to recuse themselves but still ask them to pass the package.

>> So do those folks know who they are, Derek?

>> So we don't have to identify them today. That's part of yeah, part of the process today.

>> I'm going to come I got you, so I'm going to circle back so we can explain what steps we're going to take on this, but I want to leave definitely

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the room for you all to express yourself. So I'll come around. I'll come to Member Stevens and then I'll come back to you.

>> Hi, Stevens. I just want to make sure that I'm clear that we are going to vote again because there are members that voted who have contracts currently.

>> So there's two things happening. The vote last month we feel we should retake anyway because the actual meeting material was not accessible publicly and with enough time we feel people could have a response and give comments if she wants to.

>> That part was clear. And separately two of the items, one time funding for grantees one time funding for grantees and contractors and the technical assistance for grantees and contractors. Because that is geared specifically towards that population of grantees and contractors which there are some of the body, we recommend recusal of those folks on that vote just to ensure that the are the vote is.

>> So just to make certain that I'm clear, that's not for all of the grantees that sit around the table, that's only for the the person that would be the agency that would receive these dollars? Is that clear? I just want to make sure I'm real clear.

>> So it's because those two pots of funding will be available to every grantee that is currently under contract through our TPA, if you are on the body and a current grantee and or contractor through a county department receiving CFCI funds, then we would recommend recusal.

>> Thank you. Yes, sir, Member Crunk and then I'll come back to Member Williams. And I got you.

>> Thank you, brother chair. The only thing I have is when you take this vote, can you please go in reversal alphabetical order.

>> Okay.

>> Thank you.

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>> No problem. Got it. I will go go to Member Contreras.

>> We mentioned this was originally procedural, but I did know notice under CFCI targeted technical assistance, I believe the amount was 750,000 in the last version, so it seems to be reduced here.

>> Yeah. Yes. Thank you. It was over a 12.3 amounts so we amend that, and that's something that was going to go through the JCOD and we made that change. In addition, we also made the adjustment of between the Native American commission and the programs, as noted in the motion during the vote last time. So this is reflecting what was discussed in motion for that vote, as and we adjusted that particular one down to meet the totaling three. It was there was an error, yeah.

>> And just for clarification, you're making the distinction between what's in the agenda versus what was in the minutes, correct?

>> What's in the agenda verse us what we approved last month.

>> Sure. Got it. Following.

>> Member Williams and then I'll come back around.

>> Yeah when, you said "we" made the decision. Who is "we"?

>> On reducing the 50K for the

>> No, on you said we decide toe we needed to retake the vote. You said we as a collective. Who is the "we"?

>> It is not a we.

>> Who made the decision?

>> I'll tell you what it was. It was first it was raised by county council and then took to the CO's office, they brought it back to me and I was like, we're not revoting, I think it's very clear about where we strand on this. I think it is very straight forward. And it's appear like, the notes the piece that is being raised around it not being available to the public, it was immediate available, it was there, but some people didn't have access to it depending

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on what platform you were using and what devices you had or something like that. But it was like so when I said that I you know, we're not we're not going to do that. It came back like, no you actually probably should. And here's the reasons why. And if you do if you do not, then these are the consequences that might happen down the road. I'm like, all right, cool.

>> So

>> When I bring it back here, it's not going to be a straightforward conversation, let's start there, because we are making we've made decisions together, we had a straightforward discussion about it, and I think it's really

>> Yeah.

>> important that we note that part.

>> Yeah. Let me finalize my comments. I think, and I know you guys are probably tired of hearing me, and I'm tired of saying it, but we are battling against a bureaucratic white supremacy system that does not want to die. And just because things happen the way they don't want to happen, they bring it back through procedure and bureaucracy. White supremacy doesn't die. It reinvents itself through these bureaucratic procedures, and it's tiresome that we have to come back and continue to have these conversations after we went through a deliberative process where it was made where folks were going to be locked out of a vote Vote because they couldn't be here.

I'm going to put this on the record. The address for the meeting today was not on the calendar invite. I had to call Member Castillo, our Vice Chair, to get it. So if I don't show up and vote, are they going to take those considerations in and come in? I don't think so. You know, we made some votes and we stood by, made some hard decisions, an I just want to name that, that that is what is happening right here. And it sounds like they're making threats is what it sounds like. Like if we don't do this, then this is

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going to happen. And you know, the way it sounds to me. Just because I feel that way.

>> Definitely.

>> Don't mean it's true, but it just feels that way.

>> Yeah, I wouldn't characterize those as threats. That's not what came back. It was here are the possibilities, the realm of possibility of things that could take place if we don't make sure we stay aboveboard. And I also, again, in my recollection of, like, where we are in the ethos right now, we are doing something good. And so if it means that we have to come back and dot the I's and cross the T's to make sure that we can continue doing something good, fine, we'll do that. But that doesn't mean that we're not going to go on the record and talk about how stupid it is. Oh, sorry, we'll come back to Member Stevens.

>> Thank you, Chair.

>> You know what, I'm not I'm still not quite clear because I want to also uplift our county departments that are grantees, right? So where do they fall in this? Are they, too, going to recruit themselves? Because then that will only probably leave me. I kind of

>> Okay.

>> Me.

>> Oh, okay. Okay. Let's see all the hands. Okay. Of those that would be eligible to vote. And I just want to make sure that that is also on the record.

>> Please. Member Contreras.

>> I have a clarifying question. And that is if, does recusal impact quorum?

>> It does.

>> And we should I would imagine that county departments, whether they are direct grantee or will receive a grantee or, you know, have a

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relationship with a grantee, wouldn't that be a potential conflict as well? Like how are we defining the conflicts, so similar to what you guys were saying?

