2025 CFCI FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS

Proposed Project Name || Organization or County Dept	If your program is not new and is an expansion of an existing project, what is its name?	If your program is an expansion and previously received CFCI funding, please indicate under which Spending Plan Year/Fiscal Year.	Service Planning Areas (SPA) and Supervisorial Districts (SD) Served	CFCI Strategies	Description of Project	Target population and/or community (descriptive)	Anticipated Outcomes of Project	Outcome and Measures	Implementation Period for Project	Administration of Project	If applicable, by which County Dept?	If the program does not have existing infrastructure, please describe what would be needed to launch the program/project.	What is the total requested annual amount of funding for this program/project?	based on the amount entered above, enter a basic breakdown of each of the following in dollar amounts (round numbers are acceptable): Personnel/Staff Program Supplies Facilities or Space Use Consultants ||	How does this program/project support the goals of CFCI? Think about: who benefits, what systemic issues are being addressed, and how the program builds resilience and empowerment.
Trusted Messengers for Healing: A Community-Based Substance Use Prevention Initiative || United Parents and Students			SPA 7;SPA 6; SD1;SD2;	Strategy 3: Education Access & Youth Development;Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;	Trusted Messengers for Healing is a community-driven initiative designed to reduce opioid and stimulant use—and the stigma surrounding it—among Black and Latinx residents in South Los Angeles, East LA, and Watts. The project will deliver culturally relevant education, harm reduction messaging, and warm referrals to care through grassroots outreach rooted in trust and lived experience. This effort addresses the deep structural barriers that have historically limited these communities' access to behavioral health resources. Systemic racism, social isolation, and fear of criminalization have made conversations about substance use difficult, particularly in communities where stigma is strong and service providers are perceived as outsiders. This project meets people where they are—at their homes, in schools, and at local events—to shift that dynamic. Through door-to-door outreach, printed materials, small group gatherings, and community forums, participants will learn about the risks of polysubstance use, harm reduction practices, and how to access local treatment or support services. Bilingual resources and culturally appropriate engagement strategies will ensure the work resonates with the people served. Annual community focus groups will capture qualitative feedback, helping refine messaging and inform future strategies. The project is grounded in relationship-building and long-term community trust—approaches that UPAS has practiced for over a decade through food justice, digital equity, and public safety campaigns. By engaging families directly and facilitating open, judgment-free conversations, this project empowers communities to understand substance use through a health lens rather than one of punishment or shame. It lays the groundwork for increased awareness, reduced stigma, and greater connection to care, contributing to a stronger, more informed, and resilient community.	This project is designed to serve Black and Latinx residents in South Los Angeles, Watts, and East LA, with a focus on individuals and families who are disproportionately impacted by systemic barriers, stigma, and limited access to behavioral health and harm reduction resources. The target population includes: Community members at risk of opioid, stimulant, or polysubstance use Individuals who may be isolated due to stigma, immigration status, or poverty Family members and caregivers who seek information or support Youth and adults who may benefit from prevention education There are no formal eligibility requirements for participation. All services—including outreach, educational materials, small groups, and community events—are provided free of charge and are available to any community member interested in learning more about harm reduction, substance use awareness, or available support services. Special effort will be made to reach: Monolingual Spanish-speaking households	Decreased justice system involvement;Youth development or civic engagement;Healing and wellbeing;	The project will use a combination of quantitative and qualitative methods to track progress and assess impact. Outreach Logs: Trusted messengers will track door-to-door outreach activity, including number of households visited, materials distributed, and community interactions. These logs will provide a baseline measure of reach and engagement. Event and Group Attendance Records: Sign-in sheets will be used at house meetings, small group sessions, and community forums to monitor participation and track return attendees. Participant Surveys: Pre/post surveys will be administered at events and group sessions to assess changes in awareness, attitudes about substance use, and understanding of harm reduction. Annual Focus Groups: One focus group per year will gather deeper feedback from community members, exploring perceived stigma, barriers to care, and the usefulness of outreach efforts. Findings will be used to refine messaging and approach.	Needs minor setup (within 3 months)	(By a community-based organization			$ 200,000.00	Personnel/Staff – $120,000 Program Supplies – $4,000 Facilities or Space Use – $0 No facility costs are requested. Community partners will provide space in-kind or expenses will be covered through event costs. Consultants or Partners – $0 This project does not include consultants or sub-award partners. Outreach/Communications – $21,000 This category supports public-facing engagement: educational materials and printing for bilingual, culturally relevant content to distribute in homes and events; event costs to host community forums and house meetings, including food, space, and interpretation; phone and communications to keep the field team connected; mileage reimbursement for travel within South LA, East LA, and Watts; training and	This project directly supports the goals of CFCI by addressing the root causes of violence, trauma, and disconnection in communities disproportionately impacted by divestment and mass incarceration. Through culturally rooted strategies (overnight, manage staff, and ensure alignment with broader organizational efforts. Two full-time Organizers (allocated at 0.5 FTE each) will lead community outreach, door-to-door engagement, and small group education sessions in the target areas. A 25% fringe rate covers employer payroll taxes and full benefits for all staff. Rather than relying on punitive systems, the project takes a health- and relationship-centered approach. Trusted messengers, drawn from the community itself, lead one-on-one outreach, group conversations, and distribution of prevention resources. This model builds power and knowledge at the neighborhood level, where residents are often overlooked by formal systems and may fear accessing help due to criminalization, immigration status, or past negative experiences. The program dismantles barriers to care by: Bringing information and support directly to residents' doors Using bilingual, culturally relevant messaging Creating non-judgmental spaces for people to ask questions and seek resources
Matriarchs and Full Hearts || Sc'oh-Shin'ali' Sister Project			SPA 3;SPA 4;SPA 6;SPA 7;SPA 8;SPA 1; SD1;SD2;SD4;SD5	Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;	We will offer a wellness storytelling series titled, "Matriarchs and Full Hearts." This three-part video series is dedicated to reducing mental health disparities among American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) community members in Los Angeles (LA) County. This series will highlight oral traditions through discussion rooted in culture, (re)connection and action. The LA County Department of Mental Health AI/AN UnderServed Cultural Community identified a need for local cultural resources to address mental health outcomes. This initiative funded our recent Community Engagement Campaign and our Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and Two-Spirit campaign. Both projects featured five culturally-grounded videos that showcased AI/AN strengths and addressed specific mental health needs. Each series highlighted elders, Two-Spirit leaders, folks with disabilities, and mental health providers. These videos destigmatized mental wellness services, garnering over 85,000 engagements in twelve weeks. These projects affirmed the need for an additional video series that centers traditional wellness practices and place-based storytelling. We aim to replicate this successful model through the "Matriarchs and Full Hearts" project. Through outreach to local matriarchs, aunties, femmes, grandmothers, elders, and AI/AN youth, we aim to empower community members to initiate meaningful mental health discussions and foster cultural humility at home. Recognizing the vital role of elder connection in reinforcing identity and belonging, and the importance of supportive community environments in promoting resilience, we intentionally include diverse participants across tribal affiliations, ages, gender identities, and abilities. Matriarchs and youth will emphasize the importance of restoring ancestral wellness practices related to physical, emotional, mental and spiritual wellness. We will uplift Native joy through practical tools to manage mental health symptoms, increase accurate representation and foster contemporary visibility of AI/AN community members in LA County. Videos will be distributed through SSSP social media platforms, newsletters, and via our website.	This project serves American Indian/Alaska Native and Indigenous community members. Program participants will be eligible based on residence and self-identification as Native and Indigenous.	Increased access to mental or physical health care;Healing and wellbeing;Advance health equity ;	Outcomes will be measured via engagement surveys, engagement and metric tracking over the campaign series, and focus groups.	Needs minor setup (within 3 months)	(By a community-based organization			$ 100,000.00	Personnel - $35,000 Supplies - $3,000 Facilities - $7,000 Consultants - $35,000 Communications - $5,000 Admin costs - $15,000	This program addresses mental health and improving well-being through prevention and early intervention narrative change and in-person engagement. This project also expands community-based services and reduces stigma associated with seeking county-sponsored services. This project also support at-risk youth by offering culturally-grounded wellness services that serve as protective factors in protecting mental health. Finally, this project actively addresses health inequities by uplifting cultural strengths, experiences, and connections.
HOPE (Healing, Outreach, Peer Empowerment) || Olive Support Services		SPA 1; SD5;	Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;	Olive Support Services (OSS) is launching HOPE (Healing, Outreach, Peer Empowerment), a comprehensive youth mental health program serving Palmdale and the greater Antelope Valley, where youth experience disproportionate levels of poverty, trauma, and limited access to care. With only 29 mental health providers per 100,000 residents and elevated rates of child abuse and justice involvement, the need for accessible, culturally responsive services is urgent. HOPE addresses these needs through a layered, community-based model offering free, trauma-informed therapy for underserved and justice-impacted youth ages 10–18 and their families. Services are delivered both virtually and in person, to eliminate transportation and financial barriers, using approaches such as Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) and Solution-Focused Therapy (SFT). In addition to one-on-one therapy, youth participate in weekly therapist-led peer support workshops focused on emotional regulation skills, reduce isolation, and foster positive peer connections. Caregivers and community members receive Youth Mental Health First Aid training, empowering them to recognize and respond to early signs of mental distress. To further reduce stigma and increase access, OSS will launch a youth-centered social media campaign and participate in local forums and events to connect families with resources and normalize help-seeking behavior. With a one-year budget of $312,441.18, OSS will serve up to 36 youth and their caregivers, as part of a broader goal to reach 116 youth and families annually. This funding will support core program components and serves as a strategic add-on to other public and private funding sources currently being pursued, including a potential contract with the LA County Department of Mental Health. HOPE fills a critical gap in early intervention and caregiver support, laying the foundation for long-term expansion of youth mental health services across the Antelope Valley.	This program will benefit low-income and justice-impacted youth ages 10–18 and their families in Palmdale and the greater Antelope Valley region. We anticipate serving approximately 116 youths and caregivers per year depending on fund availability. Services will include individual therapy, peer support groups, and caregiver mental health training. Youth will be prioritized based on trauma exposure, behavioral issues, or family involvement with child welfare or juvenile justice systems. The geographic focus includes Palmdale, Lancaster, and surrounding areas where mental health provider shortages and poverty rates are significantly higher than county and state averages. By increasing access to early intervention and family support, the program addresses systemic inequities and strengthens community wellness.	Increased access to mental or physical health care;	The outcomes of Olive Support Services' youth mental health program will be measured using a combination of validated clinical tools, attendance tracking, and qualitative feedback to assess progress, effectiveness, and areas for improvement. - Standardized assessments will be used to measure changes in mental health symptoms and emotional regulation. These include: -- Depression Anxiety Stress Scale–Youth (DASS-Y) for ages 8–17 -- International Trauma Questionnaire–Child & Adolescent Version (ITQ-CA) -- Parent/Teacher Disruptive Behavior Disorders Rating Scale (DBDRS) -- Parental Stress Scale - Assessment timing: These tools will be administered at intake (pre-treatment), every 3 months (midpoint), and at discharge (post-treatment) to monitor participant progress over time.	Needs minor setup (within 3 months)	(By a community-based organization			$ 312,441.18	Personnel/Staff: $223,687.98 Program Supplies: $18,000.00 Facilities or Space Use: $20,000.00 Outreach/Communications: $12,000.00 Indirect/Admin Costs (15% max of total requested amount): $40,753.20	This project directly supports racial equity, healing, and decarceration by centering the needs of youth and families most impacted by systemic oppression, including poverty, racism, and the justice system. In Palmdale and the greater Antelope Valley, regions with high concentrations of low-income, Black, and Latinx communities, youth face disproportionate rates of trauma, school discipline, and incarceration, all compounded by a severe shortage of culturally responsive mental health care. Olive Support Services (OSS), through the HOPE program, removes systemic barriers by providing free, accessible therapy and peer support rooted in trauma-informed, culturally relevant practices. The program prioritizes justice-impacted youth, including those in foster care or with family members involved in the legal system, offering early intervention that disrupts cycles of trauma before they escalate into criminalization. OSS is committed to expanding its services in both English and Spanish to ensure greater access and inclusion for diverse communities in the Antelope Valley. By integrating therapies like Cognitive Behavioral Therapy and Solution-Focused Therapy with community engagement, OSS fosters emotional healing and resilience. Peer groups and Youth Mental Health First Aid training also build protective networks around young people, equipping caregivers and mentors with tools to recognize and address mental health challenges. This approach empowers historically marginalized communities by restoring access to care, validating lived experiences, and promoting wellness over punishment. In doing so, the program contributes to long-term
homelessness Prevention || Safety Alliance group	Domestic Violence no entry program	Did not receive CFCI funding	SPA 2; SD3;	Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;Strategy 2: Economic Opportunity & Sustainability;Strategy 3: Education Access & Youth Development;Strategy 4: Housing Stability;Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration;	This project aims to support individuals—both men and women—through comprehensive case management and connection to critical community resources. The program is designed to address barriers that many individuals face when trying to rebuild their lives, such as lack of stable housing, limited employment opportunities, and unaddressed emotional or behavioral challenges. Through individualized case management, participants will receive referrals and hands-on support in accessing services related to housing, job training programs, and employment opportunities. Participants will also be guided in building key employment skills, including resume development, job search strategies, and interview preparation. In addition to economic support, the project provides participant needs. These include mental health support, domestic violence intervention, anger management, and connections to training programs that promote personal and professional growth. All services are delivered in a culturally responsive and trauma-informed manner, ensuring participants feel respected, supported, and empowered throughout their journey. By addressing both practical needs and emotional well-being, this project reduces the risk of further system involvement, promotes long-term stability, and helps individuals build safe, healthy, and independent lives.	This program is designed to serve individuals and families who are facing multiple barriers to stability, including those impacted by poverty, domestic violence, trauma, involvement with the justice system, or child welfare agencies. Our target population includes both men and women—many of whom are navigating challenges such as housing insecurity, unemployment, or emotional and behavioral health concerns. The program is especially focused on supporting participants who are at risk of legal system involvement or who are in the process of reunifying with their children. We also serve individuals referred by partner agencies such as the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS), the Public Defender's Office, and the Probation Department. Eligibility requirements include: •Willingness to engage in case management services •Commitment to attending program sessions and working toward identified goals We prioritize culturally responsive, trauma-informed care to ensure participants feel safe, respected, and supported in achieving their goals.	Decreased justice system involvement;Job training or employment outcomes;Improved educational access or attainment;Increased access to mental or physical health care;Youth development or civic engagement;	SAG regularly surveys clients to ensure our quality of services. We maintain a feedback box in our center to provide clients with the opportunity to share anonymous feedback, if desired. Additionally, feedback is provided by our partners, which includes other community-based organizations and county departments. Our most important measure, however, comes from the joy we experience when the families we have served are reunified and provide updates on how well they are doing for the months and years after they worked with us.	Ready to implement immediately	(By a community-based organization			$ 100.00	•Personnel/Staff————$50,000 •Program Supplies—$3,000.00 •Facilities or Space Use—$25,000 •Consultants or Partners—$2,500.00 •Outreach/Communications—5,000.00 •Indirect/Admin Costs (15% max of total requested amount)——$15,000	This project aims to support individuals—both men and women—through comprehensive case management and connection to critical community resources. The program is designed to address barriers that many individuals face when trying to rebuild their lives, such as lack of stable housing, limited employment opportunities, and unaddressed emotional or behavioral challenges. 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YMC Urban Oasis Youth Center || Youth Mentoring Connection	YMC Urban Oasis Youth Center	Year 2/Fiscal Year 2022-23	SPA 6;SPA 7;SPA 8; SD2;	Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;	YMC will expand access, programming, and services at the YMC Urban Oasis Youth Center (UOYC) for South LA and surrounding community youth, ages 13 and over. The Center provides youth with a connection to YMC's core mentoring, youth support, and positive youth development activities. It's also a place where YMC partners can provide youth services and classes—including our long-time partners Street Poets to provide creative expression through poetry and Rhythm Athletics to teach African Drumming—as well as computer stations for schoolwork and job searches; space for creative expression such as dance, music, and film; recreational activities; dedicated on site staff; workshops and programs to prepare young people for adulthood; and so much more. YMC also contracts with a therapist to provide on-site counseling. YMC's trademarked Gift Centered approach, which is based on the premise that our gifts lie next to our wounds and to fully live into our authentic selves, these need to be uncovered, is woven through all youth programs and activities. YMC will use funds to expand partnerships, programming, and positive youth development activities to include Adulting Workshops, Employment prep and placement, cultural enrichment and activities, arts classes, expansion of the YMC Youth Advisory Council, and YMC's annual youth retreat. To ensure that youth have access to the center, YMC will provide transportation to and from programs and activities.	YMC primarily serves youth who are at high-risk of high risk of educational failure, substance abuse, juvenile justice involvement, foster youth, youth in alternative education, etc. Youth served are primarily BIPOC (93%), 59% male, 42% female, 2% non-binary; and 1% transgender. YMC does not have eligibility requirements for participants.	Youth development or civic engagement;Healing and wellbeing;Decreased justice system involvement;Improved educational access or attainment;Job training or employment outcomes;	YMC has a robust system for evaluation and reporting including pre-and post-surveys, school reports, program attendance tracking, case management/referral tracking, and 6- month follow-up surveys.	Ready to implement immediately	(By a community-based organization			$ 115,000.00	Personnel/Staff: $37,500 Program Supplies: $2,500 Facilities or Space Use: $10,000 Consultants or Partners: $30,000 Outreach/Communications: $2,000 Indirect/Admin Costs (15% max of total requested amount): $15,000 Other: Participant transportation, Youth Activities, Retreat: $20,000	Youth in this South LA and surrounding communities served by YMC, are faced with high crime/gang activity, low educational attainment, low-employment opportunities, and high incarceration rates which can lead young people to feel hopeless about their future. Added to this is the criminalization of youth and the school-to-incarceration pipeline. Young people need to grow and thrive. YMC's role is to help them discover their gifts and support them in a loving and nurturing environment. This approach is at the core of the YMC's programs. Our unique approach truly changes lives. YMC staff and mentors move through the process of change with each youth that comes through the doors. All share their stories, tears, hugs, and triumph. YMC is truly a community in which vulnerability is cherished and nourished. Youth feel truly seen for the wonderful, gifted human beings that they are and build strong trust and bonds that last a lifetime. At YMC,
Resilient Leadership || Healing and Justice Center			SPA 3; SD1;	Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;	Relational Wellness is an 8-week wellness and resilience-building program designed specifically for service providers, advocates, organizers, and frontline community workers. These individuals often give tirelessly to others while carrying their own personal histories, including unresolved trauma and stress. Over time, this can lead to vicarious trauma, burnout, and compassion fatigue — threatening not only their well-being but also the effectiveness and sustainability of their work. This program provides structured, trauma-informed support through a series of experiential workshops that combine evidence-based self-care tools, emotional literacy, somatic practices, storytelling, and relationship-building skills. Participants are guided to explore their personal narratives, reflect on patterns rooted in past experiences (including Adverse Childhood Experiences or ACEs), and develop the skills to strengthen resilience, manage stress, and navigate interpersonal conflict more constructively. The program addresses the urgent need for healing-centered leadership in social change spaces. Research shows that unaddressed trauma and stress can compromise collaboration, emotional regulation, and even long-term physical health. By helping participants reconnect with themselves and cultivate sustainable practices, Relational Wellness supports deeper community impact and a healthier social justice ecosystem. With both in-person and online formats available, the program is accessible to diverse groups across Los Angeles County and beyond. It is particularly attuned to the needs of BIPOC-led and grassroots organizations, where resource limitations often prevent staff from prioritizing their own wellness. Relational Wellness doesn't just teach wellness — it builds it into the foundation of service.	The Relational Wellness program is designed to serve individuals working in community-facing roles, including but not limited to nonprofit staff, grassroots organizers, service providers, educators, case workers, and advocates—particularly those working in BIPOC, low-income, and historically marginalized communities. These individuals are often exposed to secondary trauma and chronic stress due to the nature of their work, and many have their own lived experiences with adversity and inequity. The program is especially responsive to those who may be navigating the compounding impacts of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), systemic oppression, and under-resourced work environments. Eligibility Criteria: - Participants must be actively engaged in a service or community advocacy role. - Priority is given to individuals affiliated with grassroots or BIPOC-led organizations, or those working in under-resourced communities. - The program is open to both individuals and organizations seeking to strengthen wellness infrastructure for their teams. - No prior experience in wellness or healing work is required—just a willingness to engage in a reflective, skill-building process. By centering accessibility, cultural humility, and trauma-informed design, Relational Wellness ensures that participants feel supported, seen, and empowered throughout the program.	Healing and wellbeing;Increased access to mental or physical health care;Job training or employment outcomes;	Program outcomes for Relational Wellness will be measured using a combination of quantitative and qualitative methods: - Pre- and post-program surveys will assess changes in participants' understanding and application of wellness tools, emotional regulation skills, and relationship-building practices. - Participant feedback and testimonials will provide rich qualitative data on the program's personal and professional impact, including shifts in self-awareness, workplace dynamics, and stress management strategies. - Attendance logs will track participant engagement and completion rates. - Where appropriate, follow-up interviews may be conducted to gather deeper insights into long-term impact and areas for program improvement. This mixed-methods approach allows us to capture both measurable progress and meaningful personal narratives that reflect the program's transformational potential.	Needs minor setup (within 3 months)	(By a community-based organization			$ 100,000.00	Personnel/Staff Lead Facilitator – $35,384 Assistant Facilitator – $24,875 Administrative Support – $8,341 Total Personnel – $68,600 Program Supplies Wellness Kits – $6,000 Printed Materials – $1,500 Art Supplies – $1,500 Total Supplies – $9,000 Facilities or Space Use Facility Rental Use – $3,600 Total Facilities – $3,600 Consultants or Partners Guest Wellness Practitioner Honoraria – $1,800 Total Consultants – $1,800	The Relational Wellness program directly supports the Care First Community Investment (CFCI) vision by promoting wellness, healing, and resilience among individuals most impacted by systemic inequities and incarceration. By focusing on community-based service providers, advocates, and organizers—many of whom come from or serve marginalized populations—this program addresses systemic barriers such as vicarious trauma, compassion fatigue, and the lasting effects of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs). Participants gain tools to process personal trauma, strengthen interpersonal relationships, and sustain themselves in emotionally demanding work. These competencies foster healthier service ecosystems and improve support to justice-impacted communities. By empowering those who support others, the program helps create a ripple effect of healing, safety, and accountability rooted in care—not punishment. This aligns with CFCI's commitment to alternatives to incarceration and investments that address the root causes of harm, centering community healing, mental wellness, and capacity building as essential to transforming systems of care and justice.
Healthy Futures || Pomona Resource Center - Healthy Futures for Vulnerable Youth & Families || Bithiah's Family Services	Pomona Resource Center Mental Health Support for Vulnerable Youth & Families	Did not receive CFCI funding	SPA 3; SD1;	Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;Strategy 3: Education Access & Youth Development;	Healthy Futures is an expansion of Bithiah's Family Services' wraparound care model, designed to provide equitable access to both physical and mental health support for youth and families impacted by the foster care system. Building on our existing success in trauma-informed therapy and wellness education, Healthy Futures integrates physical health care into our programming—bridging a critical gap for underserved communities in Los Angeles County. The program offers mental health services including individual therapy, clinician-led support groups, and workshops focused on emotional regulation, trauma recovery, and resilience. Now, with the launch of Healthy Futures, Bithiah's will also participants have access to physical health screenings, preventative care education, and connections to pediatric and adult care providers. This ensures that vulnerable children, transitional-aged youth, and families receive comprehensive care in a safe and trusted setting. Many of those we serve enter foster care with untreated health conditions, high ACE scores, and little to no continuity of care. Healthy Futures addresses this disparity by creating a direct link between emotional healing and physical well-being. In addition to therapeutic and medical services, the program distributes new hygiene kits, diapers, healthy snacks, and wellness products, all at no cost, to reduce financial barriers to health. By prioritizing holistic health, Healthy Futures not only supports immediate needs—it lays the foundation for long-term stability, helping individuals reclaim agency over their well-being and build toward a healthier future.	The Healthy Futures program serves individuals and families impacted by the foster care system in Los Angeles County, with a primary focus on children, transitional-aged youth, and caregivers who face systemic barriers to accessing physical and mental health services. Target populations include current and former foster youth, biological parents involved in the dependency system, kinship caregivers, adoptive families, and legal guardians supporting children through placement, reunification, or adoption. Most of our participants are referred to Bithiah's by DCFS, local foster family agencies (FFAs), social workers, or Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASAs). These trusted partners rely on our trauma-informed services to fill critical gaps in care that are often unavailable through traditional systems. While we receive many formal referrals, we do not turn anyone away who is seeking our support. Our doors remain open to any individual in Los Angeles County who is in need of mental health services, physical wellness support, or tangible resources. There are no insurance, income, or documentation requirements to participate. Our low-barrier model is designed to ensure that services are free, accessible, and delivered with dignity, regardless of a person's background or current circumstance.	Increased access to mental or physical health care;Decreased justice system involvement;Improved educational access or attainment;Healing and wellbeing;Youth development or civic engagement;	Outcomes for the Healthy Futures program will be measured through a mix of attendance tracking, participant surveys, and staff assessments. We will maintain attendance logs for therapy sessions, workshops, and health-related services, and use pre- and post-service surveys to measure changes in emotional well-being, access to care, and participant satisfaction. Licensed clinicians will complete progress notes to track individual improvements, while interviews and occasional focus groups will provide qualitative feedback. This combination of methods ensures both measurable results and meaningful participant input.	Needs minor setup (within 3 months)	(By a community-based organization			$ 50,000.00	Personnel/Staff: $18,000 (Part-time nurse practitioner to oversee physical wellness services and facilitate care coordination) Program Supplies: $10,000 (Health-related supplies such as first aid kits, hygiene items, menstrual products, thermometers, diapers, over-the-counter health items, and wellness kits) Facilities or Space Use: $5,000 (Allocated space for health screenings, private consultations, and on-site wellness events at the Pomona Resource Center) Consultants or Partners: $6,000 (Contracted medical professionals for health screenings, immunizations, and preventive care workshops) Outreach/Communications: $2,000 (Targeted outreach to local FFAs, DCFS workers, and CASA staff to raise awareness and increase referrals to the new physical health services) Indirect/Admin Costs (15% max): $7,500 (Administrative oversight, liability insurance, record-keeping, and reporting infrastructure to support compliance and tracking)	The Healthy Futures program directly supports the goals of the Care First Community Investment (CFCI) initiative by advancing health equity, preventing system involvement, and investing in community-driven care for populations most impacted by incarceration and systemic injustice. By expanding access to physical health services for foster-impacted individuals in Los Angeles County, Healthy Futures addresses a critical gap in care for communities historically over-policed, under-resourced, and disproportionately represented in the child welfare and carceral systems. The individuals served by Bithiah's—foster youth, transitional-aged young adults, and families navigating reunification—are overwhelmingly impacted by the same systemic barriers that CFCI seeks to dismantle: generational poverty, racialized trauma, housing instability, and lack of access to preventative care. These barriers increase the likelihood of poor health outcomes, educational disruption, and ultimately, involvement with the criminal justice system. Healthy Futures intervenes at a pivotal point by offering trauma-informed, non-stigmatized, community-based health services before crises escalate. By embedding physical wellness services into our trusted Pomona Resource Center, Healthy Futures empowers participants to access the care they deserve in a safe, culturally responsive environment—removing the financial, transportation, and systemic obstacles that often prevent early intervention. In doing so, the program supports CFCI's mission to shift investments away from punishment and into healing, prevention, and community-rooted solutions.
Care Through Culture || American Slave Nation / ASI Renaissance			SPA 8;SPA 7;SPA 6; SD2;SD4;	Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;Strategy 2: Economic Opportunity & Sustainability;Strategy 3: Education Access & Youth Development;Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration;	Care Through Culture activates a ready-to-implement, culturally rooted healing system focused on system-impacted Black communities in LA County. It combines identity-based leadership training (Ground School), non-cash mutual aid (Jubilee TimeBank), and stabilization intake reform (Name First, Then Shelter). Delivered through churches and peer networks, it diverts residents from jail, hospitalization, and crisis systems by affirming identity, building economic dignity, and training 100 Care Navigators.	Our target population are the Descendants of American Slaves (DAS), which includes system-impacted youth, reentry residents, Black fathers, unhoused DAS families, and trauma-exposed communities.	Decreased justice system involvement;Healing and wellbeing;Youth development or civic engagement;Job training or employment outcomes;	Participant surveys, pre/post assessments, attendance and retention logs, testimonial collection, and peer-facilitator reports.	Ready to implement immediately	(By a community-based organization			$ 9,750,000.00	Personnel/Staff: 5,250,000 Program Supplies: 500,000 Facilities or Space Use: 800,000 Consultants or Partners: 400,000 Outreach/Communications: 300,000 Indirect/Admin Costs: 1,000,000 Other (Micrograntss): 1,500,000	This project directly supports racial equity and decarceration by restoring cultural identity, economic agency, and spiritual healing to Descendants of American Slaves — the most impacted group by incarceration and systemic exclusion. It replaces carceral responses with cultural responsibility, empowers residents to lead from lived experience, and prevents future harm through peer-led intervention and economic stabilization.
YMC After School and Summer Programs || Expansion || Youth Mentoring Connection	YMC After School and Summer Programs	Year 1/Fiscal Year 2021-22	SPA 4;SPA 6;SPA 7;SPA 8; SD2;SD5;	Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;Strategy 3: Education Access & Youth Development;Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration;	Youth Mentoring Connection (YMC) proposes to expand after school and summer programs to an additional 100 at-risk and reentry youth ages 13 and over to build mental health protective factors resulting in more resilient youth who are well prepared for life's challenges through the following programs: Mentoring: 6 to 9 months and includes one-on-one and/or group mentoring using the gift centered approach and Hero's Journey. Hero's Journey is based on the concept of separation, initiation, and unification—recognizing negative behaviors and influences, discovering personal gifts, and adopting newer healthier behaviors, and then rejoining the community in this new positive way. Stoked City Surf: Year-round program that meets one-time per week sessions guided by surf mentors. Each session begins and ends with a sharing circle. The final summer session includes a traditional paddle-out ceremony, in which participants honor an ancestor. Urban Oasis Film Academy: Held over the summer for two hours, twice a week, for three months. Guided by volunteers from the film industry, each cohort develops a film topic and works as a team to write, produce, direct, and edit a film. The program culminates in a red carpet premiere for friends and family. SOHO: Based on indigenous cultures sacred circles and following healing circle practices, Echo is a once-monthly gathering session of mentees, mentors, YMC staff, and community members in a diverse and intergenerational gathering where participants respond to prompts that encourage sharing of thoughts, feelings, and experiences that were evoked by the presentation. Youth support/case management: Staff provide face to face monthly check-ins to YMC youth. Additionally, staff are available 24/7 for emergencies and support. YMC maintains a comprehensive list of partners and community providers for referrals such as mental health, substance abuse, housing, food, employment assistance, etc.	YMC primarily serves youth who are at high risk of educational failure, substance abuse, juvenile justice involvement, re-entry, foster youth, youth in alternative education, etc. Demographics for YMC youth are primarily BIPOC (93%); 59% male; 42% female; 2% non-binary; and 1% transgender. YMC serves any youth ages 13 and over that are interested in our programs. Most referrals come from peers, partner CBOs, schools, and other agencies. Additionally, youth do not "age out" of our programs at 18. YMC continues to provide support for as long as is needed, with many alumni youth staying connected through their young adult years and some becoming mentors.	Decreased justice system involvement;Improved educational access or attainment;Healing and wellbeing;	YMC has a robust system for evaluation and reporting including pre-and post-surveys, school reports, program attendance tracking, case management/referral tracking, and 6- month follow-up surveys.	Ready to implement immediately	(By a community-based organization			$ 112,700.00	•Personnel/Staff: $237,500 •Program Supplies: $2,500 •Facilities or Space Use: $18,000 •Consultants or Partners: $8,000 •Outreach/Communications: $2,000 •Indirect/Admin Costs (15% max of total requested amount): $14,700 •Other: Participant transportation, Youth Activities, Retreat: $30,000	Reduce reliance on incarceration: YMC provides preventive and reentry youth services to reduce youth involvement in the Juvenile Justice system. Invest in community-based services: YMC has been directly serving South LA and surrounding communities for over 24 years. Promote racial equity: YMC helps to break the inter generational impact of inequality for BIPOC communities by giving youth skills, support, and purpose and instilling community as a means for change. Foster community engagement: YMC's Youth Advisory Council plays a key role in ensuring that programs and services are aligned with the needs of local youth. Support sustainable solutions: YMC is using CFCI funding to strengthen it's capacity to leverage further funding by ensuring the organization has the infrastructure and program capacity for future growth. Youth in this South LA and surrounding communities served by YMC, are faced with high crime/gang activity, low educational attainment, low-employment opportunities, and high incarceration rates which can lead young people to feel hopeless about their future. Added to this is the criminalization of youth and the school-to-incarceration pipeline. Young people need to grow and thrive. YMC's role is to help them discover their gifts and support them in a loving and nurturing environment. This approach is at the core of the YMC's programs. Our unique approach truly changes lives. YMC staff and mentors move through the process of change with each youth that comes through the doors. All share their stories, tears, hugs, and triumph. YMC is truly a community in which vulnerability is cherished and nourished. Youth feel truly seen for the wonderful, gifted human beings that they are and build strong trust and bonds that last a lifetime. At YMC,
Trauma Prevention Initiative Expansion		Countywide Community Violence Intervention Coordination		LA County Office of Violence Prevention, Department of Public Health	Trauma Prevention Initiative	Did not receive CFCI funding	SPA 1,SPA 4,SPA 6,SPA 7,SPA 8; SD2,SD1;SD3,SD4,SD5;	Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration;Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;	Traditional public safety approaches over-rely on law enforcement and under-rely on healing and prevention for sustainability. Investing in a public health approach to violence prevention saves lives and dollars. The Trauma Prevention Initiative (TPI) invests in community safety solutions that center survivors and engage community members in public safety decision-making. With initial success in Supervisorial District 2 beginning in 2016, TPI expanded in 2022 to Districts 1, 4, and 5. TPI invests in community-based organizations to implement peer-led violence intervention, prevention, and healing strategies, and leverages strong relationships with county departments traditionally less engaged as public safety partners. TPI's approach fosters trusted spaces for prevention efforts to take root, addressing the epidemic of violence as a public health issue. TPI facilitates a cultural shift in the County's public safety ecosystem through investment in community-driven strategies and connecting them to the continuum of county services and initiatives to promote a care first approach. TPI has received national recognition as a best practice, including a 2021 Model Practice Award from the National Association of City and County Health Officials, and inclusion in a 2024 Giffords Law Center Report: All Hands on Deck: The Role of Counties in Community Violence Intervention. DVP proposes to expand TPI by: 1) expanding to CBO contracts in the current 5 communities implementing violence intervention services for individuals strong violence, safe passages for parks and public spaces, and community healing services; 2) adding two communities impacted by violence for expansion, including Street Outreach, HVIP, and Community Action for Peace networks; 3) Staff and consultant contracts to provide countywide technical assistance to align county departments and cities implementing CVI strategies; assure standardized best practices for implementation and evaluation; expand the Peer to Peer Learning Academy to train credible messengers, and CVI-led peace tables.	TPI serves individuals and communities who are disproportionately impacted by community and gang violence, primarily Black and Latino communities and youth and adults ages 15-44. Program eligibility varies by strategy. Community Action for Peace stakeholder meetings are open to all. Street Outreach services include community events and safe passages programs open to all, and tailored case management services for gang impacted and system impacted individuals. HVIP services are tailored to surv

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Proposed Project Name || Organization or County Dept	If your program is not new and is an expansion of an existing project, what is its name?	If your program is an expansion and previously received CFCI funding, please indicate under which Spending Plan Year/Fiscal Year.	Service Planning Areas (SPA) and Supervisorial Districts (SD) Served	CFCI Strategies	Description of Project	Target population and eligibility requirements	Anticipated Outcomes of Project	Data Collection and Evaluation Plan	Implementation Period for Project	Administration of Project	If applicable, by which County Dept?	If the program does not have existing infrastructure, please describe what would be needed to launch the program/project.	What is the total requested annual amount of funding for this program/project?	based on the amount entered above, enter a basic breakdown of each of the following in dollar amounts (round numbers are acceptable): Personnel/Staff Program Supplies Facilities or Space Use Consultant	How does this program/project support the goals of CFCI? Think about who benefits, what systemic barriers are being addressed, and how communities most impacted by incarceration are empowered.
Veteran Peer Access Network || Los Angeles County Department of Military and Veterans Affairs	Veteran Peer Access Network	Did not receive CFCI funding	SPA 1;SPA 2;SPA 3;SPA 4;SPA 5;SPA 6;SPA 7;SPA 8; SD1;SD2;SD3;SD4 ;SD5;	Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;Strategy 3: Education Access & Youth Development;Strategy 4: Housing Stability;	The Veteran Peer Access Network (VPAN) in Los Angeles County uses a spoke and hub model to provide peer-to-peer support to veterans, service members, and military-connected families, connecting them to essential services such as mental health care, housing, and employment resources. Its core mission is to address the urgent challenges of veteran homelessness and suicide by leveraging the lived experiences of veteran peers. Through collaborative partnerships with community organizations, government agencies, and veteran service providers, VPAN ensures a coordinated and comprehensive approach to veteran care.	The Veteran Peer Access Network (VPAN) targets veterans, service members, and military-connected families across Los Angeles County. The program places a strong emphasis on serving individuals who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness, suicide, unemployment, or behavioral health challenges. VPAN prioritizes outreach to those who may be disconnected from traditional systems of care, including justice-involved veterans and those living in underserved communities. Eligibility requirements for participants include: Identification as a veteran, active-duty service member, National Guard or Reserve member, or a military-connected family member; and A need for assistance with mental health support, housing, employment, benefits navigation, or related services.	Increased access to mental or physical health care;Decreased justice system involvement;Improved educational access or attainment;Stable or supportive housing;Job training or employment outcomes;Healing and wellbeing;	Outcomes for the Veteran Peer Access Network (VPAN) will be measured using a multi-method evaluation approach to assess program impact, participant progress, and service delivery effectiveness. Key methods include: Participant tracking and case management data: Peer Support Specialists document services provided, referrals made, and outcomes such as housing placements, employment attainment, and mental health treatment engagement. Participant surveys: Veterans and their families are invited to complete pre- and post-service surveys to assess satisfaction, perceived improvements in well-being, and overall experience with VPAN services. Attendance and engagement logs: Records of outreach events, peer sessions, and warm handoffs to community partners help track levels of engagement and reach across the County. Partner agency reporting: Collaborating organizations provide feedback and data on referrals, coordinated care outcomes, and service integration success. Focus groups and interviews: Periodic qualitative assessments with participants, providers, and community stakeholders help identify strengths and areas for improvement.	Ready to implement immediately	(By a community-based organization			$ 7,319,750.00	Community Organization Contracts - $6.365m Indirect/Admin Costs (15%) -$0.955	The Veteran Peer Access Network (VPAN) strongly aligns with the goals of the Care First Community Investment (CFCI) initiative by advancing a community-based, prevention-focused model of care that prioritizes healing over punishment. VPAN benefits veterans, service members, and military-connected families, particularly those at risk of or experiencing homelessness, mental health crises, substance use challenges, or justice system involvement. Many of these individuals come from communities that have been historically over-policed and under-resourced—populations at the core of CFCI's equity-driven mission. By using a peer-to-peer support model, VPAN addresses systemic barriers such as mistrust of institutions, stigma around seeking help, and fragmented service access. Veteran Peers leverage their lived experience to build trust, engage hard-to-reach individuals, and navigate them toward essential services—such as housing, behavioral health care, and benefits—before they enter or re-enter the criminal justice system. Through this work, VPAN not only reduces reliance on incarceration and emergency response systems, but also empowers communities most impacted by systemic inequities. The program invests directly in veteran community leadership, creates pathways to recovery, and reinforces a care-first, community-centered approach that is central to CFCI's vision for public safety and well-being.
The Care and Hope Project || Los Angeles County Department of Public Health	Care First Community Investment (CFCI) AAIMM Doula Program	Year 1/Fiscal Year 2021-22	SPA 1;SPA 2;SPA 3;SPA 4;SPA 5;SPA 6;SPA 7;SPA 8; SD1;SD2;SD3;SD4 ;SD5;	Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;Strategy 2: Economic Opportunity & Sustainability;Strategy 4: Housing Stability;Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration;	This proposed initiative is an expansion of the CFCI AAIMM Doula Program with Project H.O.P.E. (Help, Opportunities, Peace, Early Intervention), designed to meet the urgent needs of justice-impacted, unhoused, and system-impacted pregnant and parenting families. The Care and HOPE Project integrates full-spectrum doula services into an existing home-visiting model to deliver trauma-informed, culturally responsive care that improves maternal and child health outcomes. The CFCI Doula Program provides community-based, culturally attuned birth support for justice-impacted birthing people. Doulas are currently onsite at Century Regional Detention Facility (CRDF), where they support incarcerated pregnant individuals through labor, delivery, postpartum, labor support, and postpartum care, helping to reduce birth disparities and improve perinatal experiences. Project H.O.P.E. was developed to stabilize health and housing conditions, reduce adverse childhood experiences, and prevent child welfare involvement. The Project HOPE care team provides to support pregnant individuals and families experiencing homelessness. The program pairs clients with a public health nurse specializing in maternity and pediatrics, alongside a trained Family Partner. Together, they provide essential support during pregnancy and the early stages of childrearing. What the Care and HOPE Project Will Do: •Provide weekly prenatal visits, continuous labor and birth support, postpartum visits up to 8 weeks, and monthly follow-ups through the child's first year. •Offer pregnancy and parenting education, mental health and lactation support, developmental screenings (ASQ), and warm linkages to long-term home visiting programs. •Tailor visit frequency based on housing status to meet the unique needs of families. Direct Service Team: The multidisciplinary Care and HOPE team includes two outreach workers, public health nurse, four community health workers, two doulas, and two mental health clinicians—all trained in trauma-informed care and motivational interviewing. Needs Addressed:	The program serves pregnant and parenting individuals who are currently incarcerated, formerly incarcerated, or unhoused populations disproportionately impacted by systemic inequities, including Black, Indigenous, and Latina families in Los Angeles County. It also benefits their children by promoting healthy birth outcomes, developmental screening, and school readiness. By focusing on the perinatal period, the program intervenes at a critical window to break cycles of trauma and foster long-term family stability.	Increased access to mental or physical health care;Decreased justice system involvement;Improved educational access or attainment;Stable or supportive housing;Healing and wellbeing;Systems Change;	Ready to implement immediately	By a County Department	Public Health		$ 2,100,000.00	Personnel/Staff: $1,452,512.86 Program Supplies: $86,500 (Office Supplies, Minor Equipment, IT/Telecomm Equipment) Facilities or Space Use: $84,800 Consultants or Partners: $180,000 Outreach/Communications: $30,000 (HOPE Outreach Materials) Indirect/Admin Costs (15% max of total requested amount): $152,000 Other: $152,187.14 (Client Supportive Incentives $135,000 and Training Costs: $17,187.14)	communities most impacted by incarceration, systemic racism, homelessness, and intergenerational poverty. It prioritizes investment in community-based, culturally responsive solutions that reduce reliance on punitive systems and instead offer sustained support, dignity, and opportunity. Systemic Barriers Addressed •Lack of access to quality maternal and mental health care in carceral and community settings •Cycle of instability of care making reentry, postpartum, or housing instability •Barriers to breastfeeding and lactation support for incarcerated and unhoused women/birthing people •Over-surveillance and under-support of families at risk of child welfare involvement •Poison to homeless/homelessness to prison pipeline Community Empowerment: The program is designed and delivered by a team rooted in the communities it serves, including full-spectrum doulas and Community Health Workers with lived and professional expertise. Through care coordination, education, and advocacy, families are empowered to make informed choices, access vital resources, and heal in community. By shifting investment toward prevention, dignity, and wellness, this program aligns powerfully with CFCI's vision of a care-first Los Angeles.
ODR LEAD (Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion/Let Everyone Advance with Dignity) || Department of Health Services' Office of Diversion and Reentry	ODR LEAD	Year 2/Fiscal Year 2022-23	SPA 1;SPA 2;SPA 4;SPA 5;SPA 6;SPA 7;SPA 8; SD1;SD2;SD3;SD4 ;SD5;	Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;Strategy 4: Housing Stability;	LEAD is a national, evidenced-based public safety program that provides a community-based system of response and care to address frequent contact with law enforcement. LEAD intervenes at the earliest point possible in the criminal legal system to prevent unnecessary harms that result from arrest and incarceration. It also seeks the public money on law-enforcement and court interventions that are highly expensive and do little to address the root causes of why a person continues to be arrested. Rather than simply having options to ignore or arrest people that generate frequent calls to law enforcement due to behavioral health issues or extreme poverty, LEAD provides law enforcement with an alternative to voluntarily refer the individual to LEAD. If the candidate agrees, a LEAD case manager responds in the field to begin working with them. Once enrolled, a LEAD participant receives voluntary, harm reduction focused Intensive Case Management Services indefinitely. ODR has operated LEAD programs since 2017. This request will bring much needed motel interim housing resources to the LEAD participant population. Nearly all LEAD participants are unsheltered when they enter LEAD. Many LEAD participants have been living unsheltered for years, and have a long history of failure in rapid re-housing. However, LEAD participants are often ineligible for other interim housing in the county due to current substance use, 8500 requirements, or having discharged due to program violations in the past. During FY 23-24, ODR received private grant funding to pilot the most interim housing program with LEAD. By the end of the first year, 48% of motel IH participants had successfully moved into permanent supportive housing, 30% were in the process of acquiring a PSH unit, and 10% transferred to ODR Interim Housing. Overall, 88% of motel participants exited to an appropriate housing solution by the end of the pilot.	LEAD provides an off-ramp from the criminal legal system for people who have frequent law enforcement contact. Program candidates must be engaged in behaviors that are causing a current public safety concern (i.e., generating calls to law enforcement, frequent arrests or frequent law enforcement contact); must be primarily staying in the geographic service area of the program; individual voluntarily agrees to participate.		Motel Interim Housing: at least 65% of motel interim housing participants will exit to a positive destination (i.e., Permanent Supportive Housing, Enriched Residential Care (ERC), Family Reunification, etc.) Permanent Housing: 90% of permanently housed participants shall stay housed for at least six (6) months; 80% of permanently housed participants shall stay housed for at least one (1) year. Linkage to Mainstream Benefits: 100% of eligible participants who have been enrolled at least 90 days shall be linked to mainstream benefits (e.g., Medi-Cal, General Relief, Supplemental Security Income). Linkage to Primary Care: 90% of participants who have been enrolled at least 90 days shall be linked to Primary Care Provider (PCP). KPIs are a requirement of LEAD ICMS contracts. ICMS providers input participant data into a Google connected database. LEAD staff can also pull reports to track specific outcomes across its existing programs, including court-mandated services, wellness education, and support interventions. Sacred Restored will build on these work by using a combination of data collection, case management notes, attendance records, and feedback forms to evaluate emotional wellness, service engagement, and personal growth. At intake, participants complete a baseline needs and wellness assessment, which is revisited mid-program and at program exit to measure changes in stress levels, parenting confidence, safety planning capacity, and overall well-being. Attendance logs are maintained for each group and individual session, including Reiki healing, nutrition workshops, and support circles. Participants also complete satisfaction surveys to assess the cultural relevance, accessibility, and emotional impact of services received. Existing tools such as supervised visitation reports, court compliance checklists, and community service records will also be integrated to track legal and programmatic progress. Peer mentors and staff facilitators will conduct one-on-one reflections and focus groups to capture qualitative data and lived experience insights that support continuous improvement. To measure the outcomes of our expanded programs, we will implement a multi-faceted evaluation approach: 1. Participant Surveys: We will conduct regular surveys with both the individuals receiving services and those fulfilling community service requirements. These surveys will assess improvements in well-being, sense of community, and personal development. 2. Attendance and Service Logs: We will maintain detailed attendance records for all participants, tracking their involvement in the programs. This will help measure engagement levels and the consistency of their participation. 3. Health and Well-Being Records: For those receiving services, we will track improvements in health behaviors related to nutrition food, collaborating with local organizations to gather relevant data. 4. Interviews and Focus Groups: Periodic interviews and focus groups with participants will provide deeper insights into their experiences, challenges, and growth, helping us understand the program's impact on healing and civic engagement. 5. Justice System Involvement Tracking: We will monitor recidivism rates among court-ordered participants to evaluate the program's effectiveness in reducing justice system involvement. The PATH Project, with the assistance of the LA Chapter of our Youth Advisory Board, will also distribute our interactive Healthy Coping Skill Resource Kits to additional locations in LA County. Sites prioritized will be those with high numbers of youth and families who have been impacted by the criminal legal system. Kits will be distributed at events, resource fairs, and partner organizations. Each kit will include a QR code that will direct users to the PATH website, where they can access digital versions of the resources.	Ready to implement immediately	By a County Department	DHS ODR		$ 21,211,056.00	Interim Housing/Motel Room Fees at 110 slots per year @ $166 per slot for 3 years. $18,314,760 Interim Housing Coordinator (at contracted LEAD ICMS provider agencies): Salaries and benefits @ 0.5 FTE x $88,000 per year x 8 ICMS agencies (max $44,000/year/work order) to manage residents as invoices. $366,000 Indirect Cost at 10% to support administrative costs from DHS finance, HR and contracts and grants: $1,928,278	LEAD reduces bookings into the LA County Jail system by intervening prior to arrest and providing intensive, wrap-around community care. Additionally, LEAD participants in the program with open criminal cases or warrants receive comprehensive support to clear their cases, which reduces further risk of incarceration. Ultimately, LEAD participants are diverted from the "revolving door" of the LA County Jail system, which greatly improves outcomes upon release. LEAD has been acknowledged by community members and County leadership as an important strategy for LAC Alternatives to Incarceration. LEAD was first launched in SD1 in 2017. LEAD was selected as an important intervention in the original ATI Report (recommendation #48). LEAD is also supported by CSIT as an important strategy to reduce bookings into the LA County Jail system. One of the most important ways LEAD reduces risk for arrest/incarceration is by providing access to Motel Interim Housing so that participants can move out of public spaces where they are generating law enforcement calls and begin the process of working on case management goals.
Scared Restored || Superpower Wellness Center, Inc.		SPA 6; SD2;		Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration;	Sacred Restored is an intervention-based healing program designed to disrupt the cycle of domestic violence and systemic harm impacting Black and Brown women in South Los Angeles. Implemented by Superpower Wellness Center, the program integrates holistic healing services including counseling, Reiki energy therapy, nutrition education, peer-led support groups, and culturally aligned case management to help survivors heal emotionally, physically, and spiritually. The program directly addresses the unmet needs of women who have experienced intimate partner violence and are often navigating unsafe environments, systemic neglect, and limited access to culturally appropriate care. National data shows that over 45% of Black women and 40% of Latina women experience domestic violence in their lifetimes. Domestic violence is also a leading cause of homelessness and justice system involvement for women of color, yet survivors in low-income communities often face the greatest barriers to long-term recovery. Many participants are also coping with financial instability, family court entanglements, or the long-term effects of generational trauma. For many, mainstream systems have failed to provide the culturally safe, holistic support that healing they need. Sacred Restored offers both clinical and nonclinical services to meet survivors where they are. Sacred Restored offers both clinical and nonclinical services to meet survivors where they are. Survivors are empowered with healing plans that integrate clinical therapy and ancestral wellness practices that include practical tools like safety planning, parenting support, and access to healing foods. Peer mentors, survivors themselves, lead group sessions to promote connection, resilience, and emotional regulation in a space that centers cultural dignity and shared experience. With JCOD support, Sacred Restored will expand access to holistic, trauma-informed recovery for women who desire not just safety but the power to rebuild their lives on their own terms.	Sacred Restored serves Black and Brown women, ages 18 to 55, residing in South Los Angeles who are survivors of domestic or intimate partner violence. The program prioritizes women who are justice-involved, housing-insecure, or navigating reentry, family court systems, or other conditions tied to systemic harm. Participants may be system-impacted through personal experience or through family involvement with the justice system. To be eligible, participants must reside in Los Angeles County and have experienced domestic violence. No income verification or legal documentation is required. The program's trauma-informed, low-barrier model ensures access for women most likely to be underserved by traditional systems, aligning with JCOD's commitment to equity, wellness, and diversion from carceral pathways.	Increased access to mental or physical health care;Decreased justice system involvement;Stable or supportive housing;Healing and wellbeing;	We will employ a multi-model evaluation strategy including participant surveys, attendance logs, interviews, focus groups and case management, health and education records. We will also track outcome measures including benefits enrollment, job placement, GED completion, matriculation to higher education, and transition to and maintenance of permanent housing. We will be assisted in our evaluation strategy through in-kind support provided by faculty from UCLA Health's Department of Medicine Community Partnerships.	Needs minor setup (within 3 months)	By a community-based organization		Superpower Wellness Center already operates a domestic violence support program rooted in trauma-informed care, court-aligned case management, and holistic personal development. These existing services provide a strong foundation for launching Sacred Restored, a culturally responsive expansion focused specifically on Black and Brown women healing from domestic and intimate partner violence. To launch the program, we will build upon the current infrastructure by hiring a part-time Program Coordinator (LCSW or similar) and a trauma-informed counselor to manage outreach, enrollment, and case tracking for domestic violence survivors. We will also engage contracted practitioners to deliver Reiki healing, nutrition education, and trauma-informed group support, all of which are designed to address the physical, emotional, and spiritual wounds caused by violence and systemic neglect. A private, calming space within the Center will be designated	$ 400,000.00	Personnel/Staff $135,000 Program Supplies $35,000 Facilities or Space Use $30,000 Consultants or Partners $75,000 Outreach/Communications $25,000 Indirect/Admin Costs (15% max of total requested amount): $60,000	Sacred Restored advances the goals of CFCI by addressing domestic violence at both a deeply personal trauma and a reflection of broader systemic inequities that disproportionately affect Black and Brown women in South Los Angeles. Survivors of intimate partner violence are often forced to navigate court systems, housing instability, child welfare involvement, and isolated trauma without access to culturally relevant, trauma-informed support. This program provides a community-based, healing-centered alternative that interrupts cycles of violence and harm and helps survivors heal with dignity and support. Drawing on Superpower Wellness Center's experience serving more than 120 justice-impacted women, Sacred Restored offers holistic one-on-one and peer counseling therapy sessions, case management, Reiki, and nutrition-based healing practices, as well as peer-led support groups to help survivors rebuild their lives. The program supports participants in fulfilling legal and personal obligations while addressing the emotional, cultural, and spiritual wounds that often lead to repeated justice system involvement. Our program strengthens protective factors, builds community connections, and promotes long-term healing and recovery that are rooted in cultural wellness. By centering survivor voice, training peer mentors, and replacing punishment with restoration, the program reduces barriers to healing and empowers women who have historically been overlooked or criminalized. Sacred Restored transforms the response to domestic violence by shifting away from control and compliance and toward choice, connection, and cultural affirmation. In doing so, it aligns directly with CFCI's vision of community empowerment, justice transformation, and care-first alternatives that meet people where they are.
Court Ordered Community Service to the Hungry and homeless || Zion Temple Community Church	Fresh Food Friday and Homeless Outreach	Did not receive CFCI funding	SPA 4; SD1;	Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;	Program Expansion Proposal: Fresh Food Friday and Homeless Outreach Zion Temple Community Church seeks to expand our Fresh Food Friday initiative, which provides fresh produce to our community, alongside our homeless outreach program that offers hot meals to those in need. This expansion aims to create a structured, supportive environment for court-ordered individuals fulfilling community service requirements. Participants will have opportunities to engage in meaningful service, including transporting food and supplies, serving meals, and assisting with clean-up efforts. By involving these individuals, we foster a sense of responsibility, community connection, and personal growth, all while enhancing our outreach capabilities and supporting vulnerable populations. This initiative will be overseen by a dedicated church coordinator to ensure smooth operations and effective collaboration.	Program Expansion Proposal: Fresh Food Friday and Homeless Outreach Zion Temple Community Church seeks to expand our Fresh Food Friday initiative, which provides fresh produce to our community, alongside our homeless outreach program that offers hot meals to those in need. This expansion aims to create a structured, supportive environment for court-ordered individuals fulfilling community service requirements. Participants will have opportunities to engage in meaningful service, including transporting food and supplies, serving meals, and assisting with clean-up efforts. By involving these individuals, we foster a sense of responsibility, community connection, and personal growth, all while enhancing our outreach capabilities and supporting vulnerable populations. This initiative will be overseen by a dedicated church coordinator to ensure smooth operations and effective collaboration.	Youth development or civic engagement;Healing and wellbeing;Decreased justice system involvement;		Ready to implement immediately	By a community-based organization			$ 40,000.00	Personnel and Administrative Costs: Program Coordinator Salary: $20,000 (part-time, overseeing the program, administrative duties, coordination) Administrative Supplies: $1,500 (office supplies, software, communication tools) Program Supplies: Food and Meal Ingredients: $10,000 (fresh produce, meal prep items for the year) Packaging and Distribution Supplies: $2,000 (containers, utensils, hygiene items) Transportation: Fuel and Maintenance for Delivery Vehicle: $3,000 (for pick-ups and deliveries) Outreach and Communications: Marketing and Outreach Materials: $1,500 (flyers, social media ads, community engagement) Indirect/Admin Costs (max 15%) $600,000	The Expanded Fresh Food Friday and Homeless Outreach Program supports the goals of CFCI by addressing systemic barriers related to food insecurity, poverty, and reentry challenges among communities most impacted by incarceration. This program provides court-ordered individuals with meaningful community service opportunities, reintegrating them into society through restorative practices that emphasize dignity, contribution, and healing. By offering access to fresh produce and hot meals, the program alleviates immediate survival needs while empowering underserved neighborhoods—particularly in South Los Angeles, where incarceration rates and systemic disinvestment have historically been high. The initiative not only reduces recidivism through civic engagement but also creates a pipeline of support for individuals reentering society. It embodies a care-first approach, advancing equity by investing in community-led solutions that promote healing, stability, and long-term transformation.
PATH (Peers Advancing Teen Health) Project for Justice-Impacted LA Youth || TeensFTeens Help	PATH (Peers Advancing Teen Health) Project for Justice-Impacted LA Youth	Did not receive CFCI funding	SPA 1;SPA 2;SPA 3;SPA 4;SPA 5;SPA 6;SPA 7;SPA 8; SD1;SD2;SD3;SD4 ;SD5;	Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;Strategy 3: Education Access & Youth Development;	TeensFTeens Help (T4TH) is a 501c3 youth mental health organization specializing in serving youth ages 13-23 who experience mental health crisis and recovery. T4TH is an LA-based peer-led organization for youth, families, and professionals. Our goal is to reach young people where they are and connect them to tools and resources that may save their lives in times of crises. https://www.teensfteenshelp.org Our PATH (Peers Advancing Teen Health) Project exists at the intersectionality of systems-involvement and youth mental health. This project supports our work to address the critical need for mental health information and peer support serving justice-impacted LA County youth. The PATH Project increases equity and access to care for underserved youth, empowers youth through leadership development, and delivers life-saving resources to justice-involved young people throughout LA. We create original peer-to-peer resources for youth, distribute interactive learning materials to under-resourced schools and clinics, and organize community leadership opportunities to uplift the voices of young people who have recovered from serious mental health struggles, substance use, and systems-involvement. By sharing peer stories of adversity, perseverance, and behavioral health recovery, we help young people learn accurate mental health information, recognize that they are not alone, and find hope, help, and healing through peer support, education, and connection to professional resources. We believe that all our young people deserve equitable access to the care they need to thrive. Our work bridges the gap between youth who are suffering from the pain of justice-impacted behavioral health crises and those who are receiving the help they need. Our organization's videos and interactive mental health resources, like our Healthy Coping Skills Resource Kits, families, and professionals every year and the digital resource platform on our website receives about 1,500 monthly visits. A message from four incredible youth leaders: https://vimeo.com/user8334673	TeensFTeens Help (T4TH) is a 501c3 youth mental health organization specializing in serving youth ages 13-23 who experience mental health crisis and recovery. T4TH is an LA-based peer-led organization for youth, families, and professionals. Our goal is to reach young people where they are and connect them to tools and resources that may save their lives in times of crises. https://www.teensfteenshelp.org The PATH (Peers Advancing Teen Health) Project welcomes all LA County youth ages 13 to 24 who have experienced any mental health hardships, traumas, and triumphs related to justice systems-involvement. These experiences may come from personal justice-involvement or incarceration, the incarceration of a family member, foster care-system involvement as a result of familial incarceration, or anxiety, depression, substance use, self-harm, or other struggles related to the at-promise SES factors of living in communities disproportionately affected by systems-involvement. A message from Regina: https://vimeo.com/user8334673 Over the next year, the PATH Project will enroll 30 LA County justice-impacted youth into the LA County Chapter of our active and thriving Youth Advisory Board. This group is overseen by our Youth Advisory Board Manager and is currently composed of over 90 diverse young adult mental health advocates and peer youth leaders. During our peer-to-peer community events, these Youth Advisory Board members share their experiences of mental health recovery and encourage other teens to use healthy coping strategies. Youth Advisory Board members are encouraged to attend regular meetings, give feedback on our organization's educational tools, create peer mental health advocacy content and social media outreach materials, table at local community awareness events, and serve on leadership development committees to reduce stigma and promote equitable access to resources. These youth leaders help foster networking connections with local justice-impacted service providers and help direct community youth to the resource directories on our website. Through the PATH Project, local systems-impacted youth are also invited to view and create professional peer-to-peer content on our website. Youth who find healing and empowerment through storytelling are encouraged to share their wellness journeys in professionally and thoughtfully produced videos, to help reduce stigma and guide other systems-impacted youth to a place of recovery and healing. Our website's digital platform currently includes over 140 original videos about youth mental health resilience and recovery, told by teens in their own words. Our video resources are categorized by mental health topic and include Depression, Anxiety, Addiction, Suicide Prevention, Fentanyl, Bipolar Disorder, LGBTQIA+ Experiences, Eating Disorders, ADHD, and others. Through our ongoing PATH Project, we are actively adding youth stories of recovery from Youth Justice Systems, Self-harm, Trauma, Sexual Abuse, and Foster Care Systems. We find that so many of these topics are interconnected, overlapping, and heavily intertwined with the racial and health disparities present in our LA communities. The PATH Project, with the assistance of the LA Chapter of our Youth Advisory Board, will also distribute our interactive Healthy Coping Skill Resource Kits to additional locations in LA County. Sites prioritized will be those with high numbers of youth and families who have been impacted by the criminal legal system. Kits will be distributed at events, resource fairs, and partner organizations. Each kit will include a QR code that will direct users to the PATH website, where they can access digital versions of the resources.	Increased access to mental or physical health care;Improved educational access or attainment;Youth development or civic engagement;Healing and wellbeing;	The PATH (Peers Advancing Teen Health) Project seeks to meet specific program metric numbers for youth enrollment and engagement, creation of youth-serving materials, quality reviews of youth-serving materials, and creation of local organizational partnerships. In a one-year term, the PATH Project aims to enroll at least 30 youth ages 13 to 24 in the LA County Chapter of the Youth Advisory Board, with at least 90% engagement across scheduled Youth Advisory Board events. We plan to add 15 new educational peer-to-peer videos and reach at least 18,000 website users. We aim to deliver at least 6 geographically-targeted Youth Advisory Board outreach events in LA County, impacting a target in-person audience of at least 800 total youth. We plan to add at least 5 new local justice-impacted community partners and supply them with our interactive resource kits, where these resources will be distributed to at least 1,000 youth. We aim to have at least 4 youth who are a part of the Youth Advisory Board graduate and analyze at least 300 surveys with the goal of demonstrating that youth report that these materials have brought them greater awareness of healthy coping skills, greater accessibility of positive peer-to-peer wellness materials, and more hopeful and empowered views on their personal wellness. Collected data will also allow us to issue content improvement strategies every 6 months. Our Youth Advisory Board Manager plans to present evidence-based data	Ready to implement immediately	By a community-based organization			$ 180,000.00	Personnel/Staff: $120,000 Project Manager and Program Coordinator. Program Supplies, $15,000 Youth Advisory Board program materials. Consultants or Partners. $25,000. Organization writer, social media manager, and digital editor. Outreach/Communications. $20,000. Youth outreach campaigns and community event costs. Funds will be used for programmatic operating expenses, allowing our team to organize youth outreach events, reduce stigma, create and distribute interactive education materials to under-resourced systems-impacted youth service providers in LA. Funding will also support our Youth Advisory Board and will enable our team to create additional peer-to-peer videos on justice-impacted behavioral recovery stories. These life-saving videos feature the first-hand accounts of individual youth storytellers who encourage other teens to use healthy coping skills, reach out to trusted adults, and recognize that they are not alone. Our core project team is composed of our PATH Project Manager, Youth Advisory Board Director, and Program Coordinator. Our PATH Project Manager, Jeff Ling, directly oversees all aspects of the project. He is responsible for directing our staff and Boards and Reps our peer-to-peer panels of justice-impacted youth experiences. Our Youth Advisory Board Director, Miranda Romero, is responsible for overseeing the Youth Advisory Board's youth civic leadership activities, advocacy events, and content creation. Miranda presents evidence-based materials on peer-to-peer healing activities and youth health equity at professional seminars. Kathy Long, our Program Coordinator, works to collect data and collaborate with schools, child welfare agencies, and organizations who operate within youth justice-impacted spaces in underserved communities. Our contracting team (organization writer, social media manager, and digital editor) supports our ability to reach more teens in more LA communities, direct more teens back to our resources, and generate positive wellness conversations across social media.	We recognize that successful movements take a peer approach; creative engagement strategies; and a village of caring and compassionate change-makers. T4TH was founded on the belief that young people deserve access to the services and resources they need to thrive. We also believe that youth-led models and peer-to-peer connection are the most powerful, innovative, and effective tools in creating change in the fight against youth systems-involvement and the mental health epidemic. As an organization, we work to remedy the vacuum of accessible, professional services that are present in our low-income LA communities of color. TeensFTeens Help is the only organization of its kind in the US. While many organizations seek to address youth mental health, very few feature youth voices, very few are youth-led, and none specialize in original peer-to-peer video content. Our organization was created by people with lived experience: parents, families, youth, and professionals who have experienced mental health crises and recovery. We're responsible for directing our staff and Boards and Reps our peer-to-peer panels of justice-impacted youth experiences. Our Youth Advisory Board Director, Miranda Romero, is responsible for overseeing the Youth Advisory Board's youth civic leadership activities, advocacy events, and content creation. Miranda presents evidence-based materials on peer-to-peer healing activities and youth health equity at professional seminars. Kathy Long, our Program Coordinator, works to collect data and collaborate with schools, child welfare agencies, and organizations who operate within youth justice-impacted spaces in underserved communities. Our contracting team (organization writer, social media manager, and digital editor) supports our ability to reach more teens in more LA communities, direct more teens back to our resources, and generate positive wellness conversations across social media. We know that teens spend a tremendous amount of time online. In recent years, over 60% of youth ages 14 to 22 have also sought mental health information online, with more than 30% using social media to search for wellness tools. For this reason, our materials are free, private, accessible to anyone anywhere with an internet connection, and are formatted as videos and social media content of teens talking to other teens. A message from Skye: https://vimeo.com/751870465
HAVEN (Holistic Advocacy for the Vulnerable through Empowerment and Neuro-Justice) || Los Angeles County Public Defender			SPA 1;SPA 2;SPA 3;SPA 4;SPA 5;SPA 6;SPA 7;SPA 8; SD1;SD2;SD3;SD4 ;SD5;	Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration;	People who suffer from neurocognitive disorders can often be misdiagnosed with mental illness or behavioral disorders, which can translate to lack of effective treatment and often cyclical involvement in the criminal legal system. Neurocognitive disorders are varied in type, cause, and symptoms. They include traumatic brain injuries, developmental disabilities, dementia, autism, and more. People with these uniquely vulnerable conditions are significantly over-represented in the criminal legal system, are frequently under-identified, and often experience outcomes that do not account for their significant disabilities. The Los Angeles County Public Defender (PD) has three foundational goals for these clients: (1) improve PD advocacy for impacted individuals; (2) increase awareness of the needs of these individuals; and (3) enhance connections to treatment providers such as the Regional Center, which provides lifetime services. Presently, PD has a small, unfunded neurocognitive disorder team pilot which operates exclusively in Criminal Court representing identified individuals with pending felony criminal cases. PD seeks to expand the identification process by adding one PD attorney to the Mental Health Court where people whose criminal case charges have been legally suspended are sent to address whether they are competent to stand trial, and other related matters. Mental health court serves the criminal legal system's most impaired individuals who need specialized care. If a client is found "competent" to stand trial, they are removed from Mental Health Court and sent back to Criminal Court, where they can face a prison sentence. If a person is found "incompetent" due to a mental illness or a neurocognitive disorder, then they stay in Mental Health Court for the duration of proceedings, which can result in dismissal of criminal charges and a range of outcomes from treatment in the community to hospitalization.	Public Defender clients presenting with neurocognitive disorders who are charged with felonies, and who have been referred to Mental Health Court.	Increased access to mental or physical health care;Decreased justice system involvement;Improved educational access or attainment;Stable or supportive housing;Healing and wellbeing;	Outcomes will be measured by favorable case outcomes for this PD client population, including, number of referrals to Regional Center and number of clients who are diverted to an alternative to incarceration.	Ready to implement immediately	By a County Department	Los Angeles County Public Defender	Onboarding of one experienced Deputy Public Defender to implement this project in the Mental Health Court (can be accomplished by October 1, 2025).	$ 395,814.00	One Deputy Public Defender III (experienced felony Public Defender) at a Year 1 cost of $384,350, accounting for indirect costs and COLA in Year 2 ($395,701) and Year 3 ($407,392).	This program will provide criminal legal system impacted people with neurocognitive disorders early identification and specialized care in Mental Health Court to advocate for their diversion out of the criminal legal system and the Criminal Court. The program further provides for expert connection of clients with neurocognitive disorders who have been misdiagnosed and under-identified in the educational and health systems before the age of eighteen, to Regional Centers which, once accepted, provide lifetime wraparound services to its clients.
Heal with Homeboy: Community-Based Services for Justice-Involved Individuals with Severe Mental Illness and Substance Use Disorder		Homeboy Industries	Health Equity in Access to Behavioral Health Recovery Services (HEAR US) Phase 2	Did not receive CFCI funding	SPA 4;SPA 6;SPA 7;SPA 3; SD1;SD2;SD4;	Strategy 2: Economic Opportunity & Sustainability;Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;Strategy 3: Education Access & Youth Development;Strategy 4: Housing Stability;Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration;	Our program will build on our successful pilot delivering community-based behavioral health services to Justice-Involved Individuals with Severe Mental Illness and Substance Use Disorder funded by a HEAR US grant. We seek to continue 1) continue deploying Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Case Management services, 2) supporting a SUD Wellness Navigator to act as a peer support specialist assisting patients with care coordination, 3) delivering a longitudinal SUD harm reduction, treatment and recovery 12-week curriculum including an off-site Hope and Pathway to Recovery Retreat within our 18-month program facilitated by graduates trained to serve as SUD Peer Support Specialists, 4) providing comprehensive psychiatric care on-site including traditional clinical psychiatric services, counseling, and complementary modalities found to be efficacious in our population including Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing and Neurofeedback, and 5) expanding access to mental health care through implementing a mobile mental health van where clinicians can confidentially meet with patients at Homeboy's different sites across the County. Our program addresses the unmet need for community-based clinical services for the 500+ Trainees and 8,000+ community clients who we serve annually that are seeking a comprehensive approach to healing post-gang involvement and incarceration. Many individuals we serve were incarcerated prior to the creation of the Office of Diversion and Reentry, and are now returning to the community with complex mental health needs. Due to medical trauma and generational mistrust of healthcare institutions, our community members may not seek clinical care in traditional healthcare settings, but begin their path to healing through accessing clinical care on-site at Homeboy. While post-release health programs often have high rates of loss to follow-up, our structured program and trusted reputation within the

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Proposed Project Name || Organization or County Dept	If your program is not new and is an expansion of an existing project, what is its name?	If your program is an expansion and previously received CFCI funding, please indicate under which Spending Plan Year/Fiscal Year.	Service Planning Areas (SPA) and Supervisorial Districts (SD) Served	CFCI Strategies	Description of Project	Target population and eligibility requirements	Anticipated Outcomes of Project	Outcomes and Measures	Implementation Period for Project	Administration of Project	If applicable, by which County Dept?	If the program does not have existing infrastructure, please describe what would be needed to launch the program/project.	What is the total requested annual amount of funding for this program/project?	based on the amount entered above, enter a basic breakdown of each of the following in dollar amounts (round numbers are acceptable): Personnel/Staff Program Supplies Facilities or Space Use Consultant	How does this program/project support the goals of CFCI? Think about who benefits, what systemic barriers are being addressed, and how communities most impacted by incarceration are empowered.
She Is Chosen -- A Reentry & Emotional Wellness Journey for Women || Chosen Hearts	Program Area 6 -- Reentry Programming for Women	Year 1/Fiscal Year 2021-22	SPA 6; SD2;	Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration;Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;Strategy 4: Housing Stability;	She Is Chosen is a 12-week, cohort-based emotional wellness and stabilization program for justice-involved women in South Los Angeles. The program serves individuals under court supervision, including those on SCRAM (alcohol monitoring), electronic monitoring, or probation, who face high expectations around compliance, sobriety, and personal progress without consistent, community-based support. Many of these women navigate overwhelming legal obligations with limited access to healing-centered care, placing them at high risk of recidivism and emotional instability. The program operates in four cohorts annually, each held in a community space designed to foster trust, healing, and personal growth. Transportation support is provided to reduce barriers and ensure consistent participation. Weekly sessions include guided emotional wellness circles, creating space for participants to process trauma, build supportive relationships, and reestablish a sense of dignity and purpose. Integrated throughout the 12 weeks are Life Management and Independent Living Skills workshops, offering hands-on coaching in budgeting, time management, rebuilding relationships, communication, and navigating public systems. These core sessions are complemented by holistic wellness activities such as yoga, guided nature walks, journaling, and pamper days. These activities help participants reconnect with their bodies, manage stress, and heal through restorative practices. Grounded in a whole-person approach, She Is Chosen addresses the needs of the mind, body, and spirit. The cohort model reinforces accountability while reducing isolation, helping women build confidence, self-efficacy, and a renewed vision for their lives. Each cycle concludes with a graduation ceremony that celebrates the progress, commitment, and transformation of each participant. To support engagement and retention, participants receive financial incentives for meeting key milestones. Referrals are coordinated in partnership with the Los Angeles County Department of Probation and trusted community-based reentry organizations.	Target Populations and Eligibility She Is Chosen serves justice-involved women in South Los Angeles, specifically those under court supervision such as SCRAM, electronic monitoring, or probation. The program is designed for women who are navigating compliance requirements, emotional challenges, and housing instability without adequate community-based support. Eligible participants must: Identify as female or femme-presenting Be 18 or older Reside in South Los Angeles Be currently under supervision Be willing to attend weekly in-person cohort sessions Be open to case management, emotional wellness, and skills coaching Referrals will come from the Department of Probation and reentry partners. The program prioritizes women at high risk of recidivism who are ready to engage in a structured, healing-centered model.	Increased access to mental or physical health care;Decreased justice system involvement;Healing and wellbeing;	Outcomes will be measured using a combination of: Participant attendance logs to track engagement and program completion Weekly progress check-ins and coaching notes to document goal attainment Pre- and post-program surveys to assess changes in confidence, stability, and emotional wellness Exit interviews to gather qualitative feedback on participant experience and program impact 30-day follow-up calls to assess short-term retention of skills and continued stability Additional feedback will be collected through informal participant reflection activities and staff observations to help refine delivery and ensure the program remains responsive to participant needs.	Ready to implement immediately	(By a community-based organization			$ 246,950.00	Personnel/Staff: $120,000 Program Supplies: $29,000 Facilities or Space Use: $12,000 Consultants or Partners: $8,000 Outreach/Communications: $6,000 Other (Van, Fuel, Insurance, Maintenance): $40,000 Indirect/Admin Costs (15%): $31,950	This program supports the goals of CFCI by providing a trauma-informed, community-based alternative to incarceration that centers the healing and stabilization of justice-involved women. By focusing on individuals under SCRAM, probation, or electronic monitoring, it targets those disproportionately impacted by punitive systems who often fall through the cracks of traditional reentry efforts. The program addresses systemic barriers such as lack of emotional support, high compliance demands, and limited access to life skills training. Participants receive personalized case management, healing-centered group support, and practical coaching in daily life management. This equips them to meet their conditions of supervision and build a path toward long-term self-sufficiency. This initiative shifts the response to justice involvement from surveillance and punishment to care, healing, and empowerment. By offering consistent support in a safe, affirming space and ensuring transportation and accessibility, the program meets women where they are and invests in their potential. Ultimately, She Is Chosen empowers participants to reclaim agency, rebuild confidence, and reduce future system contact. It reflects the core vision of CFCI: community-led solutions that invest in people, not punishment.
Beats Beyond Bars: Creative Reentry & Empowerment through The Simbiah Foundation in collaboration with Simbiah Inc	Beats Beyond Bars is an expansion of our existing artist empowerment and narrative-building initiatives under The Simbiah Foundation, specifically designed for justice-impacted women.	Did not receive CFCI funding	SPA 4;SPA 6; SD1;SD2;	Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;Strategy 2: Economic Opportunity & Sustainability;Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration;	Beats Beyond Bars is a trauma-informed, culturally responsive reentry & healing program for justice-impacted Black and Brown women and trans women in Los Angeles. Over 12 weeks, participants engage in songwriting, recording, and storytelling workshops in a safe, affirming Koreatown studio, creating an original 'sound memoir' that documents their personal journeys. The program pairs creative practice with wellness coaching, reentry navigation, and financial literacy, directly addressing barriers like trauma, economic instability, and social isolation that drive reincarceration. After the intensive cohort, each participant receives three months of mentorship to support employment, further training, or continued artistic work. The program concludes with a showcase event where families, community members, and industry allies celebrate graduates' transformations. Wraparound support is built through local reentry partners—housing providers, behavioral health counselors, legal aid, and workforce organizations—ensuring holistic care. Our multi-racial, trauma-trained team includes staff with lived experience of system impacts, ensuring services are both culturally grounded and deeply empathetic. Anticipated outcomes include reduced justice involvement, improved behavioral health (tracked via self-reports, referrals, and check-ins), and job or training placements.	Target Black, Brown, and trans women (18+) impacted by incarceration, probation, or recent release. Eligibility Must be 18+ Reside in LA County Must be willing to participate in weekly group sessions and create an audio work. No formal education required Prioritizing those with lived experience connected to system impacts or community disinvestment	Decreased justice system involvement;Job training or employment outcomes;Healing and wellbeing;	Attendance logs & project completion (sound memoirs). Participant surveys & intake/exit interviews on stress, trauma symptoms, justice involvement, and employment goals. Tracking mentorship placements and employment pipeline referrals. 3 month follow-up to track sustained impact	Ready to implement immediately	(By a community-based organization			$ 160,000.00	55,000Personnel/Staff 12,000Program Supplies/Materials/Technology 18,000Facilities/Space Use 12,000Consultants/Partners/Mentors 15,000Outreach/Communications 24,000Indirect Admin Costs (15% max of total requested amount) 9,000Other (Showcase event, travel stipends, Catering) 25,000Participant Stipend ($2500 per person)	Beats Beyond Bars directly advances LA County's Care First, Jails Last vision by providing culturally affirming, trauma-informed reentry pathways for Black, Brown, and trans women disproportionately impacted by incarceration. It disrupts cycles of justice involvement through arts-based healing, skill-building, and mentorship, while addressing systemic barriers—such as lack of economic opportunity and unaddressed trauma—that increase recidivism, empowering women to reenter their communities with dignity and new possibilities. This initiative places decision-making, creativity, and visibility back in the hands of the women most impacted by failed punitive systems.
DPSS/PD Expungement Program || Los Angeles County Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) and the Los Angeles County Public Defender (PD)	Public Defender Record Clearing Unit	Did not receive CFCI funding	SPA 1;SPA 2;SPA 3;SPA 4;SPA 5;SPA 6;SPA 7;SPA 8; SD1;SD2;SD3;SD4 ;SD5;	Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;Strategy 2: Economic Opportunity & Sustainability;Strategy 4: Housing Stability;Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration;	An expungement program is a vital resource for participants in the GAIN (Greater Avenues for Independence) and START (Skills and Training to Achieve Readiness for Tomorrow) Programs, as it directly addresses one of the most significant barriers to employment, housing, and education: a criminal record. Many participants in GAIN and START carry prior convictions that, while unrelated to their current goals and potential, severely limit their ability to secure sustainable employment, gain access to stable housing, and pursue higher education or vocational training. The Public Defender teams in the Mobile Unit will travel to DPSS offices and community-based resource fairs to conduct interviews, assist in clearing warrants, and prepare record clearing petitions for individuals who are experiencing or who are at-risk of experiencing homelessness. Required participants in General Relief/GAIN and Cal-Fresh/SNAP cases in court can be an immediate opportunity to access services to places where people already go to have basic needs addressed. By offering legal support to petition for the dismissal or sealing of eligible convictions, an expungement program empowers individuals to rebuild their lives. For GAIN participants, this support significantly enhances employability; given that many employers conduct background checks and may be hesitant to hire individuals with criminal histories. Removing or reducing the visibility of these records helps level the playing field, opening doors to a broader range of job opportunities and career pathways that align with the participant's skills and aspirations. For START participants, who are often in the earliest stages of recovery and self-sufficiency, expungement provides a critical step in rebuilding confidence and breaking cycles of poverty and incarceration. It helps restore confidence, improve access to stable housing and services, and promotes full participation in the workforce development opportunities offered through START. Moreover, expungement programs offer hope and a sense of justice, reinforcing the Department's commitment to second chances and equity. They support GAIN and START's mission to help individuals achieve self-sufficiency by removing systemic obstacles that disproportionately impact low-income communities. Ultimately, expungement services not only benefit the individual but also strengthens families and communities by promoting economic mobility, reducing recidivism, and fostering long-term social reintegration.	The program will focus on the following groups: • GAIN participants who are CalWORKs recipients seeking employment, vocational training, or educational advancement. • START participants receiving General Relief, typically single adults experiencing homelessness or extreme financial hardship. • General public individuals with prior misdemeanor or felony convictions who meet the criteria for criminal record relief. • Clients who have successfully completed the terms of their sentence, including probation or jail time, and who are not currently facing new charges. To qualify for expungement services, participants must generally meet the following criteria: •Must have a criminal record in California with eligible offenses (most misdemeanors and some felonies). •Must have completed probation, jail sentence, or other court-ordered requirements (including fines and community service). •Must not be currently charged with, on probation for, or serving a sentence for another criminal offense. •Must consent to legal review of their criminal record and cooperate in the expungement process.	Decreased justice system involvement;Job training or employment outcomes;Stable or supportive housing;Healing and wellbeing;	The outcomes will be measured by the number of expungement petitions filed and granted, employment rate increase within 12 months of expungement, number of clients reporting access to employment and/or housing, and client surveys.	Ready to implement immediately	By a County Department	Los Angeles County Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) and the Los Angeles County Public Defender (PD)		$ 746,350.00	22.Based on the amount entered above, enter a basic breakdown of each of the following in dollar amounts (round numbers are acceptable): Deputy PD III - $329,000 Paralegal - $ 176,000 Legal Secretary - $126,000 Services & Supplies - $19,000 ($6K per FTE) Admin costs 15% - $97,350 This cost will increase by 3% each year to cover COLAs.	The program aligns with CFCI's mission to invest in community-based alternatives for incarceration, improve economic opportunity, and promote reintegration and well-being for those impacted by the criminal legal system. Justice-involved individuals, especially those participating in CalWORKs/GAIN or General Relief/START, face significant barriers to employment and stability. This program directly addresses those inequities by providing critical pro bono legal services through expungement support, while also providing job-readiness tools to improve economic opportunity and mobility.
Healing-Centered Arts Programming for Justice Impacted Adults at the County's Developing Opportunities Offering Reentry Solutions (DOORS) Centers || Los Angeles County Department of Arts and Culture (Arts and Culture), in partnership with the Justice, Care, and Opportunity Department (JCOD)	Healing-Centered Arts Programming for Justice Impacted Adults at the County's Developing Opportunities Offering Reentry Solutions (DOORS) Centers	Year 3/Fiscal Year 2023-24	SPA 1;SPA 2;SPA 3;SPA 4;SPA 5;SPA 6;SPA 7;SPA 8; SD1;SD2;SD3;SD4 ;SD5;	Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;Strategy 2: Economic Opportunity & Sustainability;Strategy 3: Education Access & Youth Development;Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration;	When the first DOORS Center opened in 2019, the new County model of support for adults on felony probation as they reenter the community included the arts. In addition to commissioning civic art murals for the facility, Arts and Culture contracted with Homeboy Art Academy to embed arts-based healing strategies into reentry services. In February 2021, Arts and Culture, the Office of Diversion and Reentry, Probation, and Homeboy Art Academy, along with other DOORS Center providers, developed the Healing Through the Arts Strategic Plan, which outlined strategies to ensure the arts continue to be embedded into client healing, social-emotional development, job skills training, and family reunification. In September 2022, Homeboy Art Academy's contract concluded. To advance and sustain the work outlined in the Strategic Plan, DOORS Center staff requested Arts and Culture's assistance in soliciting and contracting with arts service providers for the center on South Vermont Avenue, as well as for the new DOORS Center in the Antelope Valley. In August 2023, Creative Arts (Vermont Ave) and the Alliance for California Traditional Arts (Antelope Valley) were contracted to provide the following services: •Guided Arts Instruction and Performances: Healing-centered and culturally diverse hands-on workshops, residencies, and performances that build skills in an art form, provide opportunities to create original work and tap into creative expression, enhance cognitive and social-emotional development, and provide hope and support to former gang-involved and justice-impacted adults. Art forms may include but are not limited to the visual arts (e.g., painting, drawing, photography), theater, music and drum circles, poetry and literary arts, spoken word and storytelling, movement and dance, podcasts, and multimedia (e.g., video, digital arts). •Narrative Change: Engage justice-impacted adults in creative writing, poetry, podcasting, storytelling, songwriting, and other arts-based approaches that support social emotional well-being, reframe stereotypes, ignite self-discovery, and empower self-identity.	The DOORS Center is designed to be a one-stop center for individuals on adult felony probation supervision, their families, and the community. The arts service providers design their programming for DOORS clients and their families.	Decreased justice system involvement;Improved educational access or attainment;Healing and wellbeing;	Arts service providers input participant data for clients they engage with in JCOD's client management system. The program is promising even while still in its infancy – programming continues to be refined as the providers develop promising practices for engaging this population with healing-centered arts activities. More time and data points will be needed to assess the project's efficacy over time. In addition to participant data, Creative Arts and the Alliance for California Traditional Arts (ACTA) submit quarterly reports to Arts and Culture, which are shared with JCOD. Reports capture qualitative data on the successes, challenges, and growth of the project.	Ready to implement immediately	By a Third-Party Administrator			$ 552,000.00	•Personnel/Staff: •Program Supplies: •Facilities or Space Use: •Consultants or Partners: $480,000 for three years of programming provided by two community-based arts organizations •Outreach/Communications: •Indirect/Admin Costs (15% max of total requested amount): $72,000 •Other:	Access to arts and culture strengthens the quality of life, health, resistance, and the social and economic development of our people and communities. The Countywide Cultural Policy, which was adopted by the Board of Supervisors on June 23, 2020, serves as a roadmap for how the County and its departments can ensure that every resident has meaningful access to arts and culture, with a focus on cultural equity, diversity, and inclusion. The Department of Arts and Culture provides leadership and coordination to support the implementation of the Cultural Policy. In December 2015, the Board passed the Investing in Justice-Involved Individuals Through the Arts motion, directing the Arts Deputy and other County agencies to develop recommendations for elevating and sustaining the arts as a criminal justice reform strategy. In March 2020, the Board adopted the Countywide Plan for Elevating the Arts as a Criminal Justice Reform Strategy, which includes goals to provide arts services for justice-involved adults. Since 2019, Arts and Culture has partnered with the Office of Diversion and Reentry, now the Adult Reentry Programs division of the Justice, Care, and Opportunity Department to embed arts-based healing strategies and programming into Developing Opportunities Offering Reentry Solutions (DOORS) Centers, which provide reentry services to adults on felony probation supervision, their families, and the community. Since 2023, two community-based arts organizations – Creative Arts and the Alliance for California Traditional Arts – have provided healing-centered, culturally responsive arts interventions for justice-involved, low-income families, unhoused individuals, and those impacted by the justice system. In a community where access to affordable, nutritious food is limited, the farm will provide fresh produce at free markets and SNAP benefits—ensuring that families most affected by systemic inequities can eat well and stay healthy. Alongside food access, the program offers nutrition education and healthy cooking workshops, helping individuals build long-term habits that support both physical and emotional well-being. The farm also creates a therapeutic environment for those who work there. Many participants come from backgrounds of trauma, incarceration, and chronic instability. Working with plants, following a daily routine, and engaging in meaningful tasks contribute to improved mental health, a sense of purpose, and restored dignity. Casters Farm is not just a workplace—it's a space for healing. Employment is another key pillar of the project. The farm will offer both transitional and permanent jobs for unhoused and justice-involved individuals. Through hands-on training, participants gain transferable skills in agriculture, sales, and operations, while also receiving mentorship and support as they transition into long-term employment. By centering lived experience, the program empowers those who have been excluded from traditional workforce opportunities and builds a model of community-based economic development. Casters Farm creates an ecosystem of care—meeting basic needs, supporting mental wellness, and breaking cycles of harm. Aligned with CFCI's vision to invest in people and communities over systems of
Community Farm for Food Equity || Street Company (Legal Name: Lancaster Homeless Group)	Community Farm	Did not receive CFCI funding	SPA 1; SD5;	Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;Strategy 2: Economic Opportunity & Sustainability;Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration;	Casters Farm is a greenhouse-based aeroponic farming project developed by Street Company as its second social enterprise. The program will grow leafy greens, vegetables, and herbs year-round, making fresh produce accessible and affordable for low-income, unhoused, and justice-involved individuals in the Antelope Valley. Casters Farm will be fully operated by people with lived experience of homelessness and incarceration, creating paid jobs and pathways to long-term employment. The project is grounded in a simple but vital belief: healthy eating is the foundation of overall well-being. Poor nutrition is directly linked to chronic conditions like diabetes, hypertension, depression, and bipolar disorder—all of which disproportionately impact low-income and unhoused populations. Yet, nutritious food remains out of reach for many due to high cost and limited access. Casters Farm aims to address this gap. In Lancaster, where the farm will be located, only 30% of residents have access to healthy food options, according to LA County health data. Diabetes and depression rates are both 9% higher than the average across Los Angeles County cities. The community needs a localized, affordable source of fresh produce. Operating on a 7,000-square-foot site, the farm will grow the equivalent of 1,000 heads of lettuce per month using sustainable aeroponic methods. Crops will be sold directly at the farm at affordable prices and made available for purchase with EBT/food stamps. In addition, Casters Farm will provide cooking demonstrations and healthy eating workshops for local families to promote better food habits. By combining workforce development, health education, and food equity, Casters Farm will serve both as a healing space and a scalable model for social enterprise-led food justice.	Low-income older adults, age 60 years or older, including formerly incarcerated older adults. Eligibility is determined by the site location where programming takes place. The site must be located either in a census area where the income of more than 50% of residents is below 200% of the federal poverty level, or the site is low-income apartment building, or a senior congregate meal site where more than 50% of participants have income below 200% of the federal poverty level, as determined by a written survey. The program aims to serve low-income families in Lancaster, as well as unhoused and justice-involved individuals. These populations will benefit from improved access to affordable, healthy food through the crops grown at the farm. In addition to food access, the farm will offer both permanent and transitional employment opportunities specifically for individuals experiencing homelessness or reentering the community after incarceration. Eligibility for employment is based on lived experience of homelessness or involvement with the justice system, with a focus on individuals seeking job training, stability, and long-term employment pathways.	Healing and wellbeing;Reduced food insecurity; reduced diet-related chronic illness ;Stable or supportive housing;	Outcomes are measured by attendance logs to measure reach; participant pre-post intervention surveys to measure effectiveness of interventions and; participant feedback is collected to measure curriculum relevance. We will measure outcomes through a combination of data tracking and participant feedback tools. For employment, we will document the number of unhoused and justice-involved individuals hired at the farm, monitor their job retention, and assess their progress toward long-term employment goals. These metrics will help us evaluate the effectiveness of the farm as a transitional and permanent employment model. To assess improvements in food access, we will track the total number of produce items distributed to low-income families either for free or at affordable prices. We will also record how many families are directly served through the farm. In addition, we will monitor participation in our healthy eating education sessions and follow up with surveys to understand how the sessions may have influenced changes in eating habits. Participant surveys, interviews, and attendance logs will be used to gain insight into each individual's experience, including improvements in access to healthy food, overall well-being, and employment readiness. Together, these methods will help us capture both the tangible and personal impacts of Casters Farm on the community we serve.	Increased access to mental or physical health care;Decreased justice system involvement;Job training or employment outcomes;Stable or supportive housing;	To successfully launch Casters Farm, several key components are needed. Our goal is to make the farm fully operational by June 2026. We have already secured $300,000 to build the greenhouse and establish the farm infrastructure. With construction set to begin soon, we are now actively fundraising to support three years of farm operations, including staffing, training, and community programs. To operate the farm effectively, we will hire a full-time farm manager to oversee crop production and train new employees—many of whom will be unhoused or justice-involved individuals. Their leadership will ensure high-quality farming practices and meaningful job training. A healthy eating educator will provide nutrition workshops and support families in developing personalized eating plans using farm-grown produce. Part-time farm workers will support daily operations, including planting, harvesting, and running the on-	Needs significant setup (within 3-6 months)	(By a community-based organization			$ 317,000.00	Personnel/Staff - $195,000 Program Supplies - $64,000 Consultant - $4,000 Space Lease - $12,000 Indirect 15% = $41,419	Unanimous support from nonprofit community-based organizations (CBOs) to support arts programming and capacity building is a longstanding core function of the Department of Arts and Culture, which funds nearly 600 nonprofit organizations annually. Grantees include nonprofit arts organizations of all disciplines that provide low cost and free services to LA County residents. Many grantees are located in and serve communities significantly impacted by the justice system and/or provide arts programs that specifically support healing, wellbeing, narrative change, positive identity formation, and creative expression of justice-impacted individuals, as well as systems-impacted, communities of color, and underserved low-income communities. While the arts are often thought of as a "nice to have" they have been shown to have positive impact on individual participants, youth development, as well as on the economy and public safety. Many nonprofit arts and culture organizations are also challenged with access to funding especially organizations that reflect and serve the cultures of LA's communities of color and those located in and serving underresourced and/or systems impacted communities. In addition, these communities often are "culturally rich" (producing music, art, culture, food) but have less access to arts and culture programs, less access to disposable income, and fewer opportunities for arts education and creative career learning, making grants to arts organizations providing programs and services important for their cultural participation. OGP addresses both of these with grant funding to arts CBOs, this how we're best met the users systems and justice
Organizational Grant Program (OGP) || Los Angeles County Department of Arts and Culture	Organizational Grant Program (OGP)	Did not receive CFCI funding	SPA 1;SPA 2;SPA 3;SPA 4;SPA 5;SPA 6;SPA 7;SPA 8; SD1;SD2;SD3;SD4 ;SD5;	Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;Strategy 2: Economic Opportunity & Sustainability;Strategy 3: Education Access & Youth Development;	Arts and Culture provides grants to nonprofit arts organizations through the Organizational Grant Program (OGP) to deliver a wide variety of cultural services to County residents and to support arts and culture throughout the region. LA County's flagship arts and culture grants provides artistic programs in artistic disciplines in artistic genres, film, music, and performing arts to provide concerts, theatre productions, exhibits, arts education programs, and sustain the core operations of community-based organizations that reflect and serve our diverse communities, increase access to the arts, and improve quality of life for residents throughout the County. Arts and Culture proposes directing additional funding to the Organizational Grant Program (OGP) to provide arts CBOs located in and/or serving justice-impacted communities with additional financial resources to deepen ongoing services and implement programming (including arts instruction, workshops, community concerts and events, etc.) responsive to the needs of the communities that they already know and serve, thereby strengthening and expanding the community-based system of care. Arts and Culture has found that OGP grants serve a wide variety of populations and communities underserved by the arts as measured by specific populations, race and ethnicity, and poverty rates. Grantees serve diverse communities in terms of race and ethnicity as well as communities where more than a quarter of the population earns less than the federal poverty level. Title 1 schools, foster youth, homeless individuals, currently or formerly incarcerated individuals, individuals with disabilities, and low-income individuals are all being served by OGP grantees.	OGP provides critical support and stability to nearly 500 nonprofit arts organizations. Grantees positively impact County constituents, residents, and communities by serving as cultural community anchors and providing direct access to high-quality arts activities and programming that is often free or low cost and culturally affirmative. Many nonprofit arts organizations served by the programs are based in Black, Indigenous, and people of color (BIPOC) communities, justice-impacted communities, and/or incorporate programming that use the arts as a tool to support education, civic engagement, resiliency, and the health and wellbeing of the communities in which they are based. Each fall, nonprofits apply for two years of consecutive funding for OGP through an online application portal. Applicants outline their proposed projects and how funding will be used. Applicants detail the communities and populations served through their programs. Applications are then audited for eligibility by staff, and then reviewed through a peer panel process. Recommendations are then approved by the Arts Commission and forwarded for approval to the Board of Supervisors. Each organization funded through OGP shares information about their programs and services, and how interested participants may access them. Programs are often free or low cost.	Increased access to mental or physical health care;Youth development or civic engagement;Healing and wellbeing;	All grantees provided with additional funding will report on the types of communities served and specific zip codes served. All reporting is at the organizational level. Grantee data will be compiled into a final report. The Department of Arts and Culture has a Research and Evaluation division that will provide guidance and oversight on data collection, analysis, and reporting.	Ready to implement immediately	By a County Department	Los Angeles County Department of Arts and Culture		$ 1,800,000.00	Other: 100% Direct Grants to CBO's (nonprofit arts organizations)	Unanimous support from nonprofit community-based organizations (CBOs) to support arts programming and capacity building is a longstanding core function of the Department of Arts and Culture, which funds nearly 600 nonprofit organizations annually. The grantees for the Community Impact Arts Grant (CIAG) program are social service and social justice CBOs with arts programming to support their larger missions. Many grantees are located in and serve communities significantly impacted by the justice system and/or provide arts programs that specifically support healing, wellbeing, narrative change, positive identity formation, and creative expression of justice-impacted individuals, as well as systems-impacted, communities of color, and underserved low-income communities. While fit may seem like a "nice to have" the arts have been shown to be part of healthy communities, promote wellbeing, public safety, and youth development. Additional funding to the Community Impact Arts Grant programs would make available additional financial support to nonprofit community organizations providing critical programming that serve these communities. Organizations in underresourced communities often face barriers to accessing funding, grants, and contracts. CIAG supports the meaningful role of arts and culture in social service and social justice organizations in our most underserved areas. Overall, the findings show that CIAG is achieving a critical goal set out by the Board of Supervisors to expand the ways we serve and invest in our communities, particularly those that have been historically and systemically marginalized.
CITY BY CITY FUNDING || IN-BETWEEN THE-BUILDINGS & COALITION	UNIFYING THE COMMUNITY	Did not receive CFCI funding	SPA 2;SPA 6;SPA 5;SPA 4; SD1;SD2;SD3;SD4 ;SD5;	Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;Strategy 3: Education Access & Youth Development;Strategy 4: Housing Stability;Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration;Strategy 2: Economic Opportunity & Sustainability;	(ATI) Alternatives To Incarceration, through In-Between-The-Buildings & Coalition, offers Self Sufficiency Curriculums through The Financial Literacy Learning Foundation, Reality Awareness Program(RAP), and Self Help Credit Union, all Community Based Organizations with tools necessary for relearning and reimagining.	Our program and staff are rooted, in Youth Mental Health First Aid USA, we are trained to provide initial help to young persons experiencing a mental health or substance use challenge. (a young person defined by IBTB reaches the ages of 24 and beyond in certain cases. The eligibility requirements are Court Orders and credible referrals.	Increased access to mental or physical health care;Decreased justice system involvement;Youth development or civic engagement;Improved educational access or attainment;Stable or supportive housing;Healing and wellbeing;Job training or employment outcomes;CBO's UNIFYING THE COMMUNITY;	Data is are sign in and out log sheets, Our Out-Reach & Mentors are hands on for educational and job ready purposes. Notations are daily with log sheets.	Ready to implement immediately	By a joint partnership			$ 960,000.00	1-Year Program Budget Summary (Total: $960,000) 1. Personnel / Staff ($ full-time positions) $60,000 per person × 8 staff = $480,000 2. Program Supplies & Transportation (Year 1 Purchases Only) 10 Laptops: $10,000 10 Desktop Computers: $12,000 2 Vans: $70,000 Travel Stipends (3 trips × $2,500): $7,500 Total Supplies = $99,500 3. Facilities / Space Use $7,500/month × 12 months = $91,200 4. Consultants / Partners (2 consultants)	Unifying-The-Community, in itself speaks to the values of CFCI. CFCI, through partnership with IBTB & Coalition, bridges the transparency gap and makes inclusive for the first time, marginalized communities.
Reconciliation Education and Counseling Crimes of Hate 2.0 || Wexford, Inc., in collaboration with LA County District Attorney, Public Defender, Alternate Public Defender and Commission on Human Relations and LA City Attorney's Office	Reconciliation Education and Counseling Crimes of Hate 1.0	Did not receive CFCI funding	SPA 1;SPA 2;SPA 3;SPA 4;SPA 5;SPA 6;SPA 7;SPA 8; SD1;SD2;SD3;SD4 ;SD5;	Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;Strategy 2: Economic Opportunity & Sustainability;Strategy 3: Education Access & Youth Development;Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration;Strategy 4: Housing Stability;	Hate violence is at a crisis and offenders sent to prison/jail are not served by learning to segregate within protected racial groups while incarcerated. The Los Angeles County District Attorney, Public Defender, Alternative Public Defender, and Los Angeles City Attorney's offices are working in partnership with the LA County Commission on Human Relations' LA vs Hate program to build an innovative hate violence prevention program by offering those who have committed hate crimes, as felonies or misdemeanors, a diversion program rather than incarceration, if appropriate. The goal of the Reconciliation Education and Counseling Crimes of Hate (REACH) Project is to reduce recidivism of bias-motivated hate crimes in the County of Los Angeles through a multidisciplinary regimen that addresses maladaptive behavior in general and bias animus in particular. The regimen will consist of substance abuse and mental health treatment, functional impairment identification, vocational and educational training, anger management, and cognitive behavior restructuring. The Project will also include programs that target the relevant bias animus that substantially motivated the pilot project participants to commit the crime. This includes anti-bias education, re-introduction modules with members of the targeted victim group designed to foster understanding, empathy, and ultimately self-awareness sufficient for the defendant to accept responsibility for the crime. At this point, the participant can begin the process of reconciliation with the victim or peer victim group. Finally, the participant will be taught relapse prevention tools and strategies to minimize future transgressions. A Prevention component will provide delivery of a series of cultural and education modules to secondary school students in LA County's schools through a partnership with the LA County Office of Education. With additional funding, the Transition Age Youth population can also be served, including provision of housing through Gateway Hospital. The base program request does not include specialized services to the TAY population but can be provided on request.	The target population for REACH participants meet the following criteria: first, the participants have committed felonies that have been charged with an accompanying hate crime allegation. Second, they are low-level offenders who have no prior convictions which demonstrate a propensity for violence against the target group. Participants will be referred by the offices of the LA County District Attorney or Public Defender/Alternative Public Defender. A collaborative partner is the Los Angeles County Commission on Human Relations-LA vs Hate program. Transition Age Youth will be served with the partnership of JCOD's TAY Population. The REACH diversion and prevention program includes three major components to address defining the problem and identifying causes and risk factors which help with designing and testing successful interventions. These three diversion components are: 1) provision of 100 hours of mental health counseling, both individual and group sessions for referred individuals; 2) provision of a ten hour training to foster cultural and diversity awareness, as well as addressing bias and hate; 3) continuing support in a group setting for hate offenders. TAY population youth can also be served with digital assets covered cultural education modules. Los Angeles County secondary school youth and teachers will also have access to these digital assets through a Wexford, Inc. partnership with the Los Angeles County Department of Education.	Increased access to mental or physical health care;Decreased justice system involvement;Improved educational access or attainment;Youth development or civic engagement;Healing and wellbeing;Promoting compassion, appreciation and respect for other groups by hate offenders who would otherwise continue to grow in feelings of separation, isolation and otherness.;	The REACH Pilot included pre/post surveys measuring competency of the cultural proficiency materials and therapist notes on individual progress during group and individual therapeutic sessions. With these CFCI funds, the recidivism rates of the initial REACH participants will be studied. For this CFCI-funded REACH-2.0 program, participant surveys, attendance logs, mental health counseling notes and recidivism rates will be collected and reported as part of the program's End Report. For the students provided the cultural proficiency materials, baseline California Healthy Kids Survey data, or local data compiled by school districts, including: School Climate, Pupil Engagement, Feelings of Safety, Reports of Bias Motivated Bullying — will be compared and analyzed during the three years of the CFCI-funded REACH program. Wexford, Inc., will provide any Institutional Review Board training and certification for participant data collection; will address any follow up identification or referral issues between the agencies, and will help ensure partner agency's challenges to foster the referred individuals continued participation are addressed. As part of the End Report, Wexford, Inc. will provide a long term evaluation of the program's completion rates and recidivism rates along with Lessons Learned and Recommendations for strengthening future cohorts of the REACH model.	Ready to implement immediately	(By a community-based organization			$ 255,000.00	Personnel/Staff = $50,000 Program Supplies/Outreach/Communications = $31,000 Consultants or Partners =$100,000 Indirect/Admin Costs = $14,000 Total = $255,000 per year If TAY Population is to be served, an additional $192,624 annually is requested by Gateway Hospital for mental health/cultural education/housing services.	Wexford, Inc., a nonprofit agency with over 30 years experience in working in community and school safety, program development and evaluation, funding development, program scale up, prosecution/intervention services and with Los Angeles County social justice initiatives, will be the REACH-2.0 administrative agency. Wexford staff have deep experience in design, implementation and delivery of healing interventions in community based settings, and in providing culturally - led engagement opportunities after the worst hate violence with programs that support victims of hate violence. Hate violence is a crisis point, a public health crisis which impacts communities historically targeted for such violence, communities of color, persons of homosexual orientation, LGBTQ communities, youth, particularly those victimized by hate violence, persons with mental illness, addiction and trauma and those who have been or are most impacted by incarceration. These are the communities that REACH-2.0 hopes to enroll into a program that will provide near-wrap-around services, including 80 hours of mental health counseling, post-program community affiliation groups to support new/found beliefs in non-violence and respect for all. REACH will help participants exoid incarceration -- one of the primary systemic falls into a cycle of incarceration. If additional funds for the TAY population are provided, this critical population at risk for being touched by the criminal justice system will be supported with intensive services and housing. For youth in schools, a prevention program providing cultural proficiency modules for teachers and students will help address the critical rise in hate violence in schools. A recent California Department of Civil Rights survey found that LA county youth, ages 12-17 reported having experienced hate violence at double the statewide rate and almost 90% of these incidents happen in schools. This partnership includes some of the leading county agencies helping to serve

2025 CFCI FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS

Proposed Project Name || Organization or County Dept	If your program is not new and is an expansion of an existing project, what is its name?	If your program is an expansion and previously received CFCI funding, please indicate under which Spending Plan Year/Fiscal Year.	Service Planning Areas (SPA) and Supervisorial Districts (SD) Served	CFCI Strategies	Description of Project	Target population and eligibility requirements	Anticipated Outcomes of Project	The following information is based on the amount entered above, enter a basic breakdown of each of the following in dollar amounts (round numbers are acceptable): Personnel/Staff Program Supplies Facilities or Space Use Contractors		Implementation Period for Project	Administration of Project	If applicable, by which County Dept?	If the program does not have existing infrastructure, please describe what would be needed to launch the program/project.	What is the total requested annual amount of funding for this program/project?	How does this program/project support the goals of CFCI? Think about who benefits, what systemic barriers are being addressed, and how communities have been impacted by incarceration and criminalization.
Care First Community Investment Program || Justice Care and Opportunity Department	Care First	Year 3/Fiscal Year 2023-24	SPA 3; SD5;	Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration;Strategy 2: Economic Opportunity & Sustainability;	The Pasadena-Based Community Group (PBCG) is dedicated to reducing violence and improving quality of life in underserved communities through a comprehensive approach rooted in cognitive training, gang prevention and intervention, violence interruption, housing access, and job readiness. Our core program aims to empower at-risk individuals, particularly youth and formerly incarcerated community members, by addressing the root causes of violence, trauma, and systemic barriers to success. PBCG provides cognitive behavioral support and partners with licensed psychotherapists to assist individuals in navigating mental health challenges. We offer expungement support services to help participants clear criminal records, allowing better access to employment and housing opportunities. Our job readiness training includes resume development, interview coaching, and connection to employment pipelines. We also collaborate with local organizations and agencies to host regular food distribution events and provide other essential resources to families in need. Through trusted relationships with community members and a credible presence in high-risk areas, PBCG serves as a bridge between systems and street culture, promoting healing, accountability, and long-term change. By combining direct service with strategic partnerships, this project addresses urgent needs such as violence reduction, unemployment, housing insecurity, and reentry support—building safer, healthier, and more resilient communities.	The PBCG Project is a wraparound service nonprofit organization committed to serving individuals and families facing multiple, interrelated challenges. Our program specifically targets high-risk youth, justice-involved individuals, gang-impacted communities, and those experiencing housing insecurity, unemployment, or trauma. We prioritize individuals who are system-impacted—such as those recently released from incarceration or on probation/parole—as well as underserved youth ages 14–24 who are disconnected from school or employment. Families in crisis, individuals struggling with mental health, and those in need of basic support services such as food, housing referrals, or workforce training are also eligible. Our eligibility criteria are intentionally broad to reduce barriers to access. Participants must reside in Los Angeles County and demonstrate a need for support in one or more of the following areas: violence prevention/intervention, cognitive training, mental health services, housing assistance, or job readiness. Referrals may come from probation officers, schools, community-based organizations, or individuals may self-enroll. By offering a holistic, client-centered model tailored to the unique needs of each participant, the PBCG Project ensures that services are not only accessible but also effective in driving lasting personal and community transformation.	Job training or employment outcomes;Decreased justice system involvement;Increased access to mental or physical health care;	The PBCG Project will use both quantitative and qualitative tools to measure program outcomes and impact: Participant Surveys and Intake Assessments Pre- and post-program surveys will be administered to assess changes in participants' attitudes, behaviors, and readiness for employment or education. Intake assessments will document baseline needs and track individual progress over time. Attendance Logs and Service Tracking All participant engagement will be documented through attendance logs, case notes, and service delivery records to measure consistency, retention, and the number of individuals served across program areas (e.g., job readiness, housing assistance, therapy referrals). Employment and Reentry Data Job placement outcomes, expungement completions, and recidivism rates will be tracked through follow-ups, partner agency reports (e.g., workforce programs or probation), and client self-reporting.	Ready to implement immediately	By a community-based organization		$ 250,000.00	Basic Budget Breakdown (Rounded Amounts) Personnel/Staff: $125,000 Salaries, stipends, benefits for program staff, outreach workers, and support personnel. Program Supplies: $30,000 Cognitive training materials, workbooks, hygiene kits, technology, and safety equipment. Facilities or Space Use: $25,000 Rental costs, utilities, or space-sharing agreements for service delivery sites. Consultants or Partners: $20,000 Licensed therapists, expungement legal support, job readiness trainers, etc. Outreach/Communications: $12,500 Flyers, events, social media campaigns, and community engagement materials. Indirect/Admin Costs (15%): $37,500 Accounting, insurance, payroll processing, management, compliance, and general admin support.	The PBCG Project directly addresses several systemic barriers that disproportionately affect communities impacted by incarceration, poverty, and gang violence. These include: Barriers to Employment and Economic Mobility Formerly incarcerated individuals often face restricted access to jobs due to criminal records, lack of experience, and limited professional networks. PBCG addresses this by providing job readiness training, resume support, connections to employers, and expungement assistance—removing critical legal and social barriers to employment. Limited Access to Mental Health and Trauma Support Communities most affected by violence and incarceration frequently lack access to culturally competent mental health care. PBCG integrates cognitive training and referrals to licensed psychotherapists to support emotional healing and long-term behavioral change. Housing Insecurity Stable housing is often out of reach for individuals reentering society or struggling with poverty. PBCG connects clients with housing resources and support, ensuring that basic needs are met while working toward long-term stability. Disconnection from Systems of Support The PBCG Project directly addresses several systemic barriers that disproportionately affect communities impacted by incarceration, poverty, and violence. These barriers include:
Gang Prevention and Violence Interruption Services || Ricky, Pickens, Gang Outreach Violence Interruption Services			SPA 3; SD5;	Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;Strategy 2: Economic Opportunity & Sustainability;Strategy 3: Education Access & Youth Development;Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration;	The GOVIS (Gang Outreach Violence Interrupt Services) Project is a street-based violence intervention initiative designed to prevent shootings and reduce gang-related conflict in high-risk communities. The program deploys trained violence interrupters—credible messengers with lived experience—to build trust, de-escalate conflict, and mediate dangerous situations before they turn deadly. The GOVIS team utilizes a multifaceted, proactive approach grounded in five core strategies: Mediating conflicts on the streets through direct intervention and real-time engagement with individuals at risk of engaging in violence. Managing and dispelling harmful rumors that could escalate tensions or spark retaliatory acts. Intervening in high-level violence, including gang disputes and personal vendettas, to prevent retaliation and loss of life. Responding immediately to shooting incidents to provide support, de-escalate tensions, and reduce the risk of further violence. Engaging key individuals and influential community members, sometimes involving respected third parties to promote peace and long-term resolution. The program addresses urgent community needs, including persistent gun violence, trauma, and the lack of accessible, culturally relevant conflict resolution resources. GOVIS also aims to fill the gap between formal law enforcement and underserved communities by leveraging community trust and relationships. By intervening at critical moments and building pathways toward peace, the GOVIS Project not only saves lives but also restores hope, safety, and stability in neighborhoods disproportionately impacted by homicide, violence, and incarceration.	The GOVIS Project serves individuals and communities most impacted by gang violence, systemic poverty, and incarceration. Our primary target populations include: High-risk youth and young adults (ages 10–30) who are gang-affiliated or at risk of gang involvement. Formerly incarcerated individuals reentering the community and seeking support to avoid recidivism. Families and communities affected by gun violence and trauma. Individuals identified as key influencers in neighborhoods with high rates of shootings, retaliatory violence, or interpersonal conflict. GOVIS specifically prioritizes participants who are actively involved in, exposed to, or at elevated risk of engaging in violence. These individuals are typically identified through street outreach, referrals from probation/parole officers, schools, hospitals, community partners, or self-referral. Eligibility Requirements: Eligibility for participation is based on the following criteria: Residence or frequent presence in a high-violence area within the program's service region. Demonstrated risk factors such as recent involvement in violence, prior justice system contact, gang affiliation, or being a known associate of high-risk groups.	Decreased justice system involvement;Job training or employment outcomes;Youth development or civic engagement;	The GOVIS Project will use a combination of quantitative and qualitative tools to measure impact, track progress, and inform continuous improvement. Key methods include: Incident Tracking and Intervention Logs All street interventions, mediations, and conflict resolutions will be documented using standardized incident tracking forms. Data will include date, location, individuals involved, nature of the conflict, and outcome of the intervention. Participant Intake and Progress Assessments When possible, individuals receiving ongoing support will complete brief intake assessments to identify risk factors and service needs. Progress will be tracked over time through case management notes and goal-setting reviews. Participant Surveys and Feedback Forms Anonymous pre- and post-engagement surveys will assess changes in participant attitudes, behavior, and perceptions of safety, trust, and support. Surveys will also capture satisfaction with services received. Community Violence Data and Police Reports We will analyze local crime data, including reports of shootings and gang-related incidents, to assess trends in the areas where GOVIS operates. This data will help us evaluate whether our presence is contributing to reductions in violence.	Ready to implement immediately	By a community-based organization		$ 300,000.00	Budget Breakdown – $300,000 Personnel/Staff: $150,000 (Wages, benefits, and stipends for outreach workers, program staff, and supervisors) Program Supplies: $35,000 (Training materials, outreach tools, safety gear, technology, participant resources) Facilities or Space Use: $25,000 (Office space, utilities, meeting sites, and operational costs) Consultants or Partners: $20,000 (Mental health professionals, expungement legal aid, trainers) Outreach/Communications: $10,000 (Flyers, digital media, events, community engagement materials) Indirect/Admin Costs (15%): $45,000 (Accounting, insurance, admin staff, reporting, compliance)	
Justice Connect Support Center || Justice Care and Opportunities Department		SPA 1;SPA 2;SPA 3;SPA 4;SPA 5;SPA 6;SPA 7;SPA 8;SD1;SD2;SD3;SD4 ;SD5;	Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;Strategy 3: Education Access & Youth Development;Strategy 4: Housing Stability;Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration;	The Justice Connect Support Center (JCSC) is the County's new central agency unifying LA County's efforts to serve vulnerable justice-impacted people and communities and drive toward the Board of Supervisors' vision of Care First approach. On October 1, 2023, JCOD launched the Justice Connect Support Center and Justice Connect website to help justice involved individuals (JI) navigate the justice system. Since October 1st, the new JCOD Justice Connect Support center is receiving calls at 1-833-LAC-JCOD or 1-833-522-5263 available seven days a week from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. for justice involved individuals (JI), their families and the community. The Support Center can facilitate connections to a wide range of resources, including court reminders, warm handoffs to care management providers for connections to local services, and transportation assistance to housing, court appearances, probation/parole, and childcare necessary for court appearances. This Support Center is aligned to provide support to system-impacted individuals with the October 1, 2023 launch of the Los Angeles Superior Court's New Bail Schedule and Pre-Arraignment Release Protocols. JCOD works with community-based organizations and those with lived experience to provide resources and care to those impacted by the criminal court system. The JCOD Justice Connect Support Center (JCSC) is equipped to provide more personalized assistance to connect individuals to the services they need. The call center is accompanied by justiceconnect.org, a website designed to educate justice-involved individuals and the community at large. The website explains how JCSC can help individuals as they navigate through the justice system, highlighting key points in the process, including the importance of making court appearances, information about the pretrial process, and answers to frequently asked questions. It is also a resource hub offering details on how to connect to care management support and a network of trusted, individualized care resources. As of July 2, 2025, JCSC has completed over 27,000 engagements. Of this number, nearly 26,000 were directly from JIIs. Out of 26,000 calls, 2,815 JIIs were connected to service providers based on their emergency or non-urgent needs. JCSC has also booked 32,000 transportation services and set up 3,050 court reminders via phone, text or email.	JCSC provides free services to the adult population (18 years old +) who have been arrested, charged or convicted as a result of contact with the criminal courts, jails or prisons. This includes individuals who were cited and released, booked and released, on probation, on parole or served time in custody facilities.	Decreased justice system involvement;Job training or employment outcomes;Stable or supportive housing;	JCOD's JCSC is measuring outcomes through the following methods: 1)Monitoring data trends (e.g., number of engagements, JII demographic information and types of services being requested and provided) via dashboard; 2)JII customer satisfaction survey via text 3)Service Delivery Follow-Up Calls with the JIIs and service providers.	Ready to implement immediately	By a County Department	Justice Care and Opportunities Department		Approximately $6.5 million Starting $4,000,000 Position Number Justice Program Director 1 Justice Program Senior Analyst 2 Justice Program Analyst 4 Justice Program Associate 20 Total 27 Transportation□ $2,000,000 Supplies and Equipment $500,000	$ 6,500,000.00	Proposed Budget: $9,000,000 To implement the CalFresh Healthy Living – Justice Expansion project. Personnel/Staff: $1,230,687 Covers salaries and benefits for program staff responsible for providing technical assistance, program oversight, and ensuring compliance with funding requirements. Program Supplies: $6,306 Includes printed educational materials and other supplies needed to support project implementation and participant engagement. Facilities/Space Use: $0 No additional costs anticipated for space rental or facility use, as services will be delivered through existing community partner locations. Consultants/Partners: $1,062,048 Allocated for ¼ up to 16 funded partners, including early childhood education centers, schools, clinics, food pantries and community-based organizations, to deliver CalFresh Healthy Living – Justice Expansion programming at 150 sites across Los Angeles County. Outreach/Communications: $0 No dedicated costs; communication efforts will be integrated into partner activities and existing infrastructure. Indirect/Administrative Costs: $263,209 Calculated at 15% of personnel costs, applied solely to salaries, in accordance with allowable cost guidelines. Other: $4,000 Reserved for miscellaneous project-related expenses not captured in the categories above (e.g., mileage and training materials).	CalFresh Healthy Living – Justice Expansion (CFHL-JE) directly supports the goals of the Care First Community Investment (CFCI) Initiative by addressing root causes of food and health insecurity in communities most impacted by incarceration. These justice-impacted communities continue to experience the effects of systemic inequities, including structural racism, redlining, discriminatory zoning, anti-immigrant policies, and the rising cost of living and housing in Los Angeles County. Decades of disinvestment have shaped environments where grocery stores are scarce, fast-food outlets are abundant, and nutrient-poor food is aggressively marketed. These "food deserts" and "food swamps" contribute to higher rates of diet-related chronic disease and poor diet quality. Culturally dense, safe, unprocessed foods, such as fast food and sugar-sweetened beverages, are often the most accessible and affordable options, placing residents at greater risk of obesity, diabetes, hypertension, and other diet-related conditions. Recent data show that 42% of low-income adults in Los Angeles County experience food insecurity, limited or uncertain access to enough food for an active, healthy life. An equal percentage experience nutrition insecurity, lack of access to affordable, nutritious food that supports health and prevents disease. These challenges are especially acute for individuals impacted by incarceration, who often face stigma, economic hardship, and disrupted access to healthcare and nutrition programs. Improving Care First Community Investment Program Participation by Increasing Food Security and Nutrition
Mindful Health and Wellness		Mindful Growth Foundation		SPA 6; SD2;	Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;	Mindful Growth Foundation's Mindful Health and Wellness program will now program integrates Diversion, Behavioral Health, and Wellness strategies to meet the complex needs of youth residing in our Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Program (STRTP). This initiative is designed to reduce juvenile justice involvement, improve mental and behavioral health outcomes, and promote whole-person wellness for system-involved youth ages 11–18. The program will implement trauma-informed care and evidence-based practices, including individual and group therapy, restorative justice circles, and mindfulness-based cognitive behavioral interventions. Youth will participate in structured activities that promote emotional regulation, accountability, and decision-making skills—while also addressing substance use prevention and conflict de-escalation. Certified clinicians and wellness coaches will provide weekly sessions focused on mental health stabilization, coping strategies, and crisis intervention. Diversion strategies will focus on preventing further system entanglement by working closely with probation, child welfare, and educational liaisons to create individualized support plans. Youth with prior justice involvement or at risk of deeper involvement will receive targeted case management, legal advocacy referrals, and mentorship from credible messengers with lived experience. The program addresses several unmet needs: (1) the overrepresentation of Black and Brown youth in STRTPs with limited access to culturally responsive behavioral health services; (2) untreated trauma that contributes to escalated behaviors and placement disruptions; and (3) the lack of integrated, non-punitive models for youth exhibiting high-risk behaviors. By combining therapeutic care with diversion pathways and wellness supports, the program aims to reduce recidivism, strengthen coping skills, and improve long-term outcomes. Mindful Growth is committed to creating a safe, healing-centered space where youth can thrive, make positive choices, and transition successfully to lower levels of care or permanent placement.	The Mindful Health and Wellness program is designed to serve youth ages 11–18 residing in Mindful Growth Foundation's short-term Residential Therapeutic Program (STRTP) facilities. These youth are primarily involved in the child welfare and juvenile justice systems and have been referred for out-of-home placement due to significant behavioral health needs, emotional dysregulation, trauma histories, or system-involvement requiring intensive, structured care. Target Populations include: •Foster youth placed through the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) •Probation-involved youth referred by the Department of Probation •Youth exhibiting high-risk behaviors (e.g., aggression, truancy, substance use, runaway episodes) •Youth with co-occurring mental health and substance use challenges •Transitional age youth (TAY) reaching 18, preparing for reentry or lower levels of care •BIPOC and LGBTQ+ youth disproportionately impacted by system involvement Eligibility Requirements will be:	Increased access to mental or physical health care;Decreased justice system involvement;Healing and wellbeing;	To evaluate the effectiveness of the Mindful Health and Wellness Project, Mindful Growth Foundation will implement a robust outcomes-tracking and evaluation system using both qualitative and quantitative methods. The following tools and methods will be used to measure progress toward each proposed outcome: 1.Increased Access to Mental Health or Physical Care •Attendance Logs: Documented participation in individual therapy, group sessions, health screenings, and wellness activities. •Service Utilization Records: Tracking referrals and follow-ups for behavioral health, physical health, and specialty care (e.g., dental, vision). •Needs and Services Plan (NSP) Updates: Documentation of achieved service goals and clinical notes within the youth's treatment plans. 2.Decreased Justice Involvement •Behavioral Incident Reports: Reduction in aggressive or rule-violating behaviors tracked in facility reports. •Probation Status Reports: Collaboration with probation officers to monitor compliance, court progress, or successful diversion from further justice involvement. •Case Management Notes: Documentation of completed diversion activities, advocacy efforts, or legal system interactions. 3.Healing and Wellbeing	Ready to implement immediately	By a joint partnership		$ 825,000.00	This funding amount reflects the joint delivery of services through a formal partnership between Mindful Growth Foundation and a contracted mental health and wellness nonprofit. It includes costs for licensed clinical services, case management, trauma-informed care, wellness coaching, culturally responsive programming, outcome tracking, and capacity-building efforts across both organizations to deliver coordinated, high-quality care to STRTP youth Salaries and benefits for clinical therapists, case managers, wellness coaches, youth mentors, and support staff (shared across both organizations). Program Supplies$30,000 Wellness kits, therapeutic materials, art supplies, fitness equipment, mindfulness curriculum, journals, and trauma-informed activity resources. Facilities or Space Use$60,000 Facility costs associated with therapeutic group rooms, wellness activity spaces, and shared community rooms across STRTP sites. Consultants or Partners$115,000 Contracted nonprofit partner providing licensed clinical services, restorative justice facilitators, training consultants, and data/evaluation specialists. Outreach/Communications$15,000 Youth engagement materials, family outreach, translation/interpreter services, culturally relevant media, and communication tools.	The Mindful Health and Wellness Program directly supports the goals of the Care First Community Investment (CFCI) Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness Strategy by reducing youth involvement in punitive systems, expanding access to culturally responsive care, and promoting healing in communities most impacted by incarceration. Who Benefits: Youth ages 11–18 placed in Mindful Growth Foundation's STRTP homes benefit from comprehensive services that prioritize mental health stabilization, skill-building, and family engagement. Additionally, many of whom are Black, Brown, and LGBTQI+—have experienced multiple system touchpoints (child welfare, probation, school discipline) and face disproportionate exposure to trauma, surveillance, and punitive responses. Systemic Barriers Addressed: The program directly dismantles barriers to care by embedding licensed clinical services, trauma-informed care, and diversion supports directly within residential settings. It addresses: Lack of culturally competent mental health services Over-reliance on law enforcement or probation responses to behavioral crises Gaps in access to preventative and healing-centered resources
Reentry & Wellness Workforce Initiative (RWWI)		Watered Flower	WF Transitional Housing	Did not receive CFCI funding	SPA 1;SPA 4;SPA 6;SPA 8;SD1;SD2;SD4;	Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;Strategy 2: Economic Opportunity & Sustainability;Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration;	Description: The Reentry Wellness & Workforce Initiative (RWWI) is a holistic, community-based program designed to support individuals who are formerly incarcerated and at risk of becoming unhoused. Through a combination of trauma-informed mental health services, job readiness training, and reentry support, RWWI provides comprehensive wraparound care to support lasting reintegration and stability. The program includes group and individual therapy, employment coaching, hands-on skills workshops, peer mentorship,and transitional services to connect participants with housing, healthcare, and social benefits. We aim to serve 30-40 participants annually across SPA 1, 4, 6, and 8, meeting urgent needs and closing equity gaps for justice-impacted communities.	Target Population and Eligibility: Formerly incarcerated male adults, especially those at risk of housing insecurity. Must be 18+, on parole or probation, reside in targeted SPAs, and or have a history of justice involvement.	Increased access to mental or physical health care;Job training or employment outcomes;Stable or supportive housing;Healing and wellbeing;	Measurement Methods: Intake and exit surveys, case management data, therapist and coach logs, housing and employment records, participant interviews, focus groups.	Ready to implement immediately	By a community-based organization			RWWI directly supports the CFCI's goals by investing in community-based care for individuals most impacted by mass incarceration. The program addresses systemic barriers to mental health, housing, and economic stability, particularly in underserved Black and Brown communities. By centering wellness, opportunity, and reentry success, the initiative transforms cycles of incarceration into pathways for healing, self-sufficiency, and community belonging.
Independent Pretrial Services Agency - Court-Based || Justice Care and Opportunities Department	Independent Pretrial Services Agency - Court-Based	Year 1/Fiscal Year 2021-22	SPA 1;SPA 4;SPA 6;SPA 7;SD2;SD4;	Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;Strategy 2: Economic Opportunity & Sustainability;Strategy 3: Education Access & Youth Development;Strategy 4: Housing Stability;	The Justice Care and Opportunities Department (JCOD) is the County's new central agency unifying LA County's efforts to serve vulnerable justice-impacted people and communities and drive toward the Board of Supervisors' vision of Care First approach. Since JCOD was formed in November 2022, it has been working on the Board's directive to design and implement an Independent Pretrial Services Agency to deliver holistic pretrial and diversion services countywide. JCOD initially worked to develop the Justice Connect Support Center (Support Center), launched in October 2023, which is a call center operating seven-days a week, from 6:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. for justice-involved individuals, their families, and the community. The Support Center has facilitated connections to a wide range of resources, including transportation, housing, and court reminders through more than 27,000 encounters between October 2023 and early July 2025. The Support Center was the first piece of JCOD's Independent Pretrial Services Agency and the department continued to develop the Court-Based Pretrial Services Agency, which launched in partnership with the Los Angeles Superior Court, community-based organizations, and partners from prosecution, defense, and law-enforcement to design and launch additional court-based pretrial services. On June 25, 2024, JCOD started its first court-based pretrial services pilot program at the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Airport Courthouse. The pretrial services program at Airport Courthouse operates five-days a week from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, where a team of Court-Based Navigators use mobile workstations to move around the courthouse and interact with individuals. For individuals interested in services, the Court-based Navigators conduct a quick needs screening for justice-impacted individuals (JIIs) both before and after arraignment hearings or upon release from custody. Screening can be requested by out-of-custody JIIs, their defense counsel, and their loved ones. The Court-based Navigators focus their efforts on three floors inside the courthouse. JCOD's Court-based Navigators screen for a variety of services, including court reminders, transportation assistance, emergency housing, education, employment, mental health, substance use, and other supportive services to fit each individual's unique needs. Where appropriate, Court-based Navigators facilitate warm handoffs to community- based organization service providers. After a connection to a provider is made, the Court-based Navigators conduct a three-day follow-up with the provider(s) to verify that they have reached out to the JII for linkage to services. Additionally, the Court-based Navigators conduct a seven-day follow-up to ensure the JII is receiving the requested service(s) from the provider(s). This approach provides for accountability and ensures that the individual is connected to the needed services.	Independent Pretrial Services is available to the adult population (18 years old +) who have been arrested, charged or convicted as a result of contact with the criminal courts, jails or prisons. This includes individuals who were cited and released, booked and released, on probation, on parole or served time in custody facilities.	Decreased justice system involvement;Job training or employment outcomes;Stable or supportive housing;	JCOD's Independent Pretrial Services Agency, Court-based intervention is measuring outcomes through the following methods: 1)Monitoring data trends (e.g., number of engagements, JII demographic information, and types of services being requested and provided) via dashboard; 2)JII customer satisfaction survey via text (2-weeks from service date) 3)Judicial Officer customer satisfaction survey (quarterly) 4)Justice Partners customer satisfaction survey (quarterly) 5)Service Delivery Follow-Up Calls with the JIIs and service providers 6)Quarterly or Bi-Annually Lunch and Learn sessions 7)Return to Court Rate (i.e., Failure to Appear at future court appearances) for those who received transportation services, court reminders or both. Edited Five Bids (i.e., New criminal arrest with law enforcement and	Ready to implement immediately	By a County Department	Justice Care and Opportunities Department		The goal is to scale this pilot to the next court location every 3-4 months covering approximately 22 criminal courthouses in the Los Angeles County. For this to happen, JCOD will need a minimum of three (3), preferably four (4) Justice Program Associates for each courthouse, one (1) Analyst to serve as a team lead over two (2) courthouses and one (1) Senior Analyst to oversee three-four (3-4) courthouses and one (1) Program Director to direct the entire Court-Based operation. Approximately □ $15,250,000 Starting $14,000,000 Position Number Justice Program Director 1 Justice Program Senior Analyst 5 Justice Program Analyst 10 Justice Program Associate 57 Total 73 Transportation□ $250,000	$ 15,250,000.00	Due to the current economic environment, it has become increasingly difficult for JIIs to be connected to much needed services. Often, the JIIs do not know where to start their journey for assistance. JCOD's Independent Pretrial Services Agency Court-Based program bridges the courthouses have enabled immediate connections to services and warm-handoffs to service providers with the one-on-one assistance of the Court-based Navigators. Historically, there have been economic and racial disparities in the criminal legal system and those without financial means were unable to secure pretrial release or assistance to be connected with resources to get to court and comply with court orders. The County's Care First model strives to address those systemic issues and relies heavily on connecting individuals to peer-led services in their community with the organizations already invested in the work to support justice-impacted individuals. JCOD's Independent Pretrial Services Agency's Court-based program provides free-of-charge support and services to individuals that interact with the criminal legal system. The program is designed to help individuals successfully return to court, comply with court orders, and thrive in their communities.
Medical Legal Community Partnership Los Angeles (MLCP-LA) || Neighborhood Legal Services of Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health	Medical Legal Community Partnership Los Angeles (MLCP-LA)	Did not receive CFCI funding	SPA 1;SPA 2;SPA 3;SPA 4;SPA 5;SPA 6;SPA 7;SPA 8;SD1;SD2;SD3;SD4 ;SD5;	Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;Strategy 4: Housing Stability;Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration;Strategy 2: Economic Opportunity & Sustainability;Strategy 3: Education Access & Youth Development;	The Medical Legal Community Partnership-Los Angeles (MLCP-LA) is the only integrated countywide program to provide legal support to improve clients' physical and mental health. MLCP-LA is a collaborative effort involving the LA County Department of Health Services, the LA County Department of Mental Health, and four non-profit law firms: Neighborhood Legal Services of Los Angeles County, Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles, Mental Health Advocacy Services, and Public Counsel Law Center. Since March 2016, MLCP-LA attorneys have helped almost 22,000 low-income clients including criminal record clearing, securing public benefits, maintaining Medi-Cal and Medicare eligibility and health plan utilization, reducing medical debt, improving housing conditions, avoiding evictions, obtaining disabilities accommodations, restoring skilled licenses, and protecting immigrant status for survivors of domestic violence and their families. While individuals are incarcerated, MLCP-LA provides critical support to their families, ensuring they have access to the income, food, housing, and health benefits to which they are entitled. By helping clients and their households move towards stability, MLCP-LA's services help ameliorate homelessness, reduce factors which may lead to justice involvement and recidivism, and support clients' reentry into their communities. Part of the program is a collaboration between the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (DMH) (two DMH clinics) and nonprofit, community legal services providers. The proposed project would expand MLCP-LA services into additional DMH clinics and create a new focus on people with justice-system involvement.	MLCP-LA is a countywide project that would provide free legal services to DMH patients and their family members. DMH is a particularly valuable partner because it serves those who are either formerly justice-involved or family members of people who are currently or formerly justice-involved. The eligibility requirements to receive free MLCP-LA services would be that a referred person be a DMH patient (or be a member of the household of a DMH patient) and live in Los Angeles County. Priority will be for referrals whose household income is at or below the Federal Poverty Limit.	Increased access to mental or physical health care;Stable or supportive housing;Healing and wellbeing;	NLSLA and its legal partners within MLCP-LA collect demographic data and case outcomes for individual clients and their entire households. This information is collected at intake and tracked through follow-ups, partner agency reports (e.g., workforce programs or probation), and client self-reporting. This data is kept current throughout the case's duration, and some details such as legal outcomes and service levels are recorded when it is determined that the case is closed. NLSLA uses an online case management system to store this data and case outcomes. Our goal is to use this data to support every household member by resolving the legal issues affecting them.	Needs minor setup (within 3 months)	By a joint partnership		$ 2,435,986.00	•Personnel/Staff •Facilities or Space Use •Consultants or Partners (subcontractor legal aid organizations) •Outreach/Communications •Indirect/Admin Costs	MLCP-LA provides free legal help to low-income individuals in LA County, including many who were recently incarcerated, are homeless, have mental health issues, substance use disorders or complex health needs. The lawyers help with civil legal issues such as immigration, housing, criminal record clearing, evictions and improper denials of public benefits. They focus on legal issues that create barriers and negatively impact individuals' physical and mental health. The program provides legal support and resources to achieve health and wellbeing and to access employment and community resources. MLCP-LA lawyers prevent people from becoming justice-involved and help the re-entry process, empowering them to rebuild stable, productive lives. Some notable MLCP-LA services provided to justice-involved persons and their families are, but not limited to: 1) Employment & benefits - Clear criminal records to support employment and restore/bring felons income to improve the ability to gain employment, obtain drivers licenses, and challenge unlawful employment denials. 2) Medical & health – Assist formerly incarcerated Medi-Cal beneficiaries regain eligibility for health benefits after incarceration. 3) Housing and health – Fight evictions (through consultations and referrals), discrimination, poor housing conditions, troubleshoot health insurance problems, connect with mental health and SUD care. 4) Family reunification – Provide guidance on child custody, child support, visitation and reunification.
CalFresh Healthy Living – Justice Expansion		Los Angeles County Department of Public Health	CalFresh Healthy Living Program	Did not receive CFCI funding	SPA 1;SPA 2;SPA 3;SPA 4;SPA 5;SPA 6;SPA 7;SPA 8;SD1;SD2;SD3;SD4 ;SD5;	Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;Strategy 3: Education Access & Youth Development;Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration;	The proposed project, CalFresh Healthy Living – Justice Expansion, will strengthen and expand nutrition education and food access efforts by building upon the proven foundation of the CalFresh Healthy Living (CFHL) program. For over a decade, CFHL, implemented in low-income communities disproportionately affected by health disparities and food insecurity. These efforts have resulted in measurable improvements in dietary behaviors, including increased fruit and vegetable consumption, reduced intake of sugar-sweetened beverages, and sustainable policy, systems, and environmental changes. On average, CFHL-funded partners serve 1.8 million pounds of recovered produce each year, featuring 46 types of fruits and 67 varieties of vegetables, to over 200,000 individuals through 400 community distribution events held at schools, clinics, food pantries, and parks. The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (DPH) leads CFHL implementation, working closely with a diverse network of 18 partners. This network includes early childhood education centers, K–12 schools, healthcare clinics, a regional food bank, and community-based organizations. Together, these partners integrate public health infrastructure with deep, trusted community relationships to advance racial and economic health equity. Food insecurity, which surged during the COVID-19 pandemic, remains high, impacting 42% of low-income households. Recent federal actions threaten to reduce SNAP benefits and eliminate SNAP-Ed entirely, further jeopardizing access to nutritious food. This project aims to equip individuals and families living in justice-impacted communities with essential food budgeting, meal preparation, and resource navigation skills to better manage economic instability. Project goals include increasing food and nutrition security, reducing food waste, and expanding access to drinking water while lowering sugary beverage intake. DPH is well-positioned to lead this work and deliver sustained, equity-driven impact.	CalFresh Healthy Living – Justice Expansion (CFHL-JE) is designed to serve justice-impacted communities that have experienced longstanding systemic disinvestment, including the enduring effects of redlining and structural racism. These communities continue to face persistent disparities in food access, nutrition-related health outcomes, and economic opportunity. The project prioritizes equity by delivering services in neighborhoods disproportionately affected by poverty, mass incarceration, and public policies that have limited access to healthy foods and well-being resources. CFHL-JE will serve individuals and families across the lifespan, from children as young as age 5 to adults, at over 100 strategically selected implementation sites throughout Los Angeles County. These include early childhood education centers, K–12 schools, healthcare clinics, food pantries, and public parks. The project will also expand free, fresh fruit and vegetable distribution to community-based organizations specializing in reentry and at-risk youth development. These sites support individuals and families impacted by incarceration by integrating nutrition education, food access resources, and wraparound services to support the transition process. These organizations are uniquely positioned to address the complex needs of justice-involved individuals and ensure that nutrition security efforts are trauma-informed, culturally responsive, and aligned with broader reintegration, stability, and healing goals. All locations have been selected using the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education (SNAP-Ed) eligibility criteria to ensure services reach those most affected by food insecurity and poverty. Federal SNAP-Ed eligibility includes: Census tracts where at least 50% of households have gross incomes at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL). K–12 schools where at least 50% of students qualify for Free or Reduced-Price Meals (FRPM). Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs), which serve medically underserved populations regardless of ability to pay. To ensure targeted implementation, the Los Angeles County Equity Explorer Tool was also used to confirm alignment with justice-impacted communities. This tool applies a layered equity approach using the following filters:	Increased access to mental or physical health care;Job training or employment outcomes;Healing and wellbeing;	The CalFresh Healthy Living – Justice Expansion (CFHL-JE) project will evaluate outcomes across three key areas: (1) nutrition security, (2) youth development, and (3) access to physical healthcare. A combination of process and outcome assessments will support continuous improvement and ensure the program advances its core goal: improving the health and well-being of justice-impacted communities. Data collection will include a mix of methods focused on nutrition education, physical activity promotion, and food access. Outcome 1: Well-being will be assessed through quantitative and qualitative methods to monitor program reach, frequency, and implementation fidelity. Evaluation tools will include attendance logs, sign-in sheets, and activity trackers tailored for six implementation settings: early childhood education centers, K–12 schools, healthcare clinics, food pantries, public parks, and community-based organizations that serve reentry and high-risk populations. Participants in nutrition education classes will complete pre- and post-program Healthy Eating Assessment Tools that measure changes in dietary behavior. Key indicators will include increased consumption of fruits and vegetables, decreased intake of sugar-sweetened beverages, and impro