>> The guidance we received is the actual contractors themselves, if they're on the body, they would have to recuse themselves. However, the departments themselves would agree with you on the funding, the funding would be through JCOD, through the TPA, through had. So the guidance and the recommended process doesn't include recusal of that represented department.

>> Just to clarify, JCOD doesn't vote. Like I don't vote on anything. We wrote it that way. Okay. Yeah.

>> Member Crunk.

>> I want to uplift that what I said may have had a humorous connotation to it. But these things are serious to me. I'm sitting here trying to represent people that need something, and I'm going to be honest with you, I'm bright, I'm not a dumb person, but the bureaucratic wording and things like that, I'm one of those people, if you use those type of words and let's just say no, a no vote would be good for what I'm doing but it's worded to where I say yes, that's why I said I would like to I want to be one of the ones to go after because I know the people that are aligned with what I believe in. No, I don't want to be a part of bureaucratically suppressing anything, and I'm telling you, I'm not 100% sure if the county is or if if no, this is just regular procedure. I'm not really sure of that. But I don't want to be a part of anything that's suppressing anybody that needs what this was all put together to help.

>> So the the community agreement that resonated with me in this moment was assume best intentions. And I think, in most cases, not most, in all case where is I'm here, that is the space that eye I try to sit in as we are deliberating on the things we deliberate on.

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And so procedurally speaking, what has been brought to us has now raised other questions that because the thing that you're saying doesn't actually make sense, you know what I'm saying. So I understand, like, I understand, face value, okay, social justice learning institute does receive resource interests CFCI, right? Right? Right? There's right? I don't even know, I there's organization that is actually do it, so that wean even the intention of it. That was not even one of the questions. I mean, it could have been one of the things of hey, you know, because you sit on the body, you might not be able to see receive these funds, that might be the other case.

There's other different directions we could have went through with. But I think what is being said is those on the body, those that have resources coming from CFCI have to recuse themselves from the vote. That's what has been asked for here. So but I think the clarification of what that means is needed. So if county council can help to help identify that, I would be really grateful. I'm not how many how many do we have? What is the quorum number.

>> We have 14 in person.

>> So myself and Michelle have to recuse ourselves. We still have. All right. Is that 12? I'm sorry, you said 14? Is that including JCOD?

>> 14 in person.

>> I know JCOD doesn't vote, but. Oh, they're not in the quorum. You're right. You're absolutely right. Okay. Cool. Thank you.

Well, I still there's still folks who are still unclear about who we're talking about. So I think that's the part that needs to be and he, because I heard your explanation, but have two county departments that are saying hmm?

I rarely get into this type of energy, you all. I'm sorry. But like sometimes it's just tough.

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>> So it's the any grantee that is are on the board that so any that any organization that has received CFCI funding, so a financial stake, essentially. And I believe we thought that that would be two, based on my understanding, and I think there would still be quorum, even with those two recusals.

>> Got it. And I am one of them. I know I think it's a it's bright red for me. I'm not I'm not I'm not opposed to that. I'm just saying, as far as receiving resources, but it's just, it opens up a whole other bag of silliness, in my opinion.

But with that definition, please, Member Contreras.

>> I just want to make sure I'm clear. So all the county departments that receive funds utilize those funds through contractors. Is that accurate?

>> For today's vote, which is what we're talking about right now, we're just talking about the individuals whose organizations are CFCI grantees. So today, we're not talking about the departments. I think that's an issue for, perhaps, future discussions, but that's where we are for today, and I believe it's just two of the members.

>> I should say in essence, though, like, for what we're talking about, the one time needs and the technical assistance, the county departments would not be utilizing because those are the two categories we're talking about here. We're talking about the one need the one time need funds and the technical assistance funds, which the way it was written was for specifically grantee to be able to take advantage of. But I guess the conversation is around what is the defining grantee, and so I don't know if you accept the clarity that counsel has given. I see you all. I got you.

>> I thought what I heard initially was that any grantees need to be included and so I guess I'm confused as to what the definition of a grantee is, because my understanding was the county departments were also sort of bidding maybe not be the right word but putting forth proposals to utilize. I don't understand the distinction that's being made.

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>> I think I'm specifying the vote and what's recommended on today's vote. I think the other issue is probably a bigger issue. But I think I think the analysis that came back is based on the recommendations that was done at the last meeting, and so the only the county department that would receive any funds would be JCOD to go through the third party administrator or some other program and we're not voting members. And then but if you could get the resources through the third party administrator, then you're disqualified, and county departments don't qualify for those funds. Am I am I saying that correctly? I'm asking county counsel.

>> Just for purposes of today's vote, we're talking about the funding that will go to the third party administrator for the CFCI grantees, and that's a separate pool than the funding that goes to the departments through the other processes.

>> I got you. I'm sorry.

>> Yeah, I think we're coming into this thing assuming that we're going to vote. You guys already got that set in your mind that we're going to I don't like that. But what I do like is, like, I have a solution that we vote line by line on each item. If you need to recuse yourself from an item, you recuse yourself from that item. But just, like, this Native American funding, Derek, SJLI is not going to go after that, you know, why not vote on it. But we go line by line. And two is the other option we have here is to uphold our vote as is last time. Because we worked hard, there was a lot of disenfranchisement going on to lock out people from the Zoom meeting and we did a work around on that. And also, too, is this information could have been made privy to us last meeting, and that was on you, county counsel and everyone else for not doing that. So those are the I think the two courses we have to uphold our vote or two, is to go line by line as a solution to that to get to where we need to on this 12 million. But I know we still need to hear from other folks and take action on these minutes, which I will be abstaining.

>> This is a complete injustice. So my, like I will recuse myself, absolutely, right, to be able to fund out these projects. But our organization

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is not listed in this, but I do remember when we were voting on projects, they were specifically going to county departments and it was listed in black and white and text, they were allowed to stay in the space and be able to vote, right, as a Member of this committee.

Now, there's no guarantee that either of our organizations will receive these funds. So how is it okay when it's government departments that get to go ahead and vote on funding coming to their departments but then community based organizations, CBOs, that aren't guaranteed funds cannot even vote? Where what what equity what I don't understand that. And I would love an answer later.

>> That's no shade to our friends

>> No. Just general

>> No, I'm just saying

>> I got you.

>> They're yeah.

>> That's spot on, though. That's a really good point.

>> I just want to clarify. We're just answering the question that's before us, and so the question before us was just with regards to the 12.3. I'm happy to raise the other issue, and we can address that that at a later time. I hear your concerns.

>> Member Cyrus-Franklin.

>> I think the concern is the precedent we're setting and does this call in to question all of the recommendations we made over the last couple of years where folks around this table recommended projects, and if the same law applies, why wasn't it brought up then? Why is it being brought up now?

>> I would just like to go on the record and say, I flagged this nearly three years ago when I was on the individual of advisory committee and it was just of do oh, the community based organizations are the advocates, they're

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just mad. And it's like, this is why we flagged it nearly three years ago in this space. So just wanted to make sure that that's on record.

>> Yes. Member Knight.

>> I also have great concerns about the precedent this is setting. And Chair Steele, I have a question about the technical assistance adjustment that was made from the previous vote. I don't want to muddy waters now if we need to wait to address the minutes, I can hold off. But I also am very concerned that that decision was made without consideration or discussion from this group. So I'd like to revisit it, if possible.

>> For sure. Stephen. Go ahead.

>> When that item came up, I was going to explain that there was an error and we lowered it to meet the threshold of the 12.3. It was going to be mentioned.

>> So I think more of the point that Member Knight is saying is that should have been here before the discussion was made in the document. So I understand. Point taken.

I will circle back, because we were in discussion around the minutes and the approval of those minutes, and we're in and there was a motion made and seconded. Is there any other additional thoughts on this? I think Member Williams has stated that he'll be abstaining from the vote.

Before we do that, the precedent being set by the next vote, not the minutes, I just want to be clear. Okay. Gotcha. So we will tackle that. Got it public comment.

>> They commences the public comment punished of the agenda. The public comment periods during the meeting will be one minute per person. For those online who would like to provide public comment, please use the raise hand feature now. We will call on you in the order your hand was raised. When you are called upon, please state your full name for the minutes before beginning your public comment. Your hand already lowered once have you completed your public comment. For those on the telephone,

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When accessing Zoom through a computer browser or smart Zoom app, scroll to reactions at the woman a tab and you will see the raise hand feature. We will now begin public comment for the approval of meeting minutes for the September 19th, 2024, pleating. Do we have any public comments in the room?

Seeing no in the room, we would like to go online.

>> There are no comments on line. This concludes the public comment period.

>> Someone is coming in now. Please state your full name for the record.

>> Hi. My name is Laura. I'm with the reimagine LA Coalition. I just found this double standard that the group discussed really troubling to watch as a member of the community that's looking to the county to act in equitable processes. It's clear this body took great care to put in place a vote that considered a lot of different viewpoints. And hearing there's a double stand where county entities are allowed to vote on pro poses as where they could receive funding but now the community is being asked to recuse themselves in a similar circumstance just doesn't sit right with me. I want to affirm the leadership of the folks in this room who have called that in to question and just really reiterate that the community is watching and this is something we're going to be tracking closely because it doesn't really give equity.

>> Thank you. As a reminder in advance of our, send a written comment

>> May I make one more comment. I want to just remind everyone, the bylaws do address the departments and so section 6 does address with the bylaws that department representatives or their alternates do have to abstain from a vote when their departments are named. I can only speak to

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the process that I've been a part of. But the bylaws do specify that, so I just wanted to highlight that.

>> It sounds like we need to we need to re visit some things, including by laws. But thank you very much for the public comment. Anyone else?

All right. So we're going to move to vote. But per the say it again?

>> If he could just restate what we're voting.

>> Oh, I'm sorry. We're voting on the approval of the minutes. Is everyone okay to go forward own the approval of the minutes? That's where we are right now.

Why don't we move forward with a vote.

>> We will now conduct the vote for the motion to approve the September 19th, 2024, meeting minutes. We will be using a similar process as the roll call. Again, we ask all committee members to be ready with the microphone before your name is called. When I call on your name, please indicate your vote of yes, no, or abstain. I can Member Wong or alternate.

>> Abstain.

>> Member Myk'I Williams.

>> Abstain.

>> Member Joey Williams or alternate.

>> I can't approve minutes that would negate our actions so I have abstained.

>> Member Stevens.

>> Abstain.

>> Member Steele.

>> Abstain.

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>> Member Soto or alternate.

Member Scorza or alternate.

>> Abstain.

>> Member Schoonover or alt or alternate.

>> Abstain.

>> Member O'Brien or alternate.

>> Member Nishiyama or alternate.

Member LoBianco or alternate.

>> I'll abstain as well.

>> Member Lewis or alternate.

Member Hong or alternate.

>> Abstain.

>> Member Garcia or alternate.

>> Abstain.

>> Member Fuentes-Miranda or alternate.

>> On stain.

>> Member Ferrer or alternate.

>> Abstain.

>> Member Eakins.

>> Abstain.

>> Member Cyrus-Franklin or alternate.

>> Abstain.

>> Member Crunk or alternate.