2025 CFCI FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS

Proposed Project Name || Organization or County Dept	If your program is not new and is an expansion of an existing project, what is its name?	If your program is an expansion and previously received CFCI funding, please indicate under which Spending Plan Year/Fiscal Year.	Service Planning Areas (SPA) and Supervisorial Districts (SD) Served	CFCI Strategies	Description of Project	Target population and eligibility requirements	Anticipated Outcomes of Project	Implementation Period for Project	Administration of Project	If applicable, by which County Dept?	If the program does not have existing infrastructure, please describe what would be needed to launch the program/project.	What is the total requested annual amount of funding for this program/project?	based on the amount entered above, enter a basic breakdown of each of the following in dollar amounts (round numbers are acceptable): Personnel/Staff Program Supplies Facilities or Space Use	How does this program/project support the goals of CFCI? Think about who benefits, what systemic issues are being addressed, and how it connects to other efforts underway in the County.
SCHARP Crisis Stabilization and Treatment Center || Southern California Health & Rehabilitation Program			SPA 6; SD2;	Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration;Strategy 4: Housing Stability;	The SCHARP Crisis Stabilization and Treatment Center, located in South Los Angeles, is a behavioral health facility under development that will provide fourteen 24-hour Crisis Residential Treatment beds and seven Crisis Stabilization chairs. An estimated 4,000 individuals will receive crisis stabilization services annually, with over 5,000 bed days annually of crisis residential care. California's BHCIP Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program funded acquisition of the property parcel and is partially funding construction. The project is about to break ground and move into construction phase. When operational the crisis center will strengthen behavioral health care in the community and aid in disrupting the cycle of incarceration, homelessness, substance use, and repeated hospitalizations that disproportionately impact greater South Los Angeles. The facility will serve as a vital resource for individuals in crisis, who are often at high risk for justice system involvement, by providing timely evaluation, assessment, intervention, and medication support. Through its comprehensive services, the Center will promote recovery, reduce psychiatric hospitalizations, support transition to stable housing, reduce engagement in the justice system and recidivism, and improve the overall well-being of individuals experiencing acute mental health needs. In addition to behavioral health services and permanent jobs associated with these services, the project more immediately creates employment opportunities while under construction.	SCHARP's Crisis Stabilization and Treatment Center will focus on the following populations in greater South Los Angeles: Justice-involved individuals needing diversion from jail or reentry support. SCHARP now contracts with LA County Department of Health Services to provide Reentry Intensive Care Management Services and will seek to integrate such services at the Crisis Center. SCHARP contracts with LA County Department of Mental Health to serve the following as well: •Adults with serious mental illness (SMI) (e.g., schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, major depressive disorder) •Individuals in psychiatric crisis (e.g., suicidal ideation, severe anxiety, psychosis, or behavioral dysregulation) •Individuals at risk of hospitalization or those recently discharged from psychiatric inpatient care •Unhoused or housing-insecure individuals with mental health conditions •Clients with co-occurring substance use disorders •Frequent utilizers of emergency department/psychiatric hospitals •Individuals experiencing crisis that is being addressed by law enforcement – LA County Sherrif – can be sent to reduce reentry. Eligibility focuses on adults with a mental health crisis and includes individuals in LA County's AB 109 program and those with a history of involvement with the justice system.	Healing and wellbeing;Increased access to mental or physical health care;Decreased justice system involvement;Job training or employment outcomes;	Ready to implement immediately	(By a community-based organization			$ 7,000,000.00	$12,313,982 •Salaries: $282,785 •Benefits: $599,058 •Framing and Drywall: $2,396,232 •Roofing: $465,934 •Doors and Frames: $399,372 •Glazing: $465,934 •Bedroom Tile: $30,188 •Suspended Ceilings: $190,297 •Flooring: $300,495 •Painting: $119,812 •Signage: $66,562 •Window Treatments: $93,187 •Millwork: $169,688 •Fire Sprinklers: $133,124 •Plumbing: $532,496 •Mechanical: $865,306 •Electrical: $1,264,678 •Site improvements & landscaping: $201,814	SCHARP, a Black-owned and operated organization, provides community-based behavioral health services designed to reduce institutionalization, including hospitalization and incarceration. The Center partners with Charles Drew University's Psychiatry Residency and allied health programs, and is staffed by culturally competent professionals. It serves as a vital hub of care in a region federally designated as both a Medically Underserved Area (MUA) and a Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA), specifically MS18.7/aaa. These designations reflect chronic challenges bringing primary care, high poverty, and structural inequities. Willowbrook has a population with an average household income of $73,574, a poverty rate of 17.04%, and a median age of 32.9 years. Despite efforts by Los Angeles County to improve infrastructure and address disparities, access to behavioral health services remains inadequate. The need is starkly illustrated by conditions at Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Hospital (MLKCH). As reported by the LA Times in January 2023, the hospital's emergency department is overwhelmed by patients
Exploring Stigma Among Persons Who Use Substances - A Panel Discussion || Bierester Harm Reduction Center at Downey Graduate University			SPA 7; SD1;	Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration;	Intergroup contact refers to interactions between people from different social groups such as racial, ethnic or religious groups (Allport, 1954). These interactions can take many forms such as a panel discussion of 4 PWUB in front of an audience. Intergroup contact theory argues that positive and meaningful interactions between people from different groups can reduce prejudice and that this works best when it occurs under four facilitating conditions. These include cases where there is: (1) equal status between the groups involved (e.g., the school classroom), (2) cooperation between the groups (e.g., working together on a school project) (3) work toward common goals (e.g., to produce a good project), and (4) where there is social or institutional support. For this panel discussion, Bierester will serve as the institutional support by hosting the panel discussion.	Target populations: unhoused, persons who use drugs, LGBTQ+, low-income, black, brown and marginalized communities.	Healing and wellbeing;Increased access to mental or physical health care;Improved educational access or attainment;	Audience members will take a pre- and post-panel discussion survey to measure their stigma regarding persons who use substances. An audio recording of the panel discussion will also be taken.	Ready to implement immediately	(By a community-based organization			$ 3,500.00	Personnel/Staff $800, Program Supplies $400, Facilities or Space Use $500, Consultants or Partners $800, Outreach/Communications $200, Indirect/Admin Costs $300, Other $500, TOTAL: $3,500	This panel discussion supports the goals of the CFCI by compensating and highlighting the positive association of persons who use drugs. Studies show that by honoring and acknowledging persons who use substances in such a way leads to an decrease in their personal substance use and less chance of becoming incarcerated.
JCOD Specialized Treatment for Optimized Programming (JCOD-STOP) || Community Safety Implementation Team (CSIT), Los Angeles County - Chief Executive Office.	JCOD Specialized Treatment for Optimized Programming (JCOD-STOP)	Year 1/Fiscal Year 2021-22	SPA 1,SPA 2,SPA 3,SPA 4,SPA 5,SPA 6,SPA 7,SPA 8; SD1,SD2,SD3,SD4 ,SD5;	Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;Strategy 4: Housing Stability;Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration;	To address the significant mental health needs in LA County jails, JCOD launched the Specialized Treatment for Optimized Programming (JCOD-STOP). Established in July 2023, the program provides a pathway to clinical treatment and stable housing for individuals in custody or involved in the justice system who have substance use disorders and may also have mild to moderate mental health needs. This population can be underserved as many crucial mental health resources are designated for individuals with severe mental illness. JCOD-STOP offers pathways to treatment in lieu of remaining in jail custody. JCOD-STOP services rely on a network of community-based providers who offer licensed substance use disorder and co-occurring treatment facilities, detoxification centers, sober living (Tier 4 only), and outpatient substance use and co-occurring treatment programs. To ensure these resources are accessible to the justice system partners, JCOD works with the Court, Probation and defense attorneys to receive referrals. JCOD also coordinates with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD) to allow voluntary, out-of-custody, treatment for individuals serving a prison sentence in local custody (AB 109 Sentence). Under Penal Code Section 1170.06, LASD can release individuals from custody to serve the remainder of their jail sentence in supportive treatment and housing. Since beginning to receive referrals in January 2024, JCOD-STOP has received over 400 referrals and enrolled over 180 individuals in treatment programs and housing. Of these individuals, 16 have completed treatment and 78 are on track to complete the program. To increase referrals, JCOD-STOP is working to raise awareness of the program amongst its Court and Probation partners and continues to collaborate with LASD to ensure services are accessible to as many eligible individuals as possible. Previously, $21.5 million in CSIT/CFCI funding was allocated to the program. In June 2025, this carryover funding was renewed to comply with the CFCI Board motion.	STOP provides an alternative to incarceration by increasing access to supportive interim housing and wrap-around services to justice-involved individuals experiencing substance use disorder or co-occurring substance use disorder and co-occurring mental health conditions. Target participants include: •Any person who is in custody or at risk of homelessness; •Any person experiencing a co-occurring disorder or co-occurring mental health conditions •Transition-age youth (ages 16-24) with a history of foster care involvement; •Adults and families with unmet physical or behavioral health needs. •Justice-impacted individuals facing barriers to reintegration and stability •Low-income community members living in chronically under-resourced neighborhoods Eligibility Requirements: •Must reside in or have strong community ties to South Central Los Angeles (primarily Service Planning Area 6 and surrounding zip codes) •Must be at least 16 years of age (priority given to transition-age youth and adults ages 18 and older) •Must self-identify or be referred as having a history of justice involvement, homelessness, foster care, substance use, or mental/behavioral health needs •Willingness to participate in an individualized wellness plan, peer mentorship, or clinical services •No insurance, documentation, or income requirements—program is low-barrier and open to all eligible participants regardless of legal or financial status Referrals will be accepted from community-based organizations, transitional housing programs, public defenders, reentry navigators, social workers, and participants themselves. This inclusive, strengths-based approach ensures that those most affected by systemic harm have equitable access to healing, support, and community restoration.	Increased access to mental or physical health care;Decreased justice system involvement;Healing and wellbeing;	Ready to implement immediately	(By a County Department	Los Angeles County Justice, Care and Opportunities Department (JCOD)		$ 12,305,000.00	Breakdown: Personnel/Staff – 1,600,000 Program Supplies – included in bed rate/facility costs Facilities or Space – 9,100,000 (estimated totally bed rates for treatment modalities) Consultants or Partners N/A Outreach/Communications Indirect/Admin Costs (15% max of total requested amount) – 1,605,000 (15% indirect rate) Previously, $21.5 million in one-time CSIT/CFCI funding was allocated to allow the JCOD STOP program to ramp up to its full capacity of 400 beds. In June 2025, this carryover funding was renewed to comply with the CFCI Board motion. To avoid service disruptions, CSIT allocated $4.95 million in ongoing funds, which had originally been designated for other projects, in order to maintain current STOP client services while additional funding was pursued, but this funding does not fully support this program. Current funding allows for STOP to serve an active participant caseload up to approximately 145 individuals until November 2025, at which point the program staff would have to quickly find new placements outside of STOP for all existing clients in December 2025 and January 2026 and would only be able to serve a total of 10 clients for the remainder of the year (February through June 2026). In this instance, the program would no longer be a viable treatment resource for defense attorneys due to lack of capacity. Additionally, the custody release pathways that JCOD and CSIT have developed with LASD over the past year would fall short of their intended impact, which is to allow individuals to complete their sentences in treatment rather than in custody.	JCOD-STOP is aligned with the original intent of Measure J and CFCI Advisory Committee North Star goals by moving people from incarceration to community-based alternatives and strengthening the reentry transition to supportive housing. This effort is also consistent with Alternatives to Incarceration Work Group Final Report recommendations, as well as the MCJ Closure Workgroup report. This work will assist CSIT in closing Men's Central Jail (MCJ) in the shortest time frame possible by shortening the length of stay for a group of people in the jail and reducing the number of people in the jail population. JCOD-STOP creates pathways to its service network by creating an out-of-custody, treatment-based sentencing option for individuals who would otherwise be incarcerated in the County jail, as well as accepting referrals from the Court, Probation, public defenders, private attorneys, and other justice partners. The JCOD-STOP network of services includes community-based organizations who provide integrated housing, intensive case management and services to assist incarcerated individuals in successful transition back into the community. The providers in the network include licensed substance use disorder and co-occurring treatment facilities, detoxification centers, sober living housing, and outpatient substance use and co-occurring treatment programs.
Wellness of Me || LIFE 2.0 Inc			SPA 2,SPA 3,SPA 6,SPA 8; SD1,SD2,SD3,SD4 ,SD5;	Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;Strategy 3: Education Access & Youth Development;Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration;	Program Description Wellness of Me is a transformative 12-week empowerment and wellness program offered separately for women (Her Power Within) and men (His Purpose Within). Each cohort meets twice monthly for two-hour sessions over six months, culminating in a combined Together We Thrive Gathering for families. The program integrates emotional intelligence, stress management, healthy relationships, financial literacy, nutrition, and purpose mapping to equip participants for personal growth and successful life transitions. What will it do? This program will empower up to 50 (25/25) participants to build self-worth, resilience, and life skills through structured workshops and a supportive community. It will foster healing from trauma, improve emotional and relational wellness, strengthen family bonds, and prepare participants for reentry or life transitions with confidence and clarity of purpose. What needs does it address? Wellness of Me addresses critical needs such as unresolved trauma, low self-worth, lack of wellness literacy, poor stress management, and disconnection from purpose. These challenges often contribute to cycles of instability, unhealthy relationships, and recidivism. By providing tools for emotional regulation, financial planning, health, and vision mapping, participants are equipped to break these cycles and build healthier futures.	Target Population: The program serves justice-involved individuals reentering society, system-impacted adults, and community members navigating major life transitions, with separate cohorts for men and women. Eligibility requirements include: ●Be 18 or older ●Commitment to attend biweekly sessions ●Willingness to engage in group learning and personal growth activities.	Increased access to mental or physical health care;Decreased justice system involvement;Healing and wellbeing;	Ready to implement immediately	(By a community-based organization		$ 249,135.00	•Personnel/Staff – 36 months $46539 •Program Supplies - 36 months $39100 •Facilities or Space Use -36 months $24600 •Consultants or Partners -36 months $67500 •Outreach/Communications -36 months $4500 •Indirect/Admin Costs (15% max of total requested amount) -36 months $32496 •Other -36 months $36000	Who Benefits The primary beneficiaries are justice-involved and system-impacted individuals—adults reentering society or navigating major life transitions. Their families and broader communities also benefit, as participants become more resilient, empowered to manage life's challenges, and strengthen their relational and economic stability. Systems Barriers Addressed ●Trauma and Mental Health Gaps: The program provides tools for emotional regulation, stress reduction, and relational wellness, needs that are often unmet in carceral or underserved systems. ●Educational and Economic Disparities: By integrating financial literacy, nutrition, and purpose-mapping, the program helps participants develop life skills that support long-term stability. ●Social Disconnection and Stigma: Through gender-specific cohorts and a culminating community celebration, Wellness of Me fosters a supportive environment that combats isolation and reinforces positive self-identity, dignity, and a sense of belonging.
Community Wellness & Restoration Program || Griggs Health and Wellness			SPA 6; SD2;	Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration;	Griggs Health and Wellness, a nonprofit community-based organization, was established to address the enduring gaps left by decades of systemic injustice in South Central Los Angeles. The organization is dedicated to serving individuals impacted by incarceration, substance use disorders, mental health challenges, and limited access to adequate health and social services. Through a culturally responsive, trauma-informed, and community-driven approach, Griggs Health and Wellness promotes transparency, trust, and healing by actively engaging individuals with lived experience, families, and community stakeholders. In alignment with the Care First Community Investment (CFCI) Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness, the Community Wellness & Restoration Program will deliver holistic behavioral health and wellness services to chronically under-resourced communities throughout South Central Los Angeles. This initiative will directly respond to the disproportionate rates of justice involvement, unmet mental health needs, untreated chronic illness, and community trauma. The program will be implemented by a multidisciplinary team that includes licensed mental health clinicians, mentors with lived experience (including formerly incarcerated individuals), registered nurses, certified nutritionists and dietitians, and peer wellness coaches. Services will include: •Mental health and substance use disorder treatment, including trauma-informed care and relapse prevention •Mentorship and peer support led by individuals with lived experience who can build authentic, trusting relationships with participants •Health screenings, nursing services, and chronic care coordination to address physical health disparities •Nutrition and wellness planning with certified professionals •Linkage and referrals to housing, employment, substance use treatment, legal aid, and other vital resources By integrating behavioral health care, physical health services, and wellness services in a community-based, low-barrier setting, the program aims to reduce incarceration and hospitalization rates, improve access to care, and support long-term community healing and resilience.	The Griggs Health and Wellness program is designed to serve some of the most vulnerable and underserved populations in South Central Los Angeles and other SPAs throughout Los Angeles—individuals who have been disproportionately impacted by systemic inequities, community disinvestment, and cycles of trauma and incarceration. Target Populations Include: •Formerly incarcerated individuals, including those recently released from jail or prison •Individuals experiencing or at risk of homelessness •Adults living with untreated or co-occurring mental health conditions •Transition-age youth (ages 16–24) with a history of foster care involvement •Adults and families with unmet physical or behavioral health needs •Justice-impacted individuals facing barriers to reintegration and stability •Low-income community members living in chronically under-resourced neighborhoods Eligibility Requirements: •Must reside in or have strong community ties to South Central Los Angeles (primarily Service Planning Area 6 and surrounding zip codes) •Must be at least 16 years of age (priority given to transition-age youth and adults ages 18 and older) •Must self-identify or be referred as having a history of justice involvement, homelessness, foster care, substance use, or mental/behavioral health needs •Willingness to participate in an individualized wellness plan, peer mentorship, or clinical services •No insurance, documentation, or income requirements—program is low-barrier and open to all eligible participants regardless of legal or financial status Referrals will be accepted from community-based organizations, transitional housing programs, public defenders, reentry navigators, social workers, and participants themselves. This inclusive, strengths-based approach ensures that those most affected by systemic harm have equitable access to healing, support, and community restoration.	Increased access to mental or physical health care;Decreased justice system involvement;Improved educational access or attainment;Stable or supportive housing;	Ready to implement immediately	(By a community-based organization			$ 650,000.00	Personnel/Staff – $390,000 •Program Manager ($75,000) – Oversees program operations, staffing, reporting, and stakeholder engagement. 1 FTE Licensed Clinical Social Worker or LMFT ($85,000) – Provides individual and group therapy, trauma-informed care. 1 FTE Nurse or Community Health RN ($80,000) – Conducts wellness screenings, coordinates referrals, manages health-related services. 2 FTE Peer Mentors with Lived Experience ($60,000 total) – Offers mentorship, support groups, and community engagement. 1 FTE Case Manager ($60,000) – Provides intake, case planning, resource navigation, and follow-up. Consultants & Partners – $60,000 Includes part-time and fee-for-service providers: Registered Dietitian and Nutritionist services Clinical supervision (as required for licensed staff) Trauma-informed yoga or wellness instructors Legal and benefits enrollment assistance (contracted as needed) Program Supplies & Participant Materials – $20,000 Covers materials necessary for direct services: Incentives (gift cards, hygiene kits, healthy food kits) Group materials, curricula, and workshop supplies	The Griggs Health and Wellness Community Wellness & Restoration Program directly aligns with the goals of the Care First Community Investment (CFCI) by addressing systemic barriers to health, opportunity, and justice through trauma-informed, culturally responsive, and community-led services. The program is rooted in the understanding that healing and stability are possible only when investments are made in the health and wellbeing of people—not in punishment and incarceration. Who Benefits The program benefits individuals and families from South Central Los Angeles—primarily communities within LA County Service Planning Area 6—that have been disproportionately impacted by incarceration, generational poverty, community violence, systemic racism, and disinvestment. Target participants include formerly incarcerated individuals, people with co-occurring behavioral and physical health challenges, unhoused residents, transition-age foster youth, and families struggling with intergenerational trauma. Systemic Barriers Being Addressed Lack of access to mental and physical health care The program brings licensed clinicians, nurses, and peer wellness teams directly into underserved neighborhoods, eliminating barriers like cost, stigma, and transportation. Justice system overreach and recidivism Through peer mentorship, trauma-recovery services, and stabilization support, the program offers a non-
Project RISE – Restoring Individuals through support and empowerment || A New Leaf on Life	New Leaf - Life Plans Development	Did not receive CFCI funding	SPA 6; SD2;	Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;	New Leaf on Life seeks CFCI funding to expand our peer-led mentorship and case management program to meet the growing need for peer-driven supportive services for system-impacted individuals in South Los Angeles. We center our work on healing, behavioral health; structured and supervised peer mentorship; and case management to reduce recidivism and support reintegration. This directly aligns with diversion strategies and addressing underlying behavioral health needs of system-impacted individuals. With increased capacity, we will provide individualized life planning, systems navigation, behavioral health support, and connections to wraparound services—including mental health care, substance use treatment, employment, and housing resources—to a greater number of justice-impacted individuals in need of support. Our model addresses urgent gaps in care faced by people transitioning from incarceration or navigating the justice system — especially those without strong family support, adequate housing, or a mental health safety net. Rather than waiting for individuals to fall into deeper system involvement, we intervene to foster trust, accountability, and wellness. This one-year investment would strengthen our capacity to engage at-risk individuals, de-escalate crises, and connect them to services before they become further entangled in legal issues. It would also allow us to build capacity to sustainably employ our Peer Advocates, all of whom are formerly incarcerated themselves and furthering the community-based leadership CFCI envisions. By expanding our enrollment capacity, more individuals will benefit from our services that provide care, dignity, and opportunity.	New Leaf on Life serves system-impacted individuals ages 18 and over, with a focus on minority residents of South Los Angeles. We prioritize Transitional Age Youth (TAY) ages 18-24, who face compounded barriers to housing, employment, education, and behavioral health during reentry or early justice involvement. Our program is designed for those disproportionately affected by incarceration, supervision, or criminal legal system contact. We support individuals who are: •Currently or formerly incarcerated •On probation, parole, or post-release supervision •Court-involved (pretrial, diversion, or alternative sentencing) •At risk of justice involvement due to behavioral health, substance use, or housing instability We welcome individuals regardless of conviction type, legal status, or length of system involvement. Many of our members are excluded from traditional reentry services due to nonviolent charges, undocumented status, or recent release. A brief screening interview with our Intake Specialists or Peer Advocates determines eligibility and readiness. No documentation is required. Once enrolled, each member is assigned a Peer Mentor and begins the onboarding process, including goal-setting, life planning, and connection to wraparound supports.	Increased access to mental or physical health care;Healing and wellbeing;Decreased justice system involvement;	Ready to implement immediately	(By a community-based organization			$ 586,100.00	Personnel/Staff$260,000 Program Supplies$70,000 Facilities or Space Use$255,000 Outreach/ Communications $15,000 Indirect Costs (15%)$76,100	This funding will enable us to increase the number of members served from our current capacity to at least 100 individuals over one year. We will achieve this by expanding enrollment pathways, strengthening community-based referrals, and enhancing outreach to justice-impacted and high-risk populations in South Los Angeles. Resources will support expansion in several key areas: •Scaling peer-led services by onboarding more members into our proven peer-to-peer model •Strengthening referral pipelines from community partners to reentry networks •Enhancing member outcomes through wellness workshops, behavioral health supports, and life planning tools •Increasing outreach efforts in high-need neighborhoods with known underserved geographic pockets, and increase culturally relevant engagement in minority communities. By building on our current foundation, we will help more individuals navigate reentry with dignity, reduce reliance on incarceration, and promote healing-centered pathways to stability and self-determination. CFCI's support will not only expand access—it will scale transformation.
Maternal Health Rapid Re-Housing Program || Community Safety Implementation Team (CSIT), Los Angeles County - Chief Executive Office.	Maternal Health Rapid Re-Housing Program	Year 1/Fiscal Year 2021-22	SPA 1,SPA 2,SPA 3,SPA 4,SPA 5,SPA 6,SPA 7,SPA 8; SD2,SD1,SD3,SD4 ,SD5;	Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;Strategy 4: Housing Stability;Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration;	ODR's Maternal Health Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) Program diverts pregnant women from jail and into the community with supportive services and housing—either through probation or mental health diversion. In 2022, this program was created as a time-bound program using one-time, carryover CFCI funds from the Community Safety Implementation Team's carryover allocation. The program is scheduled to wind down and close by June 2026. If approved, the requested CFCI funding will ensure that current clients are connected to other supportive services before the program ends. There are currently 30 enrolled clients in this program. The program meets the unique needs of women through a community-based harm reduction approach, providing prenatal care and specialized services, including case management, counseling, psychiatry, job development, and housing navigation. ODR staff coordinate pre-release services, in collaboration with the LA Superior Court and various justice partners. With administrative oversight and support from ODR, a contracted community-based organization provides post-release services. The program provides step-down rental assistance (which, as appropriate, gradually decreases and is designed to help clients be more self-sufficient and eventually transition off rental assistance altogether) and employment support, to ensure the program participants can slowly take over full payment of their rent and graduate from the program. In Calendar Year Q4 2025, 45 out of 50 contracted slots were filled and 30 clients resided in specialized interim housing settings, where they remain with their children until they move into permanent housing. Within the last quarter, 7 women graduated from interim housing to permanent housing with ongoing support, and 12 women completed all program court requirements and are fully graduated the program, having also achieved permanent housing stability. The one-time funding will allow the program to wind down in June 2026 and for the remaining active clients to transition into other supportive care.	The target population for ODR Maternal Health RRH is women who enter a Los Angeles County jail while pregnant, wish to carry their pregnancy to term, have a history of homelessness, and are currently facing felony charges that are eligible for probation.	Increased access to mental or physical health care;Decreased justice system involvement;Job training or employment outcomes;Stable or supportive housing;	Ready to implement immediately	(By a County Department	Health Services		$ 2,413,836.00	•Personnel/Staff - $196,049 •Program Supplies •Facilities or Space Use Consultants or Partners •Outreach/Communications •Indirect/Admin Costs (15% max of total requested amount): Using FY25-26 as an example, $75,000 (or 13% of the annual budget)	
Skid Row Harm Reduction Health Hub - Medical and Supportive Services || Health Services	Skid Row Harm Reduction Health Hub	Did not receive CFCI funding	SPA 4; SD1;	Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;Strategy 4: Housing Stability;	The Harm Reduction Health Hub on the Skid Row Cares Campus offers an array of services to Skid Row community members. This includes light-touch case management, including housing navigation assistance, community respite beds, light-touch medical care, mental health services navigation, substance use services navigation and, access to Medication for Assistive Treatment (MAT) including buprenorphine. The Health Hub also has drop- in services so that community members have a safe space to rest, charge a cell phone, obtain harm reduction supplies and access basic necessities such as light meals and clothing. The first Health Hub launched as part of the Skid Row Care Campus in May of 2025 and a second Harm Reduction Health Hub will be opening in Skid Row later this summer. The Skid Row Care Campus was developed by the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, Department of Health Services Housing for Health in 2022. The Skid Row Action Plan was adopted by the Board of Supervisors and would provide essential, community-driven services designed to uplift the Skid Row community. Funds will be utilized for costs related to supportive services and community observation beds which are partially funded by other sources.	Programming will serve historically marginalized communities, including people who are experiencing homelessness, people who use drugs, people with justice system involvement, and people engaged in sex work. To ensure low-threshold access to services and fidelity to harm reduction best practices, there are no eligibility requirements. Services will be provided in Skid Row. The population particularly impacted include people of color living in Skid Row. Drug overdose is the leading cause of death among people experiencing homelessness and people recently released from jails or prisons. According to an American Journal of Public Health article published in 2019, formerly incarcerated persons were 40 times more likely to die of an opioid overdose two weeks post-release. In June 2020, the National Institute on Drug Abuse estimated that approximately 65% of the United States prison population needs criteria for a substance use disorder (SUD) and an additional 20%, who although do not meet criteria for a SUD, were under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol at the time of their arrest. In California, 70% of people experiencing homelessness (PEH) report a history of incarceration; 28% report being recently released from incarceration; and 13% rute currently being under community supervision, parole or probation. Similarly, people recently released from incarceration are 10 times more vulnerable to homelessness in comparison to the general population. Additionally, 80% of the Skid Row community are persons of color. On average, the Harm Reduction Health Hub at the Skid Row Care Campus has already shown great success, serving over 150 individuals daily, the community respite beds continue to be filled to capacity, and the supportive services have connected over 100 individuals to interim and permanent housing. All of this has been achieved since the launch of the Harm Reduction Health Hub in mid-May.	Increased access to mental or physical health care;Decreased justice system involvement;Healing and wellbeing;	Ready to implement immediately	(By a County Department	Health Services		$ 10,085,000.00	Note: The amount in line 20 is the total funding request over three years. The form would not allow entering of different funding amounts per year. The annual budget amounts are below: Total annual request: Year 1: $456,000; Year 2: $4,095,455; Year 3: $5,533,000 Community-based organizations: Year 1: $410,000; Year 2: $3,723,141; Year 3 $5,030,000 Indirect Costs: Year 1: $41,500; Year 2: $372,314; Year 3: $503,000	
Increasing Well-being Together: A Trauma-Informed Program for Faith-based Leaders and Behavioral Health Professionals || Sonrise Harbor, LLC, Los Angeles			SPA 6,SPA 7; SD2;	Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration;	Two out of three people in crisis or distress seek support from their faith-based leader before considering behavioral health services. Faith-based leaders who understand the value of behavioral health services play a vital role in reducing stigma and increasing access to care, particularly for underserved populations. Behavioral Health professionals who understand spirituality as a healing factor have better outcomes of care for the people they serve. By strengthening collaboration between faith-based organizations and behavioral health services, we can improve individual, family, and community health and well-being. The project offers an interactive, virtual approach to bridge faith-based and behavioral health stakeholders in the community to: (1) Reduce stigma and increase access to care; (2) Foster collaboration between faith communities and behavioral health providers; (3) Enhance capacity to build family resilience; and (4) Improve overall community wellness. This project demonstrated effectiveness as a pilot in San Diego, a Partnership between San Diego County Behavioral Health Services and Stepping Higher, Inc, a community-based non-profit. Participant knowledge and comfort in accessing behavioral health services increased; 98% reported at the end of the course they knew where to gain assistance and felt comfortable discussing these issues. 85% of participants self-reported that they feel better equipped to refer others for formal behavioral health services and integrate faith/spiritual support into treatment plans. Note this an an inclusive approach across faith communities. Instructors model and participants must use inclusive, respectful language and agree to respect the opinions of others even if views differ.	The proposed project is a virtual training academy with primary outreach to faith-based leaders and behavioral health providers operating in Service Planning Area 5 and 6, where a disproportionately high number of under resources persons reside. Faith-based leaders must provide documentation of ordination or proof of appointment to leadership within a specific congregation. Behavioral health providers must provide documentation of license, a business card, or business listing for a specific provider organization. Ideal course recruitment is 50/50 mix of participants from 2 types. In the pilot, many came with a dual role.	Increased access to mental or physical health care;Decreased justice system involvement;Healing and wellbeing;	Ready to implement immediately	(By a joint partnership			$ 150,000.00	Personnel/Staff (Sonrise Harbor) $27,000 ED outreach, Admin, tech support Program Supplies: $500 consumables; Facilities or Space Use: N/A in-kind Consultants or Partners (Social Policy Institute): $59,700 Adept curriculum, conduct T4T, Master Facilitator, Tech, Admin Outreach/Communications: $1,000 outreach flyer printing Indirect/Admin Costs (15% max of total requested amount) $22,500 Other: Travel $300, Instructors $3,600 ($150/session x 2 trainers per session x 4 sessions/cohort); Participant stipends $100/participant x 120 participants; TMT Stipend $1,800 ($150 x 12 trainers)	The Faith-based Behavioral Health Academy operates in close alignment with the goals of CFCI. Healing from past trauma and adverse childhood experiences leads to individual, family, and community wellness. This project is one lever to break generational cycles of incarceration, child abuse & neglect, and the grip of intergenerational transmission of addictive behaviors. Based on a foundation of justice, liberty and belonging, this project fosters collaboration and increased engagement and restoration of justice involved individuals to lead productive lives with dignity, contributing to community wellness
Community Wellness & Restoration Program || Griggs Health and Wellness			SPA 6; SD2;	Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration;	Griggs Health and Wellness will utilize a mixed-methods approach to measure the effectiveness and impact of the program's proposed outcomes. Both quantitative and qualitative tools will be employed to ensure data accuracy, participant voice, and accountability to community needs. Measurement tools will include: •Participant Intake and Assessment Forms Used to document baseline needs and track progress in areas such as mental health, housing status, justice involvement, and employment readiness. •Participant Surveys and Wellness Self-Assessments Administered at enrollment, mid-point, and program completion to gauge changes in access to care, self-reported wellbeing, mental health status, and satisfaction with services received. •Attendance Logs and Service Delivery Records Used to track participation in therapy sessions, peer support groups, mentorship meetings, wellness classes, and referrals completed. •Referral and Linkage Documentation Used to confirm successful connections to housing, employment, healthcare, or education resources through partnership follow-up or case notes. •Case Management Progress Notes and Individualized Wellness Plans We plan to accommodate 1 participant per day (Wednesday through Saturday) for case management and wellness services. Each participant will have an individualized wellness plan that includes a variety of methods to measure each outcome: 1. Increased access to mental or physical health care •Tracking Method: Referral logs and partner follow-up forms will document all connections to mental health providers, clinics, or wellness resources. •Measurement Tools: Pre- and post-participation wellness self-assessments will measure improvements in members' access to care and perceived mental wellness. •Frequency: Tracked monthly and evaluated quarterly through case reviews. 2. Decreased justice system involvement •Measurement Tools: Self report surveys, Internal case logs will monitor court status/ infractions, arrests, probation violations, or court during and up to 6 months post-program. •Frequency: Outcomes are reviewed monthly and quarterly, with immediate intervention plans initiated if any risk indicators or red flags emerge. 3. Healing and wellbeing •Tracking Method: Peer Mentors will document participation in support groups, life planning, and personal development sessions. •Measurement Tools: Member reflection journals, focus groups, and bi-weekly one on one sessions will assess growth in self-efficacy, trust, and future planning. •Frequency: Collected quarterly and reviewed by program staff during supervision	Ready to implement immediately	(By a community-based organization			$ 650,000.00	Personnel/Staff – $390,000 •Program Manager ($75,000) – Oversees program operations, staffing, reporting, and stakeholder engagement. 1 FTE Licensed Clinical Social Worker or LMFT ($85,000) – Provides individual and group therapy, trauma-informed care. 1 FTE Nurse or Community Health RN ($80,000) – Conducts wellness screenings, coordinates referrals, manages health-related services. 2 FTE Peer Mentors with Lived Experience ($60,000 total) – Offers mentorship, support groups, and community engagement. 1 FTE Case Manager ($60,000) – Provides intake, case planning, resource navigation, and follow-up. Consultants & Partners – $60,000 Includes part-time and fee-for-service providers: Registered Dietitian and Nutritionist services Clinical supervision (as required for licensed staff) Trauma-informed yoga or wellness instructors Legal and benefits enrollment assistance (contracted as needed) Program Supplies & Participant Materials – $20,000 Covers materials necessary for direct services: Incentives (gift cards, hygiene kits, healthy food kits) Group materials, curricula, and workshop supplies	The Griggs Health and Wellness Community Wellness & Restoration Program directly aligns with the goals of the Care First Community Investment (CFCI) by addressing systemic barriers to health, opportunity, and justice through trauma-informed, culturally responsive, and community-led services. The program is rooted in the understanding that healing and stability are possible only when investments are made in the health and wellbeing of people—not in punishment and incarceration. Who Benefits The program benefits individuals and families from South Central Los Angeles—primarily communities within LA County Service Planning Area 6—that have been disproportionately impacted by incarceration, generational poverty, community violence, systemic rac