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>> Abstain.

>> Member Contreras or alternate.

>> Abstain.

>> Member Castillo or alternate.

>> Abstain.

>> Member Carbajal or alternate.

>> Abstain remotely.

>> The motion does not pass.

>> All right. I want to I'm going to change some of the order here because I want to make sure that we have the time to we need to hash this out. We need to such a waste of time. Okay.

Let's do this. We're going to hash this out. We got to hash this part out first. So we'll go to item 8. Right. To come back to this conversation.

I'm not so there's been kind of some discussion on it already. Before we into the motions, like, I'd like to have more of that discussion. I think Member Williams mentioned approving the vote itself, right, that we already had. So it's not necessarily rehashing the conversation. It's more of just doubling down on what we said we wanted to do last go round.

The only thing that that we have to also discuss the fact that it is over 12.3, right? Because what we approved last week, as, with the numbers stated the way they were, that 507,000 put us about \$150,000 over 12.3. So I'm sorry, 50, you're right. I'm sorry. You're right. 50,000. I'm so I. Thank you.

Out of what the now 700,000 was 750, I go you. So it was \$50,000. Thank you for the clarification.

So it's just reconciling that, like, I guess with approving last vote with changes to make it to 12.3 or something like that. But we would have to I'm not opposed to it's not like that. But I want to open the floor to the

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conversation to around what we can do on this or what you would like to do on this. Anyone else? No? Go ahead, Stephen, what's up.

>> I'll just say that the 50,000 difference was a typo on the original and we apologize for that, and I was going to bring it but that was not their proper procedure so I just wanted to procedure. It was done in error.

>> Received. Thank you for the apology.

>> Yeah. I think ultimately, like, we're we're accountable to our communities and my boss has came in and talked about being excellent as one of our principles, and I think it's something I want to hold dear to how I show up in my community. But also, with the county, with so many resources, with so many staff members at these oversights, they're they're not acceptable, you know. There needs to be accountability. And we're not accountable to the CEO, we're not accountable to the board of supervisors, we're accountable to our communities to show up in that spirit of excellence. And 50 missing a 5 and a 0 is a big thing. \$50,000 is no chump change. So we have to do better. And I say "we" as it is not solely to fall on the individual who just said that, you know, Stephen said, it is on all of us as a team to be excellent and to show up like that. So they're big things, leaving things off an agenda or not being successful, those don't fall on us, those aren't our responsibilities, but how do we get better at it and how can we are he be supportive of the process? Because not being transparent doesn't feel good, you know. We need to have full transparency, and how we make these decisions and that you know when, we say we or we should specify who is the we, you no we and got those

[Captioner change]

>> We need full transparency in how we make decisions. When we say we or it has clear, which is the we? How these changes got made to balance it out.

I am in favor of supporting our vote. I will make the motion with the amendments to fit the \$12.3 million. Let us get it right on the money figure

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as we move in. We don't want to come back next week and have to vote again.

CHAIRMAN STEELE: Motion on the floor.

>> Uphold the vote from last time with any adjustments that need to be made to the numbers to make it 12.3. Motion on the floor. Seconded by Member Crunk.

MEMBER CRUNK: Question. In laymen terms, my question is this, I heard something that pretty much said, if you do it like this, this will happen. Right? Can there be any clarification on what could happen?

CHAIRMAN STEELE: For sure. That was one of the questions. Coming back to your question, the precedence set, can you elaborate on what the precedence is?

>> More in reference to who would be required to refuse themselves. If there are changes made, I think I am in agreement in approving this structure that is before us. I also wanted us to take the time to see if there is a \$50,000 recalibration. Should with be more thoughtful in making sure that it is allocated appropriately? That is my comment.

CHAIRMAN STEELE: Thank you for the clarification.

>> Do we need a second and then go to discussion?

CHAIRMAN STEELE: Do we do that and then discussion? There is a motion. Is there a second?

>> I will second the motion.

CHAIRMAN STEELE: Motion made and seconded. Discussion on this friendly amendment from member Knight. The 50,000 was taken from technical assistance. Overarching, what is the energy. Are we okay with that?

MEMBER CRUNK: Was it a typo? Are we now saying, well you know what, 750 is not bad. Let us take it from somewhere else.

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CHAIRMAN STEELE: When we wrote down what we voted on, was the 50 in there or not?

>> The movement of numbers, the total didn't equal. It was 50K over.

MEMBER CRUNK: Now someone said let us take that 50 off.

CHAIRMAN STEELE: Was it \$50,000 more or not when we said yes?

>> Yes. Before the vote.

CHAIRMAN STEELE: The minutes don't reflect the 700,000. The minutes don't reflect what we voted on. Spirit of confusion. I know what is going on here. Let me be clear. There is a process that we utilize to get ready for these meetings. We have been very efficient over the last few years. Our preparations to make sure everything is where it is.

In the middle of this, there were raised questions that disrupted the process. The idea of preparation, I am seeing there are some mishaps that are happening in the documentation. It is probably good the vote on the minutes didn't pass. They are not correct. That is the first thing.

The second thing though is that we did approve \$50,000 more than what was there. We only do have \$12.3 million. The idea of that, where would we want to take the \$50,000 from to be in alignment with the 12.3? That is the question on hand. Even in looking at this documentation with it being 750,000. That is what we approved.

>> Because it is only 50,000, the total could of been 12.3. Not yet 12.4. Still not be what it should of been minus the 50,000. It could of been added in error. It is only 50,000.

MEMBER CRUNK: The only thing is if we are the voting body, why were we not allowed, that is what the process of approving minutes is for. We would of caught it here. If someone did catch it, or maybe I am the only one that is hearing about this change or are we all hearing this for the first time?