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Proposed Project Name || Organization or County Dept	If your program is not new and is an expansion of an existing project, what is its name?	If your program is an expansion and previously received CFCI funding, please indicate under which Spending Plan Year/Fiscal Year.	Service Planning Areas (SPA) and Supervisorial Districts (SD) Served	CFCI Strategies	Description of Project	Target population and ability requirements	Anticipated Outcomes of Project	Implementation Period for Project	Administration of Project	If applicable, by which County Dept?	If the program does not have existing infrastructure, please describe what would be needed to launch the program/project.	What is the total requested annual amount of funding for this program/project?	based on the amount entered above, enter a basic breakdown of each of the following in dollar amounts (round numbers are acceptable): Personnel/Staff Program Supplies Facilities or Space Use Consultants or Partners Other	How does this program/project support the goals of CFCI? Think about who benefits, what systemic barriers are being addressed, and how communities most impacted by incarceration are empowered.
HEAL – Holistic Early Assessment & Linkage Community Safety Implementation Team (CSIT), Los Angeles County or Chief Executive Office.	HEAL – Holistic Early Assessment & Linkage	Did not receive CFCI funding	SPA 4,SPA 6; SD1,SD2,	Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;Strategy 4: Housing Stability;Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration;	Currently, people charged with criminal cases face delays with being evaluated for mental health diversion. There is a shortage of court-appointed experts, and they often carry large caseloads, lengthening the time people spend waiting for the evaluations which are required for diversion—commonly, adding a minimum of six weeks to a criminal case. The Holistic Early Assessment and Linkage (HEAL) Program addresses this need by providing mental health evaluations as early as possible. Created by the Office of the Public Defender (PD), HEAL began in October 2024 as a pilot in the Central Region Felony arraignment court. HEAL expedites the process of developing treatment plan and linking people to community-based services, providing an alternative to the existing process of applying for a judge to appoint a psychologist to prepare a mental health diversion motion under Evidence Code Section 730. Initially, the pilot had two limitations: it did not include a Public Defender Psychiatric Social Worker (PSW) to conduct confidential clinical assessments before the attorney-client privilege and it did not include Partners for Justice (PFJ) advocates, who coordinate services swiftly. If approved, this funding would provide a Public Defender PSW to screen clients who are in jail custody—or who face incarceration. Instead of waiting weeks, the PSW would conduct same-day assessments and complete treatment plans so public defenders can formally request diversion. Concurrently, PFJ advocates would connect clients to community-based alternatives to incarceration and screen clients for outstanding needs so that clients, when released, can focus on their treatment (e.g. applying for drivers licenses, housing, and employment). If the Court does not release someone immediately at arraignment, the PSW will assist the attorney in rapidly identifying other diversion programs such as JCOD's Rapid Diversion Program (RDP), Office of Diversion and Reentry (ODR), or substance use disorder services through SAPC-DPH.	HEAL is available for any adult clients served by the Public Defender's Office (PD). Since the right to counsel when charged with a criminal offense is a constitutional mandate, PD represents most clients charged by the criminal legal system who do not have the resources to hire a private attorney. The target population for HEAL consists of adults (18+ years old) who have been charged with a felony and who are either in jail or who face the possibly of incarceration. Anyone in these categories may receive the clinical assessment, and those who are statutorily eligible for mental health diversion may receive the mental health diversion report which HEALS aims to complete weeks faster than the traditional court process.	Increased access to mental or physical health care;Decreased justice system involvement – Increased use of alternatives to incarceration, reduction in jail population;	Ready to implement immediately	By a County Department	Public Defender		$ 1,587,108.00	HEAL - OWP 3 years, $1,587,108.00 •Personnel/Staff – 1 PSW over 3 years: $625,826 •Program Supplies •Facilities or Space Use •Consultants or Partners – 3 PFJ Advocates over 3 years = $882,000 •Outreach/Communications •Indirect/Admin Costs (15% max of total requested amount) $79,282.00 •Other HEAL is currently funded by a grant from the County of Los Angeles Productivity Investment Fund (QPC) , which formally ended in June 2025. Without additional funding, PD will be unable to continue this program, affecting clients awaiting mental health diversion screening and causing a minimum of several weeks of delay for incarcerated clients. CFCI funding will be used over three years to fund one (1) experienced PSW. This PSW would be dedicated to serving HEAL clients, as PD does not currently have PSWs on staff that can be reassigned to this program due to other assignments. Additionally, the funding will also allow PD to work with Partners for Justice (PFJ) to hire and onboard three advocates who will coordinate releases to alternatives to incarceration if the court approves the treatment plan, as well as screen for outstanding ancillary needs which need to be addressed to ensure that the client, when released, can focus on their treatment. In short, PFJ advocates make the criminal	The HEAL program is aligned with the original intent of Measure J and CFCI Advisory Committee North Star goals by rapidly removing people from incarceration and connecting them to community-based alternatives. The Community Safety Implementation Team (CSIT) has identified mental health diversion as a key component of the County's criminal legal system reforms. HEAL is a direct response to delays in approved diversion requests related to Evidence Code 730 motions to conduct clinical assessments of clients and write mental health diversion reports. This work will assist CSIT in closing Men's Central Jail (MCJ) in the shortest time frame possible by shortening the length of stay of people in the jail and rapidly increasing outflow from the jail into safe, community-based care.
Data Driven Diversion and Transparency || Community Safety Implementation Team (CSIT), Los Angeles County or Chief Executive Office.			SPA 1;SPA 2,SPA 3,SPA 4,SPA 5,SPA 6,SPA 7,SPA 8; SD1,SD2,SD3,SD4 ,SD5;	Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;Strategy 4: Housing Stability;Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration;	The Community Safety Implementation Team (CSIT) is tasked with creating a plan to close Men's Central Jail in the shortest timeframe possible. CSIT's ability to develop a framework for closure and confidently identify a path toward closure has been limited by data challenges experienced by Departments. These difficulties include staffing constraints and gaps in data maturity, infrastructure, and established processes. The requested CFCI funding will allow the Public Defender (PD) to hire a contracted Data Scientist to lead the PD's diversion analytics strategy, research, and reporting efforts. The Data Scientist will improve PD's Client Case Management System (CCMS) to answer questions from the CFCI Advisory Board and CSIT about outcomes and factors which impact length of stay in the County Jail, and inform strategies to improve outcomes and reduce length of stay. Through these efforts, PD will use data analytics to more quickly identify alternatives to incarceration and opportunities for diversion into community-based programs. CFCI funding will also support critical enhancements to CCMS which will address current misalignment between what data the system currently collects, and what data CSIT needs to maximize jail closure efforts. Currently, PD's CCMS imports data directly from the Court's case management system but does not have access to the Sheriff's data. Information about custodial status of clients, length of stay, and client's P-status in jail is received into CCMS through manual data entry by staff in individual cases, and manual review of minute orders accessible through the Court's Board upon request.	This project is designed to improve LA County's ability to serve people impacted by the criminal legal system who are represented by the Los Angeles County Public Defender's Office. The target population is any Public Defender client who is detained in County jails, including those presenting with underlying needs, such as mental health and/or substance use disorders.	Increased access to mental or physical health care;Decreased justice system involvement;Stable or supportive housing;Healing and wellbeing;Jail Depopulation and Alternatives to Incarceration;	Ready to implement immediately	By a County Department	Public Defender	The $400,000 in CFCI funding will go toward hiring a Data Scientist contractor to lead the project's data strategy and provide enhancements to the CCMS system, as identified by the Data Scientist. CCMS was launched in 2020. This project aims to enhance the system. The Department does not currently have a Data Scientist on staff. CCMS was built to be a PD specific case management system, and it is an exceptional internal one. However, as the County works to integrate the services of its Care Departments and others, it has become apparent, particularly through the work of CSIT, that there is a need to analyze PD data as it interacts with data from other departments who serve the same clients. This Data Scientist would be onboarded specifically for that purpose. To minimize start-up time, the Department will utilize existing contracting mechanisms to onboard the contractor. The target date for this hire is early October.	$ 400,000.00	Data Driven Transparency - $400,000 one time •Personnel/Staff •Program Supplies •Facilities or Space Use •Consultants or Partners – $385,000 •Outreach/Communications •Indirect/Admin Costs (15% max of total requested amount) - $15,000 (incudes CCMS enhancements) •Other	This program is aligned with the original intent of Measure J and CFCI Advisory Committee North Star goals by expanding transparency of PD's efforts to find alternatives to incarceration for clients and identify challenges within current practices as well as opportunities to improve systems. This work will assist CSIT in closing Men's Central Jail (MCJ) in the shortest time frame possible by identifying and informing the development of strategies to address several significant barriers relating to criminal legal system data and help PD provide information needed to develop actionable recommendations to close the jail.
Non-Clinical Mental Health Resources Access For Front Line Community Service Providers ("Wellspring")		The HVC Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation (The Human Values Center)	WELLSPRINGS Non-Clinical Mental Health Intensives for nonprofit CBO leaders & staff., teachers, social workers, healthcare providers, etc	Did not receive CFCI funding	SPA 3; SD1,SD5;	Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;Strategy 2: Economic Opportunity & Sustainability;Strategy 3: Education Access & Youth Development;	WELLSPRINGS Non-Clinical Mental Health intensives for nonprofit community-based organization staff, teachers, social workers, healthcare providers, etc. Training and experience with the Community Resiliency Model™ (CRM) for healing, reframing, and learning new skills for self, groups, and constituencies served. This can serve approximately 500 LA County Pomona Valley community-based leaders, street-level outreach service providers, and other professionals working closely with trauma and justice spaces. Can serve an additional 1,000-1,200 from the public for community skill-building and dialogue circles of trust.	CBO staff and leadership, and street-level service providers experiencing burnout such as: social workers; healthcare professionals; teachers; municipality workers, etc. Eligibility: Registration application and work verification.	Healing and wellbeing;Youth development or civic engagement;Improved educational access or attainment;Increased access to mental or physical health care;	Ready to implement immediately	By a community-based organization		$ 192,500.00	$192,500 year one or $325k over 24 months PERSONNEL/STAFF $50,000/yr [$100,000 for 2 years] Program Director $35,000/yr [$70,000 for 2 years] Lead Facilitator PROGRAM SUPPLIES $15,000/yr [$30,000 for 2 years] CONSULTANTS $15,000/yr [$30,000 for 2 years] OUTREACH/COMMUNICATIONS $10,000/yr [$20,000 for 2 years] INDIRECT/ADMIN COSTS $37,500/yr [$75,000 for 2 years]	In order to have justice work in the community, the professionals in the field doing this work need access to non-clinical mental health strategies for building personal resiliency and self-care. This in turn will enable them to stay healthy and vibrant and therefore able to best serve our community needs. Healing and restoration are not available to most CBOs staff members, given the limitations of our currently over-stretched mental healthcare system and that some benefit providers classify this type of non-clinical care as a luxury item and therefore not covered. The CFCI goals cannot be met without resilient leadership in the community. This program, therefore, provides investment into the infrastructure of services by caring for the service deliverers, the professionals, and the hard-working teams that otherwise do not often have nurturing spaces or restorative practices so desperately needed.
Mental Health First Aid Program Expansion		NAMI Urban LA	Certification Training Program Mental Health First Aid	Did not receive CFCI funding	SPA 6,SPA 4,SPA 1; SD2,SD1,SD5;	Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;	certification trainings to organizational partners, schools, faith centers, and other institutions that serve community members impacted by the carceral system. We propose to dedicate CFCI funding towards certifying 5 new instructors in both training types, and to fund their delivery of at least 5 certification training sessions for community partner organizations within their first year, at no cost to partner organizations. It is often non-clinically trained staff members of community organizations that are the first to sense that community members could benefit from mental health support; missed appointments, changes in hygiene, experiences of despair, and other warning signs are often noticed, but not attended to, as these staff members may not know what their options are. Case managers, residential aids, reproductive health educators, teachers, parishioners are all among the many service providers that have come to our organization for training on how to confidently connect community members to the support they need. Mental Health First Aid and Youth Mental Health First Aid trainings teach participants how to recognize and respond to signs of mental health challenges in adults and youth, ranging from some of the earliest signs and symptoms to crisis situations. Equipping service providers with these skills can not only prevent criminalization and justice system involvement among populations they serve, but can promote overall wellbeing and save lives. Topics covered in the training include, but are not limited to depression and mood disorders, anxiety disorders, trauma, psychosis, eating disorders, substance use disorders, and suicide; presented with a culturally-informed and deescalatory lens, these trainings emphasize the power and possibilities for resilience and recovery. The training also highlights the importance of self care for those providing mental health first aid, a vital component to sustaining oneself and all supportive efforts. While we already have a skilled and experienced team delivering these valuable trainings, due, in part to staff health challenges and successful outreach efforts over the years, the demand for Mental Health First Aid and Youth Mental Health First Aid certification trainings dramatically outpaces our ability to deliver trainings– some of our community partners have to wait months for training sessions, and often have to settle for virtual trainings due to limitations in in-person instructor availability. By allocating funding to train 5 additional instructors, we can better position ourselves to rise to the challenge of meeting the community's demand for Mental Health First Aid and Youth Mental Health First Aid trainings for years to come.	The target population for this project is service providers who serve community members who are at risk, or impacted by justice involvement and/or their loved ones. Eligibility requirements for participants are that they: • Must be over the age of 18 • Must provide services in Los Angeles County • Must serve community members who are at risk, or impacted by justice involvement and/or their loved ones • Must be able to commit to 8-8.5 hours of training on designated training dates (typically split between 2 sessions)	Healing and wellbeing;Increased access to mental or physical health care;Job training or employment outcomes;Decreased justice system involvement;	Ready to implement immediately	By a community-based organization		$ 196,750.00	Personnel/Staff (part time salaries of program manager and 5 instructors)$100,000.00 Program Supplies (presentation materials and refreshments for full-day training sessions)$10,000.00 Facilities or Space Use$0.00 Consultants or Partners (National Council for Mental Wellbeing instructor training cost for 5 instructors for MHFA and YMHFA)$20,000.00 Outreach/Communications$5,000.00 Indirect/Admin Costs (15% max of total requested amount)$21,750.00 Other (mileage reimbursement, insurance costs, technology, etc.)$10,000.00	CFCI was founded in recognition of the reality that, for too long, many of our same communities that are disproportionately impacted by negative social determinants of health, such as food insecurity, housing instability, low education and limited workforce access are also impacted by higher rates of incarceration. It is hard to overstate the ways in which the trauma of incarceration can work to compound the effects of all of these challenges, and even for the most resilient survivors of these systemic inequities could likely benefit from being connected to supportive resources. This project supports the goals of CFCI by making wellness more accessible to countless community members served by community leaders and service providers across LA County. By better equipping community leaders and service providers to link justice-impacted community members with mental health supports, we can make progress towards the kind of whole-person care that can mitigate recidivism and pave the way for the health outcomes people deserve.
Workforce Services		American Indian Alaska Native & Indigenous Services	Sacred Path Indigenous Wellness Center-Childcare & Resource Center	Year 3/Fiscal Year 2023-24	SPA 1,SPA 2,SPA 3,SPA 4,SPA 5,SPA 6,SPA 7,SPA 8; SD1,SD2,SD3,SD4 ,SD5;	Strategy 2: Economic Opportunity & Sustainability;Strategy 3: Education Access & Youth Development;Strategy 4: Housing Stability;Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration;Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;	Workforce Services for the AIAN & Indigenous Community Providing workforce development services to the American Indian and Alaska Native (AIAN) community is a vital step toward advancing economic equity, cultural resilience, and long-term self-sufficiency. These services will offer direct pathways to employment, job training, and career advancement opportunities tailored to the unique needs of AIAN individuals. By addressing systemic barriers such as high unemployment, limited access to job resources, and historical disconnection from labor markets, this initiative helps bridge critical gaps in economic opportunity. Workforce services will include job readiness training, resume and interview support, vocational certifications, short-term training programs, and connections to culturally competent employers. For individuals facing housing instability, justice involvement, or educational gaps, the program provides wraparound support, including case management and referrals to supportive services. These offerings not only increase individual earning potential but also foster long-term community strength by uplifting families and reducing dependency on emergency resources. Culturally informed and community-driven, the services will also honor traditional values, promote healing-centered engagement, and support intergenerational economic mobility. This approach ensures that participants feel seen, respected, and empowered throughout their employment journey. Ultimately, providing workforce services to the AIAN community addresses both immediate employment needs and the broader goal of restoring economic justice in Native communities.	The target population for this project is: Who We Will Serve Our workforce development services are designed to support individuals who self-identify as American Indian, Alaska Native (AI/AN), or Indigenous and reside within Los Angeles County. We recognize that identity is deeply personal and culturally rooted, and we welcome all who identify as Native, regardless of tribal enrollment status or federal recognition. Participants may include job seekers at any stage of their employment journey—from those entering the workforce for the first time to those seeking to re-enter after a period of unemployment or transition. We also serve individuals pursuing career advancement, vocational training, or new employment opportunities, or who have been recently laid off due to recent budget cuts, that align with their long-term goals. Eligibility Requirements To be eligible for services, individuals must meet the following criteria: Self-identify as American Indian, Alaska Native, or Indigenous Reside in Los Angeles County Demonstrate a need for workforce support, such as job readiness training, skills development, or employment assistance Priority may be given to individuals experiencing additional barriers to employment, including those who are: Unemployed or underemployed, retention support coaching Housing insecure or unhoused Returning citizens (formerly incarcerated) Transitioning out of foster care or other systems Participant Eligibility and Eligibility	Job training or employment outcomes;Improved educational access or attainment;Stable or supportive housing;Healing and wellbeing;	Ready to implement immediately	By a joint partnership		$ 200.00	Personnel/Staff $84,000 Program Supplies $6,000 Facilities $10,000 Consultant $17,000 Outreach/Communication $6,000 Indirect $30,000 Other -Supportive Svs/training cost $45,440 Total $200,000	Workforce Services for AIAN and Formerly Incarcerated Individuals Providing workforce services aligns directly with CFCI's mission by addressing root causes of incarceration, such as poverty, unemployment, and lack of opportunity, through healing centered, community based approaches. These services help build economic stability, reduce recidivism, and foster long-term stability for populations most impacted by harm. Providing workforce services to American Indian, Alaska Native (AIAN), and Indigenous communities—particularly those most impacted by incarceration—helps address and dismantle systemic barriers by restoring access to opportunity, dignity, and long-term stability. Breaking Systemic Barriers Historically, AIAN and Indigenous people have faced disproportionate incarceration, racialized poverty, and limited access to employment pipelines due to colonization, jurisdictional gaps, and systemic neglect. Workforce services directly confront these barriers by: Reconnecting individuals to the labor market through job training, certifications, and work experience Providing culturally relevant, trauma-informed support that acknowledges historical and intergenerational harm Reducing recidivism by offering stable alternatives to survival-based economies or marginalization Promoting healing-centered engagement, where participants reclaim a sense of self-worth and possibility
Employment Development || Mass Liberation			SPA 8; SD4;	Strategy 2: Economic Opportunity & Sustainability;Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration;	Program Name: Mass Liberation Employment Development Initiative Mass Liberation's Employment Development Initiative is a comprehensive, three-phase workforce program designed to support returning citizens across South Bay and greater Los Angeles County. The initiative addresses the systemic barriers formerly incarcerated individuals face in securing stable, dignified employment—barriers that often contribute to recidivism and economic instability. Phase 1: Training Participants receive targeted, skills-based training in industries identified as recession-resistant and growth-oriented—such as clean energy, commercial driving, trades, and digital tech. Trainings are designed with input from industry partners to ensure alignment with real-time labor demands. Phase 2: Transitional Employment Graduates are offered paid, short-term employment within Mass Liberation's emerging social enterprises or with trusted employer partners. This phase allows participants to apply their new skills, gain experience, and build confidence in a supportive environment. Phase 3: Long-Term Placement With time on the job and case-managed support, participants are connected to long-term, career-track employment. Our program also includes wraparound services such as job coaching, mental health support, and legal aid to ensure sustainable outcomes. This initiative addresses three major needs: 1. The lack of accessible career pathways for returning citizens	Target Population and Eligibility This program is specifically designed to serve formerly incarcerated individuals—also known as returning citizens—throughout South Bay and greater Los Angeles County. Our core focus is on those reentering society after incarceration who face multiple barriers to employment, including limited work history, stigma, lack of certifications, and unstable housing. We prioritize participants who: Have been recently released (within the last 5 years) Reside in South Bay or other impacted communities across Los Angeles County Are unemployed or underemployed Demonstrate a willingness to participate in training and employment programming May be navigating parole, probation, or post-incarceration supervision There are no educational prerequisites—we welcome individuals regardless of formal education level. Our program is especially geared toward those who have been system-impacted and historically excluded from workforce opportunities due to incarceration.	Healing and wellbeing;Job training or employment outcomes;Decreased justice system involvement;Stable or supportive housing;	Needs minor setup (within 3 months)	By a community-based organization		$ 979,000.00	Budget Breakdown for $979,000 Total Request Personnel/Staff: $600,000 (Salaries + benefits for Program Director, case managers, training specialists, admin, data coordinator, plus raises and new hires) Program Supplies: $80,000 (Training materials, certifications, participant stipends, uniforms/tools if needed) Facilities or Space Use: $90,000 (Rent, utilities, maintenance for South Bay Center, including classrooms and office space) Consultants or Partners: $50,000 (Contract trainers, industry experts, job placement partners, specialized services) Outreach/Communications: $30,000 (Marketing, recruitment, community engagement, digital presence) Indirect/Admin Costs (max 15%): $147,000 (General overhead such as accounting, HR, IT support, organizational administration)	Let us explain the name of our proposed Community Center. "Craig Ballard Homeless was big star he returned to South Central Los Angeles from prison, Big started a life of service, one person at a time. He started helping those who asked, and he was resourceful, he found jobs for the formerly incarcerated, he began a program of safe passage for students through rival gang areas. When asked why they call him Big his answer was "Believe in God" He was on the Mayor's commission for gang intervention until he was killed on the streets of Los Angeles, here is a link regarding his story. "Los Angeles Gang-Intervention Worker Is Killed" from LA Times Sept 9, 2021. Craig and his entire extended family attended Perusal MBC since he was a kid and his father is still an usher at the church and has been for over 50 years and is a deacon and a trustee on the board to show everything when a person asked for his help. We, collectively honor his memory through our service work. Our BIG CC will provide services to those impacted by the justice system, from warm handoff packages, assisting with obtainment of identification and legal documents required for getting healthcare, housing, government benefits and housing. Our church has deep experience in the justice system and behavior health experience areas. One of our advisory members is a peer mentor to formerly incarcerated people and works within the prison system to reduce inmate sentences through legal process. Another of our advisory members is a behavioral health specialist that can provide recovery guidance to treat patients with behavioral health issues and get their	The highest risk of overdose occurs among the first two weeks after return from incarceration and harm reduction is an evidenced based intervention that saves lives. When individuals return from incarceration and use drugs, this can create barriers to receiving other services. Harm reduction focuses on, "Meeting people where they are" and recognizes that many people aren't willing or able to stop using substances. The focus is on creating a compassionate, non-judgmental, space that decreases the negative consequences associated with drug use. Harm reduction services address many systemic barriers, including stigma and discrimination against people who use drugs, Systemic racism in engaged by serving and seeking people of color who are disproportionately impacted by incarceration and drug overdose. Harm Reduction services provide crucial linkages to care and support for individuals that face systemic barriers to accessing traditional healthcare and social welfare settings. Poverty, housing instability and lack of employment contribute to substance use, and harm reduction works to help connect people to resources that work to overcome these systemic barriers.
Harm Reduction: Engagement and Overdose Prevention (EOP)		Department of Public Health	Harm Reduction: Engagement and Overdose Prevention (EOP)	Year 1/Fiscal Year 2021-22	SPA 1,SPA 2,SPA 3,SPA 4,SPA 5,SPA 6,SPA 7,SPA 8; SD1,SD2,SD3,SD4 ,SD5;	Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;Strategy 2: Economic Opportunity & Sustainability;Strategy 3: Education Access & Youth Development;Strategy 4: Housing Stability;Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration;	The Department of Public Health's Division of Substance Abuse Prevention and Control's (SAPC) Harm Reduction Unit is requesting an increase in funding to expand the current network of contracted harm reduction Engagement an Overdose Prevention (EOP) Hubs, also known as syringe service providers. Harm reduction services are evidence-based interventions that offer referrals to supportive services. These offerings not only increase individual earning potential but also foster long-term community strength by uplifting families and reducing dependency on emergency resources. Our advisory board is formed of community leaders, educators, residents, and church members for the practical use and development of the resources we have at hand. Pernuel has paved the parking lot and installed security gates, purchased a garage unit as a portable stage unit, along with the building is wheelchair accessible. Our "ask" is for the building, rehab and upgrades including: painting, flooring and the expansion of a room, a deck with covering, and upgraded electrical circuitry, to be complete in 90 days. Funding for PIT staff to recruit Community Based Organizations to use our facility, and to handle administrative and custodial duties, staffing funds to be replaced by BIG CC income in three years. Pernuel will carry utility and will expense. The Center will earn rental income from CBOs and residents having graduations, Quinceanera, etc.	Harm reduction providers serve historically marginalized communities, including people experiencing homelessness (PEH), people who use drugs (PWUD), people recently released from incarceration, people of color (POC) and people engaged in sex work. The Engagement and Overdose Prevention (EOP) Hubs operate both fixed and mobile services and there are not eligibility requirements anyone interested can receive services.	Increased access to mental or physical health care;Decreased justice system involvement;Healing and wellbeing;Stable or supportive housing;	Ready to implement immediately	By a community-based organization		$ 4,000,000.00	The funds will support a network of 17 harm reduction providers, with 5 being new providers in FY24-25. Each provider agency will have a different breakdown of the categories. An estimate of the overall breakdown: 40% Personnel/Staff 25% Program Supplies 10% Facilities or Space Use 5% Consultants or Partners 5% Outreach/Communications 15% Indirect/Admin Costs	The highest risk of overdose occurs among the first two weeks after return from incarceration and harm reduction is an evidenced based intervention that saves lives. When individuals return from incarceration and use drugs, this can create barriers to receiving other services. Harm reduction focuses on, "Meeting people where they are" and recognizes that many people aren't willing or able to stop using substances. The focus is on creating a compassionate, non-judgmental, space that decreases the negative consequences associated with drug use. Harm reduction services address many systemic barriers, including stigma and discrimination against people who use drugs, Systemic racism in engaged by serving and seeking people of color who are disproportionately impacted by incarceration and drug overdose. Harm Reduction services provide crucial linkages to care and support for individuals that face systemic barriers to accessing traditional healthcare and social welfare settings. Poverty, housing instability and lack of employment contribute to substance use, and harm reduction works to help connect people to resources that work to overcome these systemic barriers.
New Beginnings Reentry Recovery Program || Clearing Brains Up			SPA 1;SPA 4;SPA 6;SPA 8; SD1;SD2;	Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration;Strategy 2: Economic Opportunity & Sustainability;	The Clearing Brains Up Reentry Wellness Program will serve justice-involved individuals, especially those at risk of being unhoused, through a trauma-informed mental health and substance abuse rehabilitation program. Particularly well-know clinical therapy, case management, life skills coaching, employment preparation, and housing support. The program fills a critical gap in reentry services by combining behavioral health support with practical pathways to self-sufficiency. It aims to reduce recidivism and support successful reintegration into the community.	Formerly incarcerated adults, individuals at risk of being unhoused, must be LA County residents, must be willing to actively engage in recovery and/or workforce development services.	Increased access to mental or physical health care;Stable or supportive housing;Healing and wellbeing;	Intake and discharge assessments, case notes and attendance logs, participant surveys and evaluations, monthly outcome tracking.	Ready to implement immediately	By a community-based organization		$ 1,300,000.00	Category Amount Personnel $520,000 Program $75,000 Facilities $260,000 Consultants $125,000 Outreach/Communications $50,000 Indirect/Admin Costs (15%) $195,000 Other (transportation, incentives, etc.) $35,000	Clearing Brains Up addresses systemic barriers such as lack of access to behavioral health services, housing, and employment for formerly incarcerated individuals. The program provides holistic, trauma-informed support to community healing. By centering services in SPAs most impacted by incarceration, we prioritize equity and long-term reinvestment in marginalized communities. Our model supports CFCI’s vision of care, not punishment, and helps break cycles of poverty, addiction, and recidivism.
Holistic Wellness Center || Whats Natural Inc.			SPA 8; SD2;	Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration;	Our Wellness Center will offer alternative healing methods to the formerly incarcerated at minimal to no cost. With the understanding the current prison system may have limited tools at their disposal for maintaining whole person well-being, we created a center that specializes in holistic tools for the betterment of society. Through our whole person treatments, we encapsulate the physical, mental and spiritual healing needed to thrive as the human being they were created to be. When people feel healthy and thinks healthy they will act healthy.	Our target population are the 18 years of age and over formerly incarcerated individuals who have health issues that they feel are not being addressed by allopathic methods. To be eligible for our program and individual needs to have spent any amount of time in jail or prison.	Increased access to mental or physical health care;Decreased justice system involvement;Healing and wellbeing;	The outcomes of the program will be measured through participant surveys, participant's completion of the program and progress records.	Needs significant setup (within 3-6 months)	By a community-based organization	The program will need a location, staff, transportation and equipment. These items have been sourced and ready to implement with the proper funding.	$ 921,630.00	Personnel/Staff251200 Program Supplies250000 Facilities or Space Use/120000 Consultants or Partners/80000 Outreach/Communications25000 Indirect/Admin Costs (15% max of total requested amount)110430 Other75000 921630	Our holistic wellness center delivers integrated primary care, mental health, and nutrition, reducing the disproportionately high burden of chronic disease and mental illness among formerly incarcerated individuals; who face hospitalization rates nearly double that of the general population post-release. By employing trained community health workers with lived experience of incarceration, the center dismantles mistrust in healthcare systems and boosts engagement in care using a proven model that improves outcomes and reduces costs. Trauma-informed and culturally responsive care acknowledges the heightened stressors and systemic racism that underlie incarceration and poor health outcomes in Black and Brown communities. We provide transportation to and from our location by peers and eliminate the barrier to accessing holistic care that often disrupts post-release continuity of care. We empower clients through participatory program choices, giving formerly incarcerated individuals control over their personal health care. Ultimately, this comprehensive, healthcare-focused reentry model empowers individuals, strengthens communities most harmed by incarceration, and interrupts intergenerational cycles of poor health and criminalization.
CFCI Tiered Incubator & Mentorship Pathway for Micro-Nonprofits		Embrace Change Now (EMBRBC Change Now)			SPA 6; SD2;SD4;	Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;Strategy 2: Economic Opportunity & Sustainability;Strategy 3: Education Access & Youth Development;Strategy 4: Housing Stability;Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration;	The CFCI Tiered Incubator & Mentorship Pathway for Micro-Nonprofits is a new equity-driven initiative proposed by Embrace Change Now to support under-resourced, community-based organizations led by justice-impacted leaders, caregivers, and wellness workers. The program addresses the persistent gap in incubator access for emerging grassroots nonprofits that are often passed over due to limited infrastructure or formal capacity. This incubator pathway would establish three structured tiers based on organizational size and readiness, with tailored technical assistance, funding access, fiscal mentorship, and leadership development for each cohort. Special emphasis will be placed on supporting organizations rooted in South LA, Watts, and Compton who serve historically excluded populations including reentry citizens, transitional-age youth, and unhoused families. The need is urgent: despite multiple applications and positive feedback, micro-nonprofits like Embrace Change Now remain under-supported, often told they are a "great fit" but not selected due to limited space. This program challenges that barrier by creating multiple access points and equitable mentorship streams—ensuring that community-rooted solutions are no longer overlooked due to lack of bandwidth or staffing. By investing in a tiered model, CFCI can help more organizations build capacity from the ground up—ensuring long-term sustainability, improved public health outcomes, and stronger reintegration pathways for vulnerable populations.	Job training or employment outcomes;Improved educational access or attainment;Stable or supportive housing;Healing and wellbeing;Decreased justice system involvement;Increased access to mental or physical health care;	Outcomes will be tracked using a combination of tools: •Pre- and post-program participant surveys •Attendance logs from incubator sessions and peer coaching •Tracking of grant submissions, fund development outcomes, and loan launches •Focus groups and interviews with cohort members to document qualitative growth •Health, housing, and employment outcome referrals reported through partner networks	Needs minor setup (within 3 months)	By a joint partnership	To launch the CFCI Tiered Incubator & Mentorship Pathway for Micro-Nonprofits, the following components are needed: 1.Formalized Partnership – Finalization of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Community Build to provide administrative mentorship, fiscal oversight, and access to shared infrastructure. 2.Startup Capital – Seed funding to support early implementation needs including contractor onboarding, marketing, application intake system, community listening sessions, and basic administrative tools. 3.Part-Time Administrative Support – A program coordinator and part-time grant assistant to help manage enrollment, data collection, and participant communications. 4.Technology & Office Infrastructure – Computer equipment, Zoom accounts, project management software, and data tracking systems to monitor outcomes and participant progress. 5.Mentor/Advisor Stipends – Small stipends for community members, grant coaches, and peer-led facilitators to guide the Tier 1 and Tier 2 cohort participants.	$ 150,000.00	•Personnel/Staff: $50,000 Part-time program coordinator, administrative assistant, and fiscal mentor stipend. •Program Supplies: $10,000 Laptops, software licenses, printing, onboarding materials for cohort. •Facilities or Space Use: $7,000 Shared space use agreement with Community Build or other partner site. •Consultants or Partners: $25,000 Peer mentors, grant coaches, curriculum advisors, legal support. •Outreach/Communications: $10,000 Flyers, community listening sessions, digital campaigns, access equity tools. •Indirect/Admin Costs (max 15%): $22,500 Fiscal sponsorship fee (if applicable), admin insurance, back-end processing. •Other: $25,500 Stipends for cohort participants, speaker honorariums, tech upgrades, survey tools.	This program directly supports the goals of CFCI by investing in the leadership, sustainability, and voice of grassroots organizations led by and serving those most impacted by incarceration, homelessness, and systemic injustice. The Tiered Incubator & Mentorship Pathway prioritizes equity by removing access barriers for under-resourced and often overlooked micro-nonprofits—particularly those founded by justice-impacted individuals, caregivers, and community leaders of color in South Los Angeles, Watts, and Compton. By providing capacity-building, mentorship, fiscal literacy, and wellness-based leadership coaching, the program empowers these leaders to break cycles of disinvestment and build lasting solutions rooted in lived experience. This initiative also addresses systemic barriers such as: lack of access to startup capital, exclusion from competitive funding processes, minimal technical assistance, and underrepresentation in public/private partnerships. It centers community-defined solutions and enables local nonprofits to expand reentry support, trauma-informed housing services, and economic opportunities. By preparing these leaders for long-term sustainability, the program builds a more just ecosystem—one where healing, accountability, and equity replace punishment and systemic neglect. This proposal reflects the true heart of CFCI: investing in people, not punishment.
Workforce Services		American Indian Alaska Native & Indigenous Services	Sacred Path Indigenous Wellness Center-Childcare & Resource Center	Year 3/Fiscal Year 2023-24	SPA 1,SPA 2,SPA 3,SPA 4,SPA 5,SPA 6,SPA 7,SPA 8; SD1,SD2,SD3,SD4 ,SD5;	Strategy 2: Economic Opportunity & Sustainability;Strategy 3: Education Access & Youth Development;Strategy 4: Housing Stability;Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration;Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;	Workforce Services for the AIAN & Indigenous Community Providing workforce development services to the American Indian and Alaska Native (AIAN) community is a vital step toward advancing economic equity, cultural resilience, and long-term self-sufficiency. These services will offer direct pathways to employment, job training, and career advancement opportunities tailored to the unique needs of AIAN individuals. By addressing systemic barriers such as high unemployment, limited access to job resources, and historical disconnection from labor markets, this initiative helps bridge critical gaps in economic opportunity. Workforce services will include job readiness training, resume and interview support, vocational certifications, short-term training programs, and connections to culturally competent employers. For individuals facing housing instability,

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Proposed Project Name || Organization or County Dept	If your program is not new and is an expansion of an existing project, what is its name?	If your program is an expansion and previously received CFCI funding, please indicate under which Spending Plan Year/Fiscal Year.	Service Planning Areas (SPA) and Supervisorial Districts (SD) Served	CFCI Strategies	Description of Project	Target population and ability requirements	Anticipated Outcomes of Project	Outcomes and Measures	Implementation Period for Project	Administration of Project	If applicable, by which County Dept?	If the program does not have existing infrastructure, please describe what would be needed to launch the program/project.	What is the total requested annual amount of funding for this program/project?	based on the amount entered above, enter a basic breakdown of each of the following in dollar amounts (round numbers are acceptable): Personnel/Staff Program Supplies Facilities or Space Use Consultant	How does this program/project support the goals of CFCI? Think about who benefits, what systemic barriers are being addressed, and how communities most impacted by incarceration are empowered.
Pathfinderz || The H.O.P.E. Institute			SPA 6; SD2;	Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;Strategy 2: Economic Opportunity & Sustainability;Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration;Strategy 4: Housing Stability;Strategy 3: Education Access & Youth Development;	The Pathfinderz – AI Workforce Development Research & Training Program equips justice-impacted and unhoused adult men with in-demand AI and data-science skills, connecting them to living-wage careers in Los Angeles's growing tech sector. Over 12 months, participants will engage in a hybrid curriculum—covering AI fundamentals, Python programming, data analysis, and industry best practices—augmented by mentorship from tech employers and transitional-housing partners. A core research component will evaluate pedagogical models and barrier-removal strategies to optimize retention and credential attainment for our target population. By embedding real-world project work and employer-driven capstone experiences, Pathfinderz directly addresses long-standing economic disinvestment and racial inequities in workforce access, building on JCOD's Care First Community Investment (CFCI) commitment to "Care First, Jails Last." In Year 3 alone, the Board allocated $86.3 million to CFCI to fund 45 programs with an equity lens—demonstrating the County's dedication to community-driven solutions Pathfinderz aligns with Program Area 11's focus on adult job-readiness and placement—an area that received over $9 million in Year 3 for training and employment initiatives post-launch.gov	Population: Black and brown men, ages 18–74, residing in Los Angeles County, who are justice-involved, experiencing homelessness or housing instability, and facing systemic barriers to stable employment. Eligibility: County residency and self-identification as Black or Brown male History of justice involvement (e.g., probation, reentry) or current unhoused status Ability to commit to a 12-month certificate program (20 hrs/week) Referral from partner transitional-housing agencies or community-based organizations	Healing and wellbeing;Improved educational access or attainment;Increased access to mental or physical health care;Stable or supportive housing;Decreased justice system involvement;Job training or employment outcomes;	Participant Surveys & Pre/Post Assessments: Measure shifts in AI competency, self-efficacy, and career readiness at intake, mid-point, and program completion. Attendance & Completion Logs: Track enrollment, module completion rates, and capstone project success. Employer Feedback: Collect quarterly reports: Record industry-recognized badges earned (e.g., Python, AI ethics certificates). Job Placement & Retention Data: Monitor placement rate within 3 months of graduation and 6-month retention, in partnership with employers. Recidivism & Housing Stability Tracking: Collaborate with justice and housing partners to compare participants' justice-system involvement and housing status pre- and post-program. Focus Groups & Employer Feedback: Conduct quarterly focus groups with graduates and employer partners to refine curriculum and measure real-world impact.	Ready to implement immediately	By a joint partnership			$ 1,570,000.00	**18. Basic breakdown** | Category | Amount ($) | Notes | |---|---|---| | **Personnel / Staff** | 370,000 | Program Director, Lead Instructors, Case Manager, Job Developer | | **Administrative Support** | 40,000 | 20 laptops, software licenses, training materials | | **Program Supplies** | | | **Facilities or Space Use** | 60,000 | Classroom & co-working space rental | | **Consultants / Partners** | 30,000 | Soft-skills coaches, employer-mentor stipends | | **Outreach / Communications** | 20,000 | Recruitment materials, digital marketing | | **Other** | 815,000 | Participant stipends at Abundance Wage (120% LA living wage); $24.72/hr × 20 hrs×48 wks × 20 pts = $460 k | Library Uniform kits (8 outfits x shoes/accessories): ($2,500 x 35 pts = $90 k)	Centering Those Most Harmed by Incarceration - Pathfinderz targets Black and brown men who are justice-involved or unhoused—populations disproportionately impacted by systemic racism, mass incarceration, and disinvestment in low-income communities. By providing paid AI training, professional clothing, mentorship, and stipends above a living wage, we remove financial and social barriers that often derail reentry efforts. "Care First, Jails Last" in Action - Consistent with CFCI's mandate to invest in community-led solutions rather than punitive systems, this program redirects resources from incarceration budgets toward life-affirming workforce development. Every dollar of participant stipend and support kit is a dollar not spent on detention, aligning directly with CFCI's equity-driven reallocation of public funds. Breaking Systemic Barriers -Digital Divide: 20 laptops, software licenses, and wrap-around tech support ensure trainees aren't left behind by the shift to a knowledge economy. Employment Stigma: Uniform kits and soft-skills outings counteract the "label" of justice-involvement, helping graduates present confidently in professional workplaces. Social Capital: Employer-mentorship and VOA-staff networks build durable networks between participants and industry, eroding the isolation that fuels recidivism. Empowerment through Economic Mobility - By earning an Abundance Wage throughout training and
Threads of Hope || Hope Global Outreach Foundation	Threads of Hope	Did not receive CFCI funding	SPA 4;SPA 6; SD2	Strategy 2: Economic Opportunity & Sustainability	Threads of Hope is a trauma-informed workforce development and healing arts program designed to empower girls and women who have experienced domestic violence, homelessness, or the trauma of sex trafficking, and/or incarceration. Through this initiative, participants will learn to hand-embellish garments such as t-shirts, hoodies, and blankets, transforming creative expression into a pathway for healing, skill-building, and economic independence. Participants gather in safe, supportive environments such as churches and community centers, where they receive mentorship, skill training, and access to tools and materials at no cost. The program teaches five foundational embroidery stitches through project-based learning, while also fostering emotional resilience, peer support, and confidence-building. Once proficient, women are supported in launching their own online stores—fully set up and maintained by our organization—where they can sell their work with fulfillment handled behind the scenes. This model reduces the stress and technical barriers of entrepreneurship, allowing women to focus on creativity and recovery. Threads of Hope addresses the urgent need for economic empowerment, trauma recovery, and community reintegration among girls and women who are often isolated and underserved. Many participants face barriers to traditional employment due to past trauma, lack of access, or mental health challenges. This program bridges that gap by offering dignified, flexible work and a healing-centered creative outlet. Ultimately, Threads of Hope is not just about teaching them to decorate garments—it is about stitching together broken narratives, rewriting futures, and restoring hope. Each product created is a symbol of resilience. Each stitch sewn is a step toward self-sufficiency, belonging, and transformation.	Threads of Hope is designed to serve girls and women survivors of trauma, with a focus on the following target populations: •Survivors of domestic violence and sexual abuse •Victims of sex trafficking or exploitation •Formerly incarcerated women or girls involved in the juvenile justice system •Individuals experiencing or transitioning out of homelessness •Low-income or at-risk youth (girls ages 16–24) in underserved communities •Women recovering from trauma-related mental health challenges The program intentionally centers communities that are historically marginalized, including Black, Indigenous, Latinx, Asian American, and immigrant populations who face systemic barriers to economic and emotional recovery.	Youth development or civic engagement;Healing and wellbeing;Job training or employment outcomes;	Job Training or Employment Outcomes •Participation logs documenting completed embroidery training, product development, and store setup •Tracking of online store engagement, including the number of active shops, orders fulfilled, and revenue generated •Pre/post surveys to assess participant confidence in entrepreneurial and workforce readiness skills Healing and Wellbeing •Participant self-assessments at entry and program milestones measuring perceived well-being, sense of belonging, and emotional resilience (Quality of Life indicators) •Facilitator observations and wellness check-ins are tracked weekly •Voluntary journals or creative reflection projects (e.g., art, embroidery meaning-sharing) used as a qualitative healing indicator Youth Development or Civic Engagement •Attendance logs for girls aged 13–24 participating in training sessions and group activities •Participation surveys, interviews, and participant photo stories, shared to highlight the program's impact on community engagement and civic participation Outcomes will be tracked using a mixed-methods approach, combining the SMART (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, Time-bound) indicators. These metrics, along with the Logic Model we embed into every program design, guide our evaluation process, including data collection and evaluation methodology developed over our 16-year history. Within our CAPO Center Apprenticeship and Housing Program, performance measures include the number of individuals participants are served, retention rate; the number of individuals who stay free from justice involvement; the number of participants who used wrap-around services; the number of individuals who experienced fiscal and employment gains; assessing individual goals and satisfaction; and assessing overall well-being and health. The satisfaction of participants guides our offerings for wrap-around services, and we involve our Peer Navigators and Community Clinical Social Workers in the design of the evaluation questions. We track outcomes in both the job training and housing aspects of the program. Outcomes related to job training include consistent attendance, meeting educational benchmarks, completing group and independent projects, and participating in career exploration. Outcomes related to housing include participation in housing workshops, meeting with housing navigators, and obtaining and maintaining housing.	Ready to implement immediately	By a community-based organization			$ 175,000.00	•Personnel/Staff - $95,000 •Program Supplies - $40,000 •Facilities or Space Use -$24,000 •Consultants or Partners •Outreach/Communications - $11,000 •Indirect Admin Costs (15% max of total requested amount) -$30,000	Threads of Hope directly aligns with the mission of CFCI by centering healing, economic empowerment, and community reintegration for women and girls who have been most impacted by trauma, poverty, incarceration, and systemic marginalization. This program provides an innovative, culturally responsive alternative to systems that have historically failed to support these populations.
CAPO Center Apprenticeship and Housing Program || Julal Gutter Doors	CAPO Center Apprenticeship and Housing Program	Year 3/Fiscal Year 2023-24	SPA 2;SPA 3;SPA 4;SPA 6;SPA 7;SPA 8; SD1;SD2;SD3;SD4	Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;Strategy 2: Economic Opportunity & Sustainability;Strategy 3: Education Access & Youth Development;Strategy 4: Housing Stability;Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration;	Jail Gutter Doors (JGD), a Los Angeles-based 501(c) 3 non-profit organization, proposes an expansion of our CAPO Center Apprenticeship and Housing Program for one-year funding assistance. Our program serves system-impacted and formerly justice-involved opportunity youth ages 18-26 by offering two paid training tracks, Digital Video Editor and Recording Engineer, so they can realize educational and economic parity. These two fields are highly sought after in Los Angeles County and pay competitive wages, and showcase Technology Information, Digital Media, and Music and Film Production industries. Additional training tracks are being planned for implementation in 2025-2026 for Sound Design and Camera Operation. Sustainable employment that offers competitive benefits packages and room for advancement is key to the long-term economic success of our target population. The CAPO Center Apprenticeship and Housing Program is a cohort-style professional job-training program structure with a US Department of Labor Registered Apprenticeship Program designation. Wrap-around services are core to the program design, along with Credible Messenger peer mentorship. Supportive services include group and one-on-one mental health counseling; harm reduction training; gender-based violence circles; open recovery groups; Substance Use Disorder education and prevention support; Somatic stress-management practices, including meditation, yoga, Qi Gong, and Muay Thai, are offered at the CAPO Center as well as workshops in fiscal empowerment and parenting. Participants will receive housing and care management in one of JGD's townhomes. JGD provides 24-hour supervision, nutritional support, and transportation services. Once graduated, participants will be assisted in independent housing through referrals, aligned agency involvement, and direct assistance. JGD's Department of Labor Registered Apprenticeship Program designation was awarded in September of 2023, and we secured our two townhomes for participants in November and December of 2024. Currently, we house 9 individuals, and over the next year, we aim to deliver paid apprenticeship training and housing to an additional 20 participants.	The target population for our proposed CAPO Apprenticeship Program and Housing Program, which include formerly justice-involved individuals and disaffected young adults, ages 18-26, include higher percentages of poor educational, economic, and mental health outcomes associated with living in high poverty areas; foster care involvement; homelessness, shelter, or transitional housing; lack of services; and/or fiscal resources; and engagement in the justice system at disproportionate rates. Our proposed program is a Department of Labor Registered Apprenticeship Program with scaffolded journeyworker wage increases. Our employment pathway training program has a "housing first" approach paired with supportive wrap-around services, which is fundamental to the successful reentry and future economic stability of participants. These individuals experience lower wage-earning opportunities, binding them to a life of long-term poverty, depression, justice involvement, and untreated mental health disorders, including suicidal ideations. Common and significant barriers to employment, training, and services affected historically system impacted individuals who lack safe transportation and location of services; had limitations of outreach and information services; open recovery groups; Substance Use Disorder education and prevention support; Somatic stress-management practices, including meditation, yoga, Qi Gong, and Muay Thai, are offered at the CAPO Center as well as workshops in fiscal empowerment and parenting. Participants will receive housing and care management in one of JGD's townhomes. JGD provides 24-hour supervision, nutritional support, and transportation services. Once graduated, participants will be assisted in independent housing through referrals, aligned agency involvement, and direct assistance. Our target population faces systemic, structural racism; poverty, incarceration, has undiagnosed and/or untreated mental health needs, and has interrupted or delayed educational needs, display gaps in time management, problem solving, critical thinking, teamwork, emotional intelligence,; creativity,; adaptability,; and leadership. All prospective applications will be considered for housing and job training placement.	Increased access to mental or physical health care;Decreased justice system involvement;Improved educational access or attainment;Job training or employment outcomes;Stable or supportive housing;Youth development or civic engagement;Healing and wellbeing;Expungement of Juvenile Records;	Increased access to housing, technology, and resources for small-capacity nonprofits; Improved educational access or attainment;Healing and wellbeing;	Ready to implement immediately	By a community-based organization			$ 2,326,818.00	Personnel/Staff - $870,625.00 Program Supplies: $280,695.00 Facilities or Space Use -$194,400.00 Consultants or Partners: $664,000.00 Outreach/Communications: $9,600.00 Indirect/Admin Costs (15%): $303,498.00 Other: $24,000.00 Total Budget = $2,326,818.00	Jail Gutter Doors' program aligns with CFCI and Measure J's goals by benefiting justice-involved individuals and opportunity youth, ages 18-26, who display poor outcomes across socio-emotional and economic metrics. JGD takes Direct Community Investment seriously by creating Youth Development Programs with leadership opportunities, Workforce Development Training Programs, and Housing and Rental Assistance. We provide Alternatives to Incarceration through access to community-based mental health services: Reentry Programs that include paid job training, housing placement and referrals, nutritional support and transportation services. Our program pairs post apprenticeships with housing support, as many of our participants have foster care involvement, have been or are experiencing homelessness, public shelters, or are in transitional housing, have limited fiscal resources, and have disproportionate engagement rates within the criminal justice system. We provide mental health care and wrap-around services to support the whole individual. By dovetailing the services together, they holistically support one another, providing the structure a young person returning to the community desperately needs. We address barriers by providing income, incentivizing mental health circles, and by hiring Credible Messengers with lived experience so trust is built authentically. Care Managers provide systems navigation guidance with probation, health care, and public assistance. Twice a year, JGD holds Expungement Clinics and work directly with LA County's Alternate Public Defenders.
The Nonprofit Circle || Advancing The Seed, Inc.			SPA 1;SPA 2;SPA 3;SPA 4;SPA 5;SPA 6;SPA 7;SPA 8; SD1;SD2;SD3;SD4;SD5;	Strategy 2: Economic Opportunity & Sustainability;	The Nonprofit Circle by Advancing The Seed (ATS) is a trauma-informed capacity-building program designed to support emerging and grassroots nonprofit leaders, particularly those who are BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and People of Color). These leaders are often under-resourced, overburdened, and navigating immense pressure to create community change without access to the infrastructure, strategic guidance, and funding needed to sustain themselves or their organizations. This lack of support not only limits their organizations' potential but also takes a significant toll on the health and wellness of these leaders. Chronic stress, burnout, and isolation are common among nonprofit founders, many of whom carry the emotional and financial weight of running their missions alone. The Nonprofit Circle responds directly to these challenges, not only by equipping leaders with the tools to build sustainable infrastructure, but also by centering their personal well-being as essential to long-term impact. Delivered through a cohort-based model, the program offers training in strategic planning, fundraising, board development, and program design alongside sessions focused on stress management, self-care, and leadership resilience. Participants also receive personalized coaching, access to peer support networks, and resources to help them navigate the personal toll of leadership. By addressing the systemic barriers that limit organizational growth and prioritizing the health and sustainability of the leaders themselves, the Nonprofit Circle promotes outcomes that improve both community capacity and personal well-being, laying the groundwork for powerful, long-term change.	The Nonprofit Circle program specifically targets leaders of grassroots and emerging nonprofit organizations, with a strong emphasis on supporting BIPOC-led (Black, Indigenous, and People of Color) and lived experience-led organizations. These nonprofit leaders often face systemic barriers to funding, training, and strategic support, which hinders their ability to build sustainable infrastructure and effectively serve their communities. Many are first-generation nonprofit founders navigating leadership without access to mentorship, operational knowledge, or traditional networks of influence. Participants must be founders and/or leaders of organizations making less than $250K annually in revenue, must be an approved 501(c)(3) or seeking approval, and must be led by someone identifying as BIPOC or who has lived experience. Participants must do business in and serve individuals in Los Angeles County. The program is especially well-suited for nonprofit leaders seeking hands-on guidance and community with like-minded changemakers as they transition from the startup phase to growth and sustainability.	Increased access to funding, technology, and resources for small-capacity nonprofits; Improved educational access or attainment;Job training or employment outcomes;Healing and wellbeing;	We will measure program outcomes by tracking both Youth Leaders'/Wellness Advocates and the community members they serve, using tools that are practical, youth-friendly, and integrated into our Salesforce and Apricot systems. 1. Youth Leaders / Wellness Advocates •Pre- and Post-Surveys: To measure changes in knowledge, leadership skills, confidence, and wellness habits. •Weekly Journals or Reflections: Youth will document challenges, wins, and lessons learned—uploaded or summarized in Apricot. •Attendance & Training Logs: Track participation in coaching sessions, workshops, and leadership development trainings. •Skill-Building Checklists: Simple rubrics to assess growth in public speaking, workshop facilitation, peer coaching, and advocacy. •1-on-1 Check-Ins: Brief monthly meetings documented in case notes to support personal and professional growth. 2. Community Members Served •Workshop & Event Sign-In Sheets: Digitally entered into Salesforce to track total reach and demographics. •Participant Feedback Forms: Short post-event surveys to assess satisfaction and	Ready to implement immediately	By a community-based organization			$ 150,000.00	Personnel/Staff $68,000 Includes Youth Wellness Advocate stipends, Program Manager (part-time) Program Supplies $15,000 Materials for workshops, wellness kits, journals, fitness gear, etc. Facilities or Space Use $10,000 Space rental for trainings, events, healing circles, and community use Consultants or Partners $15,000 Guest facilitators, teaching artists, legal/advocacy trainers Outreach/Communications $5,000 Social media, flyers, storytelling, video, community engagement tools Indirect Admin Costs (15%) $22,500 Admin, insurance, fiscal sponsor fee, reporting, and compliance costs Other $14,500	The NONPROFIT CIRCLE directly supports the goals of CFCI by equipping grassroots and BIPOC-led nonprofit organizations—often embedded in communities most impacted by incarceration—with the infrastructure, leadership support, and capacity-building resources they need to drive systemic change. These organizations frequently operate with limited funding, high staff burnout, and inadequate access to institutional knowledge, which significantly hinders their ability to disrupt cycles of harm and poverty in their communities. This program helps dismantle systemic barriers by: Investing in community-rooted leadership: Many participants are directly impacted by or working within neighborhoods most affected by over-policing, incarceration, and disinvestment. By supporting them with coaching, grants, and shared resources, we help build the leadership bench within these communities. Creating alternatives to carceral systems: Through strategic development support, participants are able to launch and scale programs focused on violence prevention, restorative justice, healing, reentry, youth mentorship, and community wellness—key priorities of the CFCI framework. Promoting economic stability and mental well-being: The program also addresses the chronic stress, trauma, and burnout that nonprofit leaders endure—particularly those who serve formerly incarcerated individuals and high-need communities—through built-in health and wellness supports. This reinforces CFCI's goal to shift resources toward healing and care, not punishment and surveillance.
Financial Literacy (AB2827) for Adults || CF&IS Inc. Fires Financial and Insurance Services Inc.	WOVEN -Women of Vision & Excellence Network	Did not receive CFCI funding	SPA 1;SPA 2;SPA 3;SPA 4;SPA 5;SPA 7;SPA 8; SD3;SD5;	Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;Strategy 2: Economic Opportunity & Sustainability;Strategy 3: Education Access & Youth Development;Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration;	The Class U Never Had™ – A Financial Literacy & Legislative Empowerment Curriculum for Justice-Impacted Populations Description: The Class U Never Had™ is a bilingual, trauma-informed, AI-enhanced financial education and public policy curriculum specifically designed to empower justice-impacted individuals across Los Angeles County. Developed and taught by CF&IS Inc.—a certified, ethics-driven government contractor and financial education platform—this 12-unit, semester-based course addresses economic trauma and systemic exclusion through practical, policy-rooted financial literacy. Participants receive instruction in budgeting, credit recovery, taxes, public benefits, health insurance access, and long-term wealth strategies. They also learn how to navigate the civic system, understand localizable legislation like AB 2827, and become their own economic advocates. This initiative restores dignity by teaching students how laws intersect with economic opportunity—and how to build, protect, and pass on assets in a post-carceral world. We serve re-entry individuals, survivors of incarceration, youth at risk of justice-system contact, and low-income families with generational system involvement. Our hybrid model includes AI-powered coaching tools, financial forecasting reports, and faith-based resilience mentorship to ensure wraparound support. Our goal: Move people from disenfranchised to economically fortified. With one-time CFCI funding, we will scale our model to train 300+ participants over 24 months across priority zip codes, partner with local reentry orgs, and certify 10 peer coaches as Financial Literacy Ambassadors for ongoing support and career reintegration. We don't just teach finance—we engineer civil and economic restoration.	Target populations include: Women experiencing or at risk of domestic violence or gender-based harm, Justice-impacted or reentry women seeking healing and reintegration, Low-income mothers, including single parents and caregivers, women of color, especially Latina and Black women disproportionately impacted by economic and educational disparities. Women lacking high school diplomas, facing barriers to employment or financial independence. Individuals experiencing trauma, housing instability, or disconnection from traditional support systems. Eligibility Requirements: The program is open to women ages 18 and older who meet at least one of the following criteria: •Live in or near San Fernando or Antelope Valley •Are currently low-income or unemployed •Have been impacted by the justice or foster system involvement (justice, foster care, etc.) •Are seeking educational advancement •Are motivated to build emotional, mental, and financial wellness Through this inclusive model, the program aims to uplift women who are often unseen—providing tools, healing, and purpose to transform not just individual lives, but entire families and communities.	Increased access to mental or physical health care;Decreased justice system involvement;Improved educational access or attainment;Job training or employment outcomes;Healing and wellbeing;	Increased access to mental or physical health care;Decreased justice system involvement;Improved educational access or attainment;Job training or employment outcomes;Stable or supportive housing;Healing and wellbeing;Youth development or civic engagement;	Ready to implement immediately	By a joint partnership			$ 365,000.00	(1) Total Requested: $365,000 (One-Time Use) Purpose: Pilot a 12-unit adult financial literacy and legislative empowerment program for 100 learners in LA County, aligned with AB 2827 goals and future education mandates for the Class of 2031. Mission: Deliver a two-phase, bilingual, trauma-informed financial literacy program for 100 adult learners in Los Angeles County. All materials align with AB 2827 and model what the Class of 2031 will learn — but designed for adult restoration today. Goal: Deliver an adult-centered, bilingual, trauma-informed financial literacy and legislative empowerment program to 100 justice-impacted residents of Los Angeles County—teaching them now what the Class of 2031 will be required to learn later. Phase 1 – Curriculum Presentation, Pilot Evaluation & Certification Readiness CategoryDescriptionAmount Curriculum Audit & Legal ReviewEnsure AB 2827 alignment, trauma-informed audit, adult-ed compliance$20,000 Community Outreach & RecruitmentListening sessions, partnerships with reentry orgs, flyers, tabling$15,000 Nearpod + MAP™ SetupCurriculum tech stack, LMS conversion, dashboard integration: $25,000 Pre-Evaluation & Participant IntakeSurveys, diagnostics, onboarding financial forecasting:: $15,000 Project Staff & Peer Coach StipendsPlanner, 2 pilot Peer Ambassadors, admin support:: $30,000	The Class U Never Had™ was built to do exactly what CFCI calls for: address long-standing systemic barriers that impact women in underserved communities. It benefits low-income women, justice-impacted individuals, survivors of violence, and women of color, particularly in the San Fernando and Antelope Valley regions. The program dismantles barriers to economic mobility, education, and mental wellness—key drivers of incarceration. By offering culturally relevant financial literacy, trauma-informed learning, and reentry support. It empowers women who are often overlooked by traditional systems, reducing their risk of justice involvement and creating safe, community-rooted pathways to stability and independence. By investing in community-led care, this initiative advances CFCI's commitment to healing, prevention, and opportunity for those most harmed by systemic inequity.
Los Angeles County Training Center || County of Los Angeles - Justice Care and Opportunity Department	Los Angeles County Training Center	Year 3/Fiscal Year 2023-24	SPA 2; SD3;	Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;Strategy 2: Economic Opportunity & Sustainability;Strategy 3: Education Access & Youth Development;Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration;	The Los Angeles County Training Center (formerly known as Probation Camp Gonzales) serves as a residential vocational center aimed at supporting justice-involved individuals, those affected by the foster care system, and veterans. JCOD program currently offers training in firefighting, culinary arts, and construction, helping participants acquire valuable job skills and certifications to enhance their employability. The need for these services is critical, as many of our participants face significant barriers to stable employment and reintegration into society. By focusing on vocational training, mentorship, and support, our program prepares individuals for rewarding careers while also playing a vital role in reducing recidivism and breaking the cycle of incarceration. In our supportive residential environment, participants are empowered to regain their autonomy and become productive members of the community. An annual funding of $6 million will enable us to expand our programs, hire experienced trainers, and improve facilities. This investment ensures that we can continue to meet the growing needs of those we serve. Our efforts align with the mission of the Justice, Care, and Opportunities Department to provide equity-focused support, embodying the county's "Care First, Jail Last" initiative.	The LACTC program targets specific populations, including justice-impacted individuals, those transitioning out of foster care, individuals on probation, and veterans seeking to reintegrate into civilian life. To be eligible, applicants must be 18 years or older, emotionally stable, and medically cleared. Additionally, they should be willing to participate in vocational training and personal development activities.	Decreased justice system involvement;Job training or employment outcomes;Improved educational access or attainment;	Outcomes will be assessed through pre- and post-training evaluations, job placement statistics, reductions in recidivism rates, and participant feedback surveys. Data analysis will be conducted quarterly to ensure program effectiveness and continuous improvement.	Ready to implement immediately	By a joint partnership			$ 6,000,000.00	Personnel/Staff- $3,000,000 - Program Supplies- $1,500,000 - Facilities or Space Use- $900,000 - Consultants or Partners- $400,000 - Outreach/Communications- $200,000 - Indirect/Admin Costs (15% max of total requested amount)- $900,000 - Other- $100,000	The Los Angeles County Training Center's vocational and reentry support program aligns with the goals of the Care First, Community Investments (CFCI) initiative by promoting equity, enhancing public safety, and empowering individuals who have been affected by the justice system. By providing essential vocational training necessary for securing stable employment, we directly address the systemic barriers faced by those involved in the foster care and probation systems. This program embodies the "Care First, Jail Last" philosophy of Los Angeles County by prioritizing rehabilitation and employment over incarceration. This approach promotes community engagement, reduces recidivism, and fosters a more inclusive society. Our commitment to serving those marginalized by past systemic injustices reflects our dedication to creating a brighter and more equitable future for all County residents.