CHAIRMAN STEELE: The first time.

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MEMBER CRUNK: I want to know who said, this is an error. This was the last 50 put on. It is the first one to come off. I want to know who made that determination. Is that procedure? I don't understand. Why isn't bridge funding 950. You understand what I am saying. Who determined not there but there?

CHAIRMAN STEELE: Yes.

>> I believe in the July meeting we discussed the body's desire for programs, we were tasked to come back with separate proposals. The initial intention of that pot was the 700K. Somewhere along the way there was an error which brought it 50K over.

When we created this document, the intention was what is reflected today. The 50K was added in error. I will own up to that myself. It was noticed afterwards. I was going to explain that we adjusted to the original intention of the pot.

CHAIRMAN STEELE: Okay. Yes.

>> I appreciate you. I know this is an awkward moment but I appreciate you. I want you to know that.

CHAIRMAN STEELE: Okay. This is a motion on the floor to reestablish the vote. The changes to make it sure it is 12.3. Seconded. Yes, please.

>> We were going to get clarification.

CHAIRMAN STEELE: Who is voting.

>> The recusal issue.

CHAIRMAN STEELE: Member Crunk did ask a question. What happens if we don't recuse ourselves? It is important to know.

>> Was that the question or was it that what will happen if we don't revote? Or both?

MEMBER CRUNK: If we don't do anything that they want us to do.

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>> You can't revote. The CEO may send it back. If the county council has concerns. They may not accept the recommendations to move forward.

>> That is it. I thought there were a bunch of things.

CHAIRMAN STEELE: The idea of making sure these resources go where they need to in an expeditious matter.

MEMBER CONTRERAS: I thought I heard you say we should vote item by item.

MEMBER ARMSTEAD: They won't do the first as slate and the second in conflict as a second vote.

>> That was like an olive branch. The votes mentioned. It goes back on that being said. I say we vote to affirm our vote to meet the budget. That is what I am proposing. I am willing to entertain that.

CHAIRMAN STEELE: Would you like to make it a friendly amendment?

MEMBER CONTRERAS: I don't know if it could be a friendly amendment to the motion. It was to prove. I was suggesting whether we needed a new motion. I wanted to understand your thinking.

CHAIRMAN STEELE: Would you be willing to take it back and we reestablish a new one?

>> I would like to hear from other members of our committee, how they feel about that? If they are supportive. I would probably do it line by line. If that is what we feel will get us where we need to get through. It would be interesting in hearing from voting members.

>> Is there language related to this?

CHAIRMAN STEELE: Great question. Thank you for asking.

>> This is pursuant to state law. That is the basis.

CHAIRMAN STEELE: Can you clarify that? What is the state law? What part is pursuant to the state law?

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>> That it is government code Section 1090. Anyone with the financial stake needs to recuse themselves. It is from those two items where there is potentially, for the individuals that are grantee recipients. Only those two items. To break it into two separate votes.

CHAIRMAN STEELE: Thank you for the clarification. Go ahead.

MEMBER MYK'L WILLIAMS: I would be interesting to hear from the people who would need to recuse themselves how they are looking at the two options there. If the two that are recusing are fine with it, I may be open to that suggestion if it gets to the money to the people that need it faster. I would want to hear how the people that would be impacted by not being able to vote feel about it.

>> I will walk out. I will not be happy. I am angry about it. I am angry. That is how I feel. I am here for community. If an walk object is what will help get the money in, that is what I will do.

CHAIRMAN STEELE: We have a very deliberate conversation. The resources. There were some concessions made. Some very thoughtful ways to reach the people they need to. I want to make sure it takes place.

I am totally with you. I don't know if you can tell. I think we should move forward to make sure these things get out. I recognize this precedence this sets. Now, every conversation we have to discuss who needs to be in the room.

>> I will call that we vote on what I drop down. Those people that have to abstain from it but we affirm the vote from September 19th with all the recommendations we made with the amendment to the 12.3 million, that is what I am putting on the table. Please abstain if you need to. That is what I am putting on the table.

>> Can they not vote at all? Does recusal mean I didn't hear the response. Too many chiefs in this room.

CHAIRMAN STEELE: By definition of state law, from the state law she mentioned, the recusal includes not being in a room. This is happening. If I

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am an elected official and I have a personal conflict of interest, in most cases, in all cases that elected official has to be out of the room while it makes the vote.

It doesn't mean we can't make the case of how ridiculous this is. The only reason we are back here is because of a technicality.

MEMBER CRUNK: It is kind of, I am listening with the intent to understand. I think I understand some things. I do want to say from the bottom of my heart, I have been a part of this since COVID 19. I believe the right people for the community is in the room. I had to learn this young. I had to do nine years behind it.

Let us not let our emotions on something that may be a nuisance. The last thing I want is to make a decision to anger the beast where they can say, I want people in here. It is not the people I have been seeing help the community.

CHAIRMAN STEELE: Member Contreras.

MEMBER CONTRERAS: I am trying to get the clarity on that same issue. If we reaffirm a vote considered invalid, does that stop us? Do we need a new vote?

>> If we reaffirm a vote, why would I leave now? I was present for the vote.

CHAIRMAN STEELE: In the spirit of what Member Crunk is saying, we have moved and seconded the alternative piece may be the best process forward. Would you consider withdrawing and reestablishing the vote on the other item?

MEMBER JOSEPH WILLIAMS: I am taking a page out of the book to say everything I want to say in my question before I say what I will say. I will say that. Though, unhappy with having to do this. I am willing to rescind this motion.

We are being pressured by the county council to do this. In the spirit of serving our people and the great work we did last. I am proud of how we

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showed up today. I am proud of each and every one of you as an advisory board member.