2025 CFCI FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS

Proposed Project Name || Organization or County Dept	If your program is not new and is an expansion of an existing project, what is its name?	If your program is an expansion and previously received CFCI funding, please indicate under which Spending Plan Year/Fiscal Year.	Service Planning Areas (SPA) and Supervisorial Districts (SD) Served	CFCI Strategies	Description of Project	Anticipated Outcomes of Project	Implementation Period for Project	Administration of Project	If applicable, by which County Dept?	If the program does not have existing infrastructure, please describe what would be needed to launch the program/project.	What is the total requested annual amount of funding for this program/project?	based on the amount entered above, enter a basic breakdown of each of the following in dollar amounts (round numbers are acceptable):	How does this program/project support the goals of CFCI? Think about who benefits, what systemic barriers are addressed, and how your project will contribute to a more just, prosperous and inclusive environment.
Future Firefighters Program: New Flame Initiative || Future Firefighters Program: New Flame Initiative	Future Firefighters Program: New Flame Initiative	Did not receive CFCI funding	SPA 1,SPA 2,SPA 3,SPA 4,SPA 5,SPA 6,SPA 7,SPA 8; SD1,SD2;SD3,SD4 ,SD5;	Strategy 2: Economic Opportunity & Sustainability;Strategy 3: Education Access & Youth Development;Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration;Strategy 4: Housing Stability;	The Los Angeles City Sterotypes were founded in 1954, with historic roots in ending segregation within the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) and combatting the institutionalized racism and discrimination faced by Black firefighters. The name 'Sterotypes' refers to a strong and selfless voice, signifying our committment to equal representation and equality. For over 75 years, the LA City Sterotypes have been dedicated to advancing inclusion, equity, and diversity in the LA fire service, while providing emergency response, education, and fire prevention services to the community. We operate numerous career training courses, youth mentorship programs, community give-back opportunities, civic engagement campaigns, and advocacy initiatives to assist marginalized groups in achieving fairer higher practices, equitable representation, and upward career mobility within the LAFD. The LA City Sterotypes are a formal endorsing organization of the FIRE Act, with advocacy to expand safety regulations, economic protections, and training opportunities for all firefighters. We are also the formerly incarcerated LA firefighters. We actively work to improve conditions and career prospects for the incarcerated firefighters of California, who make up around 30% of our state's wildfire response crews. Future Firefighters is our highly successful 6 to 12 month career training program to introduce young adults to fire service careers. This 10-phase training program is focused on guiding, mentoring, and preparing aspiring young justice-impacted firefighters through the process of developing their physical readiness, preparing for fire academy training, completing real-world drills, and gaining EMT experience in a supportive and individualized mentorship-driven format. This August, we will welcome the first Future Firefighters program cohort dedicated to addressing the significant barriers faced by formerly incarcerated LA firefighters. Our Future Firefighters Program: New Flame Initiative provides career-readiness training, job placement assistance, and reentry mentorship to help formerly incarcerated LA firefighters secure equitable opportunities and long-term employment in the fire service. https://www.lacitysterotypes.com	Increased access to mental or physical health care;Increased justice system involvement;Improved educational access or attainment;Job training or employment outcomes;Stable or supportive housing;Youth development or civic engagement;Healing and wellbeing;	Ready to implement immediately	By a community-based organization			$ 350,000.00	Core Flame Initiative Personnel Staff: $161,500 - Program Director, $46,000 Annual. - Operations Manager: $60,000 Annual. - Operations Admin Assistant, $42,300 Annual. - Program Trainers (2), Weekly Stipend of $300 Each = $15,600 Each Per Year; $31,200 Total Per Year for 2 Program Trainers. New Flame Initiative Program Supplies: $136,500 (or, $3,077 Per Participant) - Participant Equipment Uniforms for 45 participants, Safety Equipment & Tools Such As Hydrant Valves, Drop Bags, Hose Nozzles, Dummy Rescues, etc.), $20,000 Annual. - Participant Classroom Supplies (Printed Training Manuals and Booklets, Classroom Supplies), $86 Per Participant For 45 Annual Participants = $3,900 Annual. - Participant Certifications Supplies, $12,000 Annual. - Participant Certifications ($175 CPAT, $80 Firefighter Candidate Assessment, $2,000 EMT Training, $25 CPR = $2,280 Per Participant, for 45 Annual Participants = $102,600 Annual. New Flame Initiative Facilities Support: $18,000: - Vernon Avenue Fire Station and Training Center, $15,000 Annual. - Facility Insurance and Utilities, $3,000 Annual. New Flame Initiative Consultants or Partners: $12,000: - Consultants, $6,000 Annual. - Partners, $6,000 Annual.	The Los Angeles City Sterotypes are a historic veteran American organization born to bring the systemic Civil Service out inception, our purpose has been to combat the racism and bigotry that have plagued the African American community since the founding of the LA fire service. Our new program is thought to make the fire service a profession of equality and opportunity for all. Today, the Los Angeles City Sterotypes have more than 300 active members throughout Los Angeles and belong to the International Association of Black Professional Firefighters, a national organization promoting equality for the fire service nationwide. Through our involvement in the Los Angeles school system, the Sterotypes have been able to offer justice-impacted youth powerful mentorship opportunities and diversion from gang involvement, recidivism, and substance use. When we present viable educational and career pathways, low-income, at-risk, and justice-impacted youth are often able to avoid paying jobs with benefits and find outward career mobility and stability for themselves and their families. We provide exciting career alternatives, economic stability, and accessible pathways for LA's justice-impacted and formerly-incarcerated individuals to reimagine their futures, as firefighters serving our amazing city. It has always been our vow to create diversity within the Los Angeles Fire Department, and we feel it is our duty to proactively mentor our future generations and advance fair employment practices for all. For those who have been formerly incarcerated, this struggle for employment equity is one that we continue present-day. Currently, the LAFD's hiring standards, candidate requirements, and employment practices significantly limit career stability for African Americans, women, justice-impacted individuals, and formerly incarcerated firefighters.
Financial Reentry Training || Financial Liberation Training Academy	Financial Reentry Training (Housing Program)	Did not receive CFCI funding	SPA 3,SPA 4,SPA 5,SPA 6,SPA 8; SD2;SD3;	Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;Strategy 2: Economic Opportunity & Sustainability;Strategy 4: Housing Stability;Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration;	The Financial Liberation Training Academy (FLTA) is a 501c3 organization focused on transforming communities through business, employment training, and emotional finance education. FLTA's mission is to empower individuals with the tools and skills necessary for financial independence, ultimately changing the dynamics of society by offering healthy financial options and reducing the barriers that produce economic hardship and incarceration. We maintain a special focus on service to low-income, reentry, and incarcerated foster care youth and youth adults. Our trained peer team uses their lived experiences to teach financial and emotional literacy, to disrupt the cycle that leads at-promise youth to crime, incarceration, and homelessness. https://www.financialliberationtrainingacademy.org The FLTA Financial Reentry Program follows a 16-week curriculum cycle, with each week dedicated to a particular focus area of study. This curriculum is structured to blend group workshops, one-on-one coaching, and practical group exercises. Classes are 2 hours long and have a minimum group size of 25 justice-impacted individuals. Since 2022, over 400 justice-impacted individuals have graduated from the Financial Reentry Training Program. The program actively partners with CDCR facilities and parole offices, formally accepted by the Anti-Recidivism Coalition's Hope and Redemption Team (HART), and the Reentry Life Coaches at Avenal State Prison, the CA Institution for Men, and CA State Prison at Soledad. Our previous classes have had a successful graduation rate of 95%.	Decreased justice system involvement;Job training or employment outcomes;Stable or supportive housing;	Ready to implement immediately	By a community-based organization			$ 250,427.00	Reentry Coaches (3 @ $60,000/year): $180,000 Program Director (1 @ $65,000/year): $65,000 Program Supplies: 4 Laptops for data upload: $2,700 Printer: $500 Ink & 10 reams of paper: $300 Business Emails (4 @ $109/year): $436 Facilities or Space Use: Included through housing partnerships (in-kind or to be determined) Consultants or Partners: None at this time Outreach/Communications: Graduation event materials and coordination: $1,400 (2 events at $700 each) Indirect/Admin Costs (15% max):	FLTA's Financial Reentry Training Program empowers justice-impacted communities by addressing systemic financial barriers, improving financial literacy and credit health, promoting stable employment, and facilitating permanent housing. The program directly benefits individuals most affected by incarceration, ultimately reducing recidivism, homelessness, and economic instability, aligning strongly with CFCI's goals of equity, community empowerment, and comprehensive community reintegration. Our comprehensive financial literacy-based reentry training combines employment preparation and Emotional Finance Training to empower justice-impacted individuals with the knowledge and skills to break cycles of incarceration and economic instability. Our lessons include traditional financial literacy, as well as the more unique components of emotional intelligence, conflict resolution, crime prevention, goal setting, and healthy relationships with money, spending, prevention, and independent living skills for justice-impacted individuals. This is an innovative and holistic approach to reentry, developed from years of experience and study by an all-peer formerly-incarcerated team of mentorship and finance professionals. By addressing the critical needs of financial literacy and emotional intelligence, our program directly tackles those challenges by aligning cross-departmental training standards, providing peer learning opportunities, and creating pathways for professional growth and long-term retention. Through a shared curriculum and continuous engagement with CHWs, the project ensures that services are delivered in ways that are culturally responsive, trauma-informed, and reflective of the communities' lived realities.
FutureFirce - Better Youth's Apprenticeship Expansion || Better Youth	Registered Apprenticeship Program	Did not receive CFCI funding	SPA 2,SPA 3,SPA 4,SPA 5,SPA 6,SPA 7,SPA 8; SD1,SD2;SD3,SD4 ,SD5;	Strategy 3: Education Access & Youth Development;Strategy 2: Economic Opportunity & Sustainability;Strategy 4: Housing Stability;	Based in South LA, Better Youth seeks to expand its state and federally registered Registered Apprenticeship Program (RAP) to support foster and homeless youth over two years. The program equips participants with high-demand skills, industry certifications, and real-world experience within California's Arts, Media, and Entertainment (AME) sector. Apprentices will engage in up to 2,000 hours of paid, on-the-job training and 150 hours of Related Supplemental Instruction (RSI), mentorship, including project coordination, Certificates in Trade Work will also receive personalized case management, mentorship, and wraparound support services such as housing navigation, mental health support, transportation assistance, and legal aid. The RAP model emphasizes workforce readiness, personal stability, and long-term economic mobility, ensuring participants are prepared to succeed in competitive, creative career paths. A JCOD/CFCI funding award would provide the critical funding needed to fully implement and scale our Registered Apprenticeship Program (RAP) over the next 1.5 years, ensuring its long-term sustainability and impact. In 2024, Better Youth was awarded $1,560,000.00 million to implement its AIM-N-Inspire state registered pre-apprenticeship program, which serves as an entry point into the creative workforce for foster youth and homeless youth and a pipeline into our RAP. This funding opportunity would build on that success by expanding apprenticeship opportunities for pre-apprenticeship graduates, creating a seamless transition from training to paid career placements, while maintaining a high standard of care for case management and holistic support services that ensure personal and professional success. One critical expiring state funding request supports our Better Youth Foster and homeless youth participants. These stipends would provide short-term housing relief, ensuring participants can remain safely housed while staying engaged in Better Youth's programming. This is a critical aspect of our supportive services, and an area we have identified as immediately needing additional funding.	Job training or employment outcomes;Decreased justice system involvement;Stable or supportive housing;Youth development or civic engagement;Improved educational access or attainment;	Ready to implement immediately	By a community-based organization			$ 350,000.00	* Personnel/Staff - $100,000 * Program Supplies - 15,000 * Facilities or Space Use $30,000 * Consultants or Partners - 25,000 * Outreach/Communications 5,000 * Employer Incentives: 75,000 * Apprentice Supportive Services: 50,000 * Indirect/Admin Costs (14.2% of total requested amount) $50,000	The expansion of our registered apprenticeship program project directly aligns with the mission and priorities of the Care First Community Investment (CFCI) Program by providing workforce development, mentorship, and supportive services to youth and young adults who are system-impacted, housing insecure, and chronically underserved—many of whom come from communities most affected by incarceration, poverty, and structural inequities., particularly South Los Angeles. Who Benefits The primary beneficiaries of this project are: System-impacted youth and young adults, ages 16-24, including those impacted by the foster care and juvenile justice systems. Young people from chronically under-resourced neighborhoods with high rates of incarceration and community violence. Communities most affected by over-policing, disinvestment, and limited access to career pathways. Systemic Barriers Addressed This project confronts several systemic barriers, including: Barriers to systemic and racial equity. By providing employment opportunities and mentorship to justice-impacted youth, the project directly addresses the disproportionate impact of incarceration, poverty, limited access to care, and structural racism. Many CHWs have lived experience navigating the same barriers as the individuals they serve, which positions them to deliver support with empathy, cultural humility, and trust. The WE Project addresses longstanding systemic barriers by promoting consistency, coordination, and quality in the services CHWs provide. Fragmented training systems, a lack of investment in frontline roles, and limited opportunities for CHW advancement have historically hindered the impact of this essential workforce. This initiative directly tackles those challenges by aligning cross-departmental training standards, providing peer learning opportunities, and creating pathways for professional growth and long-term retention. Through a shared curriculum and continuous engagement with CHWs, the project ensures that services are delivered in ways that are culturally responsive, trauma-informed, and reflective of the communities' lived realities.
Community and Compliance Matters || N/A			SPA 6,SPA 4,SPA 8; SD2;	Strategy 2: Economic Opportunity & Sustainability;	Community and Compliance Matters (CCM) is committed to strengthening the nonprofit ecosystem throughout Los Angeles County by providing essential compliance training and technical assistance to grassroots organizations serving historically marginalized communities. Many small, community-rooted nonprofits form rich networks of support but struggle to meet complex, community-rooted nonprofits from sustaining the vital services they provide in areas impacted by decades of systemic injustice. CCM's programs focus on nonprofit compliance and capacity building through a comprehensive approach that includes grant writing strategies, fund development tools, and access to templates and resources. CCM equips organizations with the knowledge and infrastructure to support sustainable growth, emphasizing board development, financial management, internal controls, policies and procedures, and program monitoring. Specialized training is provided on expenditure tracking, ethics, fraud prevention, impact reporting, financial statements, and single audit readiness—ensuring that organizations can remain compliant, competitive, and accountable. In a region where systemic inequities have long undermined grassroots nonprofits to build strong foundations that allow them to deliver critical programs such as substance use disorder support, reentry services, education and job training, youth development, housing navigation, and community organizing. Without consistent, high-quality compliance support, many of these organizations are forced to divert limited resources away from their missions to meet reporting requirements, or worse, risk losing funding altogether. By centering the lived experience of Black workers and investing in community-rooted economic mobility, Black Futures Job Pathways aims to dismantle structural barriers to employment, reduce recidivism, and build a thriving Black workforce equipped to lead in sectors shaping Los Angeles' future. This is not just a job training program — it's a pathway to economic justice, intergenerational stability, and Black self-determination.	Increased Regulatory Compliance; Enhanced Organizational Capacity and Sustainability; Expanded Access to Public and Private Funding;	Ready to implement immediately	By a community-based organization			$ 450,000.00	Personnel/Staff $70,000, Program Supplies $10,000 Facilities or Space Use $12,000 Consultants$15,000 Community-based Partners Outreach/Communications $8,000 Indirect/Admin Costs $37,500 (15% max) Other $12,500 This funding would support staff salaries (e.g., trainers, compliance specialists), materials development (grant templates, policy toolkits), technology tools (e.g., document storage, virtual training platforms), outreach, one-on-one TA, and outcome tracking.	The WE Project directly supports the goals of the Care First Community Investment (CFCI) initiative by investing in workforce development strategies that prioritize equity, prevention, and community-based care. By strengthening and standardizing training for Community Health Workers (CHWs) across all three Los Angeles County health departments- Public Health (DPH), Health Services (DHS), and Mental Health (DMH), the project builds a more resilient and skilled frontline workforce. CHWs are often recruited from the very communities most impacted by systemic inequities, including those disproportionately affected by incarceration, poverty, limited access to care, and structural racism. Many CHWs have lived experience navigating the same barriers as the individuals they serve, which positions them to deliver support with empathy, cultural humility, and trust. The WE Project addresses longstanding systemic barriers by promoting consistency, coordination, and quality in the services CHWs provide. Fragmented training systems, a lack of investment in frontline roles, and limited opportunities for CHW advancement have historically hindered the impact of this essential workforce. This initiative directly tackles those challenges by aligning cross-departmental training standards, providing peer learning opportunities, and creating pathways for professional growth and long-term retention. Through a shared curriculum and continuous engagement with CHWs, the project ensures that services are delivered in ways that are culturally responsive, trauma-informed, and reflective of the communities' lived realities.
Black Creative Futures Fund || Black-led CBOs – Department of Arts & Culture			SPA 2,SPA 4,SPA 6,SPA 8; SD2;SD5;SD4;	Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;Strategy 2: Economic Opportunity & Sustainability;Strategy 3: Education Access & Youth Development;	The Black Creative Futures Fund will invest in Black-led cultural institutions, artists, and cultural organizers to bring healing-centered art, storytelling, and public art to communities across Los Angeles. From murals and multimedia installations to neighborhood-based festivals, workshops, and creative fellowships, this initiative supports projects that uplift Black identity, foster intergenerational connection, and reclaim public space through joy and cultural expression. This program responds directly to the findings in the State of Black LA report, where nearly 59% of Black Angelenos named arts and culture as essential to their quality of life—and over 46% linked it to their sense of belonging. At a time when our communities are facing deep disconnection, displacement, and ongoing systemic harm, art becomes more than beauty or entertainment—it becomes a vehicle for truth-telling, healing, and resistance. Black artists and cultural workers have always been at the frontlines of social change, but too often they're underfunded and overlooked in public investments. The Black Creative Futures Fund flips that dynamic by channeling resources directly into the hands of Black creatives who are deeply rooted in community. These artists hold the stories, traditions, and visions that help us imagine new possibilities for safety, care, and freedom. Through this initiative, Black-led organizations and artists will receive flexible grants to design and implement programs that speak to their neighborhoods' needs—whether that's through storytelling circles, community murals, interactive performances, or installations that honor Black history and future. This fund centers art not as an add-on, but as a strategy for racial healing, political empowerment, and cultural belonging. By investing in Black creative leadership, we're investing in the future of Los Angeles—one rooted in dignity, beauty, and community power.	Healing and wellbeing;Youth development or civic engagement;Job training or employment outcomes;Improved educational access or attainment;Decreased justice system involvement;Increased access to mental or physical health care;	Ready to implement immediately	By a joint partnership			$ 10,000,000.00	$10,000,000 Budget Breakdown Personnel/Staff: $1,000,000 Program Supplies: $500,000 Facilities or Space Use: $1,000,000 Consultants or Partners: $5,000,000 (grantmaking) Outreach/Communications: $500,000 Indirect/Admin Costs: $1,500,000 Other: $500,000 (community showcases, materials)	The fund directly supports cultural equity and racial healing by resourcing Black cultural leadership and honoring creative expressions as tools of resistance and recovery from systemic trauma. It advances community well-being and dignity while promoting local economic opportunity.
Black Futures Job Pathways || DEO			SPA 6,SPA 8,SPA 3; SD2;SD4;	Strategy 2: Economic Opportunity & Sustainability;Strategy 4: Housing Stability;Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration;	Black Futures Job Pathways is an innovative workforce development initiative that builds long-term career pipelines for Black Angelenos, with a focus on young adults (ages 18–45) and individuals impacted by incarceration. The program aims to close persistent racial gaps in employment, income, and access to emerging sectors by offering paid, skills-based training programs that lead directly to living-wage jobs. Participants will gain hands-on experience through paid apprenticeships, industry-recognized certifications, and digital literacy training in high-demand fields such as green energy, healthcare, technology, and public service. These sectors were chosen for their growth potential and relevance to community wellbeing and climate resilience, as well as their alignment with public and private sector hiring opportunities. The program is rooted in equity and accessibility. Participants will receive wraparound support to address the real-life barriers that often prevent marginalized workers from completing training or securing stable employment. This includes childcare stipends, transportation assistance (e.g., Metro passes or gas cards), access to laptops and Wi-Fi hotspots, mental health support, legal services for reentry navigation, and mentorship from industry professionals. The program is delivered through Black-led community-based organizations in partnership with local unions, employers, training institutions, and public agencies. These trusted community hubs will provide culturally competent career coaching, readiness workshops, and direct connections to employment opportunities. By centering the lived experience of Black workers and investing in community-rooted economic mobility, Black Futures Job Pathways aims to dismantle structural barriers to employment, reduce recidivism, and build a thriving Black workforce equipped to lead in sectors shaping Los Angeles' future. This is not just a job training program — it's a pathway to economic justice, intergenerational stability, and Black self-determination.	Black LA County residents aged 18–45, with priority for justice-impacted individuals, unemployed adults, and high school graduates or GED holders.	Decreased justice system involvement;Job training or employment outcomes;Healing and wellbeing;Youth development or civic engagement;Improved educational access or attainment;	Outcomes will be measured using a combination of quantitative and qualitative tools to assess both immediate and long-term impact. These include: Job placement tracking to monitor employment outcomes across sectors, including employer type, wages, levels, and job retention at 3, 6, and 12-month intervals. Income assessments conducted at program entry and follow-up milestones to track increases in earned income and financial stability. Certification and credentialing completion data to measure technical skill acquisition and industry readiness. Participant surveys to evaluate satisfaction, confidence in career pathways, perceived support, and areas for improvement. Career tracking through follow-up interviews and digital case management platforms, documenting participants' progression through job promotions, sector transitions, and long-term employment in targeted fields such as tech, green energy, healthcare, and public service.	Needs minor setup (within 3 months)	By a joint partnership			$ 6,000,000.00	Personnel/Staff/CBOs: $3,500,000 Program Supplies: $500,000 Facilities/Space Use: $500,000 Consultants/Partners: $600,000 Outreach/Communications: $300,000 Indirect/Admin Costs (15%): $600,000	Black Futures Job Pathways directly advances the CFCI vision of investing in care, opportunity, and community infrastructure particularly for those most harmed by systemic racism and incarceration. This program is designed to interrupt intergenerational cycles of poverty, criminalization, and exclusion by creating real economic pathways for young and justice-impacted Black Angelenos, who continue to face the highest barriers to employment, income security, and job mobility in Los Angeles County. Historically, Black workers have been systematically excluded from high-growth, high-wage industries due to discriminatory hiring practices, lack of access to training, over-policing, and underinvestment in community infrastructure. This program confronts those inequities head-on by offering paid, accessible, and culturally relevant career pathways in sectors that are shaping LA's future including green infrastructure, healthcare, technology, and public service. By prioritizing wraparound reentry support such as childcare, transportation, digital access, and mentorship, the program addresses real barriers to economic participation and ensures that those returning from incarceration or facing systemic obstacles are not left behind. Participants are supported holistically as they move from surviving to thriving. This program also strengthens Black-led community-based organizations (CBOs) by directing the majority of funding into trusted, local groups best equipped to engage and support the population CFCI was created to serve. These CBOs become anchors of opportunity, skills-building, and resilience within Black communities.
Child Support Workforce Development || LA County Child Support	SOLA	Did not receive CFCI funding	SPA 6; SD2;	Strategy 2: Economic Opportunity & Sustainability;Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;Strategy 3: Education Access & Youth Development;Strategy 4: Housing Stability;Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration;	Will provide workforce Development to parents that need to comply with their court orders of child support.	Low income, welfare to work, reentry, homeless, mental,health, substance use, foster, and veterans.	Increased access to mental or physical health care;Job training or employment outcomes;Healing and wellbeing;Stable or supportive housing;Decreased justice system involvement;Improved educational access or attainment;	Data collection, focus groups, monitoring unit, and community town hall.	Needs minor setup (within 3 months)	By a County Department	Child Support		$ 1,000,000.00	Personnel, supplies, indirect cost, subcontractors, training, pay work experience, supportive services, space, and outreach events.	The most vulnerable population will benefit from these funds. It will address the recidivism rate from low income communities and will help them become self sufficient.
Ownership & Opportunity: A Music Rights Intensive || The Simhalh Foundation in collaboration with Simhalh Inc	Ownership & Opportunity: A Music Rights Intensive	Did not receive CFCI funding	SPA 4,SPA 6; SD1;SD2;	Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;Strategy 2: Economic Opportunity & Sustainability;Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration;	Ownership & Opportunity is a culturally-responsive, trauma-informed program that will serve 10-12 Black, Brown, and trans musicians in LA County, prioritizing justice-impacted and system-impacted artists. Over 8 weeks, participants gain essential publishing, copyright, and negotiation skills to protect their work and build sustainable income. Through hands-on workshops and peer circles, artists will register copyrights, set up with ASCAP/BMI and SoundExchange, build split sheets and agreements, and launch a starter catalog of 2–3 fully registered songs, complete with metadata for licensing. Each participant receives tailored coaching on splits, contract negotiations and registrations, plus a customized next-steps plan to monetize their catalog. Beyond the music, the program centers healing and expression — offer practical insights and role-play contract scenarios, demystifying deal-making and expanding networks. Peer sharing draws on lived experience to strengthen advocacy skills, self-worth, and economic agency. Wraparound supports include: Reentry navigators (for justice-impacted participants) Referrals to housing, behavioral health, and workforce partners Financial coaching and small business resources Three months of post-program mentorship to keep them building Participants also leave with simple content management tools to track works, splits, and licenses as well as agreement templates to protect future projects. By the end, each artist will understand their rights, confidently avoid exploitation, and know how to advocate for themselves and access legal help when needed. The program concludes with a capstone showcase where participants debut their fully registered songs, demonstrate contract and royalty systems they've established, and pitch their "starter catalog" to industry guests—positioning themselves as knowledgeable creators ready to monetize and protect their work.	Target populations: Black, Brown, and trans musicians in LA County, prioritizing those who are justice-impacted, system-impacted, or at elevated risk of criminal legal involvement. Eligibility -Must be 18+ -Reside in LA County +Have lived experience connected to system impacts or community disinvestment. -No formal education required	Job training or employment outcomes;Decreased justice system involvement;Healing and wellbeing;Increased economic agency through IP ownership;	Participant surveys and exit interviews. Tracking royalty registrations and successful account setups and self reports on wellbeing. 3-month post-program follow-up on income, continued registration, or new music activity	Ready to implement immediately	By a community-based organization			$ 125,000.00	Personnel/Staff ($56,000):: Program Supplies/Materials/Technology ($10,000) Facilities/Space Use/Events ($15,000) Consultants/Partners/Navigators ($18,000) Outreach/Communications ($3,000) Indirect/Admin Costs - 15% max of total requested amount ($18,750) Other: (Travel Stipends/Data Filings/Unexpected Small Costs) ($3,750)	Helps dismantle systemic economic barriers by building creative entrepreneurship capacity for Black, Brown, and trans artists. Reduces recidivism risk by increasing legal income pathways. Directly empowers communities impacted by incarceration to own, protect, and monetize their stories, generating wealth and healing through creative expression. Participants will not only build skills to protect and monetize their own creative work, but will also be equipped to assist peers in navigating copyright basics, thus multiplying impact and fostering broader community knowledge beyond the immediate cohort.
Advancing Community Health and Workforce Education || Public Health	Expanding Community Health Work in LA County	Year 3/Fiscal Year 2023-24	SPA 1,SPA 2,SPA 3,SPA 4,SPA 5,SPA 6,SPA 7,SPA 8; SD1,SD2;SD3,SD4 ,SD5;	Strategy 2: Economic Opportunity & Sustainability;	The Advancing Community Health and Workforce Education (WE) Project is a countywide initiative aimed at coordinating, strengthening, and sustaining the Community Health Worker (CHW) workforce in Los Angeles County. Led by the Department of Public Health (DPH), in collaboration with the Departments of Health Services (DHS) and Mental Health (DMH), the project equips CHWs with the knowledge, skills, and support systems needed to conduct outreach and provide care across diverse clinical and community settings. At the heart of the initiative is a comprehensive, culturally responsive core competency curriculum that provides foundational training for CHWs. The curriculum is aligned with state-recognized core competencies and tailored to meet local priorities, including behavioral health, care coordination, chronic disease prevention, and the social drivers of health. Training content emphasizes cultural humility, communication skills, community engagement, and systems navigation. The WE Project also facilitates a Peer Learning Network that brings together CHWs, supervisors, and community partners for ongoing skill-building, networking, and shared learning. These sessions foster collaboration, reduce professional isolation, and create opportunities for CHWs to co-develop strategies that address common challenges in the field. In addition to core training and peer engagement, the WE Project will contract with external organizations to deliver specialized workshops that supplement the core curriculum and enhance CHW learning. Topics such as motivational interviewing, trauma-informed care, field safety, cultural humility, and self-care will further enhance CHW skills and readiness to navigate evolving health system priorities. The WE Project addresses a critical need for sustainable workforce development infrastructure. By investing in high-quality training, peer support, community collaboration and interdepartmental coordination, the initiative advances equity-driven, community-centered care models. It reflects the strengths and needs of Los Angeles communities while preparing the CHW workforce for the future.	This program is designed to serve Community Health Workers (CHWs) and CHW adjacent professionals who are actively engaged in supporting the health and well-being of under-resourced communities throughout Los Angeles County. These individuals are critical members of the public health and healthcare workforce, often serving as trusted messengers and frontline connectors between community members and essential services. The program aims to strengthen this workforce by offering professional development, training, and support systems tailored to their unique roles and lived experiences. The target population includes individuals who are currently employed or volunteering in roles that involve direct outreach, health education, resource navigation, and care coordination for Los Angeles County residents. These roles often focus on supporting populations that face significant barriers to accessing care, including communities impacted by poverty, systemic racism, housing instability, chronic health conditions, behavioral health needs, and involvement in the justice system. While the project initially focuses on CHWs working within the Los Angeles County Departments of Public Health (DPH), Health Services (DHS), and Mental Health (DMH), it is structured to expand over time to include CHWs working in other County departments and community-based organizations. Eligibility requirements include: •Must be currently employed or volunteering in a role that provides direct support or health-related services to individuals in Los Angeles County. •Must be engaged in outreach, education, navigation, or support services that address social and structural determinants of health. Common eligible titles include, but are not limited to: •Community Health Worker •Promotor/Promotora •Peer Support Specialist •Outreach Worker •Health Navigator •Patient Navigator	Improved educational access or attainment;Job training or employment outcomes;Healing and wellbeing;Increased access to mental or physical health care;	The Advancing Community Health and Workforce Education (WE) Project will implement a robust, mixed-methods evaluation strategy to assess the effectiveness, relevance, and impact of its core training curriculum and workforce development activities. This approach combines quantitative and qualitative methods to evaluate how the program supports CHWs in professional growth and improves service delivery to under-resourced communities in Los Angeles County. Participation and training completion will be tracked through attendance logs and certificates of completion for core sessions, Peer Learning Network activities, and specialized workshops. Pre- and post-training assessments will measure knowledge gains, with a target of at least a 30% increase in post-assessment scores as an indicator of training effectiveness. Participant evaluation forms will gather immediate feedback on content, facilitation, and relevance to daily responsibilities. This real-time data will inform ongoing curriculum refinement to ensure a responsive, participant-centered learning experience. To assess broader impacts, annual job satisfaction surveys will measure how the program influences CHWs' confidence, sense of support, and workplace	Needs minor setup (within 3 months)	By a County Department	Public Health (lead), Mental Health and Health Services (supportive)		$ 280,000.00	Our annual budget for the WE Project is $498,000. Due to one-time funding being swept back, we are requesting $280,000 to support program implementation. Over the past year, we focused on ramping up the project by developing the core competency curriculum, establishing infrastructure, and coordinating with County and community partners. With this foundation in place, the requested funds will allow us to contract with community-based training organizations and subject matter experts to deliver specialized workshops and targeted trainings. This investment is critical to advancing health equity and strengthening the CHW workforce to better serve Los Angeles County's most impacted communities. Consultants or Partners: $280,000	The WE Project directly supports the goals of the Care First Community Investment (CFCI) initiative by investing in workforce development strategies that prioritize equity, prevention, and community-based care. By strengthening and standardizing training for Community Health Workers (CHWs) across all three Los Angeles County health departments- Public Health (DPH), Health Services (DHS), and Mental Health (DMH), the project builds a more resilient and skilled frontline workforce. CHWs are often recruited from the very communities most impacted by systemic inequities, including those disproportionately affected by incarceration, poverty, limited access to care, and structural racism. Many CHWs have lived experience navigating the same barriers as the individuals they serve, which positions them to deliver support with empathy, cultural humility, and trust. The WE Project addresses longstanding systemic barriers by promoting consistency, coordination, and quality in the services CHWs provide. Fragmented training systems, a lack of investment in frontline roles, and limited opportunities for CHW advancement have historically hindered the impact of this essential workforce. 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Vital Income for Dignified Assistance (VIDA) || CEO Poverty Alleviation Initiative/BREATHE Program	BREATHE: LA County's Guaranteed Income Program	Did not receive CFCI funding	SPA 1,SPA 2,SPA 3,SPA 4,SPA 5,SPA 6,SPA 7,SPA 8; SD1,SD2,SD3,SD4 ,SD5;	Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;Strategy 2: Economic Opportunity & Sustainability;Strategy 3: Education Access & Youth Development;Strategy 4: Housing Stability;Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration;	A guaranteed basic income (GBI) program tailored for undocumented people in Los Angeles would provide consistent, no-strings-attached monthly financial support to help individuals and families meet their basic needs—such as food, housing, healthcare, and transportation—especially during times of crisis and instability. This program is a direct response to the current climate of fear and violence in which undocumented residents are being targeted, surveilled, and abducted by ICE agents and vigilante groups. Many are now afraid to leave their homes, go to work, or access public services, effectively trapping them in a state of economic and emotional crisis. By offering a predictable source of income, this GBI program would create a lifeline for people forced into the shadows. Like the name and acronym VIDA implies, this program would recognize the right to survival, dignity, and well-being, regardless of immigration status. It would reduce the pressure to take unsafe jobs, empower individuals to care for their families, and allow communities to begin to heal and organize without the constant threat of displacement and criminalization. Beyond meeting immediate material needs, this program would also serve as an act of sanctuary—redistributing resources in a way that prioritizes safety, equity, and justice. A basic income for undocumented people is not just a policy or program—it is a necessary act of care and love for our beloved community. Using the infrastructure of the already existing LA County Breathe program, this program may also rely upon DPSS to identify existing General Relief recipients who may be eligible for this program, in addition to working with a trusted community based organization that has a history of giving microgrants to the target population.	•Be 18 years or older •At least one member of the household is undocumented •Have a household income that falls at or below 100% of the County's AMI, for a single person household OR •Have a household income that falls at or below 120% of the County's AMI for households with two or more persons (see Income Eligibility Table below). •Is unable to work due to fear of unlawful abduction AND/OR a member of household has been abducted and the household is negatively impacted financially and emotionally	Improved educational access or attainment;Stable or supportive housing;Youth development or civic engagement;Healing and wellbeing;Decreased justice system involvement;Prevention of unlawful abduction/incarceration and family separation;	The current BREATHE program uses a research evaluation team to track basic demographic information, economic context over time, health and wellbeing metrics, individual stories, and more.	Needs minor setup (within 3 months)	By a joint partnership			$ 1,152,500.00	Monthly stipends: $1,350,000 ($1000 monthly stipends x 18 months x 75 households) Indirect/Admin Costs for County Department: $202,500 Indirect/Admin Costs for community partner: $202,500	A guaranteed basic income (GBI) program for undocumented individuals directly supports the goals of Los Angeles County's Care First Community Investment (CFCI) by investing in communities instead of criminalization. CFCI prioritizes health, healing, and housing over punishment—goals that align powerfully with the need for economic stability among undocumented people, many of whom are disproportionately impacted by policing (whether local or Federal), incarceration, and systemic exclusion. Undocumented residents face multiple overlapping systemic barriers: they are ineligible for most public benefits, excluded from formal employment protections, and are at heightened risk of detention and deportation. These vulnerabilities are compounded by racialized enforcement practices and the threat of vigilante violence, leaving entire communities in a cycle of fear and economic insecurity. By providing guaranteed income, this program addresses these systemic barriers head-on. GBI empowers communities most impacted by incarceration by shifting power and resources directly into their hands. It affirms the dignity and worth of undocumented people, enabling them

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Proposed Project Name || Organization or County Dept	If your program is not new and is an expansion of an existing project, what is its name?	If your program is an expansion and previously received CFCI funding, please indicate under which Spending Plan Year/Fiscal Year.	Service Planning Areas (SPA) and Supervisorial Districts (SD) Served	CFCI Strategies	Description of Project	Participant Eligibility and Target Population	Anticipated Outcomes of Project	Outcomes and Measures	Implementation Period for Project	Administration of Project	If applicable, by which County Dept?	If the program does not have existing infrastructure, please describe what would be needed to launch the program/project.	What is the total requested annual amount of funding for this program/project?	based on the amount entered above, enter a basic breakdown of each of the following in dollar amounts (round numbers are acceptable): Personnel/Staff Program Supplies Facilities or Space Use Consultant	How does this program/project support the goals of CFCI? Think about who benefits, what systemic barriers it helps overcome, and how your program will be measured by success (outcomes and measures).
CREATE LA || MISLA FOUNDATION-MADE IN SOUTH LA	MISLA STEM Entrepreneurship Program	Year 3/Fiscal Year 2023-24	SPA 6; SD2,SD4;	Strategy 2: Economic Opportunity & Sustainability;Strategy 3: Education Access & Youth Development;Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration;	MISLA Foundation presents Create LA — an innovative workforce development program rooted in the values of Careers, Resilience, Education, Arts, Tech, and Entrepreneurship (CREATE). This initiative builds on the success of the MISLA STEM Entrepreneurship Program and expands into a broader, more integrated creative workforce pipeline that blends technology education with digital media and film/TV production. Create.LA empowers youth and young adults—particularly those impacted by poverty, incarceration, and systemic inequality—by offering high-quality, hands-on training in software engineering, AI design, digital storytelling, and audiovisual production. Participants are equipped with job-ready skills and entrepreneurial tools, developing portfolios and gaining access to mentorship, internships, and direct job placements. The program's strength lies in its community-based delivery model. All programming will now take place at local high schools and trusted community partner sites, ensuring deeper integration with youth networks and neighborhood support systems. Instruction will occur at: -New Design Charter School (Los Angeles) -Price Schools At Crenshaw Christian Center (Los Angeles) -Lifeline Charter School (Compton) -Jordan Downs Recreational Center (Watts) -Pete Brown Junior Tennis Program at Harvard Park Recreational Center (Los Angeles) -ThinkWatts (Watts) Additionally, Think Watts Foundation will serve as both a recruitment and placement partner, leveraging its CEO's reputation as a celebrated rapper and community advocate to attract youth and elevate cultural engagement.	Create LA serves young people and emerging adults who face systemic barriers to economic opportunity, particularly those impacted by incarceration, poverty, and educational disruption. The program is specifically designed to support: Reentry youth and young adults (ages 16–29) Foster youth and opportunity youth Youth experiencing homelessness or housing instability Gang-involved or formerly incarcerated individuals Economically challenged students in South Los Angeles and Compton Eligibility Requirements: Must be between the ages of 16 and 29	Job training or employment outcomes;Youth development or civic engagement;Decreased justice system involvement;Improved educational access or attainment;Healing and wellbeing;	Pre- and post-program participant surveys Attendance and completion logs Project-based portfolio reviews Internship/job placement tracking Partner feedback (schools, media studios, community centers) Alumni follow-up after 6 and 12 months	Needs minor setup (within 3 months)	(By a community-based organization			$ 400,000.00	Personnel/Staff: $200,000 Program Supplies: $55,000 Facilities or Space Use: $25,000 Consultants or Partners: $40,000 Outreach/Communications: $20,000 Indirect/Admin Costs: $60,000 Total: $400,000	By expanding eligibility to include individuals ages 16–29, Create.LA addresses a critical access gap identified during the MISLA Foundation's previous CFCI-funded program; many reentry applicants aged 27–29 were eager to participate but were ineligible under traditional youth age limits. This expansion ensures that justice-impacted young adults are no longer left behind at a pivotal stage of reentry and reintegration. The program provides real-world training in software development, digital storytelling, and film/TV production, with direct mentorship and job placement opportunities through partnerships with OXA Media Group, Codega Media, and Think Watts Foundation. By embedding instruction within trusted neighborhood schools and churches, Create.LA removes geographic and institutional barriers to participation and fosters intergenerational community healing. Rather than offering temporary relief, Create.LA equips participants with skills, networks, and industry access that enable long-term economic stability. It is a care-first, future-focused model that transforms creative potential into career power—advancing CFCI's commitment to justice, opportunity, and resilience.
LA RISE - Justice Pathways Expansion Project || REDF	LA RISE	Did not receive CFCI funding	SPA 6,SPA 7,SPA 8,SPA 5,SPA 4,SPA 3,SPA 2,SPA 1; SD1,SD2,SD3,SD4,SD5;	Strategy 2: Economic Opportunity & Sustainability;Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration;Strategy 3: Education Access & Youth Development;	LA RISE (Los Angeles Regional Initiative for Social Enterprise) is a collaborative employment program that connects individuals facing barriers—such as homelessness, past incarceration, or long-term unemployment—to paid transitional jobs, supportive services, and pathways to long-term employment. At the core of LA RISE are Employment Social Enterprises (ESEs)—mission-driven businesses that provide paid, transitional jobs and wraparound support to individuals who have been excluded from the traditional workforce. ESEs offer income, structure, and hands-on training while connecting participants to services like case management, housing assistance, and job placement. In LA County, participating ESEs include, but are not limited to, Chrysalis, Center for Employment Opportunities, GRID Alternatives, Homeboy Industries, Conservation Corps (LA, Long Beach, and San Gabriel), Salazar Landscaping, Goodwill Industries, and many others. REDF is a national nonprofit that invests in and supports ESEs to create jobs and pathways to economic mobility for people overcoming barriers to work. In LA RISE, REDF helps coordinate the network of ESEs with the City and County of Los Angeles Workforce Departments, strengthen impact, and ensure that the program delivers equitable, community-rooted outcomes. For this proposal, REDF can act as the third party administrator with the ESE partners. This model closely aligns with the Care First, Community Investment (CFCI) initiative by addressing systemic inequities and promoting alternatives to incarceration. LA RISE offers a clear pathway to stability and dignity for individuals impacted by the criminal legal system, while directing resources toward community-driven solutions that foster healing, opportunity, and economic inclusion. Additionally, CFCI creates an opportunity for the program to intentionally expand services for justice-impacted individuals within an established network of workforce partners.	The LA RISE program is designed to support individuals who face some of the greatest barriers to employment. This includes people experiencing or exiting homelessness, those impacted by incarceration or the criminal legal system, and youth who have been involved in the foster care or justice systems, or are disconnected from school and work. LA RISE also serves individuals with histories of substance use, mental health challenges, or long-term unemployment. At its core, the program is grounded in a commitment to racial equity—prioritizing communities that have been disproportionately affected by incarceration, poverty, and systemic exclusion from economic opportunity. To participate in the LA RISE program, individuals generally must meet the following eligibility criteria: Age: 18 years or older (some youth-specific programs may serve participants ages 16–24) Residency: Live in Los Angeles County Employment Status: Unemployed or underemployed, and not currently in stable employment Employment Barriers: Have one or more of the following barriers to employment: Currently experiencing or exiting homelessness, Justice-involved or formerly incarcerated, Disconnected transitional-age youth (TAY), including youth who are: Former foster youth, Justice-involved, Out-of-school/out-of-work; History of substance use, mental health challenges, or long-term unemployment Participants typically enter LA RISE through referral partners, including workforce centers, homeless service agencies, public assistance programs, probation system, etc.	Job training or employment outcomes;Improved educational access or attainment;Decreased justice system involvement;	LA RISE uses a comprehensive system to track participant progress and program outcomes. Data is collected through state systems like CalJOBS and partner-managed platforms, capturing demographics, job placements, wage progression, and retention. Participants complete surveys at multiple points to assess growth and satisfaction. Employment Social Enterprises and providers report on training and services delivered, while qualitative feedback from focus groups and interviews helps improve the program. This combination ensures LA RISE measures both quantitative outcomes and the overall participant experience.	Ready to implement immediately	(By a community-based organization			$ 49,500,000.00	Our funding request totals $4,9500,000 over a 36-month period or $1,650,000 annually. The proposed three budget is outlined as follows: REDF Personnel/Staff: $391,305 REDF Indirect/Admin Costs (15% of REDF costs): $58,695 Subgrants to ESEs (Other): $4,500,000 — To support 4-6 Employment Social Enterprises serving approximately 525 participants over three years. This equates to an average of $8,571 per person to cover case management, support services, job training, and wages. Please note that this funding request and budget can be adjusted to align with a larger or smaller scope of work, depending on available resources. Regardless of the final award amount, the project is implementation-ready and can launch immediately.	This program directly supports the goals of the Care First, Community Investment (CFCI) initiative by addressing systemic inequities and investing in community-based alternatives to incarceration. It is designed to benefit individuals who have been historically marginalized and disproportionately impacted by the criminal legal system—particularly those who are formerly incarcerated, experiencing homelessness, or facing long-term unemployment. By partnering with Employment Social Enterprises (ESEs), the program offers participants paid transitional jobs, case management, and wraparound services that help them stabilize, build skills, and transition into long-term employment. This approach tackles systemic barriers such as employment discrimination, lack of access to behavioral health services, and the absence of coordinated reentry support. We are projecting that this program expansion will serve 525 individuals that are reentry and justice impacted. Importantly, the program empowers communities most impacted by incarceration by investing directly in community-rooted organizations and workforce pathways that center lived experience, economic opportunity, and long-term self-sufficiency. In doing so, it aligns with CFCI's vision of shifting resources away from punitive systems and toward programs that promote healing, dignity, and opportunity.
Legal Education and Advocacy Project (LEAP) || Neighborhood Legal Services of Los Angeles County (NLSLA)	Clean State Initiatives	Did not receive CFCI funding	SPA 1,SPA 2,SPA 3; SD1,SD3,SD5;	Strategy 2: Economic Opportunity & Sustainability;Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration;	LEAP (Legal Education and Advocacy Project) will provide re-entry legal services that empower individuals, families, and communities that are working to increase their economic stability and undo the harms of system involvement. LEAP will provide both direct legal assistance to individuals and Know Your Rights education aimed at the community and service providers. Clearing records increases both the rate of employment and real earnings, which, in turn, increases housing stability. Stable employment and housing reduce recidivism. Although California has significantly expanded the number of convictions eligible for record clearing relief over the past decade, the vast majority of people eligible for relief never file a petition. There is substantial unmet need for legal services to assist with record-clearing and other collateral consequences of having a criminal record. Any criminal record, including an arrest record, may pose a barrier to employment, housing, and occupational licensing. LEAP will provide a range of direct legal support, including but not limited to expungement, felony reductions, jailhouse denials, occupational licensing, screening for immigration consequences, and relief, and other services that mitigate collateral consequences. The goal of these direct legal services is to increase access to housing, employment, and overall economic security for communities we serve. In addition, record clearing lifts the mental burden of having a criminal record. Over the past decade, California has strengthened the rights of formerly incarcerated individuals, both by expanding the scope of records eligible for clean slate relief, and by "banning the box" on many job and occupational license applications. But, to exercise these rights, community members must understand what their rights are. To empower the communities most impacted by criminal system involvement, the LEAP team will conduct Know Your Rights presentations on topics such as expungement eligibility and effects, fair chance employment and housing, and occupational licensing.	This project aims to provide legal services to individuals who have had contact with the criminal legal system in the low-income communities of the Antelope, San Fernando, Pomona, and San Gabriel Valleys. These areas have high proportions of people of color and people living in poverty, groups that have been disproportionately impacted by community underinvestment and mass incarceration. It will also deliver community presentations to service providers and community members to empower the community as a whole to address barriers caused by a criminal record.	Job training or employment outcomes;Decreased justice system involvement;Improved educational access or attainment;Job training or employment outcomes;Healing and wellbeing;	These outcomes should be tracked from a case management system. For example, NLSLA's case management system, LegalServer, allows tracking of a wide range of outcomes achieved for our clients, including, but not limited to, number of clients served, number of petitions granted, amount of reduction in criminal justice debt, and assisting individuals with obtaining a professional license. Since its formal launch in December 2017, the reentry team has removed barriers on over 5,000 legal matters. Additionally, NLSLA is committed to evaluating the success of its services. The CSI team uses client surveys to measure the impact of its work. The surveys collect information on satisfaction with staff, client understanding, and job-market confidence after receiving record-clearing assistance. Feedback from the survey is used to continuously improve and build upon the services we provide.	Ready to implement immediately	(By a community-based organization			$ 250,000.00	The total requested annual amount of funding is $250,000, and the breakdown below is based on this amount, but the project could serve more people with $400,000, if that is available. Personnel/Staff: $202286 Program Supplies: $3111 Facilities or Space Use: $3089 Consultants or Partners: $0 Outreach/Communications: $1000 Indirect/Admin Costs: $32610 Other: Local Travel: $1500 Litigation Costs: $2700 Insurance: $1212	CFCI exists because the County recognizes that specific communities in Los Angeles have long been under-resourced and over-policed, and that direct community investment and providing alternatives to incarceration can prevent future criminal legal system involvement. Among its goals are to provide pathways to successful re-entry for people coming home from incarceration, and to provide under-resourced communities with economic opportunity. LEAP addresses both of these CFCI strategies. The goal of LEAP is to provide legal services that directly mitigate the harms of systemic barriers that flow from criminal legal system involvement. Criminal records create a barrier to obtaining stable employment and housing. Legal services like clearing a criminal record, assistance with job or housing denials, and assistance with occupational licensing, increase economic opportunity and housing stability, enabling individuals to move forward and successfully re-integrate into the community. The process of clearing a record is often the first time our clients have agency and are empowered to tell their story in the criminal legal system. In addition, through regular presentations to the community, LEAP aims to equip communities most impacted by incarceration with important know-your-rights information so they are empowered to advocate for themselves. These presentations will build the capacity of community members and other service providers to respond to systemic barriers caused by a conviction history. LEAP legal services will benefit people who were formerly incarcerated, their loved ones, and their communities.
New Road Landscaping & Maintenance || New Road Foundation	New Road Landscaping & Maintenance	Year 3/Fiscal Year 2023-24	SPA 1; SD5;	Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;Strategy 2: Economic Opportunity & Sustainability;Strategy 4: Housing Stability;Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration;	New Road Foundation (NRF) will expand its employment program for people who are enrolled in the sober living recovery program. NRF operates a lawn and maintenance social enterprise that provides paid on the job training for clients. Each 3-month cohort of 15 participants will gain skills through NRF's landscaping, painting, and rubbish removal social enterprise as well as entrepreneur/business management. Participants in this business are renowned to work in the community and with the public. NRF is dedicated to building employment opportunities for our clients. Supports include an employment navigator that assesses each client's needs, barriers, strengths, employment history, etc., and develops an employment plan. Clients are connected to the in-house social enterprise, as well as to Maintenance social enterprises, clients can be connected to an array of educational and skill opportunities through our partners including Paving the Way for other paid training and placement as well as industry certifications OSHA-10, Forklift, CDL, Flagging, Pesticide Applicator, Confined Spaces). NRF will also assist clients with the fee for those who would like to get their Landscaping License; services all in a sober living environment. This approach increases the likelihood of long-term recovery by giving clients a sense of belonging and purpose, daily structure and accountability; building marketable skills; and giving them the overall confidence needed to secure stable employment.	This project will serve adults that reside in NRF's sober living homes and are in recovery from SUD with many reentering the community following incarceration. About 80% of NRF clients are BIPOC and most are considered "hard to employ" and have significant barriers to employment including lack of education/skills, poor work history, employment gaps, legal issues, and/or mental health issues. NRF's wrap around services including cognitive behavioral treatment modalities, intensive case management, employment and housing navigation, sober peer/social activities, family reunification, and more, all delivered by people with lived experience creates a community that addresses clients' needs while giving compassionate support that leads to long-term recovery.	Decreased justice system involvement;Job training or employment outcomes;Healing and wellbeing;	NRF has a robust system in-place to ensure programs and services have the desired outcomes for clients. NRF has a case management CRM and other tools in place to track client progress and to make adjustments and changes as needed. The following will be collected to measure the impact towards the CFCI goals addressed by the New Road Growing Recovery Farm & Garden Project: Decreased justice system involvement: Self report and client surveys and check ins. Successful parole and probation discharges. Expungements. Successful court cases and laws. Job training or employment: Offer letters, Hiring confirmation, pay stubs, self-report, client surveys, and/or employer confirmations. Healing and wellbeing outcomes: Self Report, client surveys, photos, videos of participation in wellness activities such as camping trips, hikes, exercise workshops, meditation, yoga, boxing release therapy, twelve step workshops, addiction education, relapse prevention, cognitive behavioral intervention, etc.	Ready to implement immediately	(By a community-based organization			$ 150,940.00	•Personnel/Staff: $31,250 •Program Supplies: $50,000 •Facilities or Space Use: 0 •Consultants or Partners: 0 •Outreach/Communications: 0 •Indirect/Admin Costs (15% max of total requested amount): $19690 •Other: Client Stipends for paid work/training & Contractors Licenses: $50,000	NRF's mission is to create a therapeutic community that provides a supportive and transformative environment to those struggling with addiction through residential sober livings that incorporate evidence-based programming, job-focused case management, workforce development opportunities, pathways to home ownership, and on-going support to maintain sobriety. Coming out of jail/prison, homeless, broken families, etc., many clients carry a deep shame that can drive them to stay lost in their addiction. NRF staff, leadership, and board have lived experience with those served and understand these struggles, providing programing that incorporates evidence-based practices with the practicalities of employment, healthy living, improving family relationships, and re-entering society with support without judgement. NRF supports the goals of CFCI by reducing barriers to recovery and stability for people who are struggling with substance use disorder (SUD). Many of NRF clients are stuck in a cycle of drug addiction that traps them in poverty, criminalization and cycle of poverty, which is a direct result of the systemic barriers that present racial policies and the War on Drugs. NRF serves the Antelope Valley, which has a high need for these services. Lancaster has some of the highest rates in LA of poverty (28%), is largely BIPOC (21% African American and 45% Hispanic), and only 17% of adults have a BA degree or higher (US Census, 2021). Additionally, according to Antelope Valley Public Health, Lancaster has some of the highest rates in the county of incarceration (797 per 100k), and homicide rates (6.2 per 100k). According to the Catalyst California's Justice Equity Need Index and the Justice Equity Services Index — geographic, quantitative, data- and reasons-look that identify areas disproportionally burdened by the criminal justice system and
Social Equity Program		Department of Consumer and Business Affairs – Office of Cannabis Management		SPA 4,SPA 3,SPA 1,SPA 7,SPA 8,SPA 6,SPA 2; SD1,SD2,SD4,SD5	Strategy 2: Economic Opportunity & Sustainability	The Social Equity Program is a County-led initiative designed to redress the harm of intentionally targeted enforcement policies of the drug war. These policies/practices caused mass incarceration, state-sanctioned violence and removal of public resources and lasting generational impacts. Despite California voters passing Prop. 64 in 2016 allowing for the legalization of commercial cannabis, those disproportionately impacted are yet to equitably benefit from the legal marketplace. In 2018, the County established the Cannabis Equity Act, which attempted to incorporate fair and inclusive policies and programs as a core function for legalization, authorizing local jurisdiction to implement local social equity programs to support business owners that were disproportionately harmed by past criminal justice practices (referred to as social equity operators/applicants). As the County works on developing regulations for commercial cannabis in unincorporated areas that seek to protect public health and safety, it too can implement a Social Equity Program that provides opportunity for business ownership and trained jobs created through licensing for the very communities that have been impacted by enforcement. Equity applicants need more than access to the industry; they need infrastructure and wraparound services that address the imbalances and barriers to succeed. The Social Equity Program will provide services tailored to the unique needs of equity applicants, including priority licensing, system navigation and compliance support, business education and license readiness training; legal support, direct business technical assistance; and access to capital. The Office of Cannabis Management has worked closely with the Department of Economic Opportunity on the concept of the Social Equity Program. Funding will support the launch and operationalization of a comprehensive program to help equity applicants navigate the complex legal cannabis industry and face a double burden of industry-wide challenges plus systemic barriers.	The program aims to serve individuals from communities disproportionately impacted by cannabis criminalization and related systemic inequities. Eligibility will be based on multiple equity-focused criteria designed to identify and support those most affected by past enforcement practices and socioeconomic barriers. This includes previous arrests/convictions, low-income, and have resided in over-policed communities.	Job training or employment outcomes;Healing and wellbeing;	Outcomes will be measured through participant intake forms, attendance and completion logs, technical assistance milestones, business license applications submitted, business launches, and surveys that assess economic mobility, job placement, or entrepreneurial progress. Metrics will also include pre- and post-program interviews and feedback from cohort participants and partners. While specific to the Social Equity Program, OCM, along with other permitting/licensing departments to ensure business compliance and to outline metrics regarding the overall impact of the County's commercial cannabis program.	Needs minor setup (within 3 months)	By a joint partnership			$ 1,200,000.00	Contracted Services (Program Delivery, Legal & Business Assistance): $525,000 Access to Capital (Grants for 25 Equity Applicants): $440,000 Facilities or Space Use: $72,000 Facilities or Space Use: $45,000 Consultants or Partners: $0 Outreach/Communications: $15,000 Indirect/Admin Costs (15%): $180,000	This program directly addresses the racial and economic disparities created by cannabis criminalization by providing resources most affected with the tools to participate in the regulated cannabis economy. By reducing barriers to licensure, ownership, and capital access, the Social Equity Program can help create a measurable pathway for individuals and families impacted by drug enforcement and incarceration. It aligns with CFCI's vision by shifting public resources from punitive systems to community-rooted economic development, especially for Black and Brown communities historically targeted by drug enforcement. The program also aims to foster civic empowerment through equitable entrepreneurship, economic inclusion and workforce access.
Represent,A || Immigration Legal Representation || Office of Immigrant Affairs in the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs	Represent,A Program	Year 2/Fiscal Year 2022-23	SPA 1;SPA 2;SPA 3;SPA 4;SPA 5;SPA 6;SPA 7;SPA 8; SD1;SD2;SD3;SD4 ;SD5;	Strategy 2: Economic Opportunity & Sustainability;Strategy 3: Education Access & Youth Development;Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration;Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;	Represent,A is a county-wide legal services initiative launched in 2022 to support immigrants facing deportation, Overseen by the Los Angeles County Office of Immigrant Affairs (OIA), the program is administered by community-based legal service providers and funded through public-private partnerships with Los Angeles County (County), City of Los Angeles (City), and philanthropic funding. The County investment to launch the program was partially supported by CFCI-ARP funds. Represent,A provides free, merit blind legal representation to low-income County residents in immigration detention, non-detained immigrants in deportation proceedings, and vulnerable populations who struggle to access legal services. Represent,A expansion through CFCI funding will increase capacity for legal representation services across the program, while prioritizing individuals impacted by the aggressive federal immigration enforcement that communities have experienced since June 6, 2025. A large percentage of LA County's undocumented communities – including many system-impacted noncitizens with lawful status – are now at risk of immigration interrogation, detention and criminal prosecution for immigration-related administrative violations (see response to # 21). Expanded program services will prioritize representation of immigrants detained in bond hearings and "credible fear interviews" to secure their release from Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) custody, allowing their return to their families and jobs while they contest their deportation outside of detention. Services will also add rapid response/emergency legal advocacy to address ICE custody decisions, including those impacting persons in medical facilities where enforcement is now taking place, as well as pending risk of detention when attending routine supervision appointments with ICE. This will increase successful legal outcomes to prevent the trauma of deportation-induced family separation, as immigrants with legal representation see a tenfold increase in positive case outcomes compared to those who are unrepresented. CFCI funding will also expand capacity for full-scope representation in immigration court, and legal services for vulnerable populations seeking immigration relief.	Represent,A aims to serve low-income and vulnerable immigrant communities throughout Los Angeles County. This includes individuals who are detained or facing deportation in immigration court, as well as vulnerable, underserved populations who have struggled to access legal services, such as survivors of labor trafficking and workplace exploitation, immigrants experiencing homelessness, minors who have experienced abuse, neglect or abandonment, asylum seekers, and system-impacted Veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces and their family members. The program places a strong focus on supporting historically underserved populations, including AAPI, Black, Indigenous, Latinx, LGBTQI+, youth, system-impacted adults, and other marginalized immigrant groups.To be eligible for services through Represent,A, participants must meet certain income criteria (250% of the Federal Income Poverty Level) and be unrepresented residents of Los Angeles County facing removal/deportation proceedings, or fall within the above-mentioned vulnerable, underserved populations seeking immigration relief. Services are delivered through a network of 12 nonprofit legal service providers contracted by the County through two lead contractor organizations (CHIRLA and CARECEN). Services are provided at no cost to the client, ensuring that individuals who qualify are unrepresented have access to high-quality legal defense and immigration support. Since launching in April 2022 through May 30, 2025, Represent,A provided full-scope and limited legal representation to 19,084 individuals in the following areas: Removal Defense: 649 – detained and non-detained individuals Affirmative Representation: 1,471 – including veterans of the U.S. armed forces and their family members; survivors of labor trafficking and workplace exploitation; abused, neglected or abandoned minors; immigrants experiencing homelessness; asylum seekers Legal orientation: 6,712 individuals Worker rights and safety: 6,053	Increased access to mental or physical health care;Decreased justice system involvement;Healing and wellbeing;Job training or employment outcomes;Stable or supportive housing;	OIA developed program metrics in consultation with community-based service providers and the USC Equity Research Institute. Outcomes are measured using existing case tracking/reporting mechanisms. These include client intake, case progress, and case outcome tracking data (such as clients released from custody, immigration relief granted). For other legal services, attendance records for legal orientation and client data for limited scope services are collected on an ongoing basis. Service providers also submit narrative information to capture trends, challenges and client impact stories. Service providers submit monthly reports to OIA that allow OIA to evaluate both short- and long-term impacts of the program and inform continuous improvement.	Ready to implement immediately	(By a community-based organization			$ 2,875,000.00	Personnel/Staff: $2,357,500 (82% of total) Program Supplies: $12,000 Facilities or Space Use: $45,000 Consultants or Partners: $0 Outreach/Communications: $15,000 Indirect/Admin Costs (15% max of total requested amount): $431,250 (15% of total) Other: $14,250 (transportation)	Represent,A addresses the urgent need for access to immigration legal services in a region where many immigrants are facing deportation proceedings without due process or legal representation. As of December 2024, 67 percent of people in deportation proceedings did not have a lawyer, including nearly 90 percent of detained immigrants. This has significantly worsened since ICE launched an unprecedented deportation campaign on June 6, 2025, that often results in blatant violations of due process, unconstitutional racial profiling, and deprivation of liberty for targeted immigrants. Without legal representation, the likelihood of deportation increases dramatically, often leading to family separation, economic hardship, and loss of housing or employment. Represent,A reduces these risks by ensuring due process and helping immigrants remain with their families and communities. The Represent,A program directly supports the goals of the Care First Community Investment (CFCI) initiative by advancing racial equity, reducing reliance on punitive systems, and investing in community support systems. Recent months have been marked by unprecedent attacks on immigrant communities that include militarized raids, workplace arrests, and the expansion of detention and deportation. These actions are reshaping changes in immigration law, policy and enforcement tactics. A large percentage of LA County's undocumented communities – including many system-impacted noncitizens with lawful status– are at risk of immigration detention and criminal prosecution. Failure to comply with new, onerous registration requirements utilizing 1940 Alien Registration Act authority leave the vast majority of undocumented immigrants subject to fines and incarceration. Immigrants who have had even minimal criminal system impact such as an arrest for shoplifting are subject to mandatory detention under legislation enacted in January
Activate Purpose Entrepreneurship || Advancing The Seed, Inc.	Activate Purpose Entrepreneurship	Year 3/Fiscal Year 2023-24	SPA 6,SPA 7; SD2,SD4;	Strategy 2: Economic Opportunity & Sustainability;	Advancing The Seed, Inc. (ATS) proposes to expand its Activate Purpose Entrepreneurship Program to include robust technical assistance, culturally responsive business coaching, and access to essential sales and marketing software for up to 150 disadvantaged minority entrepreneurs. Our target audience includes individuals historically excluded from economic opportunity—specifically those impacted by the justice system or foster care system, and those operating in under-resourced communities across Los Angeles County. This expanded initiative aims to address deeply rooted economic inequities and the lack of access to quality business training, infrastructure tools, and capital among marginalized entrepreneurs. We will provide: Hands-on workshops covering business fundamentals, financial literacy, and go-to-market strategy -1:1 business coaching led by a newly hired part-time finance/business expert -Startup tech stack grants, including CRM, e-commerce, and marketing tools -Micro-grants totaling $50,000 for participant businesses that demonstrate progress and engagement -Ongoing navigation support through a full-time program navigator -Program monitoring and evaluation by a data analyst to ensure equitable impact By equipping entrepreneurs with the knowledge, resources, and systems they need, we will help them launch or grow sustainable businesses that uplift families and generate local economic development. Our program aims to become a certified Community Development Financial Institution (CFI) to continue operating, generating income from loan interest, and to scale our impact.	The Activate Purpose Entrepreneurship Program specifically targets minority-led, disadvantaged entrepreneurs and small business owners throughout Los Angeles County, with a dedicated focus on those who have been system-impacted—including individuals who have experienced involvement in the criminal legal system and/or the foster care system. Our target population includes: -Formerly incarcerated individuals or those with arrest records -Probationers, parolees, or individuals participating in diversion programs -Transitional Age Youth (TAY), ages 18–24, aging out of foster care -Minority business owners with limited access to capital and traditional financing -Entrepreneurs operating in low- to moderate-income communities These populations face significant barriers to launching and sustaining businesses, including credit challenges, lack of formal education, gaps in business knowledge, and restricted access to traditional lending institutions. ATS is committed to bridging this divide with tailored support and holistic services that meet participants where they are. Eligibility Requirements: The program is designed to be low-barrier and inclusive, ensuring broad access for marginalized entrepreneurs. Applicants must: -Be at least 18 years of age -Identify as a current or aspiring entrepreneur or business owner -Reside in or serve communities within Los Angeles County -Be willing to participate in a multi-session learning and coaching cohort and self-paced online certificate courses	Decreased justice system involvement;Improved educational access or attainment;Job training or employment outcomes;Healing and wellbeing;	ATS is committed to ensuring transparency, accountability, and continuous improvement across all aspects of the Activate Purpose Entrepreneurship Program. To track our progress and demonstrate impact, we will utilize a comprehensive data collection and evaluation system led by a dedicated data analyst hired through this expansion. We will measure outcomes aligned with three key objectives: -Increased business sustainability and readiness -Access to capital and financial infrastructure -Improved self-efficacy and economic stability among system-impacted entrepreneurs Measurement Tools and Methods Include: Pre- and Post-Participation Surveys: Participants will complete structured surveys at intake and program exit to assess changes in knowledge, confidence, financial literacy, and business stability.	Ready to implement immediately	(By a community-based organization			$ 636,254.00	Personnel (+ Fringe) = $246,064 Program Supplies (includes $50K in mini-grants to give back to business owners) = $167,000 Facilities = $78,000 Consultants & Partners = $53,000 Outreach = $9,250 Indirect (15%) = $82,900	The Activate Purpose Entrepreneurship Program directly supports CFCI's mission to invest in care-based, community-driven alternatives to incarceration by empowering justice- and foster system-impacted individuals to become economically self-sufficient. This program removes systemic barriers to business ownership—such as lack of access to capital, mentorship, and infrastructure—by providing hands-on coaching, micro-grants, and startup software to 100 minority-led, disadvantaged entrepreneurs in Los Angeles County. By prioritizing individuals with lived experience in the justice and foster care systems, this initiative shifts investment from punishment to opportunity. It transforms communities most impacted by incarceration into engines of economic development and leadership, offering a real path to stability and breaking cycles of poverty, marginalization, and recidivism. Through culturally responsive support and access to real resources, this program promotes economic justice, equity, and healing—core principles of the CFCI framework.
Co-operative Education and Development (CEAD)		Collective REIMAGE	Co-operative Education and Development (CEAD)	Year 1/Fiscal Year 2021-22	SPA 6; SD2;	Strategy 2: Economic Opportunity & Sustainability;Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration;Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;	Co-operative Education and Development (CEAD) is a community-based organization that provides co-operative education and development workshop series, with system-impacted adults, a minimum of three times during the year in our physical space, and a minimum of two times online. Each series is 8-10 workshops with life skills and guest sessions added. There will be 8-15 participants in each series. After taking the introduction workshops, participants have the opportunity to take the Advanced CEAD series if they have a team and co-op business concept. In the advanced workshops, teams have the opportunity to solidify their team, build new skill sets, and test their business idea. Through this project, we propose to hold Advanced CEAD workshop series no fewer than two times over each year with partners as consultants, mentors, and co-facilitators. Each series is a total 10-12 session with pre-application and readiness meetings. We will also engage a minimum of four people in our year-long Train-the-Trainer program. After completing the Introduction CEAD workshops, participants have the opportunity to apply for the TTT program where they learn co-facilitation skills, practice the co-op principles and values, and learn about co-operatives in a creative and participatory setting. After completing Introduction and Advanced CEAD workshops, participants have the opportunity to reflect on their expertise, create a team, and form a co-operative, for-profit business that serves the needs of their communities. Which target populations does this program/project aim to serve? What are the eligibility requirements for participants? *13. Our values & beliefs are developed CEAD is a community that is dedicated to building with [illegible] and collaborating on quality participation to build [illegible] and [illegible] that [illegible] and [illegible] and [illegible] and