I will make a motion to uphold the agreements that we said on the 19th. This fresh set of correct numbers. That is what I put on the table. I say we vote for this to be in compliance with the CEO's directive.

CHAIRMAN STEELE: The second of the original motion.

>> Yes.

CHAIRMAN STEELE: Fantastic. A motion on the floor, the previous motion has been rescinded. There is a motion on the floor, what happened?

It was just a second on the motion. She withdrew the second. We will need a new second. You are right. I will pass the microphone to Member Castillo to move forward with the vote.

MEMBER CASTILLO: For the record, Chairman Steele and Member Fuentes-Miranda are recusing ourselves.

CHAIRMAN STEELE: Facts.

>> Can someone read the motion before us?

>> To reaffirm the previous vote with Chairman Steele and Member Fuentes-Miranda as recusals.

>> There is a new motion that we approve the allocations as the amendments with all the other great stuff I said. I won't repeat it.

>> I need a second.

>> We will now conduct the vote.

>> I am asking for the motion to be read. So everyone has supreme clarity.

>> We will now conduct the new vote for the allocation of the targeted tech assistance and the one-time fund of 2.5 million. Is that accurate?

>> One more time.

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>> Please correct me if I am wrong. Who has the actual motion? I am restating it. We are conducting a new vote with the adjustments made.

>> We are doing line item.

>> We don't have to.

>> Perfect. Awesome. Do we have a second for the motion on the floor.

>> I will second.

>> The motion is on the floor. Can we conduct the vote.

MEMBER CARBAJAL: Aye.

MEMBER CASTILLO: Aye.

MEMBER CONTRERAS: Aye.

MEMBER CRUNK: Aye.

MEMBER CYRUS-FRANKLIN: Aye.

MEMBER EAKINS: Aye.

MEMBER FERRER: Abstain.

MEMBER GARCIA: Aye.

>> Yes. Sorry. Are we able to know what the previous vote was from our department? I was not present at this vote. If I am not looking in the right spot in the minutes, I apologize.

>> It was yes.

>> Then yes.

>> Thank you.

MEMBER LOBIANCO: Aye.

MEMBER SCHOONOVER: Aye.

>> Member Scorza.

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MEMBER SCORZA: Abstain.

>> Member Soto. Member Stevens.

MEMBER STEVENS: Aye.

MEMBER WILLIAMS: Aye.

MEMBER MYK'L WILLIAMS: Aye.

MEMBER WONG: Aye.

>> The motion passes.

>> Thank you. I guess we can bring in our Co-vice chair and chair now.

>> If I can say something real quick. I just feel like as President to is that people who were in a vote last meeting that they thought passed, they should be notified. A lot of people felt this was a done thing.

That is going forward. Not knowing it is not is not who we want to be as a board and advisory board and body of JCOD or the county. That would be my ask. If it happens, that all the members are notified. That wasn't conveyed before the meeting.

>> As a younger person in leadership, I am disheartened because a lot of the information was just brought to me maybe five minutes before the meeting. As someone who has tried to be in partnership people in this space and particularly JCOD, that doesn't feel good. How can I confidently steward this work? Having more line of sight, I think would help us moving forward. Just want to name that.

CHAIRMAN STEELE: That is spot on. Please.

MEMBER MYK'L WILLIAMS: It would be great if we don't have situations like this in the future. I would appreciate more context about why we did the vote again. I saw documents that looked like we approved. Without context, you come to the meeting unprepared. I get we can't do full detail but just a bit of context would of been appreciated.

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CHAIRMAN STEELE: We could of corresponded. That had to come back up. I want to state that measure J is unprecedented. All the things that are a part of it is also unprecedented. There may be a dialogue that needs to take place.

Your thought around having county council be a part of the conversation. We have to operate in an unprecedented manner. I hate there is only 30 minutes.

>> Maybe less.

CHAIRMAN STEELE: We will see. Just joking. Amity foundation with come forward to present on JCOD and the care grantees.

>> I want to speak as a voter first. I was moved by everything I got to witness here today. When we come to make a presentation, I think about table setting. Setting you up to hear what you have to offer. It gets done in all the comments today.

I really appreciated hearing white supremacy culture called out. It makes us work harder. We are moving against those systems. Thank you for that. Thank you for your work. I am the grant administrator for the care first community investment third party administrator. I am here today with

>> Joanne. Project director.

>> We want to thank you for this chance to talk to you about what we are doing. It is really exciting. Next slide, please. General overview. This packet is so huge. The last seven page is a list of every grantee. All have started work. You can see cohort one. I want to acknowledge that we will use the word when the board of directors use the term CFCI spending plan. Cohort plan is year one.

When we start saying year one is in year two, it gets confusing. The table has been set. We knew we would work hard. We would reach our hand forward.

We called in our grant application to get this job. We used the work grant advocate when we talked about the people who will have these caseloads to

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help through the process. These words came out. Trauma informed approach to grant management. Exactly what is needed. It makes some things. Saying we give 90 days for a corrective action. It will start to get fuzzy around the edges.

When these grantees who are in their communities of their communities by their communities start to feel the tightening of the system around them, like they are now going to be in trouble that an action will be punitive. We lose communication with them.

We take extra time to try to bring the constant back to the table. Our finance team came up with the words educate and empower. I thought that is a big heart from people who are usually in the numbers and data.

Educate and empower is what that is our approach to this number. We think the understand the grant monitoring process, we have to back up and look at all this. We were involved. Everywhere you see an arrow is where we have been doing work. Here is the grantee life cycle.