2025 CFCI FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS

Proposed Project Name || Organization or County Dept	If your program is not new and is an expansion of an existing project, what is its name?	If your program is an expansion and previously received CFCI funding, please indicate under which Spending Plan Year/Fiscal Year.	Service Planning Areas (SPA) and Supervisorial Districts (SD) Served	CFCI Strategies	Description of Project	Target population and eligibility requirements	Anticipated Outcomes of Project	Outcomes and Measures	Implementation Period for Project	Administration of Project	If applicable, by which County Dept?	If the program does not have existing infrastructure, please describe what would be needed to launch the program/project.	What is the total requested annual amount of funding for this program/project?	based on the amount entered above, enter a basic breakdown of each of the following in dollar amounts (round numbers are acceptable): Personnel/Staff Program Supplies Facilities or Space Use Consultant	How does this program/project support the goals of CFCI? Think about who benefits, what systemic barriers are being addressed, and how communities most impacted by poverty are centered/empowered.
Jobs Beyond Barriers LA County || Chrysalis	Jobs Beyond Barriers	Did not receive CFCI funding	SPA 2,SPA 4,SPA 5,SPA 6,SPA 8; SD1,SD2,SD4,SD5	Strategy 2: Economic Opportunity & Sustainability;Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration;Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;Strategy 4: Housing Stability;	We connect justice-involved individuals across LA County with transitional jobs and a pathway to permanent employment. With transitional employment, our participants begin earning income quickly, while building marketable experiences and skills in a real-world working environment. Project Activities: Clients will attend classes focusing on building their job search toolkit, including soft skills, identifying personal strengths, online job searching, resumes and interview techniques; and job retention. Clients will be matched with one of our in-house social enterprises, where they can work for up to a year as transitional employees. While on the job, they will learn new skills, earn income, and build the confidence needed to find permanent employment and avoid re-incarceration. Their supervisors are often former clients who provide training on understanding basic workplace expectations (timeliness, working with diverse groups, accepting feedback, etc.) Needs Addressed: Justice-impacted individuals face a range of challenges related to the collateral consequences of their involvement in the criminal justice system. Our programs and services are designed to meet these needs, including driver's licenses, help with security deposits, and referrals to legal aid. Facing pressing financial needs, our clients are eager to find employment, but many have resume gaps and lack recent work experience. Due to their criminal history, they may have difficulty finding employers willing to give them a chance. Even if they can manage to maintain a job due to misunderstandings of workplace expectations. Our program is strengths-based and focuses on empowering clients to identify their skills and build confidence in their ability. We provide mental health counseling and direct coaching on how to address background questions and what to expect during the first 90 days on the job. Many of our clients are returning to the community after long periods of incarceration and ask for help navigating technology. To assist, we offer in-person sessions to walk through how to use computers, create email, and use the internet to apply for employment.	Our target populations are people with no or very-low income, justice-impacted individuals, and individuals experiencing homelessness or housing insecurity, although our program is open to any adults who are ready to work. Our offices are located in Downtown LA, South LA, Pacoima and Santa Monica. We serve individuals across the age spectrum, including a significant number of older workers.	Decreased justice system involvement;Job training or employment outcomes;Stable or supportive housing;Increased access to mental or physical health care;	We will measure these outcomes using case notes, attendance logs, participant surveys, and employment records as maintained in our Salesforce database. We will measure the increase in clients accessing mental health counseling and the number of clients using housing support funds. Of the 150 participants enrolled in our program, 90% will increase job readiness skills through the completion of job preparation training. Of those who complete our training, 50% will gain skills, increase their incomes, and build their employment history through working a transitional job. Of those who complete prep training, 45% will secure a permanent job. Finally, 65% of participants contacted will increase financial stability by retaining employment 6 months after their hire date.	Needs minor setup (within 3 months)	(By a community-based organization			$ 400,000.00	Personnel: 310,000 Program Supplies: 4,858 Facilities: 24,410 Consultants/Partners: 0 Outreach/Communications:) Other: 22,877 Transportation: 7,877 Client Assistance Funds: 15,000 Indirect: 36,850	Our program directly meets the goals of CFCI by providing employment opportunities to work and training cycles of incarceration. CFCI aims to help individuals step out of jail and provides services to these men and women home to the community. We support CFCI goals by helping clients find, keep, and maintain permanent employment—which keeps individuals out of jails and prisons and in communities where they belong. We address a variety of barriers to employment which disproportionately impact people of color, including employment discrimination and homelessness. By hiring clients directly, we help our clients develop recent work history they can leverage to secure permanent employment. And individuals experiencing homelessness can both access financial resources and Community Service Officers as a mailing address, which makes it easier to obtain official identification or secure items needed for employment, such as work uniforms or tools. This program focuses on helping clients translate their life experiences—including prison work histories—into employment strengths they can draw on in an interview or on a resume. Our typical participant has a recent history of arrest, probation, or parole, and seeks out our services to help rebuild their lives. Once employed, many of our clients begin to support their families financially and reconnect with their children and reunite with their family members with rent. Our clients typically arrive at Chrysalis with no earned income, instead relying on public benefits and support from family members. Our program helps increase their earned income, which empowers participants with freedom of choice—with earned income, our participants can choose for themselves how to spend their dollars to best accommodate their particular
Capacity Strengthening Grants for Immigrant-Focused Community-Based Organizations (CBOs) || LA County Department of Consumer and Business Affairs (DCBA), Office of Immigrant Affairs (OIA)	Capacity Strengthening Grants for Immigrant-Focused Community-Based Organizations (CBOs)	Did not receive CFCI funding	SPA 1,SPA 2,SPA 3,SPA 4,SPA 5,SPA 6,SPA 7,SPA 8; SD1,SD2,SD3,SD4 ,SD5;	Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;Strategy 4: Housing Stability;Strategy 2: Economic Opportunity & Sustainability;	This program strengthens the safety net for immigrant communities across Los Angeles County that have been severely impacted by federal immigration enforcement operations since May 2025. Families have experienced profound trauma—torn apart, forced into hiding, and cut off from critical services. These actions have created lasting psychological, social, and economic harm. Similar to communities harmed by over-policing and incarceration, immigrant families need trusted, culturally competent support to stabilize, heal, and access services without fear. This proposal seeks a one-time $4.5 million investment from CFCI to continue LA County's support for immigrant-serving nonprofits. It builds on the 2023 Capacity Strengthening Grants for Immigrant-Focused Community-Based Organizations (CBOs), which funded 31 nonprofits serving over 20,000 immigrants annually. This initiative will sustain and scale that effort during a time of acute need. The program aligns with CFCI Strategies 1 (Behavioral Health & Wellness), 2 (Economic Opportunity), and 4 (Housing Stability) and is ready to launch within three months using existing infrastructure. Program Components 1.Culturally Competent Case Management a. Deploy case managers trained in trauma-informed care b. Serve justice-impacted immigrant families facing enforcement-related crises 2. Rapid Stabilization a. Create safe pathways for families to access essential services, including food, housing, and legal assistance b. Address structural barriers to service access, including language and fear of information sharing with the federal government 3. Organizational Capacity Strengthening a. Provide funding and technical assistance to CBOs to scale their reach and impact	This program aims to serve the following target populations: immigrant families, specifically those affected by recent federal immigration enforcement actions in LA County. This includes families with mixed immigration status and individuals who may be at risk of deportation. Most of these households are low-income households facing economic hardship, which exacerbates their vulnerability and limits their access to essential resources. Additionally, these services will be provided in a culturally competent language and manner. While each immigrant-serving organization has different eligibility requirements for services provided, they all focus on providing services to members of immigrant families, including undocumented individuals or those with temporary legal status, those residing in LA County, families who demonstrate financial need, and who are open to engaging with case managers and community resources to access support services effectively.	Stable or supportive housing;Job training or employment outcomes;Healing and wellbeing;Youth development or civic engagement;Increased access to mental or physical health care;	Outcomes will be measured using a combination of participant surveys, service tracking logs, and regular reporting from partner CBOs. All data collection will follow metrics established by the Office of Immigrant Affairs and the CEO's Office, with an emphasis on capturing both reach and impact across case management, service navigation, and community engagement activities.	Needs minor setup (within 3 months)	(By a joint partnership			$ 4,500,000.00	1.Subgrants to CBOs (31 organizations @ $125,000): $3,875,000 2.Training Programs and TA: $50,000 3.Programs and Grants Management: $70,000 4.Convenings & Outreach: $25,000 5.Other (flexible use category): $30,000 6.Indirect/Admin (10%): $400,000 Total: $4,500,000	The Capacity Strengthening Grants for Immigrant-Focused Community-Based Organizations (CBOs) directly supports the goals of CFCI by addressing the root causes of incarceration and systemic barriers that hinder their access to essential programs and services. These barriers include: • Immigration Status: Many individuals are afraid to seek help due to fears of information sharing with federal authorities. • Language Barriers: Limited proficiency in English can prevent effective communication with service providers. • Eligibility Requirements: Complex eligibility criteria often exclude vulnerable families from accessing crucial resources. • Lack of Awareness: Many families are unaware of the services available to them due to insufficient outreach. The current political climate has intensified these challenges, making it critical to provide targeted support. By leveraging trusted messengers—31 immigrant-serving community-based organizations (CBOs)—this program aims to assist at a minimum the over 2,000 families currently affected by immigration enforcement since June 6, 2025, and builds long-term community resilience.
Care First Community Investment Program Audit and Review || JCOD	Care First Community Investment Program Audit and Review	Did not receive CFCI funding	SPA 1,SPA 2,SPA 3,SPA 4,SPA 5,SPA 6,SPA 7,SPA 8; SD1,SD2,SD3,SD4 ,SD5;	Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;Strategy 2: Economic Opportunity & Sustainability;Strategy 3: Education Access & Youth Development;Strategy 4: Housing Stability;Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration;	The proposed CFCI Program Audit and Review project is an expansion of the CFCI program reviews that are already underway. This project will expand that effort by partnering with a third-party, independent auditor who will do a deeper review of county programs and the CFCI Third-Party Administrator. This audit and review will ensure that all parties are following appropriate protocols and procedures in their investment of county dollars in underserved communities. This audit will take place bi-annually to strengthen oversight and accountability of the CFCI program. This audit is essential in providing all stakeholders with an honest, unbiased, and accessible report of how their taxpayer dollars have been used to invest in communities.	This ongoing audit/review will include JCOD, County departments receiving CFCI funding, and the CFCI Third-party Administrator. Audit reports will be shared publicly through the CFCI Advisory Committee.	Increased access to mental or physical health care;Decreased justice system involvement;Improved educational access or attainment;Job training or employment outcomes;Stable or supportive housing;Youth development or civic engagement;Healing and wellbeing;	These outcomes will be measured by detailed review of contracts and financial records related to spending of CFCI funds. The auditor will also interview staff members of county departments and the CFCI Third-party Administrator.	Needs minor setup (within 3 months)	(By a joint partnership			$ 1,000,000.00	This cost will go towards a contract with a third-party auditor and cover the cost of their staff member(s).	CFCI is an investment in community development and alternatives to incarceration for individuals from underserved communities. This audit would be available to the entire public, including, but not limited to, LA County residents, the CFCI Advisory Committee, and the Board of Supervisors, so they may see the impacts of CFCI investments. The audit will also help to ensure that CFCI funds are being spent according to the goals of Measure J. A third-party auditor would be contracted to complete this audit/review through a Request for Proposals (RFP) process that upholds the values of LACounty's Equity in County Contracting Initiative. The CFCI Advisory Committee, LA County residents, and other stakeholders will be kept informed of the entire process, from the RFP phase to completion of all audits/reviews.
Reentry, Employment Vocational Skills and Education (RE-EVE) program || Volunteers of America Los Angeles Services, Inc.			SPA 1,SPA 2,SPA 3,SPA 4,SPA 5,SPA 6,SPA 7,SPA 8; SD1,SD2,SD3,SD4 ,SD5;	Strategy 2: Economic Opportunity & Sustainability;Strategy 3: Education Access & Youth Development;Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration;	The RE-EVE program is a workforce and housing stabilization program operated by Veteran Social Services Inc. that offers job training, employment placement, case management, and wraparound supportive services. The program addresses barriers to employment and housing instability, including veterans and low-income residents concentrating in SPAs 4, 6, and 8 but serves the whole county. Participants receive tailored vocational training, resume/interview coaching, transportation assistance, and tools required for job placement. The program partners with employers and training institutions like LA Trade Tech College and Veteran's America's Job Center of California (AJCC) to create direct pipelines into high-demand industries such as logistics, healthcare, construction, and retail.	The target population includes reentry veterans, justice-impacted individuals, individuals experiencing homelessness or housing instability, and low-income residents eligible for SNAP/CalFresh. Participants must be at least 18 years old and reside in Los Angeles County. Priority is given to those in reentry or homelessness recovery systems.	Job training or employment outcomes;Stable or supportive housing;Improved educational access or attainment;Healing and wellbeing;Decreased justice system involvement;	Outcomes will be measured through participant surveys, attendance logs, stakeholder interviews, employment records (verified with employers), training certificates, HMIS tracking, and data collected in Apricot 360 CRM. Metrics will include number of job placements, job retention rates at 30/60/90/180 days, and increases in participant income.	Ready to implement immediately	(By a community-based organization			$ 238,050.00	Personnel/Staff: $90,000 (1 full time/ 1 half time staff) Program Supplies: $22,000 Facilities or Space Use: $36,000 Consultants or Partners: $24000 Outreach/Communications: $10000 Indirect/Admin Costs (15% max): $31050 Other: $14,000	The RE-EVE program directly addresses systemic inequities by supporting justice-impacted individuals, including veterans and those facing housing insecurity, to overcome barriers to employment and self-sufficiency. Through culturally competent case management, trauma-informed care, and partnerships with felon friendly, local employers and training institutions, the program offers a pathway from incarceration to economic independence. The use of coordinated entry and collaboration with agencies like Volunteers of America (VOA) PATH, VPAN and Los Angeles military and Veterans Affairs ensures alignment with CFCI's goals to reduce incarceration, improve stability, and uplift communities most impacted by systemic oppression.
LA County Small Business and Worker Relief Fund || LA County Department of Economic Opportunity	LA County Small Business and Worker Relief Fund	Year 3/Fiscal Year 2023-24	SPA 1,SPA 2,SPA 3,SPA 4,SPA 5,SPA 6,SPA 7,SPA 8; SD1,SD2,SD3,SD4 ,SD5;	Strategy 2: Economic Opportunity & Sustainability;	The LA Region Small Business and Worker Relief Funds provide direct financial support to businesses, nonprofits, and workers impacted by the Windstorm and Wildfires of January 2025. These funds are intended for immediate relief today while the County and City of Los Angeles, along with federal, state, local, and community partners, plan for the long-term economic recovery and resiliency of those impacted. The LA Region Small Business Relief Fund provides direct relief through cash assistance grants to workers who lost employment or income because of the disaster. The County's Department of Economic Opportunity fundraised $23.63 million and awarded $19.14 million in grants, to date, providing critical aid to over 1,372 businesses and nonprofits, totaling $14.52 million, and 2,309 workers, totaling $4.62 million. Maximized direct community impact by keeping administration costs at just 10%, at ensuring 90 cents of every dollar went directly to those in need. Expanded eligibility to impacted entrepreneurs, businesses, and workers who lack immigration status or face barriers such as lack of insurance or ineligibility for Unemployment Insurance and other relief programs. With the additional one-time $2M, it would include $900K for small business grants to support approximately 180 small businesses, $900k for workers to support 450 individuals and administrative cost of $200K.	Small businesses and workers impacted by the 2025 Windstorm and Wildfires. Businesses: Brick-and-Mortar Businesses/Nonprofits: Brick-and-mortar businesses/nonprofits shall include any licensed and permitted business operating from a commercial space. It shall not include co-working spaces that are temporary in nature. Grantees will receive cash assistance grants in the following amounts: •$25,000 Fully destroyed locations. These businesses will receive 1st consideration before any other business that incurred other types of impact is considered. •$25,000 Partially destroyed locations. •$15,000 Loss of revenue only. Home-Based Businesses/Independent Contractors/Nonprofits: Home-based businesses/nonprofits shall include any licensed and permitted business/nonprofit operating from a home. Independent contractors shall include any licensed and permitted contractor operating in the impacted areas. Grantees will receive cash assistance grants in the following amounts: •$5,000: Loss of revenue and business equipment/inventory. These businesses will receive 1st consideration before any other business that incurred other types of impact is considered. •$2,000: Loss of revenue only. Workers: Applicants must meet all of the following requirements in order to qualify: •Identity: Be at least 18 years of age.	Job training or employment outcomes;Stable or supportive housing;Economic Relief After a Disaster;	Number of workers and small businesses that received financial relief, the use of funds, impact of the funds, and connection to impacted individuals to provide additional resources. DEO will measure the impact of the program through awardee surveys, one-on-one interviews, and overview of program effectiveness.	Needs minor setup (within 3 months)	(By a joint partnership			$ 2,000,000.00	With the additional one-time $2M, it would include $900K for small business grants to support approximately 180 small businesses, $900k for workers to support 450 individuals and administrative cost of $200K.	A Small Business Relief Fund to support businesses impacted by the January 2025 windstorm and wildfires would play a critical role in advancing economic mobility in local communities by helping vulnerable businesses recover and continue serving as key sources of employment and economic activity. Many of these businesses are owned by or employ individuals facing systemic barriers, including those impacted by incarceration, who often struggle to access traditional financing or disaster assistance. By providing timely relief, the fund would help prevent permanent closures, sustain jobs, and preserve entrepreneurial pathways that allow these individuals to build wealth, gain stability, and contribute to the local economy and ultimately support community resilience and long-term economic inclusion.
The LA County Safe-to-Work Business Interruption Fund (BIF) || LA County Department of Economic Opportunity			SPA 1,SPA 2,SPA 3,SPA 4,SPA 5,SPA 6,SPA 7,SPA 8; SD1,SD2,SD3,SD4 ,SD5;	Strategy 2: Economic Opportunity & Sustainability;	The LA County Safe-to-Work Business Interruption Fund (BIF) is designed to support qualified businesses throughout the County who have experienced a significant, negative business interruption in the wake of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) enforcement actions with signs of up to $5,000. This Fund is administered by the LA County Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) in collaboration with a third-party administrator (TPA). Aidkit, who administered the LA Region Small Business and Worker Relief Funds, will be the TPA for this program. This grant is made in response to motion introduced on June 17, 2025 by LA County Supervisors Hilda L. Solis and Janice Hahn. The motion called for DEO to "partner with the Chief Executive Office Center for Strategic Partnerships (CEO-CSP) and philanthropy to identify funding for a DEO-led business interruption fund for small businesses impacted Countywide due to loss of workforce and/or curfews imposed due to federal immigration enforcement activity."	The priority is equitable access to resources and fostering economic equity. Through shared mentorship, job training, and housing support, the Hillcrest Initiative empowers small businesses to remain competitive in the face of incoming corporate investments and gentrification. It helps prevent displacement, promotes long-term sustainability, and fosters community-driven growth.	Small Business Impacted by the immigration enforcement activity. Eligibility: 1.Geographic Boundaries: Grantees must be located and headquartered in the County of Los Angeles. 2.Business Revenue: Grantee must submit 2024 tax return and clearly show annual revenue of $6 million or less. Applicants must also have less than 100 employees. Businesses with 2024 revenue above $6 million will NOT be considered. 3.Qualifying Event: Grantee must submit a claim for at least one (1) impact resulting from increased immigration enforcement by the federal government, starting June 6th, 2025 •Business had labor shortages directly resulting from increased immigration actions (e.g. detention of workforce, fear and uncertainty among workers and families due to immigration status) •Business temporarily closed, significantly reduced hours, or loss of customers and revenue due to location within the curfew zone and/or near immigration enforcement staging and/or raids •Business was impacted by property damage or loss associated with immigration enforcement and/or protests	Job training or employment outcomes;Stable or supportive housing;Financial Relief During an Economic Disruption ;	Number of small businesses served; impact to their business i.e. employment retention, revenue support, etc. DEO will measure the impact of the program through awardee surveys, one-on-one interviews, and overview of program effectiveness.	Needs minor setup (within 3 months)	(By a joint partnership			$ 5,500,000.00	•$5,000 grant amounts to support up to 1,000 businesses for a total of $5million •Third-Party Administrator Cost $500M	A Small Business Interruption Fund to support businesses impacted by ICE raids would directly advance economic mobility in local communities by helping stabilize immigrant-owned businesses and enterprises that employ individuals facing systemic barriers, including those impacted by incarceration. These businesses are often deeply rooted in their neighborhoods, providing critical goods, services, and jobs to populations excluded from traditional employment due to legal status, prior convictions, or other systemic barriers. By offering immediate financial relief, the fund would help preserve these vital economic engines, prevent job loss, and maintain sources of income for vulnerable workers, many of whom rely on small, community-based employers as one of the few pathways to financial stability, entrepreneurship, and long-term economic resilience.
Hillcrest Initiative, NPO || Gold Leaf Resource Group			SPA 5,SPA 1; SD2	Strategy 2: Economic Opportunity & Sustainability;Strategy 3: Education Access & Youth Development;Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration;	The Hillcrest Initiative is a community-driven collective aimed at uniting small businesses in Inglewood, focusing on empowering BIPOC and underserved communities. This initiative provides reentry employment services, mentorship, and housing resources, creating a collaborative network for local entrepreneurs to access critical support. It helps individuals from underserved backgrounds reintegrate into the workforce while strengthening the local economy. The priority is equitable access to resources and fostering economic equity. Through shared mentorship, job training, and housing support, the Hillcrest Initiative empowers small businesses to remain competitive in the face of incoming corporate investments and gentrification. It helps prevent displacement, promotes long-term sustainability, and fosters community-driven growth.	This initiative aims to provide equitable access to resources, fostering a resilient community while supporting small businesses and underserved populations in the face of gentrification and lack of resources. Target Populations: Small Business Owners: Local entrepreneurs in the Inglewood/Hillcrest area, particularly those in industries like retail, food, and service, seeking mentorship, networking, and strategic resources to stay competitive against larger entities. Reentry Population: Individuals recently reentering the workforce after incarceration, offering job training, mentorship, and employment opportunities to help them reintegrate into society. Underserved Communities: BIPOC and low-income residents of Inglewood facing systemic barriers to employment and economic mobility, with a focus on providing job training, housing support, and economic empowerment. Eligibility Requirements: Small Business Owners: Must be independently owned and operated in Inglewood (area), with fewer than 50 employees. Reentry Participants: Individuals from the local community who have recently reentered society after incarceration and are seeking employment and training. Underserved Community Members: BIPOC and low-income residents of Inglewood facing economic barriers, with priority given to those impacted by systemic inequities.	Improved educational access or attainment;Job training or employment outcomes;Youth development or civic engagement;	Outcomes will be measured using a combination of quantitative and qualitative tools: --Participant Surveys -- Pre- and post-program surveys will assess participant satisfaction, perceived skill improvement, and readiness for employment. --Employment Records -- Verified placements, job retention at 3-, 6-, and 12-month milestones, and career progression data. --Employer Surveys -- Track the number of employers onboarded, trained, and actively hiring from the program. --Focus Groups & Interviews -- Conducted with participants and employers to gather feedback and assess impact on bias reduction and workplace inclusivity. --HR Analytics Dashboards -- We integrate our software with most employer ATS systems so we will receive data on the performance and retention of hired candidates, helping evaluate systemic impact. --Academic Research Partnership -- We are interested in contacting academic partners to help us analyze the data and publish findings on the effectiveness of reentry programs. Additionally, we will employ rigorous evaluation methods, including pre-and post-program surveys, control group comparisons, and long-term employment tracking, to measure the program's effectiveness and help inform future improvements. The outcomes of methods, including: Participant Surveys: Surveys will be given to business owners and program participants to assess satisfaction, business performance, job retention, and overall impact at key program milestones. Attendance Logs: Records of attendance for mentorship sessions, workshops, and job training will track participant engagement and identify areas needing additional support. Interviews: Semi-structured interviews with a sample of participants and business owners will provide in-depth feedback on the program's effectiveness. Focus Groups: Group discussions will be held with business owners, reentry participants, and community members to gather qualitative insights on program services and improvements.	Needs minor setup (within 3 months)	(By a community-based organization			$ 250,000.00	Personnel/Staff: $50,000 This allocation includes salaries for full-time or part-time staff directly involved in the program's operations.) Program Supplies: $45,000 This covers the cost of materials, tools, and resources needed for job training, mentorship, and other program activities.) Facilities or Space Use: $75,000 This includes rent, utilities, and maintenance costs for physical spaces used for program activities such as workshops, training, or meetings.) Consultants or Partners: $35,000 This allocation is for hiring external experts, trainers, or community partners who provide specialized services to support the program's goals.) Outreach/Communications: $18,500 This covers advertising, digital marketing, and community outreach efforts to engage target populations and promote the initiative.) Indirect/Admin Costs (15% max of total requested amount): $36,500 This covers administrative expenses such as accounting, office supplies, insurance, and other overhead costs.	The Hillcrest Initiative directly supports the goals of the Care First Community Investment (CFCI) Program by empowering historically marginalized communities, particularly those impacted by incarceration, and addressing systemic barriers to economic mobility, employment, and community stability. The initiative provides reentry participants with job training and mentorship programs, helping them overcome the stigma of incarceration while gaining new skills and employment opportunities. The program also facilitates pathways to stable employment, helping individuals achieve long-term financial independence. Through this focus, the Hillcrest Initiative not only helps individuals rebuild their lives but also strengthens the local economy by creating a more inclusive, diverse workforce. The purpose of the initiative aligns with CFCI's goals by fostering economic empowerment for those most impacted by systemic barriers, addressing the root causes of displacement, and ensuring the sustainability of small businesses and communities most affected by incarceration, displacement or lack of resources.
Jaunt One Break (Employment Services For System-Impacted People) || Jobs for Humanity	Jobs for Humanity	Did not receive CFCI funding	SPA 1,SPA 2,SPA 3,SPA 4,SPA 5,SPA 6,SPA 7,SPA 8; SD1,SD2,SD3,SD4 ,SD5;	Strategy 2: Economic Opportunity & Sustainability;Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration;Strategy 3: Education Access & Youth Development;	Jobs for Humanity's Just One Break employment program aims to improve the employability of justice-impacted individuals while also enhancing employer readiness to hire them. This multi-year initiative addresses critical needs in Los Angeles County by equipping system-impacted job seekers with the tools, skills, and opportunities necessary to gain and retain meaningful employment. Participants receive resume development, interview preparation, vocational education, free access to online courses for in-demand fields (including artificial intelligence), and direct job placement services with employers in our network committed and trained to hiring system-impacted individuals. The program tackles several systemic issues: high unemployment and underemployment among formerly incarcerated individuals, employer hesitancy to hire this population, and the lack of inclusive employment pipelines. It also addresses the need for behavioral and technical upskilling for participants, as well as employer training to mitigate hiring bias and improve retention. Jobs for Humanity coordinates a network of 50+ employers, community-based partners, and staffing firms to create a culturally responsive employment ecosystem. Participants will be recruited through job fairs, digital outreach, agency referrals, and community partnerships, and employers will receive training and access to a vetted talent pipeline. This project offers a sustainable, employer-driven model with 5 years of demonstrated success that is expected to continue beyond the grant period without further public funding. By building a marketplace where job seekers and employers are mutually prepared and aligned, the program ultimately enhances economic mobility, reduces recidivism, and contributes to the long-term health of communities impacted by incarceration.	The program serves system-impacted individuals. While justice impact is the primary criterion, the program is intentionally inclusive of participants with overlapping identities and challenges, including people with disabilities, immigrants, those experiencing homelessness, those who lived in the foster care system, pregnant or parenting youth and adults, and individuals with mental health or substance use disorders. Participants must be 18 years old, but there are no other rigid eligibility barriers. Any system-impacted individual in Los Angeles County who is motivated to pursue employment and improve their life circumstances is welcome to enroll. The program is open to participants of all genders, races, and ethnicities, and includes multilingual and culturally appropriate services.	Decreased justice system involvement;Job training or employment outcomes;Increased access to mental or physical health care;Improved educational access or attainment;	We will measure outcomes using a combination of quantitative and qualitative tools: --Participant Surveys -- Pre- and post-program surveys will assess participant satisfaction, perceived skill improvement, and readiness for employment. --Employment Records -- Verified placements, job retention at 3-, 6-, and 12-month milestones, and career progression data. --Employer Surveys -- Track the number of employers onboarded, trained, and actively hiring from the program. --Focus Groups & Interviews -- Conducted with participants and employers to gather feedback and assess impact on bias reduction and workplace inclusivity. --HR Analytics Dashboards -- We integrate our software with most employer ATS systems so we will receive data on the performance and retention of hired candidates, helping evaluate systemic impact. --Academic Research Partnership -- We are interested in contacting academic partners to help us analyze the data and publish findings on the effectiveness of reentry programs.	Ready to implement immediately	(By a community-based organization			$ 372,500.00	Personnel/Staff: $240,125 Program Supplies: $20,600 Facilities: $12,000 Consultants/Partners: $66,275 Outreach/Communications: $20,600 Indirect/Admin: $17,500 Other: $5,000	The program also drives systems-level change by engaging employers in cultural transformation. Through training and analytics, employers gain tools to confront implicit bias and institutional hiring barriers—ensuring that inclusive hiring becomes a standard practice, not an exception. Importantly, the project prioritizes outreach in high-need, under-resourced ZIP codes and collaborates with trusted grassroots partners to ensure cultural relevance and deep community trust. Of note, JFH started from wholly-in-own-work at Pelican Bay State Prison, and we partner with an array of
LA County Economic Mobility Hubs || LA County Department of Economic Opportunity	LA County Economic Mobility Initiative	Did not receive CFCI funding	SPA 1,SPA 2,SPA 3,SPA 4,SPA 5,SPA 6,SPA 7,SPA 8; SD1,SD2,SD3,SD4 ,SD5;	Strategy 2: Economic Opportunity & Sustainability;	The Economic Mobility Hubs are an expansion on the LA County's Economic Mobility Initiative (LEMI) launched in May 2024 with $25 million in American Rescue Plan Funds. The LEMI brings together a coalition of regional community organizations to better serve underresourced communities and businesses across the County. The Economic Mobility Hubs (EM Hubs) provide an opportunity for long-term support and for DEO to expand its presence throughout the County. •EM HUBS will provide services that will meet urgent needs facing our most historically disinvested communities and businesses such as: oEntrepreneurship support and education Services oOne-on-One coaching and consultation oBusiness and financial planning oBusiness compliance requirements oMarketing/Social Media development oSupport hiring and managing workers •DEO will leverage EM HUBS to host workshops and presentations that focus on business education: oBusiness needs assessment oLicense and permit application assistance oProcurement assistance oBusiness operations learn skills as well as learn about new County opportunities and Resources oOutreach to Business to enroll in programs as well as benefit from County resources •DEO can ensure assistance to small businesses that grow with their needs and support that ensures upward economic mobility and generational wealth building opportunities for all by providing: oBusiness needs assessment oLicense and permit application assistance oProcurement assistance	LA County residents seeking to start or grow their businesses. Small business owners with $2M or less in annual revenue and 100 employees or less.	Decreased justice system involvement;Improved educational access or attainment;Job training or employment outcomes;	EM Hub outcomes will include number of participants served along with their demographic data, number of businesses started, number of businesses who received service that were able to obtain a new business license, certification, vendor registration, secure a government contract, access capital and/other small businesses services such as legal assistance, website development/digital upskilling, etc. DEO will measure the impact of the program through participant surveys, one-on-one interviews, and overview of program effectiveness through a formal program evaluation.	Needs significant setup (within 3-6 months)	(By a joint partnership			$ 3,575,000.00	•$550,000 – Direct Services •$50,000 – Indirect Costs •$50,000 – Additional Auxiliary Services (Specific Trainings Needed In Community i.e. ADA Compliance, Legal Aid, Website Development, etc.) •$85,000 – DEO Administrative Costs •Total: $715,000 Center – One in each Supervisorial District = $3,575,000 per year.	1.Barrier to Entry Compared to Traditional Employment: Many individuals with a criminal record face discrimination in hiring, background checks, or licensing restrictions that limit access to traditional jobs. Entrepreneurship allows them to bypass traditional gatekeepers and create their own opportunities by leveraging their skills, ideas, and networks. 2.Builds Wealth and Self-Sufficiency: Business ownership can provide a pathway to building wealth and generational assets in communities where such opportunities are scarce. business profits, even modest ones, can provide a more stable income than precarious, low-wage jobs often available to people with records. 3.Catalyzes Local Economic Development: Entrepreneurs rooted in their neighborhoods often reinvest in their communities, hire locally, and contribute to economic revitalization. These businesses provide culturally relevant goods and services that larger businesses might overlook, strengthening community ties and pride. 4.Promotes Personal Empowerment and Skill-Building: Entrepreneurship fosters resilience, leadership, and self-efficacy—important qualities for individuals who have faced systemic barriers. Many returning citizens already have entrepreneurial experience from informal economies or hustling during incarceration and can formalize these skills through business.
LA County High Road Training Partnership Fund || LA County Department of Economic Opportunity	LA County High Road Training Partnership Fund	Year 3/Fiscal Year 2023-24	SPA 1,SPA 3,SPA 2,SPA 4,SPA 5,SPA 6,SPA 7,SPA 8; SD1,SD2,SD3,SD4 ,SD5;	Strategy 2: Economic Opportunity & Sustainability;	The proposal addresses the need for economic opportunity (DEO) is requesting $5 million to expand the High Road Training Partnership (HRTP) Fund. This funding will support the launch or expansion of five HRTP programs in high-need, high-growth sectors such as aerospace and defense, advanced manufacturing, clean energy, logistics, and healthcare. In 2022, DEO launched a $37.4 million HRTP initiative, initially funding high road training programs in key sectors including construction, early care and education, aerospace, healthcare, and the creative economy. Building on this foundation, DEO launched a competitive $17.8 million HRTP Fund in April 2025, supported by the American Rescue Plan Act and Care First Community Investment. The HRTP Fund awards $500,000 to $1 million grants to cross-sector partnerships that design and implement industry-driven, worker-centered workforce training models. These models aim to generate quality jobs, promote economic equity, and advance sustainability across the region. The HRTP Fund seeks to scale successful models or launch new partnerships in priority industries undergoing rapid transformation. As the demand for skilled workers continues to grow, particularly in sectors critical to the County's economy and resilience, additional investment is needed to expand training access and deepen impact. •HRTPs have demonstrated their effectiveness in: •Building equitable, industry-aligned career pathways, •Meeting employer needs for a skilled workforce, and •Creating lasting economic opportunities for underserved communities. To date, the HRTP Fund has demonstrated strong performance and scalable impact: •850 individuals enrolled across HRTP programs;	HRTPs target LA County residents who have been economically impacted by systemic barriers to employment, but not limited to system-impacted individuals, people experiencing homelessness, women, along with BIPOC and historically disinvested communities within highly impacted geographies.	Decreased justice system involvement;Improved educational access or attainment;Job training or employment outcomes;	HRTP Fund outcomes include but are not limited to number of individuals enrolled, number of participants that receive case management and stipends, number of participants that receive counseling, number of apprenticeships, number of individuals placed in jobs or career pathway opportunities with a median wage of $21+DEO will measure the impact of the program through training provider participant data including demographic aggregated data plus surveys, one-on-one interviews, and overview of program through evaluation for effectiveness.	Needs significant setup (within 3-6 months)	(By a joint partnership			$ 5,500,000.00	The $5.5 million requested will enable DEO to serve and additional 365 individuals (cumulative of 1,665) through the: •Launching or expansion of five HRTPs targeting sectors facing labor shortages and rapid technological change; •Prioritizing underserved jobseekers, ensuring equitable access to quality careers; •Strengthening cross-sector partnerships involving employers, labor unions, workforce boards, and educational institutions; •Supporting earn-and-learn models including apprenticeships and pre-apprenticeships; and •Achieving measurable outcomes in job placements, wage gains, and enhanced sector resilience. This $5 million investment will build on the HRTP Fund's early success and ensure that Los Angeles County's workforce is prepared to meet the demands of tomorrow's economy. By expanding or launching five new HRTPs in strategic industries, DEO will advance workforce equity, economic mobility, and sector innovation, while delivering measurable results for residents, employers, and the broader region. $1 million per HRTP program and $500,000 for DEO administrative costs.	High Road Training Partnerships (HRTPs) support economic mobility and strengthen local communities by fostering a workforce ecosystem that normalizes high-road outcomes such as living wages, upward mobility, strong safety nets, modernized labor stand

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Proposed Project Name || Organization or County Dept	If your program is not new and is an expansion of an existing project, what is its name?	If your program is an expansion and previously received CFCI funding, please indicate under which Spending Plan Year/Fiscal Year.	Service Planning Areas (SPA) and Supervisorial Districts (SD) Served	CFCI Strategies	Description of Project	Anticipated Outcomes of Project	Implementation Period for Project	Administration of Project	If applicable, by which County Dept?	If the program does not have existing infrastructure, please describe what would be needed to launch the program/project.	What is the total requested annual amount of funding for this program/project?	based on the amount entered above, enter a basic breakdown of each of the following in dollar amounts (round numbers are acceptable): Personnel/Staff Program Supplies Facilities or Space Use Consultant	How does this program/project support the goals of CFCI? Think about who benefits, what systemic issue(s) are being addressed, and how the program will be sustained beyond initial funding/investment.
The Cafe Academy || South LA Community (SLAC) Foundation	The Cafe Academy	Did not receive CFCI funding	SPA 6; SD2;	Strategy 2: Economic Opportunity & Sustainability; Strategy 3: Education Access & Youth Development;Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration;	The South LA Community (SLAC) Foundation's mission is to break the shackles of systemic oppression and inequality by creating, building, and empowering an equitable, healthy, and sustainable South Central LA community for all people. We operate economic empowerment and workforce development programs, health clinics, mental health events, resilience and climate education activities, community listening circles, financial literacy and civic engagement programs, food distribution and nutrition education programs, and community navigation services. Our primary populations served are all-promise and systems-impacted BIPOC and low-income families living in poverty, formerly incarcerated people, immigrants, people with disabilities, and youth who are disconnected from education and employment. We maintain a hyper-local focus on South Central LA and directly reach at least 20,000 people per year. Many of our local health, workforce, and community resilience activities occur through a collaborative effort between our Foundation and our small business, South LA Cafe, which maintains a focus on creating hyper-local job opportunities, inclusive hiring practices, and providing living wages. The Cafe, a regular partner of the SLAC Foundation, is a certified Employment Social Enterprise (ESE), an MBE, and a current participant in the Miller Center for Social Entrepreneurship's global ESE Accelerator Program. The Cafe Academy is our active, thriving, rapidly growing workforce development program. The program serves at-promise, systems-impacted, and formerly incarcerated people with barriers to employment. The Cafe Academy enrolls about 50 participants per year, who are supported by employed through our employment partner, South LA Cafe. Within our workforce ecosystem, participants receive a living wage, professional training, structured positive development opportunities, individualized holistic reentry support, community service experiences, and permanent job placement assistance into our network of fair-chance employment partners. This program has operated for 4 years and has served over 200 at-promise, justice-impacted participants to Cafe. https://www.slacfoundation.com	Decreased justice system involvement;Improved educational access or attainment;Job training or employment outcomes;Youth development or civic engagement;Healing and wellbeing;	Ready to implement immediately	(By a community-based organization			$ 400,000.00	Personnel/Staff: $90,000 total. - Cafe Academy Program Director, $45,000 annual. - Cafe Academy Operations Director, $45,000 annual. Program Supplies: $256,000 total. - Participant Training Support, 50 Annual Participants, $5,120 each to support the costs of Educational Supplies, Program Materials, Certifications, Training Classes, and Participant Stipends, $256,000. Consultants or Partners: $54,000 total. - Cafe Academy Curriculum Professional, $54,000 annual. Total Request: $400,000	Through this opportunity, we specifically seek to support our Cafe Academy Workforce Development Program. Our program is dedicated to providing at-promise, systems-impacted individuals with workforce training, transformative skills, and individualized opportunities for positive development. This program is specially-designed for those with barriers to employment, including former incarceration, system-involvement, and at-promise SES factors. Our curriculum models pair with community-based reentry partners to deliver services that are evidence-based, trauma-informed, peer-led, culturally responsive, and utilize knowledge of anti-recidivism protocols, childhood ACES, and post-incarceration syndrome. Our participants engage with our community partners to train transferable skills through professional and structured classes that include on-the-job professional training, guest lectures, peer mentorship, and trauma-informed listening circles, certification courses, attendance at job fairs, trade school pre-ahead, transitional housing, resume building and financial literacy workshops, civic engagement and participatory justice community panels, and community resilience seminars. These opportunities challenge participants to reimagine their economic futures, reenter educational and workforce systems, and redefine their identities within the context of success and achievement. This program ultimately aims to stop generational poverty, end the racial wealth gap, and disrupt systemic oppression of systems-involved people in business and the workforce. We recognize the need to holistically empower our participants through a multi-pronged approach, which includes economic advancement and workforce training opportunities. Workforce equity and stability are critical to the economic survival of our South LA workforce. Supportive training opportunities are vital for systems-involved people with barriers to employment. These opportunities represent the ability for our
LA COUNTY COLLECTIVE WELLBEING INITIATIVE || The HAC Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation (The Human Values Center)	LA COUNTY COLLECTIVE WELLBEING INITIATIVE	Did not receive CFCI funding	SPA 3; SD1;SD5;	Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;Strategy 2: Economic Opportunity & Sustainability;Strategy 3: Education Access & Youth Development;	New one-time funding to support initiative that brings multi-sectors and organizations in LA County together for collaboration and collective impact. "(recently launched) LA COUNTY COLLECTIVE WELLBEING INITIATIVE - A steering group from across LA County began meeting in 2024 and held 4 sprints to explore collective wellbeing and how we could/might work together as a region on issues that affect us all. After 18 months of meeting and planning, we forged ahead and brought together a diverse set of grassroots and grasstops CEO, education and government leaders in May of 2025 for the inaugural LA County Collective Wellbeing Summit at the Pomona Fairplex. Attendees represented people working in community and people running the larger anchor institutions that hold power on various levels, and as it relates to care and justice. Link to Summit website: https://www.openfuturecollab.org/social-e-wbe During the summit there were many recommendations about how to move forward together collaboratively, more efficiently, and in more trusting, supportive ways, all desperately needed. How can we move forward in a way that matches the goals of the CFCI fund? Recommendation: Build Upon LA County Collective Wellbeing Summit held 5/15/25. Reconvene the 130+ grassroots and grasstops leaders, multi-sector gathering, with communities and organizations, agencies, and community members in attendance to continue developing the broad-reaching, impactful themes and enthusiastic working groups that spun out of the summit collaboratively pursuing solutions in key areas such as: - Democracy in Practice: Participation, Voice & Collective Agency Next Generation Justice: Youth Leadership in Environmental Equity	Youth, under-/unemployed, disenfranchised, college/higher ed students/faculty/staff, those affected by climate change/fires/unhoused, those affected by migration raids, those without access to healthy/sufficient food choices, etc. Only eligibility requirement to participate is to be either a leader, staffer or participant/member of a relevant organization (e.g. CBO, school or university student/staff/faculty, local/state/fed gov't employee or representative, previously incarcerated, law enforcement, etc)	Ready to implement immediately	(By a community-based organization			$ 300,000.00	$100,000/yr [$200k for 2 years] WELLBEING ECONOMY MENTORING and APPRENTICESHIPS FOR HIGH-ROAD JOBS JUSTICE-BASED ORGANIZING, EDUCATION & TRAINING CIRCLES OF TRUST, RESORATIVE PRACTICES $100,000/yr [$200k for 2 years] COMMUNITY FOOD GROWTH AND DISTRIBUTION INITIATING VOLUNTEER PROGRAM TO SUPPORT LOCAL ELDERS WITH WELLCHECKS, COLLECTING THEIR STORIES, FOOD SECURITY/DELIVERY BIPOC COMMUNITIES AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE JUSTICE AND STORYTELLING COMMUNITY FIRESIDE CHATS TO STRENGTHEN COMMUNITY AND BUILD RESILIENCE $50,000/yr [$100k for 2 years] EARLY CHILDHOOD - BILINGUAL FAMILIES NEEDING NAVIGATION SUPPORT AND 0-5 YOUTH WITHOUT TIME-SENSITIVE ADVOCACY; DISRUPTED FAMILIES; FOSTER AND T.A.Y. FAMILY RESOURCES FOR AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER $50,000/yr [$100k for 2 years] METRICS THAT MATTER(S) - development and tracking for the region, community-voiced indices beyond GDP for LA County Collective	Steering group responsible for budget and programmatic spending and implementation includes: Human Values Center (Pomona Valley) Latino Latino Roundtable of the Greater Pomona Valley, Civic Wellbeing Partners (Santa Monica), LA County Economic & Workforce Development Office, CA Service Corps, Liberty Hill Foundation, CA Wellbeing Economy, Open Future Coalition, Homeboy Industries The convenors felt that these priorities and ways of organizing, bringing various players together, would bear tremendous fruit. Work together collaboratively as a region, impact for the region, breaks down the silos, collaboration creates efficiencies and innovation, builds trust and connection as one community (See budget breakdown by category/goal alignment)
Money 101 || 50/50 Leadership			2,SPA 4,SPA 1,SPA 2,SPA 3,SPA 6,SPA 7,SPA 8; SD1;SD2;SD3;SD4 ;SD5;	Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration;Strategy 2: Economic Opportunity & Sustainability;	Our current program, Money 101 teaches basic financial literacy skills like goal setting, empowered money mindset, budgeting, credit scores, credit card debt. It introduces concepts that many people do not learn, especially justice-impacted individuals. We'd like to organize a day of wellness for Money 101 Members that includes financial literacy education, nutrition education, and wellness activities.	Women who are 18+, Former foster youth, formerly incarcerated, formerly unhoused, and/or survivors of gender-based violence.	Job training or employment outcomes;Improved educational access or attainment;Healing and wellbeing;	Needs minor setup (within 3 months)	(By a community-based organization			$ 25,000.00	contractors $5000, program supplies $10000, $5000 facilities/space use, $2500 outreach/comms, $2500 admin costs	This project will provide a day of wellness to those who need it most. We will offer care, education, and support to systemically overlooked populations who have been told for much of their lives that their needs do not matter.
Project Optimism Mentoring Sessions (POMS) || Project Optimism	Project Optimism Mentoring Sessions (POMS)	Did not receive CFCI funding	SPA 8; SD4;	Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;Strategy 3: Education Access & Youth Development;	Project Optimism (PO) delivers culturally responsive mentorship services for youth with a focus on at-promise youth from historically underserved communities. The program addresses critical needs related to academic disengagement, limited access to career pathways, and a lack of consistent social-emotional support. Through one-on-one coaching, each student is paired with a trained Youth Mentor who provides personalized, consistent guidance throughout the academic year. Mentorship sessions focus on self-awareness, confidence building, emotional resilience, and goal setting. These relationships are designed to foster trust and help youth navigate academic, social, and personal challenges. In addition, all youth participants will come together to receive a series of afterschool engagement activities focused mental wellness, social and emotional learning, and future planning. These sessions also incorporate hands-on learning experiences such as career panels, youth-led campaigns, and real-world projects. equipping students with both soft skills to support their transition into the workforce or post-secondary education. Programming is trauma-informed, culturally affirming. Grounded in the Search Institute's 40 Developmental Assets, all services are designed to increase students' sense of belonging, school connectedness, and long-term success. By bridging mentorship and workforce development, Project Optimism supports youth in building positive identities, setting meaningful goals, and accessing the tools and networks necessary to thrive—contributing to a stronger, more equitable future for Long Beach's young people.	The target population is middle school youth with the option to center elementary (4th and 5th grade) or high school youth. Such services are offered directly at school sites, which requires youth to be enrolled at the sites. The program is currently offered at 4 middle schools in long beach with potential to add additional schools, pending access to funding. Additionally the mentors who are hired are transitionally aged youth (18-24). This adds to their overall development and young people in the area of professionalism and civic engagement.	Decreased justice system involvement;Improved educational access or attainment;Job training or employment outcomes;Youth development or civic engagement;	Needs minor setup (within 3 months)	(By a community-based organization			$ 70,000.00	Personnel: $41,500 Program Supplies: $12,000 Facilities: In-Kind Consultant: 5000 Indirect: $7,400	Aligned with CFCI's commitment to investing in historically under-resourced neighborhoods, the program channels resources into culturally responsive and trauma-informed resilience roadmap services for youth, particularly those from Black, Indigenous, and other racially marginalized communities. By focusing on trauma-informed care, leadership development, and life skills training, the program dismantles systemic inequities related to education, employment, and emotional well-being—key drivers of incarceration cycles. It provides alternatives to punitive systems by fostering healing, belonging, and goal-setting among youth, thus contributing to non-carceral approaches to justice. Additionally, the program strengthens community infrastructure by employing and training mentors who reflect the lived experiences of the population being served, echoing CFCI's priority to fund community-rooted organizations. Through personalized coaching, civic engagement opportunities, and real-world career exposure, the program empowers participants to build agency, economic stability, and long-term self-determination
Peer Mediation Program || Kids Managing Conflict	Southern California Mediation Association (SCMA)	Did not receive CFCI funding	SPA 8,SPA 7,SPA 6,SPA 5,SPA 4,SPA 3,SPA 2,SPA 1; SD1;SD2;SD3;SD4 ;SD5;	Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;Strategy 3: Education Access & Youth Development;Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration;	This program implements peer mediation programs for elementary, middle and high school students as well as youth focused organizations (YMCA, Boys and Girls Club, etc.), empowering students to resolve conflicts themselves, equipping them with conflict resolution "superpowers" that prepare them for leadership throughout their academic years and throughout adulthood. Students will be trained as peer mediators to de-escalate disputes and improve school climate. Staff are also trained on how to support their P.M. programs. Addresses high rates of school conflict, racial disparities in disciplinary action, and lack of youth voice in conflict resolution.	This program serves elementary (4th and 5th grade), middle and high school students. One of our 9 year old mediators takes two chairs to the playground at recess and uses her age-appropriate training to mediate conflict between her peers. Our focus in on underserved schools, school administrators, teachers, and faculty (including school aides and security staff) and youth-focused community organizations. Youth identified by school staff are eligible. However, students referred for this program should not only include the best and brightest. Even troubled youth are encouraged to participate so they have the opportunity to redirect their efforts towards developing leadership skills and improved communication Students can also self-refer. Schools and youth-focused organizations must agree to program guidelines (tracking mediation case demographics, progress meetings for, and ongoing technical support).	Healing and wellbeing;Youth development or civic engagement;Decreased justice system involvement;Improved educational access or attainment;Improved communication and building leadership skills;	Ready to implement immediately	(By a joint partnership			$ 359,000.00	Personnel/Staff: 2 trainers x $2500/day per trainer = 10,000.00 Training materials (Program supplies) $20k5 participants = 700.00 Facility rental or Space use: = 1000.00 Consultants/Partners: = 800.00 Outreach/Communications/Marketing = 500.00 Indirect/Admin Costs (@15%) = 1950.00 TOTAL PER TRAINING = 14,950.00 TOTAL 2 TRAININGS PER MONTH = 29,900.00 (PER MONTH) TOTAL BUDGET FOR ONE YEAR (29,900 x 12) = $358,800.00 ($359,000.00)	The KMC peer mediation/conflict resolution project is a powerful embodiment of CFCI's vision: Prevention over punishment — Defusing conflicts early, reducing referrals to the Principal's office, police or court Building power locally — Youth and community members form the backbone of intervention and leadership. Dismantling school-to-prison pathways — By reducing suspensions and classroom expulsions. Elevating care — Offering healing-centered, community-rooted processes instead of jail or formal sanctions. The Kids Managing Conflict Peer Mediation program doesn't just support CFCI goals—it lives them. It helps build safer, more equitable communities by equipping youth and adults with skills and strategies to help people to solve problems with care first—and discipline and/or jails last.
Teen Program Expansion Initiative || Boys & Girls Club of Pasadena			SPA 3; SD5;	Strategy 3: Education Access & Youth Development;	In the wake of the devastating Eaton Fire, which destroyed the homes of over 130 Boys & Girls Club of Pasadena members, the Club is working hard to rebuild at-risk youths' sense of community and belonging in Altadena/Pasadena. This fall, BGCP will start converting our Club Outhouse to a dedicated Teen Center for local teens to gather, rebuild hope, and have personalized learning opportunities with career and college case management. The Club will expand its Teen Program in all aspects - its scope of programming offered, hours of operation, and wraparound services provided - all in a fully re-imagined space for 21st Century youth. This work is being led by BGCP's Strategic Growth Manager, who will lead this Teen Center Expansion Project for the next 12-18 months. Teens will participate in personalized college counseling, explore a wide range of career opportunities through internships; express themselves through songwriting, producing, and podcasting in our new recording studio; gain hands-on experience in various trades in our new makerspace; join Club sports teams; access mental on-site health counseling and therapy services; and re-build their community and friendships through social recreation in our games room. We're requesting support for our Strategic Growth Manager's work to launch this project – overseeing facility renovations, recruiting teens, establishing corporate and program partnerships, and more.	BGCP serves more than 1,500 children and teens in grades TK through 12, ages 5 to 18. The Club's members are predominantly from high-need, under-served communities in Pasadena, Altadena, and the surrounding area, with the majority attending public schools within Pasadena Unified School District. 70% of Club members qualify for the federal free and reduced meal program, and many will be the first in their families to attend college. The Club's members are diverse, representing the racial and ethnic make-up of the community. The demographic breakdown of Club members is: 36% Hispanic/Latino, 16% Black/African American, 18% White, 11% Asian, 1% American Indian/Alaska Native, 14% Bi-racial/Multi-racial, and 5% Other. Nearly all Club members attend local public schools. There are no eligibility requirements to attend the Club, other than being school-aged. There is a low weekly cost of $40-$50 per week to attend the Club, but all teens 13+ are free, and financial aid is awarded to younger members whose families demonstrate financial need. No child is turned away from the Club because of inability to pay.	Youth development or civic engagement;Increased access to mental or physical health care;Decreased justice system involvement;Improved educational access or attainment;Job training or employment outcomes;Stable or supportive housing;Youth development or civic engagement;Healing and wellbeing;	Ready to implement immediately	(By a community-based organization			$ 100,000.00	$60,000 - personnel/staff $30,000 - consultants/partners $10,000 - indirect/admin costs	This Project supports CFCI's goal of advancing pathways for youth that are alternatives to incarceration. BGCP serves predominantly youth of color who live in poverty – the group most at risk of incarceration – and offers enriching and empowering programs designed to prevent them from engaging in violence and risky behaviors. Club programming reduces barriers to success for historically marginalized youth, with 100% of BGCP high schoolers graduating on-time from high school and 77% of members expecting to complete their post-secondary education. The Club's evidence-based programs and interventions are proven to reduce poverty and prevent involvement with the juvenile justice system. Now, after the Eaton Fire, Altadena/Pasadena youth are facing even more stress, upheaval, and trauma. This disaster, coupled with the lingering effects of the pandemic and the onslaught of social media pressure on youth, make Club programs more critical than ever. The Club's initiative to dedicate a Clubhouse just for teens – blocks away from the Eaton Fire – will result in a beacon for local teens to connect with peers and adult mentors, conquer their obstacles, and discover new skills and opportunities that will build their confidence and prepare them for the next chapter of their education and life.
3-Phase Mentorship Program || Mentor For Change	3-Phase Mentorship Program	Year 1/Fiscal Year 2021-22	SPA 4,SPA 6; SD2;	Strategy 3: Education Access & Youth Development;Strategy 2: Economic Opportunity & Sustainability;	MFC believes successful youth economic advancement is rooted in strong relationships. However, many youth lack the mentorship and the social-emotional support needed to reach their academic and career goals. Through 12 years of building relationships with youth in Los Angeles, we learned that the everyday struggles of first-generation, low-income (FGLI), unhoused, and justice-impacted youth are rooted in (1) intergenerational poverty, (2) lack of access to higher education/career resources, and (3) disconnection from social networks. These intersectional challenges form external and internal barriers to educational and economic mobility. In our service communities, approximately 30-46% of the population live in poverty, nearly 35-45% of adults do not have a high school diploma, and only 11-14% have obtained their bachelor's degrees. In order to address these barriers, MFC created a 3-phase mentorship process: DreamMentor - Phase 1 (9th-11th grade): Connects youth with professionals in their desired career fields, providing 1-1 relationship-oriented mentorship, social-emotional support, and hands-on learning experiences through job site tours, personal development workshops, and Community Impact Projects that engage youth in leadership. CollegeMentor - Phase 2: (12th grade): Supports HS seniors through post-secondary education admissions (i.e. college and vocational school), financial aid, and scholarships while developing critical thinking, personal branding, and essay-writing skills. Mentors continue advising youth through college and graduate admissions, ensuring long-term success. Youth Advisory Board Paid Internships - Phase 3: Provides paid internships for members of MFC's Youth Advisory Board (YAB), ensuring MFC remains youth-led and continues to innovate solutions to remove barriers to economic mobility. YAB members are exclusively enrolled through the DreamMentor program and dedicated on leadership skills and financial empowerment, preparing them for long-term economic success. By fostering relationships and leadership through every phase of MFC's mentorship program, we empower FGLI and unhoused youth to thrive.	MFC serves youth from three target populations: 1.FGLI high school youth: "FGLI" refers to first-generation youth whose parents do not have college degrees and are low-income. 2.Youth experiencing homelessness. 3.Justice-involved youth.	Decreased justice system involvement;Improved educational access or attainment;Job training or employment outcomes;Youth development or civic engagement;Healing and wellbeing;	Ready to implement immediately	(By a community-based organization			$ 203,000.00	Personnel/Staff: $160,000 Program Supplies: $5,000 Facilities or Space Use: $6,000 Consultants or Partners: $10,000 Outreach/Communications: $7000 Indirect/Admin Costs (15% max of total requested amount): $30,450 Transportation: $5,000 Other (Workshop Speakers): $10,000	MFC's youth begin as individuals seeking support and grow into leaders empowered to lend their strength to others. Through mentorship, youth gain belief in their own self-efficacy as students, professionals, and leaders. This is a collective work forged through the deep partnership between MFC's mentees and a diverse community of caring mentors. MFC's 3-Phase Mentorship Program supports the goals of CFCI by investing in youth from communities most impacted by incarceration, disconnection, and systemic harm. Our mentorship model offers a real alternative to what's centered in carceral and punishment, where youth are seen, heard, and supported to thrive. Grounded in equity, MFC's programs center the gifts of youth, regardless of background, have access to mentorship that fosters academic success, emotional well-being, and career readiness. With guidance and care, youth in LA are empowered to envision and create a future where they thrive as confident and capable leaders in their families and communities. Through advocacy and mentorship, MFC equips youth to become multipliers of change where youth not only overcome personal barriers, but go on to mentor others, strengthen their communities, and drive transformation from the inside out. Within our generation, MFC's youth are breaking the cycle of poverty, isolation, and incarceration.
IABTC Real Ones: A Gender-Based Violence Prevention Program for Men + Boys || The Do Good Daniels Family Foundation	I Am Breaking the Chains (IABTC)	Did not receive CFCI funding	SPA 8; SD4;	Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;Strategy 3: Education Access & Youth Development;Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration;	IABTC Real Ones is an expansion of our flagship program, I Am Breaking the Chains, under the Do Good Daniels Family Foundation. This program directly addresses the urgent need to prevent gender-based violence and stop cycles of harm before they start. Too many boys and men have been taught to suppress emotion, react with control or aggression, and carry trauma without healing. Real Ones steps in with a different way to show up, one rooted in truth, healing, education, and accountability. Using our trauma-informed Real Ones curriculum and Real Life workbook, participants work through topics like emotional awareness, healthy relationships, boundaries, identity, communication, and ownership of behavior. The sessions are raw, honest, and built to reflect the real-life experiences of boys and men in our communities. This expansion will launch 10 full cohorts, each consisting of 9 sessions for a total of 90 sessions. Nine cohorts will take place in school settings and include youth-only, caregiver-only, and intergenerational groups. One cohort will be hosted at our new Youth + Family Service Hub in Long Beach, serving men and boys in the community. Each session will support up to 20 participants, reaching 200 unique individuals and more than 1,600 duplicated service touches. Every participant will complete an intake and be connected to a Care Manager who provides hands-on support beyond the sessions like housing navigation, therapy, job resources, mentorship, and more. The program is about education and healing, through and through. We've delivered programs like this in over 70 schools across LAUSD and LBUSD. Thousands of students and hundreds of caregivers have been impacted. This new curriculum takes it even further. It's bold, it's real, and it's built to create lasting change.	This program is designed to serve boys and men, with a strong focus on those who have been impacted by systems, justice involvement, or community-level trauma. For the nine school-based cohorts, we will work directly with our LAUSD and LBUSD campus partners to identify and enroll students who are system-impacted, justice-involved, or considered at-risk due to behavioral or academic challenges. These school sites are already engaged with our foundation through current programming, so the infrastructure and trust are already in place. Each school site will select up to 20 students per cohort, prioritizing those who would benefit most from early intervention, healing, and skill-building. In addition to youth-only sessions, we will also offer school-based cohorts for male caregivers, including fathers, grandfathers, uncles, and other trusted male figures in a student's life. These cohorts will be open to the first 20 registrants, with flexibility to expand if school interest and space allow. We've led successful parent engagement and father-focused initiatives before, and we know the power of bringing generations together in healing spaces. The final cohort, held at our Youth + Family Service Hub in Long Beach, will be open to boys and men who reside in Service Planning Area (SPA) 8. While our registration system will prioritize system-impacted and justice-involved participants, we also recognize the power of prevention. We welcome youth and caregivers who may not carry those labels but who would benefit from the curriculum and space to grow, reflect, and lead with accountability. Our goal is to reach those who need it most while never closing the door on those who are ready to do the work.	Youth development or civic engagement;Healing and wellbeing;Decreased justice system involvement;Increased access to mental or physical health care;	Ready to implement immediately	(By a community-based organization			$ 362,450.00	We are ready to launch this program as soon as funding is secured. The Real Ones curriculum is finalized, and we have a team of trained subject matter experts and facilitators in place. This work is already happening through our school-based programs, and this funding will allow us to expand and fully build out the continuum of care that our participants need. Two key positions will be filled immediately upon receipt: a full-time Program Manager who will oversee all scheduling, data tracking, supply coordination, and partner support, and a Care Manager who will provide continued services for participants after the cohort ends. We already have strong candidates identified and ready to begin. As soon as we receive confirmation of funding, we will begin outreach to our existing LAUSD and LBUSD partners within the proposed service areas to schedule robust meetings and lock in school sites. We are prepared to begin implementation as soon as the school year starts in August, and we will be ready to launch the first cohort no later than October 2025.	$ 10,000.00 $ 362,450.00 $ 10,000.00 $ 10,000.00 $ 5,000.00 $ 5,000.00 $ 402,450.00	Personnel/Staff: $362,450 This covers two full-time positions central to program success. The Program Manager will lead scheduling, partner coordination, materials order and management, and outcome tracking across all 10 cohorts. The Care Manager will handle participant intake and provide personalized navigation to services that address the mental health care, housing, job support, and other essential wraparound resources. This total includes salaries and approximately 30 percent in employer-paid taxes and fringe. Program Supplies - $10,000 This budget line supports all materials and tools needed to deliver a high-quality, engaging experience across 90 sessions. It includes printed Real Ones workbooks, signage, session supplies, t-shirts, certificates, art supplies, equity-based stipends, and completion packages. These resources reinforce participant commitment, support strong outcomes, and create consistency across school and community settings. Facilities or Space Use – $10,000 While nine cohorts will be held on school campuses at no cost, one cohort will be hosted at our Youth + Family Service Hub in Long Beach. This line supports space rental and necessary setup for that community-based series to ensure a safe, accessible, and welcoming location. Consultants or Partners – $45,000 Facilitation will be provided by a contracted team of three subject matter experts per session, including one MSW. These trained facilitators will lead all 90 sessions. At $500 per session, this cost ensures each cohort receives trauma-informed, culturally relevant guidance and
"I AM (more than) SOCIAL MEDIA" - Mindful Digital Pathway || Pause 4 Peace Foundation, Inc.	"I AM (more than) SOCIAL MEDIA"	Did not receive CFCI funding	SPA 4,SPA 6; SD2;	Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;Strategy 2: Economic Opportunity & Sustainability;Strategy 3: Education Access & Youth Development;	Our program is a yearlong, school-based media initiative that empowers youth ages 13–17 to become mindful storytellers, ethical influencers, and digital change-makers. Blending media literacy, journalism, branding, and ethical AI, the program helps students reclaim their narratives and shift the culture of their schools and communities. This is more than media training—it's youth leadership in action. Students become ambassadors of school culture, creating content that reaches far beyond the classroom and transforms how schools are seen from the inside out. Each week begins with a moment of mindfulness, followed by hands-on, project-based learning. Students produce campus news segments, video interviews, branded campaigns, and purpose-driven content that reflects the heart and voice of their peers and school leadership. Throughout the year, they're introduced to critiques, media studios, and creative professionals—gaining real-world exposure to what's possible. These experiences show them that the skills they're building today can open doors to tomorrow's opportunities. By the end of the program, each student graduates with a digital portfolio and a Certificate in Mindful Digital Citizenship, demonstrating their ability to lead with creativity, ethics, and emotional intelligence in the digital space. At its core, this program balances mindfulness with ambition—preparing students to lead with clarity, confidence, and purpose, both online and offline. The program will be implemented at Los Angeles High School and Jordan High School during the 2025–2026 school year. Our broader vision is systemic: schools as creative incubators, students mentored by college interns, and campuses connected to partners like Netflix, Meta, and YouTube. In a creator economy projected to exceed $480 billion by 2027, this work ensures both schools and students have a seat at the table. This is more than media education—it's youth-powered transformation.	Target Population: This program serves justice-impacted, high-risk, and historically underserved youth ages 13–17 in South and Central Los Angeles. Students are primarily Black and Latinx youth attending Title I public schools in SPAs 4 and 6, with many having been directly or indirectly impacted by systemic poverty, school pushout, community violence, and trauma—including digital trauma such as cyberbullying, exposure to violent content, and harmful algorithmic influence. Students participating in LAUSD's Black Student Achievement Plan (BSAP) are given first priority for enrollment, recognizing the urgency of culturally responsive and healing-centered programming for Black youth. Eligibility Requirements: Participants are selected in collaboration with school counselors, BSAP coordinators, restorative justice staff, and community partners. Eligibility prioritizes students who: •Are at risk of academic disengagement or school pushout •Have experienced or are vulnerable to justice system involvement •Have been impacted by violence, trauma or digital exposure •Show interest in storytelling, digital media, creative leadership, or healing There are no academic or skill-based prerequisites. The program is designed to be inclusive and trauma-informed, welcoming both voluntary participants and students referred for early intervention. Our goal is to re-engage youth who are often overlooked, and provide them with tools to grow, lead, and thrive—both online and offline.	Healing and wellbeing;Youth development or civic engagement;Decreased justice system involvement;Improved educational access or attainment;Mindful Digital Literacy;	Ready to implement immediately	(By a community-based organization			$ 250,000.00	•Personnel/Staff: $125,000 •Program Supplies: $40,000 •Facilities or Space Use: $15,000 •Consultants or Partners: $30,000 •Outreach/Communications: $15,000 •Indirect/Admin Costs: $25,000	"I AM (more than) SOCIAL MEDIA" advances CFCI's "Care First, Jails Last" vision by empowering 100 direct, and 2500 indirect Black and Latinx youth (ages 13–17) to overcome digital toxicity and mental health challenges. Grounded in healing-centered practices (including mindfulness, SEL, and Hip Hop Ed Methods) and digital storytelling, the program transforms schools into spaces of healing and leadership, offering alternatives to punitive discipline that disproportionately harms marginalized students. It addresses systemic barriers—digital inequality, community violence, and limited mental health access—by fostering emotional resilience, media literacy, and civic engagement. Youth create campaigns that uplift school climate, earn Mindful Digital Citizenship certificates, and access college/career pathways, promoting economic opportunity. Informed by youth voices and CFCI listening sessions, the program employs QPR-certified staff and partners with LAUSD, empowering communities impacted by incarceration. Pilot results (80% improved emotional awareness) demonstrate its potential to drive equitable, community-driven solutions.
Grace Place Housing and Leadership Academy || Grace Place Global Mission	Grace Place Leadership Academy (implemented in local group homes)	Did not receive CFCI funding	SPA 6; SD2;	Strategy 3: Education Access & Youth Development;Strategy 4: Housing Stability;	The Grace Place Housing and Leadership Academy is more than a program— it is the lived testimony of Beyonka Ray, a resilient mother, mentor, and leader who raised her own children in south Los Angeles to succeed using the very real-life principles now offered through this transformative initiative. As a single mother who overcame systemic barriers and generational adversity, Beyonka understands that leadership doesn't begin in a boardroom — it begins at home, in the trust of challenge. Now, she returns to that very home — her childhood home, the first property ever purchased by her grandmother, Rosie Wade — to launch a powerful vision called "Rosie's Residence". The most recent use of this property was support for a family that was displaced by the Eaton Fire and dealt with foster care and child welfare issues. This historic property has been restored and expanded to become a safe haven and leadership incubator for 12 youth, particularly those impacted by the foster care system and juvenile justice system. Here, stability, dignity, and opportunity are more than promises — they are daily realities. This program extends the same hope, healing and housing that grandmother Rosie gave to grandchildren to 12 other young adults who desperately need it. It answers the call for housing stability for our youth, coupled with real holistic healing and leadership and life skills training. At Grace Place, the curriculum is not just taught — it is lived. Youth residents will engage in the 9 Growth Tracks of the Grace Place Leadership Academy, covering everything from mental health and emotional intelligence to entrepreneurship and spiritual development. These tracks are infused into the rhythms of daily life — through conversation, coaching, workshops, mentorship, and Grace Place experiences — showing that education and transformation can begin in the heart of a home.	This Program aims to serve young adults ages 18-25. Previously in foster care and/or justice impacted. Be open to discovering purpose on a pathway of healing. Be open to pursue, education, career and/or entrepreneurship. Be open to participate for 1 year to get the full cycle of the Academy support, mentorship, life-skills training and counseling to participant needs.	Increased access to mental or physical health care;Decreased justice system involvement;Improved educational access or attainment;Job training or employment outcomes;Stable or supportive housing;Youth development or civic engagement;Healing and wellbeing;Formerl Family with Grace Place Global Mission;	Needs minor setup (within 3 months)	(By a community-based organization			$ 380,000.00	1 year housing and leadership academy: Personnel/Staff (director, success coaches, house manager, case manager (PT), payroll taxes) 140,000, Program Supplies: 25000, Facilities or Space Use (Housing Cost 6 bedroom bathrooms, 2 kitchens, & rec room, 2 laundry facilities, and utilities (electric, gas, water, trash, internet, outdoor facility security cameras): 108000, consultants and partners 24000, Outreach & communications: 10000, Indirect/Admin costs (@15%) 33,000 TOTAL PER TRAINING 380,000 other (transportation, groceries, emergency needs, enrichment activities, contingency): 28500 Total: 380000	The program provides secure, fully furnished housing for 12 young adults, creating a foundation for healing and focus. By removing the burden of housing insecurity, one of the greatest risks for the youth aging out of foster care or reentering from justice systems, participants gain stability essential for personal and professional growth. Housing manager teaches practical life skills, success coaches with lived experiences teach educational, vocational and entrepreneurial skills leading to healthy and independent living habits. The comprehensive curriculum integrates the 9 Growth Tracks, rooted in the lived wisdom of Beyonka Ray, a resilient mother who used these very tools. One unique component about our program is the tenancy coaching modules that teach them how to apply for an apartment, deep dive into lease agreements, and how to right a "rental resume" with character references they will have from their experience at Grace Place. Our curriculum is interwoven with growth and leadership training from some of the world's leading experts on the topic like John Maxwell, Carol Dweck, and Simon Sinek, just to name a few. We weekly coaching and monthly strategy planning sessions are unique, creative and engaging, not just pen and paper. They provide a rhythm of compassionate connection. The youth are in the driver's seat as we help them learn, sometimes literally. Particularly for justice impacted individuals, the culture and framing of our program is "leaders-in-training", not offenders. This program helps to restore your identity, encouraging transformational growth and positive self-agency. We help navigation through probation system, trauma recovery, and restorative justice practices. Our organization leads in many other community service projects, and they are encouraged to lead alongside us. The young adults are seen, heard and loved. They become anchored in this homes family and cultivate a sense of belonging, value, significance, dignity, and
Daughters of Change || Phenomenal Angels of the Community (PAC Angels)			SPA 6,SPA 8; SD2;	Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;Strategy 2: Economic Opportunity & Sustainability;Strategy 3: Education Access & Youth Development;	Daughters of Change is a new trauma-informed leadership and wellness initiative under the umbr