You have a reporting element if selected. If your program is a success, you apply again. There has been TA again. This forward moving process. We will look at the yellow & pink arrow. The one at the bottom of your screen, there are four TPA teams that do their work. Grant monitoring does require constant communication and integration of grant advocates.

The training and technical coordinator. The data team is the third team. The IT team. They were here in person to look at data so far. Dedicated finance team. [Reading]. They came up with educate and empower. Joanne will explain more.

>> We have 15 grant advocates. 25 to 35 organizations they monitor. Part of their work is to support and provide technical assistance for each grantee. What that looks like is that meet with each grantee for a minimum of twice a month. It is usually more than that depending on the support the grantee needs.

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We have a sight monitoring tool we utilize for site visits. They go over the monitoring tool. As part of technical assistance to support the tool, we have our technical assistance and training coordinator.

Based on the findings, we look at areas of need and support. We will set up a meeting with the grand advocate and the tech assistance coordinator to provide that support. I want to talk about where the support starts.

Once we have selected awardees, this is pre-contract. They provide support for the awardee precontract. Helping with budgets. Helping with insurance requirements. Then the contracting.

Part of that support continues if there needs to be further budget adjustments. Making sure that the grantees understand. There are the directors and the people that are doing the services. Making sure everyone is on the same page. Understanding the scope of work. The services. What needs to be entered.

We have a lot of support from the data team to help manage those questions. Manage the software the data is entered in. I want to highlight the stuff our training and TA coordinator does. Really, going into the role, she thought it would be very different. A lot of giving information.

It was more about fostering relationships. Getting to know the grantees. What their needs are. Teaching them, collaborating with them, empowering them. Having them recognize their value in their organization and how to uplift that. In that, she is constantly making adjustments to the grantees to meet them where they are at.

>> She touched on this. The finance team is in charge of tracking all grantee budgets to actual expenditures. They have the most touches of any team.

CHAIRMAN STEELE: I want to make sure you get through all the parts of importance in here. Keep it in mind.

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>> Thanks. This was to carve out some numbers on the concepts. I want to call out that while we serve the contracts, we have 363 unique organizations.

Some people were funded in year one and year three. These organizations will need help with each contract. This chart is since May. These are their numbers. They talk to 330 unique organizations. Needed to know basic accounting principles.

Here are some numbers that go along with that arrow. Next slide. Just backing out again. We talked about where we do our work in the yellow arrow. We will look at the pink arrow.

All of the teams work together and during their time sometimes we notice they seem to be late entering data. Having problems with software. This triggers an in depth review. That can be requested from any TPA team member at any time during the grant period.

We view this as further research and review as goals and financials in the hopes of educating our grantees to take corrective action and move forward. Next slide.

When do we move into this heightened working with grantees to help them? We have developed a performance improvement plan. We move into the territory when after reach outs or working with a grantee continue to be late or don't communicate with us. This is when we will have a formal meeting with them. Grant advocate is at the meeting.

The technical and training coordinator to talk about getting them back on track. We review the scope of work. The grantees contract. Their milestones in their budget. The training and technical assistance coordinator to correct issues.

We have had eight total organizations. Eight of those have moved through this PIP process. Four have graduated. Four have come off their PIPs to go forward. The four not off the PIP, two are in process. Two we are still reaching out for a continuation. It doesn't work. These are the steps we take.

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We have a minimum of 30 days from the start of the PIP. After this meeting where they sit down, the training and technical assistance coordinator, within ten days we ask for corrective action plan for the grantee. We have the list. We ask them to come back with what they will do.

If we don't hear from them, we will send out an e mail and do phone calls to give them notice that they have 30 more days to submit a corrective action plan before we send out a formal termination notice.

I know we have questions about the timeline. I have to tell you the line around these things, this is what we work toward. When we deal with noncommunication, something else is going on, we will add more days on top of 30.

These are the processes written out. Understanding that as we come to understand more that our role is not to be punitive is not to try to hold people to compliance. Punish them if they fall out. To educate and empower them to be successful at their contracts. These are the processes we have written down.

CHAIRMAN STEELE: I think member Member Eakins, you brought up a case that was brought to your attention as far as organizations that were encouraged to work together. I want to bring that up to understand the process of what that looks like. How you are managing the implementation of said collaboration as well. I appreciate you for bringing it up. There was a grantee with a partner.

One grantee was awarded the funds. They were supposed to be working with, making sure a resource goes to the other. They were not moving forward. I am sure this was brought to your attention. The idea of improvement plans.

>> How to help people be a better partner and what the subcontract means. I will say we do have a resolution to that specific issue.

>> I had a meeting with both parties involved. As a part of those conversations, they are moving forward with subcontracting with the

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partners mentioned. This was as recent as speaking with the partner that was concerned last night.

I spoke to them. They are moving forward. They are communicating.

CHAIRMAN STEELE: It is not uncommon for this type of collaboration to take place. I have seen it take place in a few ways. They can cut two checks so there is not a situation where you have one not doing the other. I have also seen the set up now. One major and one sub. There is a grant agreement. In it, it dictates the sub has to be taken care of this way.

There is an MOU between the sub and major on the grant as well. What process are we utilizing to make sure the agreement that was set up is making sure it is implemented? Do we have any specificity on the contract standpoint?

>> We started with an MOU. All the things it has to include. We thought it would be standard that an organization would be able to get some funding. Did they have a formal MOU.

>> This was year three cohort. They just finished their quarter. It is new for the organization. They are in the implementation phase. They haven't started hiring. There is no MOU yet. They haven't gotten to where they have started that piece.

>> Thank you for all the work you are doing. I run a nonprofit organization. I am the founder. I know how challenging it is to build the plane while you fly it. Grateful for the members. The time to support projects and programs that are smaller grass roots.

Even the challenge that was uplifted by Chairman Steele. A lot of the grantees don't understand. Thank you for providing the tech support so they know what partnerships look like.

I have a sub. Thank you so much. I appreciate the work you are doing. Help build capacity. What I am so moved by CFCI. The work we are doing. Partnership with county departments and Amity is like not only are lives being changed. Community organizations are being changed. We need to

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continue to develop the field. That is what is happening. Thank you for the work you are doing.

>> It is amazing work. Chairman Steele, I want to acknowledge what you said about the idea of dividing the contract. That may be something the team has discussed as well. That is a root we can take to make sure everyone is paid for their work.

MEMBER WILLIAMS: I had a quick question. Great work. Was able to attend the awardees. There was, none of our resources were supposed to be used for law enforcement. I had a question about the police business council. The youth center funding. It says police. Understanding was we are not supposed to fund any with this funding.

>> That is just the name of it from my understanding. After meeting and speaking with the organization and having our advocates do visits, it is a youth center with no relation to the police.

>> The response was goosy to me. The position with trying to be a middle person. I would hope in the future there is some sincere vetting of these organizations to ensure they are capable of being good partners as well.

That there is someone with influence to ensure the right thing is done at the right time for the right time. In our efforts, when one person wins and the other loses, that is not equitable.

We don't ensure that all the players are playing from the same roles, that is problematic for me. I understand it is a learn as you go thing, I think the fairness with where you are and your role is not present in my point of view.

CHAIRMAN STEELE: I want to underscore. I have to remind myself who we are talking about. Debra is at everything. Last time she was like, the state is approving the increases on pay. Pay increases. She said, that impacts me immediately. I may have to let go of some workforce because my grant amount didn't go up.

It gives them a chance to have some runway between the next steps. Resources become more important. The slides that stuck out is the technical

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assistance by the numbers. What people are doing and what tech assistance they need. These are organizations that started off a million dollars left. A team of one or two. It is important for us to engage on it so guidance can be given and make sure people are good to go.

>> As early as last night, there was further conversation. We will continue to provide tech assistance to make sure we bring the organizations together and get moving on the subcontracts.

MEMBER WILLIAMS: I have a question. I know I have been looking at the packet here. I see the top line 2.50 mil for area five. Is that reflective of the grant amount? Is there any place where this lives? The amounts allocated. Equity and transparency.

>> We did not tell them we would release the amount they applied for and were awarded. It starts to feel so 50 50. Some is instructive. How much does it cost to run a program? We can't release the information at that detail. They were never informed that we would release the information.

MEMBER WILLIAMS: Program 46, it is clear. Compton probably got. For the rest of those, it feels like there should be a transparent way.

>> All the program areas, they needed to ask for a floor amount. The least was \$150,000 over the three years. The most was 1.2. It is a big spread.

CHAIRMAN STEELE: I want to note .

>> Are these not taxpayer dollars? Isn't there some transparency.

>> The third-party administrator can work with JCOD on that.

CHAIRMAN STEELE: We will need the public information. We need to know how much money is spent.

>> Where it is going.

>> Really quickly. I spoke outside the microphone. We don't have a problem with it being released. I don't see why it is not public. These are public dollars.

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MEMBER CONTRERAS: It is 6:04. Thank you for the presentation. My question is when we think about capacity building it is to adhere to the county requirements. We know that is not a great process. Are you collecting information to provide feedback about certain things that should change that seem unjust that are problematic?

>> This partial list is a sampling. We take case notes. We will be able to aggregate the percentage. I feel like from the start everyone knew what was going to be a problem. We knew getting insurance was difficult. Amity paid for insurance out of pocket to fill that gas. That was a known issue. Some things won't be able to be changed.

We will provide all the bullet points on how many organizations needed this.

>> They were reimbursed. The last thing I would say is that I saw this at amity. A separate room with huge screens and databases with the impact. It is a live dashboard of all the things happening. It is phenomenal. I will see if there is a way to put it online through our tech people. I haven't gotten them to connect yet.

CHAIRMAN STEELE: Thank you very much for the presentation. Clap it up. Great work. I love the framing. Let us go to public comment and get up out of here.

>> We will open the general public comment period. The public comment period is one minute per person. Dial star nine to unmute. Computer and smart phone users, locate the raise hand feature. Public comment is limited to the CFCI advisory committee.

We will call in the order raised. Remember to state your full name. Do we have any public comments in the room? Please state your full name for the record.

>> Carmen Garcia. A lifelong resident of district two. I want to thank the body for expressing their discontent. As a community member, I am so disappointed. From the name itself of this body to the contract proceedings to the amount of funding allocated for CFCI.

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I agree this was not an ask to revote. It was a threat. They told you funding would be stalled if you didn't revote today. I appreciate getting the dollars to the community. You shouldn't have to bend to the will of the county to do so. There are always conversations about collaboration in the space. That only happens with good faith actors. I have never seen a rep have to leave the room.

This keeps our communities from thriving. The kind has reduced the amount of dollars. It is tiring. I know you are tired. I don't know what the solution is. There is a huge question mark on if there will be funding for the next fiscal year. The \$900 million hasn't been reached. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN STEELE: Received. Thank you.

>> We would like to go online.

>> No public comments online. Thank you. We received no written responses. If you would like to submit one, please re email JCOD up to 24 hours prior. Please include the meeting date. I will now pass it back to you.

CHAIRMAN STEELE: Thank you for your engagement. I have said this before. What we are doing is unique. Locking arms building the possibility of what LA county can be doing and places across the world. Thank you.

Meeting adjourned.

[Meeting adjourned at 6:09 p.m.]