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Proposed Project Name || Organization or County Dept	If your program is not new and is an expansion of an existing project, what is its name?	If your program is an expansion and previously received CFCI funding, please indicate under which Spending Plan Year/Fiscal Year.	Service Planning Areas (SPA) and Supervisorial Districts (SD) Served	CFCI Strategies	Description of Project	Target population and eligibility requirements	Anticipated Outcomes of Project	Outcome and Evaluation Outcome measures include the following: 1) Increased knowledge and self-efficacy among youth who participate in the PHD Youth Empowerment Program (PHD) as measured by rating 2) Increased knowledge and self-efficacy among Free-N-One participants with respect to overcoming addiction, 3) Development of anger management and communication skills of Free-N-One participants, 4) Increased knowledge and self-efficacy among Tough Love meeting attendees with respect to coping with a loved one's addiction in healthy ways (e.g. self-care), breaking unhealthy relationship patterns, improvements in student behavior, and academic performance, alongside reductions in disciplinary actions like suspensions and expulsions. Outcomes will be measured using a combination of online questionnaires and school data reports such as attendance records, disciplinary action reports, and behavioral interventions before and after they complete the program. Students will complete the questionnaire during the first and last sessions of the program. Baseline measurements will be taken at the start of the first respective program cycles to assess changes over time. Additionally, PHLC will conduct focus groups with participants from each of these program components to collect qualitative data.	Implementation Period for Project	Administration of Project	If applicable, by which County Dept?	If the program does not have existing infrastructure, please describe what would be needed to launch the program/project.	What is the total requested annual amount of funding for this program/project?	based on the amount entered above, enter a basic breakdown of each of the following in dollar amounts (round numbers are acceptable): Personnel/Staff Program Supplies Facilities or Space Use Consultant	How does this program/project support the goals of CFCI? Think about who benefits, what systemic barriers are being addressed, and how outcomes must intersect by race/ethnicity and gender.
Purpose, Honor, and Discipline - (PHD) Youth Empowerment Program || Prevailing Families Life Center			SPA 4,SPA 6,SPA 7,SPA 8; 5D2,5D3	Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;Strategy 3: Education Access & Youth Development;	Our Purpose, Honor, and Discipline (PHD) Youth Empowerment Program seeks to accelerate the transformative process of creating a more just and equitable Los Angeles County for all residents. Our program specifically targets 40 youth, ages 12–18, and their families, residing in high-crime areas of Carson, Compton, Gardena, and Long Beach—communities that are disproportionately impacted by violence and systemic inequities. Many of the youth we serve have been exposed to crime and, in some cases, have been perpetrators themselves. PHD is designed to help restore these communities by providing supportive services, positive mentorship, and accessible resources that foster resilience, healing, and family well-being. The core program delivers evidence-based interventions that help youth thrive despite the challenges they face. Youth participants are identified through strong partnerships with local schools, parks and recreation departments, community centers, and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. Outreach is amplified by culturally responsive marketing materials distributed through churches, libraries, community events, and county offices. Social media channels—Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and TikTok—are leveraged to connect with youth and families on platforms they use every day. Enrollees participate in twice-weekly sessions for 16 weeks. The program integrates Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) to address antisocial and violent behaviors by fostering cognitive restructuring and prosocial problem-solving. Participants engage in role-playing and group activities to practice skills with CBT training facilitate these sessions, ensuring evidence-based practice is at the forefront. To strengthen our impact, we seek to add a Restorative Justice curriculum that complements CBT by promoting healing, repairing harm, and fostering empathy. Restorative circles, conferences, and conversations will help participants take accountability, build positive peer relationships, and contribute to healthier school climates.	Our Purpose, Honor, and Discipline (PHD) Youth Empowerment Program directly serves youth (ages 12–18) and their parents (ages 28–54), individuals impacted by violence, in the low-income, high-violence communities of Carson, Compton, Gardena, and Long Beach. The focus is on low-income youth and families who need low-cost/free solutions to resolve family issues and crime prevention. The eligibility criteria for participation in our program are as follows: 1. The participating youth must reside in one of the four targeted areas; and 2. The youth is, has been, or is at high risk of becoming involved with the juvenile justice system.	Increased access to mental or physical health care;Decreased justice system involvement;Improved educational access or attainment;Youth development or civic engagement;	Ready to implement immediately	(By a community-based organization		The project is an expansion of an already existing project. We are seeking funding to increase the program components, specifically, we are seeking to add a restorative justice component to be offered to youth in alternative schools in the communities we serve. Additionally, the need exists for additional funding to expand our incentives, data analysis, excursions, and transportation for the anticipated increase in enrollees.	$ 250,000.00	Personnel/Staff: $104,950 Program Supplies: $14,500 Facilities or Space Use: $24,000 Consultants or Partners: $35,000 Outreach/Communications: $18,500 Indirect/Admin Costs (15% max of total requested amount): $37,500 Other (Incentives and Emergency support):$15,550	The Purpose, Honor, and Discipline (PHD) Youth Empowerment Program directly supports the Care First Community Investment (CFCI) goals by addressing root causes of incarceration and investing in community-led alternatives that promote safety, healing, and equity for communities most impacted by systemic injustice. Youth ages 12–18 in the high-crime, under-resourced areas of Carson, Compton, Gardena, and Long Beach stand to benefit most. These communities are disproportionately impacted by poverty, violence, punitive school discipline, and over-policing — factors that increase youth contact with the juvenile justice system. Families and schools in these areas will also benefit from improved school climates, increased support systems, and stronger community connections. The CBT and Restorative Justice curriculum together address barriers to safety, belonging, and accountability by equipping youth with skills to navigate conflict and respond supportive, restorative approaches. By partnering with schools, community centers, and local law enforcement in non-punitive ways, PHD models how to shift systems toward prevention and accountability without incarceration. The program builds local capacity by training peer mentors and parents as facilitators in Restorative Justice practices that are culturally responsive and community-driven. This empowers community members to take active roles in preventing violence, repairing harm, and restoring relationships. By investing in the resilience and leadership potential of youth, the program disrupts intergenerational cycles of harm, uplifts families, and strengthens community ties — all of which align with CFCI's vision of communities leading the creation of a more just and equitable Los Angeles County.
Community Youth Operated Centers || A New Beginning Resource Center	Compton's Youth Hub	Year 2/Fiscal Year 2022-23	SPA 6; SD4;	Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;Strategy 3: Education Access & Youth Development;	Our youth center, located in the heart of downtown Compton, provides a safe, supportive, and empowering environment for local youth—particularly those at risk of justice system involvement. Our programs are designed to address community needs through prevention, education, and leadership development. We offer credentialed math tutoring, enrichment activities including STEM, culinary arts, gaming, and sports, and civic engagement opportunities through a youth government program. A cornerstone of our model is youth employment and leadership. We hire and train local youth as mentors and peer leaders, empowering them to co-design and implement programs. This approach not only provides valuable job skills but also fosters a sense of community ownership and accountability. In the past two years, we have served over 250 students, averaging 40 per day. Our center has become a trusted hub for families seeking a safe space for their children during after-school hours. We offer daily snacks and weekly hot meals, helping to address food insecurity alongside academic and social needs. We have made partnerships with local schools as well as the family court for the City of Compton. Judge Ashley Price and her team has visited our center and would like to make direct referrals to those in family court to receive services at our center. We have also partnered with a mental health facility that has interns to allow us to have 4 therapists available to our clients with only incurring the cost of the LCSW supervisor. We are disrupting cycles of harm and support the long-term well-being of Compton's youth.	We service all youth from the age of 2 in our tiny tots program up to age 25 for our Transitional Age Youth.	Increased access to mental or physical health care;Decreased justice system involvement;Improved educational access or attainment;Youth development or civic engagement;Healing and wellbeing;Job training or employment outcomes;	We provide participant surveys, interviews, testimonials, as well as program effectiveness survey.	Ready to implement immediately	(By a community-based organization			$ 400,000.00	Personnel/Staff- 185,000 Program Supplies- 30000 Facilities- 75,000 Partners- 50,000 Indirect- 60,000	Our program supports the goals of CFCI by addressing systemic inequities that lead to incarceration and offering youth-centered, community-based alternatives that prioritize healing, opportunity, and empowerment. We serve predominantly Black and Brown youth in Compton—communities historically over-policed and under-resourced—by providing safe, structured, and enriching after-school programming. We actively remove barriers to success by offering free credentialed math tutoring, mentorship, leadership development, and trauma-informed activities such as culinary arts, STEM, and sports. We also address food insecurity through daily snacks and weekly meals. Crucially, we've built strong partnerships to expand our impact. The Compton Family Court refers youth and families in crisis to us for immediate mental health support, academic help, and after-school programming—placing us at the center of a critical off-ramp from deeper system involvement. We collaborate with Compton Middle and High Schools to support students , and work with organizations like Against All Odds Gang Intervention, Compton Lacrosse, and The Soccer Academy to provide holistic, culturally relevant services. Our model is youth-led—we employ local youth as mentors and program developers, giving them paid leadership roles that foster confidence, community trust, and long-term investment in Compton's future. By intervening early, centering healing over punishment, and investing in youth as leaders and changemakers, we are directly advancing CFCI's mission: shifting resources away from systems of
Youth Empowerment Program (Y.E.P.I) || New Beginnings Sober Living Foundation dba Changing the Faces of Homelessness	Resource Movement Center	Year 3/Fiscal Year 2023-24	SPA 6; SD2;	Strategy 3: Education Access & Youth Development;Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration;Strategy 4: Housing Stability;	CFH launched the Youth Empowerment Program aka Y.E.P provided youth development services for individuals between the ages of 16-26. The Youth Empowerment Program provides housing with supportive services, real life skills development through our financial literacy courses, motivational workshops and peer based discussion groups. Y.E.P also provides empowering services to help move today's youth from a mindset of poverty, injustice, trauma and abuse into a mindset of self-esteem, confidence with love, by partnering with Nordstrom, the Men's Warehouse and the Black Tux retail stores CFH created the youth empowerment business transformation experience where the youth are placed into business attire to help visualize themselves as entrepreneur's, CEO's and business owners.	The YEP Program target at risk youth who have experienced incarceration, homelessness, transitional foster care TAY Youth, refugees or abandonment by family without financial support.	Decreased justice system involvement;Improved educational access or attainment;Job training or employment outcomes;Stable or supportive housing;Youth development or civic engagement;Healing and wellbeing;	The outcomes will be measured by participant surveys, attendance logs and peer roundtables discussions.	Needs minor setup (within 3 months)	(By a community-based organization			$ 1,260,000.00	Y.E.P Housing Program 16 beds- $200 per bed which includes: room & board fee, food, clothing, hygiene linens, snacks, bus passes, uber/lyfts, wifi, cable, internet free washer/dryer (2 students per room only) •Case Management •Weekly Task Meetings •House Manager •Independent Living Skills Development •Life Coach •Group outings and Field trips •Peer to peer support group meetings •Security •Curfew Passes Total- $364,000 Y.E.P Program of Services; •Youth Employment Training program •Youth Empowerment Outreach Training •Restart Financial Mgmt. Program •Performance Arts	The Youth Empowerment Program aligns with the CFCI redevelopment plan for the youth impacted by •Independent Living Skills Development with FLTA, JCOD, Anti-Gang, CFCI, Ready 2 Rise, KJUH Radio Station, 2nd District LA County Supervisor Holly Mitchell, LAHSA, HOPICS, American Job Centers, LAPD and the LA County Youth Commission we are redefining our youth traumatic life experiences by providing a program that empowers a new generation of leaders with a strategy to win.
Roots to Rise || Bridging the Gap Enterprises			SPA 6; SD2;	Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;Strategy 2: Economic Opportunity & Sustainability;Strategy 3: Education Access & Youth Development;Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration;	ROOTS TO RISE is a transformative case management and life development program for transitional age youth in Compton and Watts—those standing at the crossroads of adolescence and adulthood, facing some of the harshest systemic challenges of our time. Rooted in the nationally recognized TIP (Transition to Independence Process) model, this program provides deeply individualized, healing-centered support across critical domains: education, employment, housing, emotional wellness, and personal growth. But ROOTS TO RISE goes beyond case management—it's a reimagining of what our youth deserve. Participants are paired with a dedicated Transition Facilitator who helps them build a life strategy, not just a checklist. Youth engage in consistent one-on-one coaching, mentoring, and group sessions that weave together financial literacy, career exploration, college/trade school readiness, mental health and wellness, and peer leadership development. Through hands-on experiences—whether budgeting real money, visiting job sites, touring college campuses, or creating wellness plans—youth are exposed to worlds that many systems have kept hidden from them. This exposure is liberation. It disrupts generational poverty, interrupts narratives of inadequacy, and chips away at the structural racism that has long kept Black and Latinx youth boxed into limited futures. At its core, ROOTS TO RISE is about equity through access. It affirms that our youth are brilliant, capable, and whole—and that when given the tools, space, and consistent support, they don't just survive systemic bias—they transcend it. They rise. This is not charity. This is investment. This is not a program. This is transformation. This is how we build the future—one plan, one youth, one rising leader at a time.	Transitional age youth 14-26	Increased access to mental or physical health care;Decreased justice system involvement;Improved educational access or attainment;Job training or employment outcomes;Youth development or civic engagement;Healing and wellbeing;	ROOTS TO RISE is committed to outcomes that are not only measurable, but meaningful. We evaluate progress across five core domains—education, employment readiness, personal wellness, independent living, and community connection—using a combination of pre/post assessments, TIP-aligned planning tools, and real-world success markers. Assessment & Measurement Tools: 1. Individualized Life Strategy Plan (TIP Framework) Developed within the first 30 days with each youth and Transition Facilitator Updated quarterly to reflect changing goals and progress Domains include: Education, Employment, Housing, Daily Living, Community Life, Personal Effectiveness/Wellness Tracks short- and long-term goals, resources accessed, and barriers removed 2. Pre/Post Self-Efficacy and Readiness Assessments	Ready to implement immediately	(By a community-based organization			$ 400,000.00	Personnel/Staff- 214,000 Program Supplies- 20,000 Facilities or Space Use- 36,000 Consultants or Partners- 80,000 Indirect- 50,000	ROOTS TO RISE directly aligns with the mission of CFCI and Measure J by investing in youth from communities most harmed by incarceration, systemic racism, and disinvestment—specifically Black and Latinx transitional age youth in Compton and Watts. This program addresses key systemic barriers that often lead to incarceration or long-term disconnection: lack of access to education, financial tools, mental health support, and stable pathways to independence. Through trauma-informed, culturally relevant case management rooted in the TIP model, ROOTS TO RISE replaces punitive approaches with care, connection, and opportunity. By focusing on healing, leadership, and life strategy planning—not just crisis response—the program empowers youth to become agents of change in their own lives and communities. It centers their voice, builds long-term resilience, and connects them with the resources they've historically been denied. ROOTS TO RISE embodies the Measure J promise: shifting resources away from systems of punishment and toward systems of support, healing, and possibility.
VYLA- Afterschool Youth Prevention-Diversion Program || Visionary Youth Los Angeles	Visionary Youth Los Angeles Afterschool drop in program	Did not receive CFCI funding	SPA 4; SD1;	Strategy 3: Education Access & Youth Development;	Phoenix Flame is a transformative youth mental wellness program created by the Dim Lights Up Foundation to support underserved youth, especially Black, Brown, and LGBTQ+ communities, facing rising stress, anxiety, depression, and emotional disconnection. Since COVID-19, mental health challenges among young people have soared. Forty-two percent of high school students report persistent sadness, and nearly 80 percent of those diagnosed get little to no treatment. LGBTQ+ youth are particularly vulnerable, with nearly 70 percent experiencing anxiety and one in three seriously considering suicide. Phoenix Flame offers a joyful, culturally rooted alternative to traditional mental health care. This six-month program meets after school and on Saturdays, reconnecting youth through 1980s New York street games like Double Dutch, hopscotch, and skateball. These familiar games become tools for emotional healing, physical activity, and building social bonds. Key parts of the program include Street Game Wellness Clinics, which help youth relieve stress and build confidence; Mental Health Reflection Circles led by licensed therapists and peer mentors to strengthen emotional understanding; and Creative Culture Labs where youth express themselves through music, fashion, writing, and storytelling. Families participate through Legacy Coaching, using weekly connection kits to nurture bonds. Nutrition and wellness education tie healthy eating to overall emotional and physical health. Each program cycle ends with the Playback Olympics, a vibrant celebration of healing, growth, and community pride. Participants show increased physical activity, less screen time, stronger emotional skills, closer family ties, and a deeper sense of cultural identity. Phoenix Flame reimagines healing as joyful, accessible, and sustainable, a community-based approach where young people can thrive.	Youth between the ages of 12 to 19, youth in need of healthy youth development to keep them out of the carceral system.	Increased access to mental or physical health care;Youth development or civic engagement;Healing and wellbeing;	Outcomes will be tracked through: Pre/post participant self-assessments on mood, connection, and emotional regulation Weekly facilitator check-ins and attendance logs Youth and family feedback forms Performance reflections and storytelling journals Nutritional & holistic wellness	Ready to implement immediately	(By a community-based organization		Phoenix Flame is ready to launch. With its core framework in place, we are prepared to recruit trauma-informed mentors, teaching artists, and a program coordinator who reflect the communities we serve. We are identifying trusted community spaces to host weekly workshops and healing circles, while expanding partnerships with schools and youth-serving organizations to reach more young people. Funding will support staff, youth ambassador stipends, trauma-informed training, outreach, and the purchase of creative wellness supplies. Existing assessment onboarding materials and curriculum are in development. With support, we can activate this next phase immediately and offer healing-centered care where it's needed most.	$ 175,000.00	Personnel/Staff- 70,000 Program Supplies- 15,000 Facilities or Space Use- 15,000 Consultants or Partners- 15,000 Outreach/Communications 10,000 Indirect/Admin Costs (15% max of total requested amount) 22,500 Other- 17,500	Phoenix Flame Playback supports CFCI's mission by providing a culturally grounded, community-driven mental health program that prioritizes prevention and healing over punishment. Serving Black, Brown, and LGBTQ+ youth, it addresses emotional and nutritional wellness through storytelling, movement, mentorship, and creative expression that fosters resilience, identity, and connection. Through family engagement, intergenerational support, and joyful healing practices, the program centers voices and lived experience and shifts the risk of future justice involvement. Youth lead and participate in reflection circles, street games, and creative labs that build emotional literacy, identity, and leadership. Phoenix Flame replaces punitive measures with care, culture, and creativity, reflecting CFCI's commitment to equity and sustainable transformation. By creating safe, empowering spaces, the program helps youth reclaim agency and envision futures rooted in hope, belonging, and purpose. This is what community-based care looks like—restorative, resilient, and rooted in joy.
Street Poets Center for Community, Culture & Wellness || Street Poets Inc	Street Poets Youth Center in South Los Angeles	Year 1/Fiscal Year 2021-22	SPA 4,SPA 6; SD2	Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;Strategy 3: Education Access & Youth Development;Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration;	Street Poets Center for Community, Culture & Wellness is a transformative new facility in South Los Angeles that will provide an urgently needed sanctuary for system-impacted and underserved youth. As a creative healing hub, the Center will expand Street Poets' capacity to deliver poetry, music, performance, mentorship, and wellness programs all under one roof. Youth ages 13–24, primarily Black, Brown, low-income, and LGBTQ+ youth residing in and around South Los Angeles. These are the same populations disproportionately represented in LA County's juvenile justice system, particularly those most at risk of incarceration or gang involvement. With a performance stage, recording studio, media lab, after-school drop-in center, and meeting space, the Center will serve as an alternative to punitive systems and provide access to culturally responsive mental health care rooted in creativity, mentorship, and community wisdom. Programming will include poetry and performance workshops, hip hop theater, music and podcast production, mindfulness and movement classes, women's circles, and restorative justice circles. Located across from John Adams Middle School, the Center will increase youth access to year-round, trauma-informed programming and expand Street Poets' reach to over 1,100 youth annually. It will also serve as a convening space for healing practitioners, educators, and community-based partners. In a community where 94% of incarcerated youth are Black or Brown and many lack access to the arts or therapeutic services, this project offers a vital alternative to incarceration and criminalization. Street Poets has a 30-year track record of reaching youth through the arts—and with this permanent space, we are poised to deepen our impact and help lead the shift toward a Care First vision for LA County.	This project is designed to serve system-impacted, justice-involved, and underserved youth and young adults ages 13-24, with a primary focus on Black, Brown, low-income, and LGBTQ+ youth residing in and around South Los Angeles. These are the same populations disproportionately represented in LA County's juvenile justice system, particularly those most at risk of incarceration or gang involvement. Street Poets' programming is open and accessible to youth in schools, probation facilities, reentry programs, and local neighborhoods. While there are no strict eligibility requirements, priority is given to youth impacted by trauma, the justice system, foster care, homelessness, and/or poverty. Participants may be referred by schools, probation officers, youth development agencies, or self-refer through community outreach. The Center will also provide pathways for youth leadership and mentorship for alumni, further deepening engagement with young people as they grow into creative changemakers. Street Poets' commitment to inclusive and culturally responsive programming ensures that all youth feel seen, safe, and supported.	Increased access to mental or physical health care;Decreased justice system involvement;Improved educational access or attainment;Job training or employment outcomes;Youth development or civic engagement;Healing and wellbeing;	Ready to implement immediately	(By a community-based organization			$ 1,000,000.00	Personnel/Staff- $400,000 Includes salaries for teaching artists, new hires (security, executive assistant, facilities director), and expanded hours for current part-time staff transitioning into full-time roles. Supports daily programming, youth mentorship, and staff-led creative and wellness initiatives. Program Supplies- $75,000 includes materials for music and poetry workshops, art supplies, books for the community library, wellness kits, and LGBTQ+ youth safe-space programming. Facilities or Space Use- $200,000 Funds daily operation of the new Center (utilities, repairs, furnishings) and maintaining accessible and youth-friendly common spaces. Consultants or Partners- $75,000 Includes stipends for wellness facilitators, movement instructors, elder mentors, and partner organization collaborators supporting trauma healing, restorative justice, and culturally grounded programming. Outreach/Communications- $50,000 Covers branding, signage, community events, marketing for youth recruitment, printing and distribution of youth-created materials (albums, poetry books), and outreach materials in multiple languages. Indirect/Admin Costs (15%)- $150,000 Supports administrative staff, data collection and evaluation, insurance, legal/accounting services, and overall grant management. Other- $50,000 Reserved for youth stipends (including Youth Council members), emergency youth support, meals for programming/events	The Street Poets Center for Community, Culture & Wellness fully embodies the goals of the Care First Community Investment (CFCI) initiative by offering a culturally grounded, healing-centered alternative to incarceration in one of LA County's most justice-impacted regions: South Los Angeles. This project directly benefits youth most harmed by systemic racism and poverty—primarily Black, Brown, and LGBTQ+ youth who are disproportionately targeted by the juvenile justice system. By anchoring services in the same communities from which incarcerated youth often come, the Center addresses geographic, economic, and cultural barriers to healing. It transforms a historically punitive pipeline into one of prevention, empowerment, and transformation. Rather than criminalizing trauma and unmet needs, this project centers community care and trauma healing through creative expression. It aligns with CFCI's commitment to reimagining public safety through investment in community infrastructure, youth leadership, and wellness. The Center expands access to mental health care, mentorship, cultural connection, and career development—all while reinforcing the belief that our youth are not problems to be solved, but medicine for our communities. By empowering young people to tell their stories, lead programming, and become agents of change, the project contributes to the systemic shift envisioned by CFCI: one where justice is rooted in healing, care, and community power.
Build to Thrive: Micro Business Incubator for Inner City TAY || Bridging the Gap Enterprises			SPA 6; SD2;	Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;Strategy 2: Economic Opportunity & Sustainability;Strategy 3: Education Access & Youth Development;Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration;	Build to Thrive is a culturally responsive business development program designed to equip Black and Latino residents—particularly Transitional Age Youth (TAY) ages 14–24—with the knowledge, tools, and support needed to launch and sustain micro businesses. The program includes a summer Micro Business Camp for youth, along with year-round workshops, mentorship, and technical assistance for adult entrepreneurs. Participants receive hands-on guidance in structuring their business legally, developing business and marketing plans, accessing funding opportunities, and building long-term financial sustainability. The program connects participants with culturally competent mentors, local small business resources, and capital providers, addressing barriers that have historically excluded Black and Latino communities from economic mobility. This program aligns directly with the goals of Measure J and the Care First Community Investment (CFCI) initiative by promoting economic justice, reducing reliance on carceral systems, and creating alternative pathways to wealth and community empowerment. By investing in entrepreneurship and job creation within historically disinvested communities, Build to Thrive helps reduce unemployment, foster self-sufficiency, and support intergenerational wealth building. The program also prioritizes youth engagement, providing TAY with leadership opportunities, business skills training, and exposure to real-world entrepreneurship. It creates a pipeline for young people to pursue meaningful economic futures outside of traditional systems that often fail them. With Measure J support, Build to Thrive will scale its impact across Compton and surrounding communities, helping to close racial wealth gaps and empower a new generation of Black and Latino business owners.	We are targeting TAY and adults in Los Angeles County. We are targeting people of color who are from marginalized communities. There are no eligibility requirements other than meeting the age for TAY programs.	Decreased justice system involvement;Improved educational access or attainment;Job training or employment outcomes;Youth development or civic engagement;Healing and wellbeing;	Ready to implement immediately	(By a community-based organization			$ 301,300.00	Personnel/Staff-140,000 Program Supplies- 36,000 Facilities- 36,000 Consultants or Partners- 40000 Outreach/Communications- 10,000 Indirect/Admin Costs- 39,300	The Build to Thrive program directly supports the goals of the Care First Community Investment (CFCI) initiative by addressing systemic economic inequities and creating sustainable, community-centered alternatives to incarceration. By providing Black and Latino entrepreneurs—especially Transitional Age Youth (TAY) from communities most impacted by over-policing and incarceration—this program offers a pathway to financial independence, self-determination, and generational wealth. Who Benefits: This project serves residents of historically under-resourced communities in South LA and Compton, with a focus on Black and Latino individuals, formerly incarcerated persons, and youth ages 14–24 who are disconnected from education or employment. These populations are often excluded from traditional economic systems due to systemic racism, lack of access to capital, and institutional barriers to business ownership. Systemic Barriers Addressed: •Lack of access to capital and credit among minority entrepreneurs •Discriminatory lending and business practices that limit Black and Latino participation in small business ownership •Overrepresentation in low-wage, unstable work with no wealth-building potential •Barriers to post-incarceration reintegration, such as employment discrimination and limited economic opportunity •Gaps in financial literacy and local business knowledge within underserved communities
Project Redirect || Southern California Community Empowerment Corporation	Project Redirect	Did not receive CFCI funding	SPA 6,SPA 8; SD2;	Strategy 3: Education Access & Youth Development;Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;	Project Redirect, recognizes that youth between the ages 8 - 19 within Spa's 8 and 6, have been grossly impacted by community violence, economic inequities and failed access to mental health and wellness services. SCCEC plans to work with a cohort of up to 30 youth ages 16 - 19 over a 9 month period to engage with them up to 3 times a month our trauma-informed curriculum that covers; mental wellness, group sessions with our partner LMFT Creating Beautiful Minds, conflict resolution, positive-outcome decision making skills, personal development and basic financial literacy education to help prepare participants for a better future with a solid foundation on personal economics. Each participant will also be partnered with a care-coach to walk alongside them through the program.	Our target population are youth between the ages of 16 - 19 who are residents in or from Spa's 8 and 6, who have been impacted directly or indirectly by community violence, household income for parents or guardians are in the low-to-mid income, currently in high-school but despite their challenges want to take the necessary steps forward toward their self-determined goal. Participants will be recruited through our existing partners and community relationships, and required to participated in a simple in-take session to determine participants unique challenges, qualities, barriers and opportunities for success. The in-take will enable our organization to accurately assign participants with a care-coach who will for the 9 month program.	Increased access to mental or physical health care;Youth development or civic engagement;Healing and wellbeing;Decreased justice system involvement;	Outcome will be measured by pre-post surveys, attendance logs, participation logs, 1-to-1 interviews and post session feedback forms.	Ready to implement immediately	(By a community-based organization			$ 150,000.00	Personnel/Staff - 100,000 Program Supplies - 10,000 Facilities or Space Use - 10,000 Consultants or Partners - 18,000 Outreach/Communications - 7,000 Misc. - 5,000 Indirect/Admin Costs (15% max of total requested amount)	SCCEC's Project Redirect supports the goals of CFCI in two direct pathways: First, Project Redirect is a direct services project that puts in investment of funds directly toward uplifting the people closest to the issues. Historically, the communities where our youth reside have been negatively impacted by economic disinvestment which has also disproportionately impacted communities of color. Our program ensures the community benefits from the funding investment. Secondly, Project Redirect is specifically assigned to working with youth for the purpose of youth uplift, increasing youth education access, destigmatizing mental health and wellness strategies for youth, youth empowerment through personal development and coaching; and decreasing potential youth violence through the mentoring provided in the session gathering and care-coaches consisted interaction. It is important to note the organization and project are birthed out of the Directors own experience with yes the community violence; as this aligns with the goals of CFCI, that these running program. We do hope the CFCI decision makers will see the value in our program and choose to fund this great work, that has
Phoenix Flame: The Playback Olympics || Dim Lights Up Foundation			SPA 4;SPA 6; SD1;5D2;5D3;	Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;Strategy 3: Education Access & Youth Development;	Phoenix Flame is a transformative youth mental wellness program created by the Dim Lights Up Foundation to support underserved youth, especially Black, Brown, and LGBTQ+ communities, facing rising stress, anxiety, depression, and emotional disconnection. Since COVID-19, mental health challenges among young people have soared. Forty-two percent of high school students report persistent sadness, and nearly 80 percent of those diagnosed get little to no treatment. LGBTQ+ youth are particularly vulnerable, with nearly 70 percent experiencing anxiety and one in three seriously considering suicide. Phoenix Flame offers a joyful, culturally rooted alternative to traditional mental health care. This six-month program meets after school and on Saturdays, reconnecting youth through 1980s New York street games like Double Dutch, hopscotch, and skateball. These familiar games become tools for emotional healing, physical activity, and building social bonds. Key parts of the program include Street Game Wellness Clinics, which help youth relieve stress and build confidence; Mental Health Reflection Circles led by licensed therapists and peer mentors to strengthen emotional understanding; and Creative Culture Labs where youth express themselves through music, fashion, writing, and storytelling. Families participate through Legacy Coaching, using weekly connection kits to nurture bonds. Nutrition and wellness education tie healthy eating to overall emotional and physical health. Each program cycle ends with the Playback Olympics, a vibrant celebration of healing, growth, and community pride. Participants show increased physical activity, less screen time, stronger emotional skills, closer family ties, and a deeper sense of cultural identity. Phoenix Flame reimagines healing as joyful, accessible, and sustainable, a community-based approach where young people can thrive.	Phoenix Flame Playback will serve 150 youth, ages 10-17, in underserved urban areas, with priority given to Black, Brown, LGBTQ+, system-impacted, foster, or housing-insecure youth. No formal diagnosis or referral is required as participation is open to all youth seeking emotional support through culture and connection.	Increased access to mental or physical health care;Youth development or civic engagement;Healing and wellbeing;	Outcomes will be tracked through: Pre/post participant self-assessments on mood, connection, and emotional regulation Weekly facilitator check-ins and attendance logs Youth and family feedback forms Performance reflections and storytelling journals Nutritional & holistic wellness	Ready to implement immediately	(By a community-based organization			$ 175,000.00	Personnel/Staff- 70,000 Program Supplies- 15,000 Facilities or Space Use- 15,000 Consultants or Partners- 15,000 Outreach/Communications 10,000 Indirect/Admin Costs (15% max of total requested amount) 22,500 Other- 17,500	Phoenix Flame Playback supports CFCI's mission by providing a culturally grounded, community-driven mental health program that prioritizes prevention and healing over punishment. Serving Black, Brown, and LGBTQ+ youth, it addresses emotional and nutritional wellness through storytelling, movement, mentorship, and creative expression that fosters resilience, identity, and connection. Through family engagement, intergenerational support, and joyful healing practices, the program centers voices and lived experience and shifts the risk of future justice involvement. Youth lead and participate in reflection circles, street games, and creative labs that build emotional literacy, identity, and leadership. Phoenix Flame replaces punitive measures with care, culture, and creativity, reflecting CFCI's commitment to equity and sustainable transformation. By creating safe, empowering spaces, the program helps youth reclaim agency and envision futures rooted in hope, belonging, and purpose. This is what community-based care looks like—restorative, resilient, and rooted in joy.
College Visit Tour Sponsorship & Local Trainings || One Body Youth Foundation			SPA 8; SD4;	Strategy 3: Education Access & Youth Development;	One Body Youth Foundation (OBYF) is a local 501(c)(3) organization operating in Los Angeles County offering body and mind training at no cost to local college prospective athletes that may not naturally have access to these services. We are committed to and passionate about helping today's youth in underprivileged communities achieve their highest potential within their sport, equipping them with the physical and mental preparedness to succeed in college athletics and academics. To help us achieve our mission, our program is built around the whole person year-round with engagement both in and off-season. This allows us to keep participants engaged in positive activities while staying productive when out of school in the summer and during their high school sports off-season. Key elements of our program consist of off-season programs: on-site training workouts, unofficial college visits, elite competitive camps, Sports Psychology (focusing on mental health awareness and managing stress), Media Training (including public speaking & interviews and social media etiquette), Financial Literacy trainings, along with a participant reading requirements. In-season programs consist of high school coaches and athletic director alignment, college prospect athlete parent education, recruiting process and film capture. One Body Youth Foundation was founded after seeing firsthand, through volunteer work and relationships with coaches and administrative staff from Greater Los Angeles urban schools, the need to level the playing field, offering the same services, free of charge, that athletes from more prevalent communities may have greater accessibility to. Participants have shared that their involvement with One Body Youth Foundation is helping them grow as young men and women, reaching their physical goals, while also teaching them professional skills and giving them levels of confidence they didn't think possible. Many previous participants have committed to D1 athletic programs due to the college coach exposure from athletic college visits.	Youth from underprivileged communities in Los Angeles County, who currently play sports and have aspirations to continue honing their skills physically, academically and mentally.	Increased access to mental or physical health care;Improved educational access or attainment;Youth development or civic engagement;Decreased justice system involvement;Healing and wellbeing;	Local body and mind training attendance logs, documentation of college visits locally and around the country and ultimately, admission into college.	Ready to implement immediately	(By a community-based organization			$ 40,000.00	Personnel/Staff - $0, all program facilitation is volunteer driven Program Supplies: $30,000, travel for college visits (camps and official visits) Facilities or Space Use - $0 (have secured donated gym space for physical trainings) Consultants or Partners - $4,000, if needed to secure additional expertise re: financial literacy and mental health trainings Outreach/Communications - n/a, securing volunteer support Indirect/Admin Costs (15% max of total requested amount) - $6,000 Other	Programs offered by One Body Youth Foundation are empowering youth from underprivileged communities to succeed in their sport, and academics, offering resources free of charge to these chronically under-resourced communities. Our participants are seeing a future for themselves at the college level, many of whom will be first generation college students, breaking systemic norms, given our ability to help them break through barriers they're currently facing. We hope you'll join us as we aim to change the trajectory of lives through our work together creating a more equitable future for all.

2025 CFCI FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS

Proposed Project Name || Organization or County Dept	If your program is not new and is an expansion of an existing project, what is its name?	If your program is an expansion and previously received CFCI funding, please indicate under which Spending Plan Year/Fiscal Year.	Service Planning Areas (SPA) and Supervisorial Districts (SD) Served	CFCI Strategies	Description of Project	Target population and ability requirements	Anticipated Outcomes of Project	Outcomes and Measures	Implementation Period for Project	Administration of Project	If applicable, by which County Dept?	If the program does not have existing infrastructure, please describe what would be needed to launch the program/project.	What is the total requested annual amount of funding for this program/project?	based on the amount entered above, enter a basic breakdown of each of the following in dollar amounts (round numbers are acceptable): Personnel/Staff Program Supplies Facilities or Space Use Consultant	How does this program/project support the goals of CFCI? Think about who benefits, what systemic barriers are being addressed, and how/why you think this program/project is the appropriate/solution/response.
Reimagining Reality Youth program || Made New Foundation	Reimagining Reality Youth program	Year 3/Fiscal Year 2023-24	SPA 6; SD2;	Strategy 3: Education Access & Youth Development;	The Reimagining Reality program is a trauma-informed intervention designed to equip justice-impacted youth with emotional regulation and critical thinking skills in high-stakes situations. Through immersive VR simulations and theater-based exercises, participants learn to intercept stereotype thought patterns and engage in deliberate, consequence-aware decision-making. They explore real-world conflict scenarios—peer pressure, frustration, confrontation—in a safe, supportive environment that promotes cognitive flexibility and self-directed resilience. The program's core methodology is the proprietary "Intercept, Reflect, Choose" framework (Stop-Think-Act thinking) and shift toward reflective reasoning (System 2 thinking). By practicing alternative responses and observing their outcomes in real time, participants gain the tools to transform moments of tension into opportunities for growth and accountability. In addition to these emotional and behavioral interventions, the program includes training in digital storytelling, VR production, and interactive media design—expanding participants' skill sets and offering pathways into creative tech careers. By providing hands-on opportunities to create original VR content, participants not only deepen their engagement but also build marketable skills in emerging fields. Ultimately, Reimagining Reality fosters personal transformation and community healing, empowering youth to reinterpret conflict, embrace accountability, and shape futures driven by agency and innovation.	The Reimagining Reality program is designed to serve justice-impacted youth, particularly those navigating reentry, diversion programs, or heightened exposure to conflict and trauma. This includes young people who have experienced incarceration, are on probation or parole, or are at risk of justice system involvement due to systemic barriers such as poverty, racial inequity, or limited access to mental health support. The program also prioritizes outreach to underserved communities, including rural areas and neighborhoods disproportionately affected by incarceration. With its mobile VR therapy trailer and bilingual media materials, Reimagining Reality emphasizes cultural relevance, accessibility, and inclusion. Eligibility requirements are flexible and intentionally low-barrier to ensure equitable access. Typically, participants: - Are ages 14–26 - Have experienced justice system involvement or are considered high-risk by schools, community organizations, or juvenile justice partners - Can commit to attending immersive sessions, either as part of a diversion program, school-based initiative, or community reentry support - Do not require prior tech experience—training is provided, especially for participants interested in VR production or creative storytelling roles	Decreased justice system involvement;Improved educational access or attainment;Job training or employment outcomes;Youth development or civic engagement	Reimagining Reality measures outcomes through a blend of quantitative and qualitative data to ensure both behavioral growth and emotional transformation are captured. Participants complete pre- and post-program surveys that assess changes in emotional regulation, decision-making confidence, and perceived personal agency. Attendance logs and completion rates offer insight into engagement levels, while VR scenario interaction data tracks cognitive and behavioral shifts based on real-time choices. Facilitators use evaluation rubrics to assess involvement, emotional responses, and depth of reflection. On the qualitative side, focus groups and interviews reveal how participants internalize CBT strategies and apply them in their lives. Personal journals serve as tools for emotional processing and highlight shifts in self-awareness and cognitive flexibility. Additionally, participants engage in digital storytelling development and accessibility modeling, and for those engaged in VR content creation, their projects are reviewed for storytelling strength, emotional insight, and conceptual reasoning. Together, these methods provide a comprehensive picture of participant growth and program impact.	Ready to implement immediately	By a community-based organization			$ 350,000.00 The Reimagining Reality program is requesting $350,000 to deliver immersive, trauma-informed reentry support for justice-impacted youth. Approximately $80,000 (23%) will fund personnel and staff, including facilitators and program coordination. Program supplies—including VR headsets, analog board games, curriculum materials, journals, and app integration—total $84,000 (24%) to ensure participants have access to engaging, hands-on learning tools. Facilities and space use, including site rental, mobile trailer staging, and related utilities, are budgeted at $42,500 (12%), reflecting the importance of accessible implementation environments. Consultants and community partners will receive $52,500 (15%) for their contributions to VR storytelling, program evaluation, and youth mentoring rooted in lived experience. Outreach and communications total $21,000 (6%), covering bilingual media and recruitment efforts, and importantly include student stipends to incentivize participation and peer-led engagement. Indirect and administrative costs are capped at $52,500 (15%), supporting oversight, reporting infrastructure, and fiscal management. The remaining $17,500 (5%) is allocated under "Other" for contingencies, insurance, capacity-building, and equipment maintenance. This balanced distribution ensures robust program delivery while centering accessibility, authentic engagement, and long-term sustainability.	How does this program/project support the goals of CFCI? Think about who benefits, what systemic barriers are being addressed, and how/why you think this program/project is the appropriate/solution/response. The Reimagining Reality program may embody the vision of CFCI by directly supporting communities most impacted by incarceration and working to dismantle systemic barriers to reentry, justice, and personal growth. By intercepting harmful thought patterns and replacing them with more adaptive, consequence-aware decision-making, the program addresses criminogenic factors of incarceration—by offering a trauma-informed, skills-based curriculum delivered through immersive VR simulations and expressive theater activities. These tools help participants recognize harmful thought patterns, regulate emotional responses, and rehearse constructive decision-making in high-pressure scenarios, all within a safe and supportive environment. The program addresses entrenched systemic barriers such as lack of access to mental health services, limited workforce opportunities, and punitive approaches to conflict resolution. By integrating dual-process decision theory and CBT principles into engaging media formats, youth are empowered to challenge automatic reactions, explore alternatives, and build future-focused responses. Importantly, Reimagining Reality doesn't stop at intervention—it creates pathways to transformation. Through its focus on digital storytelling and VR production, the program trains youth in emerging tech fields, positioning their lived experiences as sources of strength and creativity. This workforce development model shifts the narrative from passive service recipient to active content creator, reinforcing dignity and economic mobility. By bringing these tools directly to communities, including those in historically marginalized rural areas, the program prioritizes accessibility and cultural relevance. Ultimately, Reimagining Reality amplifies youth voice, supports healing through experiential learning, and builds community resilience—aligning with CFCI's commitment to equity, opportunity, and systems change rooted in empowerment.
Civic Power LA – Participatory Democracy & Belonging Initiative		ARDI in partnership with Black-led CBOs		SPA 1,SPA 2,SPA 3,SPA 4,SPA 5,SPA 6,SPA 7,SPA 8; SD2,SD3,SD4;	Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;Strategy 2: Economic Opportunity & Sustainability;Strategy 3: Education Access & Youth Development;Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration;Strategy 4: Housing Stability;	Civic Power LA could be a transformative initiative that will strengthen civic infrastructure in Black communities across Los Angeles County through three core components: participatory budgeting, civic education, and year-round civic organizing. Led by Black-led community-based organizations, the initiative will address persistent structural barriers to civic participation and belonging by empowering residents to engage in shaping the decisions and investments that affect their daily lives. Black Angelenos continue to report a disproportionately low sense of belonging (only 44.1%) and more than one in four live in what are termed "civic deserts"—areas with limited access to civic institutions, community spaces, and engagement opportunities. At the same time, nearly 95% of Black residents say that arts and culture are essential to their quality of life, highlighting the importance of culturally relevant civic spaces and programs. However, traditional civic institutions often fail to meet this cultural, historical, and communal needs of Black communities. Civic Power LA addresses these disparities by building out multiple, culturally competent entry points into civic life. The program will train community leaders in participatory democracy, offer workshops and curriculum tailored to Black communities on how local government and budgeting work, and support organizing strategies that foster collective action. By facilitating participatory budgeting processes, residents will have direct power to identify community priorities and decide how resources are allocated. This initiative creates civic ecosystems where healing, self-determination, and systemic accountability can thrive. Through these efforts, Civic Power LA will increase Black civic participation, rebuild trust in public institutions, and ensure that public dollars reflect community-defined priorities. In doing so, it advances the Care First vision by engaging those most impacted by structural racism and mass incarceration in co-creating the future of public safety, wellness, and community wellbeing in Los Angeles.	Black youth and adults in historically under-resourced neighborhoods, especially those in SPA 6 and 8. No eligibility restrictions—open to all community members in priority zip codes.	Increased access to mental or physical health care;Youth development or civic engagement;Healing and wellbeing;Decreased justice system involvement;Improved educational access or attainment;Job training or employment outcomes;Stable or supportive housing;	Surveys, civic participation logs (PB turnout, policy engagement), focus groups, and voter engagement metrics.	Needs minor setup (within 3 months)	By a joint partnership		$ 20,000,000.00 $20,000,000 Budget Breakdown Personnel/Staff: $5,000,000 Funding will support staffing across multiple Black-led CBOs for organizers, civic educators, program coordinators, and project managers leading participatory budgeting and civic engagement efforts. Program Supplies: $1,000,000 Includes materials for workshops, voter education kits, participatory budgeting ballots, translation/interpretation tools, and technology to facilitate accessible civic engagement. Facilities or Space Use: $1,500,000 Covers rental and operational costs for community meeting spaces, civic education events, and participatory budgeting assemblies across all Service Planning Areas. Consultants or Partners: $2,000,000 Includes partnerships with subject matter experts in participatory budgeting, evaluation consultants, curriculum designers, and community cultural strategists. A majority of this will fund subgrants to CBOs leading implementation. Outreach/Communications: $1,500,000 Supports community-designed marketing campaigns, culturally relevant outreach (digital and print), canvassing, and community	This project addresses deep-rooted civic exclusion and political disempowerment in Black communities—systems shaped by legacies of redlining, mass incarceration, and disenvestment. By building platforms for community voice and co-governance, the initiative strengthens civic infrastructure in areas historically burned by punitive policies and systemic neglect. Through investments in participatory budgeting, civic education, and community organizing led by Black-led organizations, the project empowers residents to help shape public decisions and spending priorities. This directly advances the goals of Measure J and the Care First Community Investment (CFCI) framework, which call for divesting from carceral systems and reinvesting in community-based solutions. By engaging residents most impacted by incarceration and criminalization, the program contributes to a long-term decarceration strategy—shifting power away from systems of control and toward community-led care and accountability. Moreover, this initiative responds to the clear need for targeted investments in civic power-building, especially in Black communities where more than one in four residents live in "civic deserts," where feelings of belonging are low, and where participation in democratic systems is often structurally limited. By transforming civic disengagement into civic leadership, this program seeks to repair harm, increase public accountability, and foster a culture of community governance grounded in equity and liberation. Moreover, Civic Power LA not only aims to increase voter participation but also to reimagine what civic engagement can look like—ensuring that communities are not just participating in civic life but leading it. It directly supports the goals of the Care First Community Investment (CFCI) initiative by expanding opportunities for meaningful public participation, advancing equity in representation, and helping communities most impacted by incarceration and systemic disinvestment reclaim decision-making power. For too long, Black Angelenos have been excluded from the rooms where policies and budgets are shaped—despite being disproportionately impacted by the justice system, housing instability, and underinvestment in health, education, and economic opportunity. This initiative tackles those inequities head-on by removing the barriers that have historically kept Black voices out of civic and political processes. It builds leadership from the ground up, invests in community organizers, supports long-term education, and funding creative civic strategies that reflect the lived experiences and cultural strengths of Black LA. Resourcing Black-led organizations to carry out civic engagement, cultural programming, and community-based decision-making promotes healing, connection, and collective power—all essential to the heart of CFCI and Measure J. It also prevents the kind of top-down, check-the-box engagement that has failed communities, especially in neighborhoods classified as "civic deserts," where infrastructure for participation has been intentionally withheld. This project shifts power back into the hands of communities that have faced systemic neglect and criminalization. It ensures that investments made through CFCI aren't just about dollars, but about creating a system where those closest to the pain are closest to the power—and where the future LA is shaped by those most impacted.
The Next Hits		The Next Hits, Los Angeles			SPA 4; SD3;	Strategy 3: Education Access & Youth Development;	Hi this will be a youth center and outreach and workplace developmental program built by Hit-Boy that will help train and expose youth to professional artists and producers, gain access to equipment, learn skills and knowledge to be able to have a career in entertainment as artists, creative directors, producers, etc	This is for the youth. Its for ages 12-18 years (up to high school) giving them a chance to learn what path they want to take to be able to follow up in college or in the real world.	Improved educational access or attainment;Job training or employment outcomes;Youth development or civic engagement;Healing and wellbeing;	we will build a program that will help place youth into work environments as paid interns and event full time employees. we are measuring success by the careers we launch!	Still in development	By a community-based organization	We need to build our facility and also bring in partners (major artists such as Big Sean, Alchemist, ASAP Rocky, etc and companies like BANDLAB, Native Instruments, Fruityloops, etc)	$ 2,000,000.00 Personnel/Staff: $1M Program Supplies and equipment $500,000 Facilities/Comms: $500k	Hit-Boy's father was incarcerated his whole life and his mother was able to get him the equipment he needed to be able to follow a path as a music producer and artist. He's now won 3 Grammys (nominated 11 times), has made over 40 Jay-Z beat tapes (Jay-Z tagged records (N**** In Paris), Travis Scott's biggest hits Mo Bamba, and one of Beyoncé's biggest (Texas Hold Em). We would like to offer the same opportunity to the next wave of youth who might have lost their father to incarceration and need exposure to positive role models like hit-boy and his peers in the entertainment community. We'd like to keep kids out of prison and get them into the Grammy's instead!
The Kindness Closet		Heritage Group Homes, Inc	The Kindness Closet	Did not receive CFCI funding	SPA 3; SD3;SD1;	Strategy 3: Education Access & Youth Development;	The Kindness Closet is a drop-in center in Covina, CA that provides services to about 300 current and former foster youth and junior college students between the ages of 17-26 in Los Angeles County annually. Outreach Specialists at the site include peer support, linkage to mental health services, and connection to community resources. Youth also use computers for internet access to research jobs and for telehealth services. The center will provide a washer and dryer for youths to do their laundry, secure mailboxes to receive mail and packages, and a shower and bathroom for those who are experiencing housing instability. Additional services include job training and job placement services will be provided in addition to services through our ECM (Enhanced Care Management) contract to provide linkages to housing support, meals, food banks and health care services.	Target population is former foster youth, current foster youth, high-risk unhoused populations, low-income college students and seniors and our those transitioning from juvenile detention or prison population.	Increased access to mental or physical health care;Improved educational access or attainment;Job training or employment outcomes;Youth development or civic engagement;Healing and wellbeing;Decreased justice system involvement;	Daily attendance logs, initial PHQ2 assessment and tracking of improvements, NOMS short-form assessments, satisfaction surveys after each service, focus groups, interviews, anonymous satisfaction surveys. Program metrics will be rigorously tracked and evaluated weekly, monthly and annually with documentation and assessments to ensure on-going success or need for improvement. Some areas to be evaluated include the following: 1.Youth participation numbers and hours with emphasis on skill building charts that reflect increased knowledge in areas such as food and nutrition literacy, ability to safely use kitchen tools and identify healthy food choices 2.Community participation engagement with the goal of at least 50 multi-generational and culturally diverse volunteers that engage with the persons served through sharing their knowledge, teaching skills and helping to tend to the community garden. Tracking will be conducted utilizing written assessments, surveys, progress reports, interviews, observation of improvement tracked by staff and system program skills measurement tools. Other areas measured and tracked include: 3.Number of stable housing units available to low-income community college students and former foster youth ages 18-25. 4.Successful transition from supportive housing to permanent housing within 3	$ 1,500,000.00 12 month projection: Kindness Closet currently operates on a small scale and would like to expand operations. Personnel/Staff 950,000 for approximately 12-13 positions Program Supplies 100,000 Facilities/Space Use: 85,000 Outreach/communication 65,500 Consultants/training 25,000 Technology costs 19,000 Admin cost 225,000	Heritage has served our community through supportive housing, mental health services and residential treatment for over 33 years and the Kindness Closet drop-in center has been in operation for 4 years. We added an Enhanced Care Management (ECM) program in 2023 and serve as the justice involved partner by providing linkages and services to those recently released from prison or other detention facilities. Heritage also has a MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) with Mt. SAC College and the center is co-located until called REACH for very low-income students and foster youth attending the college. Heritage has served our community through supportive housing, mental health services and treatment for 33 years. The strategic plan for the next 5 years includes expanding housing beds to meet the needs of former foster youth through our DPSS Referred TAY-HMO (Transitional Housing Program for Non-Minor Dependents) and our MOU-Memorandum of Understanding agreement with Mt. SAC Community College which is the largest community college in the San Gabriel Valley and has approximately 30,000 students enrolled. We plan to add 10 to 15 new 24-beds annually for the next 5 years for a 120 new supportive housing beds. We also plan to create one microenterprise Home Kitchen on a property with 1-acre to include a community garden and then add at least one location annually for the next 5 years for a total of 5 locations in Los Angeles, San Bernardino, Orange and Riverside Counties. This will enable us to create on-going revenue to support our programs while expanding to meet community needs.
A.C.T.I.V.E. (Advocating Change Through Inclusive Vital Engagement)		Building Futures Inc	A.C.T.I.V.E. (Advocating Change Through Inclusive Vital Engagement)	Year 3/Fiscal Year 2023-24	SPA 2,SPA 8,SPA 6,SPA 4,SPA 5,SPA 3,SPA 7,SPA 1; SD1,SD2,SD4,SD3,SD5;	Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;Strategy 2: Economic Opportunity & Sustainability;Strategy 3: Education Access & Youth Development;Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration;	A.C.T.I.V.E. (Advocating Change Through Inclusive Vital Engagement) is a dynamic, community-based wellness initiative designed to meet the mental health needs of individuals and families in South Central Los Angeles. Created to bridge the gap in culturally affirming mental health care, A.C.T.I.V.E. offers free, trauma-informed programming rooted in healing, resilience, and self-discovery. Our approach blends arts, education, therapy, and workshops to support holistic well-being. Through a rotating calendar of weekly workshops and events, participants engage in group therapy, 1 to 1 therapy, yoga, stretch, group fitness, art therapy, sound bowl healing, journaling, nature walks, and more. We also offer one-on-one therapy and peer-led discussions that help participants manage anxiety, reduce stress, and regulate emotions in healthy, sustainable ways. Held in trusted community spaces, sessions are facilitated by diverse wellness practitioners who reflect the lived experiences of our participants. A.C.T.I.V.E. creates inclusive, stigma-free spaces where intergenerational healing can flourish. To expand this impact, we are developing an afterschool wellness program that teaches the same core wellness components to school-aged youth. This innovative extension will blend creative expression, emotional intelligence training, movement-based mindfulness, and peer connection to support young minds and bodies, among children and adolescents. Youth will participate in hands-on wellness stations such as "Feel to Heal" journaling, "Move Your Mood" fitness and breathwork, "Peace Pieces" art therapy, and "Joy Lab" scent and sensory creation. These interactive activities will be embedded in a safe, supportive afterschool space that encourages emotional exploration, stress management, and personal growth. Together, A.C.T.I.V.E. and its afterschool expansion promote emotional wellness, build confidence, and empower individuals of all ages to thrive rooted in culture, community, and collective healing.	The A.C.T.I.V.E. Wellness Program is designed to serve historically underserved and marginalized populations in South Central Los Angeles, with a focus on Black, Brown, and LGBTQ+ individuals and families. Our current program prioritizes economically disadvantaged community members, those with limited access to culturally affirming mental health resources, and individuals seeking trauma-informed support. The afterschool wellness component specifically targets school-aged youth (ages 6–18) who may be experiencing stress, emotional challenges, or a lack of mental health support in traditional school settings. We aim to reach students from public schools, alternative schools, and those referred through our current partners. There are no strict eligibility requirements. All A.C.T.I.V.E. programming is free and open to community members who seek wellness support, following a process consistent with our current enrollment system. Youth under the age of 18 may enroll through a parent or guardian, or be referred by schools, community organizations, or healthcare providers. Adults 18 and older may self-enroll. All participants are required to complete a brief pre-assessment at the time of enrollment and a post-assessment at the conclusion of their participation, with progress updates collected quarterly to support continuous improvement and track impact.	Increased access to mental or physical health care;Improved educational access or attainment;Youth development or civic engagement;Healing and wellbeing;	Milestones: Milestone 1: Completion of the Rites of Passage Journey Goal: 90% of enrolled boys complete the whole 12-week Pathway to Purpose curriculum, culminating in a community-based Rites of Passage Ceremony. Impact: Demonstrates commitment, growth in identity, emotional awareness, and readiness to lead with purpose. Indicators: Attendance and participation records Final reflection presentations or legacy declarations Family and mentor testimonials Milestone 2: Family Engagement & Engagement	Ready to implement immediately	By a community-based organization	To successfully launch this initiative, it is essential first to clarify the vision and design the program by defining its purpose, mission, and desired impact. This includes identifying core values and thoughtfully developing the structure, activities, curriculum, and services that will bring the vision to life. Once the design is established, the next step involves building strong strategic partnerships. This includes identifying and engaging key stakeholders, collaborators, and allies, as well as forming relationships with community organizations, schools, faith-based groups, and other institutions. Establishing mutually beneficial roles and agreements is critical at this stage. After securing partnerships, the focus should shift to funding and sustainability. This involves developing a diverse funding plan that includes grants, donations, sponsorships, and opportunities for earned income. Additionally, detailed budgeting and financial projections should be created, along	$ 1,000,000.00 Expanding our current $1.2 million budget over an additional three years will allow us to sustain the momentum of our A.C.T.I.V.E. Wellness Program and deepen our impact across South Central Los Angeles. Continued funding will ensure program stability, staff retention, and the capacity to serve more individuals and families with consistent, culturally affirming wellness services. In addition to maintaining our current offerings, this expansion will support the development of our afterschool wellness initiative for youth, expand partnerships, and allow us to build more trauma-informed interventions. With strategic investment and ongoing support, we also plan to secure complementary funding to move toward acquiring a permanent community wellness space to be a community hub for healing, learning, and connection. A long-term facility will provide stability for our programs and act as a trusted, intergenerational wellness anchor in the community. This next phase of growth is vital to ensuring our vision is sustainable, community-led mental health access becomes a reality. We propose a Total 3-Year Budget: $1,200,000 Annual Budget Breakdown (Estimated $400,000 per year) Category Annual Amount 3-Year Total Personnel/Staff $180,000 $540,000 Program Supplies $50,000 $150,000 Facilities/Space Use $36,000 $108,000 Consultants/Partners $30,000 $90,000 Outreach/Communications $14,000 $72,000	The A.C.T.I.V.E. Wellness Program isn't just an initiative; it's a lifeline. In South Central Los Angeles, where systemic racism, poverty, and over-policing have left generations scarred, we refuse to accept that incarceration is the only answer. Too many families bear the pain of watching a loved one cycle in and out of cells instead of receiving the healing they deserve. CFCI's vision of justice, one rooted in prevention, reconciliation, and community power, is the heartbeat of our work. Our A.C.T.I.V.E. Wellness Program directly aligns with the goals of CFCI by prioritizing healing, prevention, and community empowerment over punishment and incarceration. A.C.T.I.V.E. serves individuals and families from communities most impacted by systemic racism, poverty, and overpolicing, many of whom have been directly or indirectly affected by incarceration. Every day, we meet mothers who've lost children to violence or the system, youth who've been criminalized for their trauma, and LGBTQ+ individuals fighting to survive in a world that too often punishes them for existing. Healing isn't a privilege, it's a birthright. Yet for our communities, stigma and systemic barriers shut the door on mental health care. A.C.T.I.V.E. smashes those doors open. Our program addresses systemic barriers to mental health access by delivering free, trauma-informed, culturally affirming care in trusted community-based spaces. We work to dismantle stigma around mental health, especially in Black, Brown, and LGBTQ+ communities, while equipping participants with the tools needed to manage trauma, regulate emotions, and build resilience. This is essential in breaking cycles of harm and reducing reliance on punitive systems. Through culturally grounded mentorship, mental wellness education, financial literacy, and community-based health partnerships, RISE works to dismantle the root causes of issues such as economic instability, lack of educational access, and health disparities that often lead youth toward the justice system. By providing skill-building and viable alternatives to incarceration, and by intentionally preparing fathers for reintegration and community acceptance, the program empowers those directly impacted to break generational cycles of harm. Ultimately, RISE promotes healing, hope, and opportunity for historically underserved communities, advancing CFCI's vision for community-led solutions that keep families whole and neighborhoods strong.
Brushstrokes of Healing		LIFE 2.0 Inc		SPA 2,SPA 3,SPA 6,SPA 8; SD1,SD2,SD4,SD3,SD5;	Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;Strategy 2: Economic Opportunity & Sustainability;Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration;	Brushstrokes of Healing is a 6- to 8-week acrylic painting program offered through the Life 2.0 initiative. It is designed to support incarcerated youth through creative self-expression, emotional healing, and the development of foundational skills in visual arts. The program addresses the unmet need for trauma-informed, culturally responsive justice settings, providing youth with a structured, constructive outlet for processing emotions and developing resilience. Each session combines technical instruction in acrylic painting, covering color theory, shading, brush techniques, and perspective, with reflective practices that promote personal storytelling, emotional regulation, and positive identity formation. Through guided art-making, participants build confidence, improve focus and patience, and explore personal symbolism in a safe, supportive environment. By the end of the program, participants will have created a personal portfolio of artwork that reflects their emerging voice and growth as artistic graves. The final project is accompanied by a "Letter to Self," encouraging personal affirmation and future goal setting. Optional sharing circles provide a space for youth to present their work, build community, empathy, and trust. What will it do? As part of the Life 2.0 initiative, Brushstrokes of Healing aligns with restorative justice principles, youth development strategies, and reentry preparation efforts. It equips participants with emotional insight and creative skills that support healing, reduce recidivism, and promote long-term transformation. The program is designed to be scalable and adaptable across juvenile justice facilities, reentry programs, and youth-serving organizations seeking impactful, healing-centered interventions. What needs does it address? The program specifically addresses the following needs: Limited access to mental health and wellness tools for incarcerated youth; Lack of creative outlets for emotional expression and self-discovery; and Demand for non-verbal, trauma-informed approaches to healing and communication.	Brushstrokes of Healing is designed specifically for system-involved youth, with a primary focus on incarcerated adolescents and young adults between the ages of 14 and 21. The program serves youth who are currently housed in juvenile detention centers, reentry facilities, or youth rehabilitation programs and who may be navigating complex trauma, grief, identity challenges, and behavioral health needs. What are the eligibility requirements for participants? ●Both with histories of trauma, loss, or unresolved emotional pain ●Individuals with limited access to creative, therapeutic, or restorative programming ●Adolescents seeking alternative forms of expression beyond traditional talk-based interventions ●Both at-risk of recidivism or in the early stages of reentry and reintegration ●Have experienced adverse childhood experiences (ACEs), including community violence, family separation, neglect, and cycles of incarceration. ●All artistic skill levels, cultural backgrounds, and learning needs.	Increased access to mental or physical health care;Decreased justice system involvement;Improved educational access or attainment;Job training or employment outcomes;Youth development or civic engagement;Healing and wellbeing;	•Pre- and Post-Program Surveys •Attendance Logs •Facilitator Observations & Progress Notes •Portfolio Review •Reflective Activities •Focus Groups / Sharing Circles •Follow-Up Interviews or Surveys (3-6 months post-program) •Reentry Support Tracking	Ready to implement immediately	By a community-based organization		$ 212,048.00 Brushstrokes of Healing, as part of the Life 2.0 initiative, directly supports the goals of the Care First Community Investment (CFCI) by prioritizing healing, equity, and reinvestment for youth most impacted by incarceration and systemic disinvestment. Who Benefits: This program centers system-involved youth and young adults, primarily Black, Brown, and low-income youth from communities disproportionately affected by incarceration, trauma, and limited access to therapeutic services. By offering a culturally responsive, trauma-informed creative arts experience within detention and reentry settings, the program fosters healing and self-determination where it is most needed. Systemic Barriers Addressed: ●Lack of mental health resources in juvenile facilities and community programs ●Disconnection from culturally affirming, expressive outlets that support trauma recovery ●Overreliance on punitive systems rather than restorative and preventative solutions ●Barriers to reentry due to low self-worth, lack of coping skills, and few vocational or creative pathways Brushstrokes of Healing addresses these barriers by providing a non-punitive, strengths-based space where youth and young adults can process trauma, build emotional resilience, and explore their identity and future using visual art. It also introduces viable skills and self-expression tools that youth can carry into their reentry journeys, reducing the likelihood of recidivism. Brushstrokes of Healing, as part of the Life 2.0 initiative, directly supports the goals of the Care First Community Investment (CFCI) by addressing the root causes of incarceration and investing in community-based solutions that promote healing, opportunity, and justice. Who Benefits: This program serves youth ages 16–25 who are justice-involved, formerly incarcerated, or aging out of the foster care system. These individuals, disproportionately impacted by trauma, poverty, and racial inequities, often face limited access to mental health support, workforce development, and safe community connections. Pirated Purpose provides them with the tools to heal from Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), build job skills, and reconnect with their communities. Systemic Barriers Addressed: ●Trauma & Mental Health: The program offers trauma-informed therapy and healing circles, addressing the deep emotional wounds that often underlie system involvement. ●Economic Exclusion: By offering culinary training, ServSafe certification, and employment pipelines, Plated Purpose opens doors to income-generating careers, reducing economic instability that contributes to recidivism. ●Social Disconnection: Through community meals, service projects, and mentorship, the program helps to rebuild a sense of belonging and purpose, countering the isolation common in young adults' reentry
Project Our Community: Project CONNECT!		Los Angeles Boys &Girls Club	Project CONNECT!	Did not receive CFCI funding	SPA 4; SD1;	Strategy 3: Education Access & Youth Development;	Project CONNECT! connects at-risk, high-risk, and justice involved youth and their families with critical needs that will help Angelenos get through this difficult time. "Los Angeles boys & Girls Club is seeking support to expand and adapt this program to current needs faced by our city. Food Safe passage Employment preparation and jobs Increased family income to offset lost wages and unemployment Youth development Through youth leadership and giving young people both a VOICE and important roles, Project CONNECT! will empower young people to address these critical needs and learn workplace skills. How it Works Youth and young adults ages 14-24 will enroll in the program, participate in a required number of workshops and move through our Leaders In Training workforce development stages toward independent employment. Participants begin with a volunteer job shadowing position, then move to a paid internships at our site. Next they move to working off site, at our Thrift Store or on hourly paid job at the Boys & Girls Club. Eventually participants move to a subsidized job in the community, off site. Youth and young adults earn moving up in the program by participating in workshops, volunteer roles, and youth development programming at Los Angeles Boys & Girls Club. Paid and volunteer positions will be focused on: 1) Supporting our food distribution and delivery to the community including seniors, families and people who fear going to work or leaving their homes due to the current immigration enforcement actions	Youth ages 14-24 will be the primary population served. In addition, seniors, families, and small/micro business owners will also be served.	Decreased justice system involvement;Job training or employment outcomes;Youth development or civic engagement;	Attendance logs and time sheets will track volunteer, intern and work hours. Attendance logs will track youth development participation. Record keeping will keep count of the number of people receiving food each week through delivery and also through distribution. Initial paychecks copies for employment records will provide evidence of paid positions obtained. Paychecks will provide evidence of family income increases. Employment change of status or other hiring forms will serve as evidence of upward movement in the program from volunteer to stipend paid youth intern, to hourly employee, to placements outside the organization and to independent employment. Transportation logs will track use of the safe passage system. Participant survey will collect data on youth knowledge growth in job skills, employment soft skills, and work attainment.	Ready to implement immediately	By a community-based organization		$ 180,000.00 $160,000 Personnel: (1) Program Director, (1) Case Manager, (4) Food packing & Delivery Staff, Safe Passage Coordinator, (4) Drivers (2) Youth Development Professionals, (6) Interns per quarter (4) Subsidized workforce leaders per quarter $6,000 Facilities $500/month x 12 months $10,000 Consultants or Partners $22,000 Transportation costs- drivers, gas, maintenance (4 vans) $1,000 Outreach & Communications $1000 Program Supplies	Project Our Community: Project CONNECT! is a dynamic youth and young adult driven system involvement or recidivism by connecting them to a structured progressive job experience program that doubles as a critical resource for the broader community. Young people are empowered to help their community and their own families while learning skills and getting work experience, through Project CONNECT! This program will impact Northeast Los Angeles areas which are severely impacted by incarceration both historically, and currently. The program will do so by: 1) enabling at risk, high risk and system impacted young people to gain work experience while safely earning funds to help their families (increasing family income & reducing risk of evictions) 2) providing food and resources to community members so they do not have to be at risk of incarceration by immigration officials (reducing fear, food insecurity) 3) increasing access to our programs by providing safe passage from local housing authority units and from the larger community to our program facilities and back home afterwards (eliminating barrier of transportation) 4) by empowering young people to positively impact their community (seeing young people as solutions not the problem)
RISE: "Raising Sons, Restoring Families, Rebuilding Communities"		The Global Beloved Community		SPA 6,SPA 4,SPA 8; SD1,SD2,SD4;	Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;Strategy 2: Economic Opportunity & Sustainability;Strategy 3: Education Access & Youth Development;Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration;	RISE: Resilient	Identified	Self-Aware	Empowered RISE exists to strengthen families by nurturing boys into resilient, self-aware, and empowered young men, while equipping parents, especially in Black and Brown communities, with the tools, wisdom, and support to raise emotionally healthy, purpose-driven leaders. Through culturally grounded mentorship, mental wellness education, financial literacy, and transformative rites of passage, RISE builds a legacy by developing identity, instilling strength, and inspiring generations to thrive.	The target population is focused on serving boys and men in Black and Brown communities through our Four Pillars: 1. **"Pathway to Purpose Track"** – Designed for boys and men aged 14-24, including their parents. 2. **"Parenting with Purpose Track"** – Intended for adult men, parents, and guardians. 3. **"Mental Wellness & Cultural Healing"** – Aimed at adults. 4. **"Financial Literacy & Legacy Building Track"** – For adult men, parents, and children. Eligibility includes males or parents of male children who may be struggling in their education, have had contact with law enforcement, or have a generational risk of gang affiliation or association with socially undesirable groups, which can lead to incarceration.	Increased access to mental or physical health care;Improved educational access or attainment;Youth development or civic engagement;Healing and wellbeing;		Needs significant setup (within 3-6 months)	By a community-based organization		$ 700,000.00 Personnel/Staff — 420k (20%) Program Supplies — 693K (33%) Facilities or Space Use — 189k (9%) Consultants or Partners — 252K (12%) Outreach/Communications — 231K (11%) Indirect/Admin Costs — 315K (15%) Other	The RISE program fully aligns with the goals of CFCI by investing in the well-being and development of youth and families who are most impacted by incarceration. By focusing on Black and Brown boys who are at risk of or already involved in the justice system, RISE directly addresses the systemic inequities that contribute to cycles of incarceration. Simultaneously, the program equips parents and caregivers with the tools, resources, and community connections needed to strengthen family bonds and create supportive home environments, recognizing that resilient families are the bedrock of safe, thriving communities. Through culturally grounded mentorship, mental wellness education, financial literacy, and community-based health partnerships, RISE works to dismantle the root causes of issues such as economic instability, lack of educational access, and health disparities that often lead youth toward the justice system. By providing skill-building and viable alternatives to incarceration, and by intentionally preparing fathers for reintegration and community acceptance, the program empowers those directly impacted to break generational cycles of harm. Ultimately, RISE promotes healing, hope, and opportunity for historically underserved communities, advancing CFCI's vision for community-led solutions that keep families whole and neighborhoods strong.

2025 CFCI FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS

Proposed Project Name || Organization or County Dept	If your program is not new and is an expansion of an existing project, what is its name?	If your program is an expansion and previously received CFCI funding, please indicate under which Spending Plan Year/Fiscal Year.	Service Planning Areas (SPA) and Supervisorial Districts (SD) Served	CFCI Strategies	Description of Project	Target population and ability requirements	Anticipated Outcomes of Project	Implementation Period for Project	Administration of Project	If applicable, by which County Dept?	If the program does not have existing infrastructure, please describe what would be needed to launch the program/project.	What is the total requested annual amount of funding for this program/project?	based on the amount entered above, enter a basic breakdown of each of the following in dollar amounts (round numbers are acceptable): Personnel/Staff Program Supplies Facilities or Space Use Consultant	How does this program/project support the goals of CFCI? Think about who benefits, what systemic issues it may help to address, and how success will be measured. Please be as specific as possible.
Youth@Works Employability Initiative in South Central || A Place Called Home	Professional Readiness & Employment Pathways	Year 3/Fiscal Year 2023-24	SPA 6,SPA 8; SD2,	Strategy 3: Education Access & Youth Development;	A Place Called Home proposes an expansion to our Professional Readiness & Employment Pathways Program, which currently prepares hundreds of low-income youth in South LA to successfully enter the workforce and achieve educational attainment. The focus of our program expansion will support youth from moving beyond self-sufficient employment to accessing gainful employment opportunities as they transition to young adulthood. A Place Called Home is joining forces with JVS SoCal, a recognized regional leader in the field of workforce development, to create the first of its kind hub for youth employment in South LA, merging trauma-informed youth development with JVS SoCal's proven workforce development model. This program will uniquely address the barriers facing South LA youth by providing social-emotional learning, career readiness, soft and technical skills training, and direct pathways to certification and employment in high-growth industries like banking and healthcare. With over a decade of experience and investment into our workforce development programming, A Place Called Home is well-positioned to expand our workforce programming with an initiative that reflects the needs and aspirations of our youth members. A Place Called Home uplifts youth and young adults facing a range of complex challenges, addressing the impact of poverty, limited resources, and systemic barriers. Our partnership will allow A Place Called Home to reach greater numbers of youth, including opportunity youth enrolled in Da Vinci Rise High School, an accredited onsite school for youth navigating foster care, housing instability, probation, and/or other circumstances that have caused disruptions in their journeys. Over the course of the thirty-six month period, A Place Called Home proposes to launch a two-phased initiative establishing our organization as a youth employment hub in South LA, preparing teens and young adults for jobs in fields less susceptible to automation and offering good-paying, long-term employment.	A Place Called Home serves South LA youth ages of 8-24 who primarily reside in and around Historic South Central. With a rich cultural heritage, today the neighborhood is home to a predominantly Latino population where approximately 45% of residents are immigrants, versus 33% for LA County and represents the highest percentage of immigrants across South LA. Families in South Los Angeles face some of the most difficult conditions in our county, with a poverty rate more than double that of the average for LA County as a whole. 95% of the children qualify for free or reduced lunch, compared to 69% for the county as a whole. According to a 2023 USC Dornsife study, 1 in 4 South LA residents don't know if they will have a next meal. Historic South Central also has the highest rate of crowded housing of any zip code in the county. LA youth face a range of barriers that hinder employment. Among 16-18 year-olds in the City of LA's labor force, unemployment was high (roughly 28%). Latino youth have elevated unemployment rates, contributing to their large share of the unemployed youth population. In recent years, South LA's youth unemployment rate averaged about 13.8%, roughly double the rate in more affluent West Los Angeles (~6.9%). Fifty-five percent of adults 25+ do not have a high school diploma, and only 7% of adults age 25+ have attained a bachelor's degree or higher. Lower rates of educational attainment mean fewer opportunities. In order to be eligible for the program, participants must commit to regular attendance and upholding our organization's REACH values - Respect, Empathy, Courage, and Hope. Participants who plan to enroll into advanced level job training will need to acquire their high school diploma/HSE as well as have previous work experience, and complete an assessment. Our program is sequenced to support youth to ensure that they are able to meet the prerequisites; for instance 85-90% of high school seniors historically graduate on-time.	Youth development or civic engagement;Improved educational access or attainment;Increased access to mental or physical health care;Healing and wellbeing;	Over the course of our program, A Place Called Home will implement a robust evaluation process to measure a range of social-emotional and economic outcomes through surveys, attendance tracking, high school graduation rates, internship complete rates, certification completion rates, and job placement rates. We will also assess our programs via focus groups and be guided by recommendations of our Teen Youth Leadership Council. Over 450 teens and young adults will enroll into career readiness cohorts over the 36-month period, with results focused on: -80% of teens and young adults will participate in a career exposure session(s) -75% of teen members will report consideration of potential career options -65% of teen members will display key social-emotional skills, such as positive communication and effective decision making, that are tied to workplace success -90% of high school seniors will graduate on-time and will continue on to post-secondary education and/or training -75% of high school seniors in our graduate career readiness cohorts will apply to training certification programs For 100 teens and young adults who will enroll into certification programs, we will work to achieve these results:	Needs minor setup (within 3 months)	(By a community-based organization		We will leverage the infrastructure, space, and resources at A Place Called Home, which has been in existence for over 20 years. Our organization has a long track record of success, and the mental health care services collectively support youth in achieving positive social emotional and economic outcomes. We are a Los Angeles Institute for Restorative Practices 'Right-Brain Certified' institution. A Place Called Home's integrated model is meant to serve the most vulnerable youth in our County, investing in their education and wellbeing from elementary school through young adulthood. We have remained on the frontlines of community investment from our founding in the wake of the Rodney King verdict to today, when our families are being fear-mongered by immigration raids. Our programs and services provide support, access, and exposure to a wide range of activities that reflect the needs, interests, and aspirations of our youth members. Our programs are rooted in the belief that high school seniors graduate on-time, with opportunities that have cooperated to ensure that they are successful in transitioning from a Place Called Home each year. Since the inception of our workforce development programs, A Place Called Home has also established strong partners in both the public and private sectors, such as the Los Angeles Institute for Children, and the Los Angeles Institute for Children. This proposed partnership with JVS SoCal also builds on an earlier initiative in 2017 aimed at broadening the range of internship placements for South LA youth. A Place Called Home will build on our lessons learned and is well-positioned to build the South LA youth employment pipeline to achieve sustainable employment and financial independence.	$ 1,127,561.00	Personnel/Staff: $392,935 Program Supplies: $19,053 Consultants or Partners: $432,000 Indirect/Admin Costs (15% max of total requested amount): $147,073 Other (Youth Participant Stipends): $178,500	Youth@Works is a holistic, trauma-informed workforce development program that addresses the barriers facing South LA youth by providing social-emotional learning, career readiness, soft and technical skills training, and direct pathways to certification and employment in high-growth industries like banking and healthcare.
Tech Support || Los Angeles Trade Technical COllege			SPA 4,SPA 5,SPA 6; SD2;	Strategy 3: Education Access & Youth Development;Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration;	Funding support for technology access for formerly incarcerated Los Angeles Trade Technical College students by creating a laptop loaner program. Many of our current LATTC Reentry students utilize their cell phones to complete course readings and assignments. Having immediate access to a laptop would allow the Reentry program to include technology assessment and support during the first steps of the onboarding process. The laptop loaners would allow our students to have early access to a laptop until they can obtain a permanent solution via their financial aid, Department of Rehabilitations, or other support programs. If students cannot access a permanent solution to a laptop, then they would be able to utilize the laptop loaner. Having access to a laptop makes it possible for Reentry students to be able to improve their digital literacy, increasing the success of their employment and educational outcomes.	Formerly incarcerated low-income students with no access to technology. Eligibility for this program is that students must be enrolled at LATTC, identify as formerly incarcerated, and be part of the LATTC Reentry program.	Improved educational access or attainment;Decreased justice system involvement;Job training or employment outcomes;	Participant surveys and institutional data	Needs minor setup (within 3 months)	(By a community-based organization		$ 10,000.00	20 Laptops = $10000	This project supports the goals of CFCI by meeting formerly incarcerated individuals where they are at by closing digital equity barriers. Having access to a laptop allows individuals to not only learn how to navigate the digital world such as emails, college apps, typing, but also how to navigate information utilizing critical thinking skills. These skills empower formerly incarcerated individuals to continue their higher education journey and seek out gainful employment.
PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS		LIFEDRIVEN FOUNDATION	Pathways to Success	Did not receive CFCI funding	SPA 5,SPA 1,SPA 2,SPA 3,SPA 4,SPA 6,SPA 7,SPA 8, SD1,SD2,SD3,SD4,SD5;	Strategy 3: Education Access & Youth Development;Strategy 2: Economic Opportunity & Sustainability;Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration;	Pathways to Success (P2S) is a collaborative initiative designed to empower at-risk youth ages 14-25 in Los Angeles County. Many of these young people face significant challenges—including adverse childhood experiences (ACEs), limited career pathways, and exposure to systems of injustice. P2S responds with a comprehensive approach that guides youth away from negative influences and toward confidence, independence, and long-term success. Program Highlights: -Youth Diversion: Offers alternatives to justice system involvement, promoting positive decision-making and self-determination. -Internship Assistance: Matches participants with local organizations aligned with their skills and interests. -Holistic Support: Offers comprehensive services that address health, education, and economic stability. -Sports and Entertainment Engagement: Uses interactive workshops to promote teamwork, discipline, and leadership. The planned approach was developed based on the community needs identified, focus groups held and the missions of the partnering organizations. P2S is rooted in the theory that sports can reduce conflict and foster camaraderie. The approach is aligned with the evidence-based Transition to Independence Process (TIP) Model, which provides individualized, strengths-based support and has received a Scientific Rating of 3 ("Promising Research Evidence") from the California Evidence-Based Clearinghouse for Child Welfare. Additionally, the program draws from the Restorative Youth Sports Model (Holt, 2017), an evidence-based approach that uses sports as a catalyst to implement a holistic and empowerment-based program that provides the development of personal and social skills in at-risk youth (adding youth and young adults that are transformative tools for addressing beyond sports (Holt, 2012). As published in the Journal of Youth	Youth development or civic engagement;Increased access to mental or physical health care;Decreased justice system involvement;Job training or employment outcomes;Improving educational access or attainment;Healing and wellbeing;Stable or supportive housing;	P2S is designed to provide at-risk youth aged 14-25, from underserved communities in the county, primarily those who have experienced adverse childhood experiences (ACEs), with access to a range of wraparound services that promote lifelong health and well-being.	Ready to implement immediately	(By a community-based organization		$ 2,000,000.00	Personnel/Staff: $400,000 Program Supplies: $45,000 Facilities or Space Use: $96,000 per annum Consultants or Partners (inclusive of program evaluator): $400,000 Outreach/Communications: $50,000 Indirect/Admin Costs (15% max of total requested amount): $300,000. Other Transportation (Participants and Mileage Reimbursement): $60,000 Participant Secondary and Post-secondary Subsidized Employment Training and Certification Fees: $500,000 (25%) Smartsheets Data Shuttle/Data Collection Portal: $100,000	Many justice involved youth experience high levels of mental health disorders, PTSD, substance use, and academic challenges tied directly to ACE exposure (National Institute of Health). Up to one-third of incarcerated youth suffer from PTSD, and associations with multiple ACEs exacerbate behavioral and health risks (The Sentencing Project, 2020). Youth detained in LA County juvenile halls are overwhelmingly African American (37%) and Latino (57%), making up 94% of the population despite comprising a smaller share of the general youth population (Juvenile Justice Population Reference Bureau). Many detained youth come from economically marginalized areas such as South and Southeast LA, and the Antelope Valley, regions with higher rates of poverty and trauma exposure. Crime Prevention Through Youth Engagement Target Population: At-risk youth ages 14-25, particularly those with Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), who are statistically at higher risk of justice system involvement. Strategy: P2S uses sports and mentoring as pro-social engagement tools such as TIP to promote conflict resolution, teamwork, and emotional regulation. Impact: Reduces the likelihood of participation in violence or criminal activity by increasing protective factors such as self-esteem, community belonging, and positive peer networks. Cross-Sector Collaboration
Youth Development Services		Helumi Health	Youth Development Services	Did not receive CFCI funding	SPA 4; SD1;SD2;SD3;	Strategy 3: Education Access & Youth Development;	Helumi Health's Youth Development Services (YDS) program empowers communities in central Los Angeles to break cycles of gang violence and trauma by promoting peace, self-sufficiency, and quality of life for youth and young adults. YDS uses a comprehensive community-based approach to provide outreach, education & workforce development, peace maintenance, violence intervention & prevention, crisis response, and individualized support services to at-risk or gang-involved individuals. The program's objectives are to create lasting change and opportunity for gang involved/affiliated youth, engage and collaborate with community and stakeholders, and help clients identify and utilize community resources. Experienced managers provide participants with various employment, skills improvement, academic, and support services including tattoo removal, community engagement events, specialized workshops (e.g. anger management, substance use, financial aid) and referrals to social services. Each year, Helumi Health YDS introduces hundreds of individuals to alternative lifestyles, which empowers clients in gang-populated areas of Los Angeles to achieve education and employment and build a sense of community and self-esteem. Funding from CFCI will be an investment in upstream youth-based programming and allow YDS to increase access to trauma informed care and healing centered services and supports to communities that have been historically impacted by gang violence and disproportionately impacted by COVID-19. Throughout the year, YDS will participate and coordinate community clean-ups, peace marches, community art installations, cultural celebrations, resource fairs and collaborate with neighborhood councils, schools, LAPD, and community-based organizations. In addition, Helumi Health YDS will provide workshops for clients that address their expressed needs. Topics could include gender-specific issues, anger management, substance use education, sexual health education, and financial aid for clients and parents. Our field trip schedule also generally features locations and experiences that will provide enriching new experiences for our clients to expose them to the countless opportunities available to them outside of their neighborhoods.	The target population for our YDS program are youth and adults ages 14-25 in Los Angeles, CA who are involved in or at-risk of being involved in gang activities. Throughout nearly two decades of service delivery, our areas of focus have included the Rampart I, Hollywood, and Olympic GRYD zones. In order for youth to be eligible for YDS services, they must be between the ages of 14-25, have a significant presence in a GRYD Zone, and be a tagger or member/affiliate of a gang or crew.	Decreased justice system involvement;Improved educational access or attainment;Job training or employment outcomes;Youth development or civic engagement;Healing and wellbeing;	Ready to implement immediately	(By a community-based organization		$ 763,181.00	Personnel/Staff: $75,442 Program Supplies 25,605 Facilities or Space Use: 19,970 Consultants or Partners: 4,500 Outreach/Communications: 38,119 Indirect/Admin Costs (15% max of total requested amount): 99,545	Helumi Health YDS supports the goals of CFCI by reducing gang involvement and violence among youth, enhancing protective factors, and promoting community safety using evidence-based prevention, intervention, and reentry strategies. Systemic barriers being addressed disparities in care based on race and socioeconomic status, lack of access to quality education and healthcare, and inadequate support for mental health and trauma among youth impacted by gang violence. Success will be measured by the number of connect youth to resources to reduce their involvement with the criminal justice system. YDS helps CFCI create safer communities by addressing the root causes of violence, providing support to populations that are disproportionately impacted by the justice system, and offering individuals paths to positive alternative lifestyles.
School-Based Mentorship Program		Los Angeles County Department of Youth Development	School-Based Mentorship	Year 1/Fiscal Year 2021-22	SPA 1,SPA 2,SPA 3,SPA 4,SPA 5,SPA 6,SPA 7,SPA 8, SD1,SD2,SD3,SD4,SD5;	Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;Strategy 2: Economic Opportunity & Sustainability;Strategy 3: Education Access & Youth Development;Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration;	The School-Based Mentorship Program builds on DYD's continuum of care aimed at providing whole person resources to youth both in school and community settings. The program will provide tailored approaches to enhance school-based support that prioritizes student needs, enhances school safety and climate, and improves educational outcomes. This is achieved by integrating community resources and representation directly into the school environment. The initiative focuses on addressing challenges students face, including behavioral issues, and academic engagement by adding capacity for additional staff acting as peace builders directly on school campuses. These efforts strive to reduce law enforcement interactions, improve school climate, enhance student engagement, and foster a "Peace Builder Model" through mentorship and restorative practices. DYD aims to expand the school-based mentorship efforts through our partnerships to implement a peace-building model with youth who are or are at risk of becoming involved the juvenile justice system onto positive paths towards success.	This program aims to serve youth aged 12-24 from all backgrounds. Eligibility requirements would include enrollment in a school site partnered with a school-based mentorship provider, with a focus that includes but is not limited to the following: - Justice System Impacted -At risk of dropping out of school because they are involved with the child welfare or juvenile justice systems. -Opportunity youth -Youth that has been suspended, expelled, and/or is disengaged from school.	Decreased justice system involvement;Improved educational access or attainment;Youth development or civic engagement;Healing and wellbeing;	Ready to implement immediately	(By a County Department	Department of Youth Development	$ 6,900,000.00	Personnel/Staff: $1.6M fyr// $4.8M 3 yrs Program Supplies: $600,000 1 yr// $1.8M 3 yrs Facilities or Space Use: $0 Consultants or Partners: $0 Indirect/Admin Costs (15% max of total requested amount): $100,000 1 yr/ $300,000 3 yrs	The School Based mentoring program benefits youth of all backgrounds, that may be involved in or at risk of being involved in the justice system, opportunity youth, youth at risk of homelessness and those that may need additional support to remain engage in the educational system. This program will foster their continued grown, academically and socioemotionally with the effect of overall positive growth, success and increased engagement. It addresses common challenges, such as a lack mental health interventional and supportive resources, as well as a lack of positive adult role models in their lives. Through this experience, we are taking a proactive approach and breaking the youth from the school to prison pipeline and creating a pathway for healing through restorative practices for those that may have already interacted with the justice system in their lifetime. The mentorship program aligns with these goals by reducing law enforcement interactions and promoting peace-building models within schools, which can help reduce the likelihood of students entering the justice system.
LA Cocina Culinary Youth Training Program || LA Plaza de Cultura y Artes	LA Cocina Culinary Youth Training Program	Did not receive CFCI funding	SPA 1,SPA 2,SPA 3,SPA 4,SPA 5,SPA 6,SPA 7,SPA 8; SD1,SD2,SD3,SD4,SD5;	Strategy 2: Economic Opportunity & Sustainability;Strategy 3: Education Access & Youth Development;Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration;	LA Cocina Culinary Youth Training Program provides young people from under-resourced communities with job-ready skills to enter the restaurant and hospitality industry. The free, ten-week bilingual course for high school and young adults (16-24) offers hands-on cooking classes that introduce students to the basics of kitchen safety and recipe execution while connecting them with professional chefs and restaurateurs to prepare them for various jobs in the food industry. Students receive a Metro card with fare pre-loaded, an apron, basic professional tools, course books, resource materials, and are provided with computers to complete the California ServSafe exam during class. Participants also provided professional development, such as interviewing skills and a complete working professional resume. This program addresses the needs of youth development and workforce development for youth who may be disconnected from school and work, providing the education/training that can be the foundation for their occupational trajectories.	This program serves opportunity youth from Los Angeles County. The eligibility requirements are 1) Be a part of the opportunity youth population with a desire to work in the culinary and hospitality industry.	Job training or employment outcomes;Youth development or civic engagement;Healing and wellbeing;	Outcomes will be measured by pre- and post- surveys	Ready to implement immediately	(By a community-based organization		$ 250,000.00	Personnel - $130,000 Transportation - $10,000 Program Materials - $34,000 Program Tools Supplies - $55,000 Outreach/Communications - $11,000 Student Networking - $10,000	The LA Cocina Culinary Youth Training Program addresses systemic barriers by providing access to quality culinary education and job training for young people from under-resourced communities. These communities often face barriers such as limited access to education and job opportunities, which can lead to higher rates of unemployment, poverty, and incarceration. By offering a free, bilingual course, the program removes financial barriers and ensures that language is not a hindrance to learning. The program empowers communities most impacted by incarceration by equipping young people with the skills and knowledge needed to secure jobs in the restaurant and hospitality industry. This not only helps them to build a career but also provides them with a sense of purpose and belonging, reducing the likelihood of them engaging in criminal activities. By offering professional development and assistance with resume building and interview skills, the program also helps participants to become more competitive in the job market, further increasing their chances of securing stable employment.The program's hands-on approach to learning and connection with professional chefs and restaurateurs provide participants with real-world experience and networking opportunities that can be invaluable in their future careers. This not only helps to build their confidence and professionalism but also exposes them to a supportive community of like-minded individuals who share their passion for food and cooking. In summary, the LA Cocina Culinary Youth Training Program addresses systemic barriers by providing free, accessible education and training to young people from under-resourced communities. It empowers communities most impacted by incarceration by equipping participants with the skills and knowledge needed to secure jobs in the restaurant and hospitality industry, and by offering professional development and assistance with resume building and interview skills, the program also helps participants to become more competitive in the job market, further increasing their chances of securing stable employment.The program's hands-on approach to learning and connection with professional chefs and restaurateurs provide participants with real-world experience and networking opportunities that can be invaluable in their future careers. This not only helps to build their confidence and professionalism but also exposes them to a supportive community of like-minded individuals who share their passion for food and cooking.
Cultural Art Series || Tia Chucha's Centro Cultural and Bookstore	Cultural Art Series	Did not receive CFCI funding	SPA 2; SD3;	Strategy 3: Education Access & Youth Development;	The Cultural Art Series will be an arts education program for individuals aged five to 24, providing free, multidisciplinary creative workshops rooted in cultural and indigenous traditions. Held at local schools and our community center in the North San Fernando Valley (NSFV), the Cultural Art Series will offer eight- to ten-week sessions in artforms such as Jarocho music, Ballet Folklorico, mariachi, and more. The program will address multiple community needs with a scope that includes access for all, accessible arts programming, limited culturally relevant mental health support and healing, and the need for trauma-informed, community-rooted alternative programs for youth in historically under-resourced neighborhoods. Youth and families in SPA 2 — especially in the NSFV — can often face various systemic challenges such as poverty, violence, housing instability, and a history of justice system involvement. The Cultural Art Series will address these challenges by fostering healing, resilience, and cultural pride while building community connection and creative expression. The program will serve approximately 145 youth ages 5–24 annually in weekly classes and engage over 2,500 community members through one-time workshops, culminating showcases, and public events such as the Celebrating Words Festival, Día de los Muertos workshops, and the Indigenous in Us series. While the program currently focuses on youth ages five to 18, additional funding would allow us to expand to reach younger adults up to 24, add new disciplines based on community interest, and offer our full range of planned events. All of these events will aim to foster a sense of belonging, encourage intergenerational exchange, and provide an affirming space where youth and young people can thrive.	Cultural Art Series is designed for youth ages five to 24 living in North San Fernando Valley, with a focus on those from historically marginalized and system-impacted communities. Based on previous cohorts, over 80% identify as Hispanic or Latinx, 75% as female, 25% as LGBTQIA+, and 65% as low-income. While youth programs are age-specific, most classes are open enrollment. There is no cost to participants, ensuring accessibility for families with financial barriers. Events like our Celebrating Words Festival and Día de los Muertos workshops are open to all ages, including those who cannot commit to the full season, expanding access across the broader community.	Improved educational access or attainment;Youth development or civic engagement;Healing and wellbeing;	To measure the outcomes of the Cultural Art Series, we will use a combination of quantitative and qualitative tools to assess participant growth, program effectiveness, and community impact. We will track attendance throughout the eight- to twelve-week classes, workshops, and community events to monitor engagement and consistency. Participants will be asked to complete pre- and post-surveys that assess changes in their confidence, cultural knowledge, artistic skills, and emotional well-being. Teaching artists and program staff will provide regular feedback through class assessments and internal evaluations to help us refine instruction. We will also conduct focus groups and gather stories from youth and families to capture deeper, more personal impacts that are not always reflected in numbers.	Ready to implement immediately	(By a community-based organization		$ 400,000.00	Personnel/Staff: $322,000 Program Supplies: $8,000 Facilities or Space Use: $4,000 Consultants or Partners: $0 Outreach/Communications: $6,000 Indirect/Admin Costs (15% max of total requested amount): $60,000 Other: $0 Total: $400,000	The Cultural Art Series addresses multiple systemic barriers simultaneously through an integrated approach. It addresses mental health inequities by providing culturally responsive healing practices in mainstream services often lack. By creating spaces for empowerment and inclusion, we counter both social isolation and cultural erasure. Operating as both a preventative and restorative model, the program offers community-rooted care at every critical juncture — from early prevention with at-risk youth to reintegration support for those returning from detention. This comprehensive approach recognizes that sustainable public safety requires addressing root causes of systemic harm while simultaneously providing pathways for healing and transformation.
Youth Development Training and Capacity Building Community Academy || Los Angeles County Department of Youth Development	Community Restorative Justice Training	Did not receive CFCI funding	SPA 1;SPA 2;SPA 3,SPA 4,SPA 5,SPA 6,SPA 7,SPA 8; SD5,SD4;SD3,SD2 ;SD1;	Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;Strategy 3: Education Access & Youth Development;Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration;	Community providers receiving diversion referrals for youth stopped by law enforcement, campus staff interacting daily with students and other partners are working with young people who often have complex needs and histories, including exposure to violence, trauma, and system involvement. Increasing providers' capacity to facilitate Restorative Justice mediations and address more serious charges—such as gun-related offenses, sexual harm, or gang involvement—not only improves the quality of support for youth but also builds the credibility of the diversion and prevention holistically. When law enforcement agencies, and other pillars of society and community see that providers are equipped to handle high-risk cases with skill, structure, and safety, they are more likely to refer youth to diversion and youth development services in lieu of traditional justice and punitive discipline processes. Specialized training increases confidence in the program's ability to manage these cases effectively, helping shift institutional culture toward diversion as a viable and trusted response, even for more serious offenses. An investment in funding would allow for expanded education in various areas that effect youth including but not limited to Restorative Justice Training, Conflict Resolution/Mediation, Organizational Capacity Building, Effective Interventions for Serious Offenses, and other topics relevant to developing youth in avoidance of interaction the justice system and diverting youth that may be involved in the justice system.	Community partners, which include but are not limited to: Community Based Organizations; County/Local Government Partners; School/School District Faculty and Staff; and community members that wish to divert youth from being involved in the justice system or develop youth in their communities. Any partners that engage with young people with the goal of diverting them from involvement in the justice system or providing an outlet for youth development that will create positive outcomes for youth and community.	Youth development or civic engagement;Healing and wellbeing;Decreased justice system involvement;	Workshop attendance will be measured by attendance logs. Workshop impact will be measured with pre- and post-surveys to gauge participant knowledge before and after training. Feedback will be collected by the workshop provider. Follow up interviews with participants. Pulse surveys with students.	Ready to implement immediately	(By a County Department	Department of Youth Development	$ 600,000.00	Personnel/Staff: $400,000 Program Supplies: $70,000 Facilities or Space Use: $20,000 Consultants or Partners: $0 Outreach/Communications: $20,000 Indirect/Admin Costs: $90,000	The Youth Development Training and Capacity Building Community Academy will support the goal of CFCI by increasing the use of restorative practices in the community and divert young people from involvement in the justice system by equipping partners with skills to develop youth programs with skills to develop youth programs as an alternative to incarceration and other punitive forms of discipline. Ultimately, all partners involved benefit from a community that is intentionally invested in the lives of youth, fostering robust relationships with them. This program will provide communities with a holistic understanding of how to disrupt the pipeline to prison and improve overall culture through restorative practices.
Bridge to Belonging: Housing & Innovation for System-Impacted Youth || MyHisHeart Inc.	Global Innovators: Leading Forward	Did not receive CFCI funding	SPA 4,SPA 6,SPA 8, SD1;SD2;SD3;SD4	Strategy 2: Economic Opportunity & Sustainability;Strategy 3: Education Access & Youth Development;Strategy 4: Housing Stability;	Bridge to Belonging: Housing & Innovation for System-Impacted Youth is a comprehensive program designed to support transitional age foster youth (TAY), ages 18–24, who have experienced involvement with the justice or child welfare systems. This initiative builds upon an existing leadership and skills development framework by integrating stable housing solutions through a strategic partnership with Nehemiah Project LA. Foster youth transitioning to adulthood often face significant barriers including housing instability, limited access to education and employment, and heightened risk of justice system involvement. Bridge to Belonging addresses these challenges by creating a supportive pathway that combines trauma-informed leadership development, technology and career readiness training, and direct housing assistance. The program's three pillars include: (1) empowering youth through leadership and self-advocacy training emphasizing healing and resilience; (2) enhancing workforce opportunities via targeted tech education and skill-building; and (3) securing safe, stable housing through collaboration with trusted community partners. This holistic approach fosters a sense of belonging and stability critical to positive youth outcomes. This program aligns closely with the Los Angeles County Justice, Care and Opportunities Department's goal of reducing justice system involvement by investing in community-centered care and opportunity. Funding this program expansion will increase housing placements, broaden access to innovative leadership and tech pathways, and strengthen the overall support system for system-impacted youth, empowering them to build secure, self-determined futures.	This program primarily serves transitional age foster youth (TAY), ages 18 to 24, who are either currently or formerly involved in the foster care system and may also have experience with the juvenile or adult justice systems. Participants are system-impacted youth who face housing instability, barriers to education and employment, and challenges related to trauma and transition to adulthood. Eligibility requirements include: Age between 18 and 24 years old Current or former foster youth status Experiencing or at risk of housing instability Willingness to engage in leadership development, workforce readiness, and housing support services Residents of Los Angeles County The program is designed to meet the unique needs of youth navigating the transition from foster care to independent living, particularly those who may be system-involved or at heightened risk due to unstable housing or economic challenges.	Decreased justice system involvement;Improved educational access or attainment;Job training or employment outcomes;Stable or supportive housing;Youth development or civic engagement;Healing and wellbeing;	The program will use a combination of qualitative and quantitative methods to measure outcomes and assess impact. Key tools and approaches include: Participant Surveys: Regular pre- and post-program surveys to gauge changes in leadership skills, self-efficacy, housing stability, and workforce readiness. Attendance Logs: Tracking participation and engagement in workshops, training sessions, and housing support activities to monitor retention and commitment. Individual Progress Plans: Personalized goal-setting and tracking, updated periodically to measure progress in education, employment, and housing milestones. Interviews and Focus Groups: Periodic qualitative assessments with participants to capture in-depth feedback, lived experiences, and suggestions for program improvement. Partner Reports: Collaboration with housing partners like Nehemiah Project LA to monitor housing placements, stability, and follow-up support.	Ready to implement immediately	By a joint partnership		$ 2,200,000.00	Budget breakdown: Personnel/Staff: $1,000,000 (Program coordinators, case managers, leadership trainers for Global Innovators, TechBridge instructors, youth advocates supporting housing navigation with Nehemiah Project LA) Program Supplies: $200,000 (Leadership curriculum materials, technology devices and software for TechBridge, workshop supplies, housing support resources) Facilities or Space Use: $250,000 (Office and training space for Global Innovators and TechBridge sessions, meeting rooms, and housing-related facility expenses in partnership with Nehemiah Project LA) Consultants or Partners: $300,000 (Nehemiah Project LA housing partnership costs, specialized tech trainers for TechBridge, leadership development consultants) Outreach/Communications: $120,000 (Community engagement, digital outreach, promotional materials highlighting Global Innovators, TechBridge, and housing support) Indirect/Admin Costs (15% max): $330,000	Bridge to Belonging: Housing & Innovation for System-Impacted Youth directly supports the goals of the Care First, Jails Last initiative by prioritizing community-centered care and empowerment for transitional age foster youth who are disproportionately impacted by the justice system and housing instability. These youth often face systemic barriers such as trauma, lack of stable housing, limited access to education and employment, and heightened risk of incarceration. Our program addresses these barriers by providing a comprehensive continuum of care that integrates stable housing through partnership with Nehemiah Project LA, trauma-informed leadership development via Global Innovators: Leading Forward, and technology-based workforce readiness through TechBridge. This multi-faceted approach tackle not only proximity youth from entering or re-entering the justice system but also equips them with the tools, skills, and stability needed to thrive as leaders and innovators in their communities. By centering justice-impacted youth, fostering self-determination, and creating pathways to economic opportunity and housing permanence, Bridge to Belonging embodies CFCI's mission to reduce reliance on carceral systems and replace incarceration with healing, opportunity, and belonging. The program empowers communities most impacted by incarceration by investing in the next generation's potential to lead systemic change and build healthier, safer neighborhoods.
Homeboy Youth Reentry Center || Homeboy Industries	Homeboy Youth Reentry Center	Did not receive CFCI funding	SPA 3,SPA 4,SPA 6,SPA 7,SPA 8; SD1;SD2;SD4;	Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;Strategy 2: Economic Opportunity & Sustainability;Strategy 3: Education Access & Youth Development;Strategy 4: Housing Stability;Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration;	Homeboy Youth Reentry Center (Youth Center) will provide Youth Diversion Services to systems impacted transition aged youth. Diversion services will engage clients in an education-first work therapy model that seeks to address the complex traumas experienced by individuals of gang impacted communities and provides educational and career opportunities. Clients receive the highest dosage of services and programming in addition to part-time employment. Diversion services include Intensive Case Management, Educational Services, Workforce Development, Mental Health, Substance Abuse, and Wellness Checks – housing, food, utilities, transportation, family support. Homeboy Youth Reentry Services will be delivered by a team of Case Managers, Youth Navigators, and Therapist. Clients will have weekly case management sessions and daily school attendance and/or academic support. Clients will receive wrap-around social services guided by the Diversion Care Plan. Diversion Care Plan is determined based on outcomes of the intake process. The intake process considers an individual's physical and mental health, support systems, housing status, supervision requirements, and educational and workforce needs. Clients are also enrolled in Homeboy Learning Works Charter High School, GED program, and/or Homeboy Career Pathways Higher Education programming. We provide necessary mentorship and academic support, while providing wrap around services that enable clients to heal from their complex trauma while pursuing educational goals. Youth Center remains committed to a service delivery model that leverages the talent and skills of individuals with lived experience. Youth Center also offers a space for youth to participate in civic education and advocacy efforts. As part of the healing process, our advocacy program educates, supports, and encourages clients, trainees, and staff to get involved in the democratic process and advocate for their community. Advocacy efforts are based on the premise that we stand with the most marginalized and that by Standing, Healing, and Investing, we end the cycles of multigenerational trauma.	As a trusted messenger in the community, we have built a strong following of youth seeking a safe space where healing can occur. Homeboy Youth Center will engage systems impacted transitional-aged-youth (14-25) in a wraparound case management model that seeks to address the complex traumas experienced by individuals of gang impacted communities. Our enrollment council will very eligibility to ensure clients are systems impacted individuals. Homeboy Industries services are accessible to all individuals seeking services in Los Angeles County. Our clients are 76% Latinx, 18% African-American, 2% White, 2% Native American or Pacific Islander, and 2% other ethnicities; 72% are men and 28% are women. We have found that one of the most common reasons justice-involved individuals seek care at Homeboy is because our peer approach, where the majority of our staff are formerly gang-involved and/or previously incarcerated individuals. Our case management and navigation staff are guiding our participants through the process and to find effectiveness to our programming. Staff are credible messengers uniquely capable of supporting clients with acute and long-term challenges on their path to healing. Our client population reflects the racial injustices of California's carceral system Latino men are 46% of prisoners, but just 38% of adult Californians. Black men are 28% of prisoners, but make up just 6% of the state's adults.	Increased access to mental or physical health care;Decreased justice system involvement;Improved educational access or attainment;Job training or employment outcomes;Stable or supportive housing;Youth development or civic engagement;Healing and wellbeing;	We will employ a multi-model evaluation strategy including participant surveys, attendance logs, interviews, focus groups and case management, health and education records. We will also track outcome measures including benefits enrollment, GED completion, matriculation to higher education, and transition to and maintenance of permanent housing, job and attainment and placement. Additionally, Homeboy Youth Center uses a robust database and leans on an evaluation team that evaluates quantitative and qualitative measures to assess program delivery and individual progress. Homeboy Youth Center uses a Cared therapeutic case management database to collect data and conduct cross tabulations for trends and analysis of the impact of program services on successful transitions to employment, training and education.	Ready to implement immediately	(By a community-based organization		$ 500,000.00	JCOD CFCI Homeboy Youth Center Draft Budget Personnel/Staff: : $320,000.00 Program Supplies: : $11,783.00 Facilities/Software: : $13,500.00 Consultants or Partners:$70,000.00 Supportive Services: : $12,000.00 Client Refunds: : $7,500.00 (Youth Client Stipends)$80,000.00 Indirect/Admin (15%)$85,217.00 Total$500,000.00	For more than 37 years, Homeboy Industries has been providing trauma-informed care to justice-involved individuals seeking healing and reinteg

2025 CFCI FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS

Proposed Project Name || Organization or County Dept	If your program is not new and is an expansion of an existing project, what is its name?	If your program is an expansion and previously received CFCI funding, please indicate under which Spending Plan Year/Fiscal Year.	Service Planning Areas (SPA) and Supervisorial Districts (SD) Served	CFCI Strategies	Description of Project	Target population and ability requirements	Anticipated Outcomes of Project	Outcomes and Measures	Implementation Period for Project	Administration of Project	If applicable, by which County Dept?	If the program does not have existing infrastructure, please describe what would be needed to launch the program/project.	What is the total requested annual amount of funding for this program/project?	based on the amount entered above, enter a basic breakdown of each of the following in dollar amounts (round numbers are acceptable): Personnel/Staff Program Supplies Facilities or Space Use Consultant Outreach/Communications Indirect	How does this program/project support the goals of CFCI? Think about who benefits, what systemic barriers are being addressed, and how your program/project is grounded in community input and research.
Kairos Healing Pathways Counseling Program || Kairos Pacific University			SPA 6,SPA 8,SPA 7; SD2;	Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;Strategy 3: Education Access & Youth Development;Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration;	The Kairos Healing Pathways Counseling Program is a comprehensive, trauma-informed initiative that integrates education, mental health services, and workforce development to address critical behavioral health disparities and economic inequity in South and Southeast Los Angeles, specifically targeting residents of Service Planning Areas 6 and 8 (SPA 6 & SPA 8). The program is built around a dual-purpose model: training the next generation of culturally competent, faith-integrated counselors and providing accessible outpatient recovery services to justice-involved and low-income individuals. The initiative consists of three interlocking components: 1.Academic Pathways – Participants engage in hybrid coursework leading to AA, BA, and MA degrees in Behavioral Health Counseling. The curriculum is aligned with CADTP/CACD requirements and includes a supervised practicum that prepares students for state certification. •Key Milestones: Annual curriculum refinalls, practicum start and completion benchmarks, and graduation targets. •Detailed Curriculum: Each degree path includes foundational and clinical coursework (e.g., Addiction Counseling, Ethics, Trauma and Recovery, Faith and Healing). AA/BA/MA pathways include 60–120 credit hours and 300–600 hours of supervised practicum experience. 2.On-Site Counseling Center – A faith-integrated outpatient clinic provides low- or no-cost trauma-informed care. The Counseling Center functions as both a training site and a service hub. •Service Plan: 40 weekly clients through group, individual, and family sessions. Intake, assessment, and referral protocols will follow trauma-informed best practices. A sliding scale will ensure no client is turned away. •Clinical Oversight: LMFT/LCSW supervisors oversee interns and deliverables. The program will operate under approved licensure and credentialing frameworks to ensure quality of care. 3.Workforce Development – CBOs, churches, shelters, and reentry providers coordinate job readiness support, internships, and job placement. Practicum students are placed with agencies for direct training and future employment.	Target Populations: •Justice-involved individuals (returning citizens, probation/parole) •Transitional-age youth (18–26) •Low-income residents of SPA 6 and SPA 8 •Communities of color, especially Black and Latinx individuals Eligibility Requirements: •Must reside in or have strong ties to SPA 6 or SPA 8 •Demonstrated financial need and/or justice system involvement •Desire to pursue certification or counseling services through a faith-integrated model Referral and Recruitment Strategies: •Outreach through churches, parole/probation offices, top high schools, shelters, and transitional housing partners •Incentives include stipends for program completers, transportation assistance, and access to career mentoring •Academic participants must meet basic education prerequisites. Counseling clients are accepted through community outreach, referrals, or walk-ins. No insurance is required.	Improved educational access or attainment;Increased access to mental or physical health care;Job training or employment outcomes;	Kairos will implement a robust mixed-method evaluation plan: •Key Metrics: o80% of academic participants complete one or more credential pathways o75% of counseling clients show improvement based on pre-/post-assessments o60% of graduates placed in mental health, counseling, or reentry employment within 6 months •Measurement Tools: oLearning Management System (LMS) tracking and transcript review oClinical documentation, service logs, and case notes oCounseling Center intake data and attendance reports oClient and student satisfaction surveys, focus groups •Evaluation Team: Internal program evaluator plus external evaluation consultant for annual reporting	Needs minor setup (within 3 months)	(By a community-based organization			$ 1,000,000.00	Personnel & Staff – $475,000 Funds support a core delivery team including a Program Director, Outreach Coordinator, Administrative Assistant, and stipends for Counseling Interns. These positions are responsible for delivering trauma-informed services, leadership development, intake, student support, and program coordination. The team directly impacts the successful training and supervision of 35+ students and over 1,500 counseling sessions in SPA 6 and SPA 8. Training Instructors & Student Scholarships – $225,000 $120,000 funds stipends for licensed instructors to deliver CADTP/CACD-aligned coursework. $105,000 provides tuition scholarships for 35 students at $3,000 each, removing financial barriers to certification and supporting equitable workforce access. This investment ensures quality instruction and cultivates a diverse pipeline of community-based counselors. Consultants & Partners – $100,000 Includes contracted curriculum specialists ($25k), external evaluation and outcome reporting ($25k), and stipends for churches and CBOs hosting practicum students and referring clients ($50k). These partnerships expand community capacity and ensure culturally responsive, holistic service delivery. Curriculum & Supplies – $70,000 Covers student learning tools, therapy materials, printed manuals, digital platforms, and job readiness kits. These resources support professional certification and client healing through structured, culturally sensitive education.	Kairos Healing Pathways Counseling Program supports CFCI's mission to reinvest in care-first solutions by training highly skilled, culturally competent, and workforce equity. The program increases access to culturally grounded, trauma-informed mental health care while building a new generation of community-rooted counselors who reflect the populations they serve. By prioritizing justice-involved and low-income participants from SPA 6 and SPA 8, Kairos actively dismantles barriers to stability, housing, and self-sufficiency. Its wraparound approach integrates faith-based support, clinical training, and job readiness, creating a sustainable model dedicated to incarceration, recidivism, and poverty. Staffing Plan & Roles: •Clinical Director (licensed): Oversees clinical services, training, and compliance •Program Director: Manages curriculum, student services, and operations •Outreach Coordinator: Leads recruitment and community engagement •Administrative Assistant: Supports scheduling, data tracking, and communication •Counseling Interns & Facilitators: Deliver direct services under supervision A combination of existing staff and new hires will fill these roles. A formal recruitment plan includes outreach to HBCUs, faith-based networks, and local job boards.
Journey Forward || LIFE 2.0 Inc			SPA 2,SPA 3,SPA 6,SPA 8; SD1,SD2,SD3,SD4 ,SD5;	Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;Strategy 3: Education Access & Youth Development;Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration;	The Journey Forward Program is a 48-week trauma-informed program developed by L.I.F.E. 2.0 to serve at-risk and incarcerated youth and young adults ages 16–25. Through eight structured phases, The Journey Forward offers weekly modules focused on self-awareness, emotional regulation, substance abuse prevention, gang and violence disengagement, healthy relationships, victim awareness, wellness, and community reintegration. Participants engage in interactive lessons, journaling, assessments, and cohort discussions, both virtually and in person. The program prioritizes Black and Brown youth disproportionately affected by systemic inequities, but is inclusive of all backgrounds. It is open to youth who are incarcerated, recently released, or identified as high-risk by schools, probation, or community partners. What will it do? By incorporating the ACEs framework with Practice-Based Evidence, and by offering mentorship from formerly incarcerated leaders and support from trained professionals, the program fosters healing, growth, and long-term transformation. Anticipated outcomes include reduced recidivism, improved mental health and coping skills, and increased job readiness. Outcomes are measured through assessments, feedback, and collaboration with referring agencies to track long-term success. What needs does it address? The program addresses urgent needs faced by system-impacted youth, including high exposure to Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), lack of trauma-informed rehabilitation, and limited culturally responsive support. Many participants struggle with unaddressed trauma, emotional dysregulation, poor coping skills, and minimal opportunities for personal and professional growth.	Target Populations: The Journey Forward program is designed for at-risk and system-impacted youth and young adults aged 16–25 who have experienced trauma, Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), and systemic barriers to success. This includes: ■Both and young adults currently incarcerated in juvenile detention centers, jails, or prisons ■Previously incarcerated individuals reentering their communities ■At-risk youth identified as high-risk for incarceration through probation, diversion programs, schools, or community-based organizations ■The program prioritizes Black and Brown youth, who are disproportionately impacted by trauma, incarceration, and systemic inequities. However, it remains open and inclusive to all participants who meet the age and risk-related criteria, regardless of background. Eligibility Requirements: To participate in The Journey Forward, individuals must: ■Demonstrate a willingness to engage in a 48-week trauma-informed, personal growth-focused program ■Be approval or referral from a recognized source such as a probation officer, correctional education staff, or community-based organization ■There are no educational or behavioral prerequisites.	Increased access to mental or physical health care;Decreased justice system involvement;Job training or employment outcomes;Youth development or civic engagement;Healing and wellbeing;	•Pre- and Post-Assessments •Participant Surveys •Attendance Logs and Completion Records •Focus Groups and One-on-One Interviews •Referral Source Feedback •Health, Education, and Employment Records (where available and with consent)	Ready to implement immediately	(By a community-based organization			$ 737,093.00	•Personnel/Staff – 36 months $297750 •Program Supplies – 36 months $82500 •Facilities or Space Use -36 months $18000 •Consultants or Partners -36 months $128100 •Outreach/Communications -36 months $7200 •Indirect/Admin Costs (15% max of total requested amount) -36 months $96143 •Other -36 months $107400	
Parks After Dark (PAD) || Department of Parks and Recreation	Parks After Dark (PAD)	Did not receive CFCI funding	SPA 1,SPA 2,SPA 3,SPA 6,SPA 7; SD3,SD1,SD2,SD4 ,SD5;	Strategy 2: Economic Opportunity & Sustainability;Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;Strategy 3: Education Access & Youth Development;	Parks After Dark (PAD) is an initiative of the Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation that transforms local parks into vibrant hubs of community engagement. Operating across 34 parks in high-need communities, PAD provides free evening programming during the summer, spring, and, when resources allow, fall—addressing challenges such as youth disconnection, community violence, economic hardship, and health inequities. PAD directly supports Community Wellness and Safety by creating social cohesion, reducing isolation, and offering multi-generational activities such as senior socials and family fitness. PAD also enhances neighborhood safety: 91% of participants reported that PAD created a positive family atmosphere, and 90% said their neighborhoods felt safer during PAD. The presence of LA County Sheriff's deputies and trained gang interventionists further reinforces community trust and security. PAD has also shown a measurable health impact. In 2024, 82% of participants engaged in physical activities such as team sports, walking clubs, swimming, and exercise classes. UCLA researchers estimated PAD contributed to two additional years of life expectancy and reduced years lost to illness across participants. PAD engages people of all ages in programs that promote physical and mental well-being and reduce chronic disease, especially in communities with limited access to health equity resources. PAD is grounded youth development, offering age-appropriate activities including sports leagues, arts and culture, Teen Zones, and employment through the Youth@Work program; experiences that help teens build social-emotional skills, and develop leadership. PAD strengthens local communities and reinvests in local communities by partnering with more than 160 organizations, and small businesses creating both employment and exposure. These collaborations expand PAD's reach, promote shared goals across agencies, and removes over $2 million back into local communities supporting residents and small businesses. In 2024 alone, PAD engaged over 400,000 community members, providing essential connections, safety, economic relief, and opportunity.	Parks After Dark (PAD) serves youth, adults, seniors, and families, offering free, inclusive programming that promotes intergenerational engagement and community connection. Operating at 34 Los Angeles County parks, PAD prioritizes neighborhoods impacted by violence, poverty, and limited access to safe recreational spaces. PAD's programming is tailored to all age groups. Youth participate in Teen Zones, sports, arts, and summer job training through the Youth@Work program. Adults benefit from sports leagues, fitness classes, cultural events, and access to resources. Seniors are supported through senior socials, gentle movement programs, and opportunities to reduce isolation. PAD's programming is free, ensuring that cost is not a barrier, and is rooted in long-term engagement, with 86% of participants attending as a family unit. Events are intentionally structured to support shared experiences that strengthen bonds across generations. There are no eligibility requirements to participate; PAD is open to the public and welcomes all community members to enjoy safe, enriching, and healthy environments year-round. Parks After Dark is a top employer for youth and places hundreds of youths across the County in summer jobs. Additionally, DPR is well-positioned to establish partnerships with organized labor and community advocates to create opportunities for the formerly incarcerated to attain quality jobs after release, emphasizing, wherever feasible, local hire and the development of job pipelines that lead to well-paying careers within the County. More recently, Parks, in collaboration with the Department of Economic Opportunity and Probation launched a DJ spinning training and stagehand job training projects targeting transitional aged youth (TAY) 18 to 26 years of age. By training TAY youth, DPR intends to hire them as preferred vendors to serve as Parks After Dark DJs and stagehands to run our concerts and movie series.	Youth development or civic engagement;Healing and wellbeing;Job training or employment outcomes;	DPR partners annually with the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research to evaluate the Parks After Dark (PAD) program. The evaluation combines participant surveys, focus groups, key informant interviews, and extensive analysis of secondary data, including Census demographics, crime statistics and administrative data.	Ready to implement immediately	(By a County Departmen	Department of Parks and Recreation		$ 35,353,000.00	•Personnel/Staff: $11,577,000 •Program Supplies: $16,278,000 •Consultants or Partners: $711,000 •Outreach/Communications: $360,000 •Other -Services: $6,427,000	
LAUSD - SEEDS of Change || LIFE 2.0 Inc			SPA 2,SPA 3,SPA 8;SPA 8; SD1,SD2,SD3,SD4 ,SD5;	Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;Strategy 3: Education Access & Youth Development;Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration;	Briefly describe your program/project. SEEDS of Change: Social-Emotional Empowerment & Development for Students is a trauma-informed, culturally responsive program designed to address rising behavioral challenges and school safety concerns within LAUSD Region North. The program focuses on cultivating emotional awareness, resilience, conflict resolution, and healthy decision-making skills among middle and high school students through structured group sessions, family engagement, and community building. SEEDS of Change integrates Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) education to help students understand how trauma impacts behavior and learning, equipping them with practical strategies to thrive in school and life. What will it do? SEEDS of Change will deliver a 12-week curriculum over 6 months, offering two 2-hour sessions per month to two cohorts per year, each serving up to 25 students. Sessions will cover topics such as emotional regulation, understanding ACEs and its impact on behavior, conflict resolution, and prevention, leadership, and restorative practices. The program also includes a guardian-family engagement event for each cohort to reinforce learning, built trust, and strengthen home-school partnerships. Facilitated by a trained team, SEEDS of Change creates a safe and supportive environment where students can practice new skills, build connections with peers and caring adults, and develop strategies to navigate stress, conflict, and life challenges. What needs does it address? SEEDS of Change addresses the urgent need to reduce physical aggression, fights, and substance use incidents, which have risen by 33% and 23% respectively between 2022 and 2024 in Region North schools. It meets the community's call for alternatives to policing on campuses by providing mental health support, trauma awareness, and skill-building instead of punitive measures. The program mitigates the impact of ACEs on student behavior and learning while fostering emotional wellbeing, safer schools, and stronger family and community connections.	Target Populations: SEEDS of Change targets students in grades 6-12 within LAUSD Region North, with a focus on youth attending schools that experience elevated behavioral incidents, safety concerns, or disciplinary referrals. Priority will be given to students who have experienced Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), such as exposure to community violence, homelessness, family or family instability, as these factors directly impact behavior, learning, and well-being. Eligibility Requirements: ■Enrollment in a participating LAUSD Region North school. ■Referral by school counselors, administrators, or school-based partners based on behavioral, emotional, or social support needs. ■Completion of a program intake form with parental or guardian consent for participation. ■Commitment to attend scheduled sessions and engage respectfully in group activities, discussions, and experiential learning.	Increased access to mental or physical health care;Decreased justice system involvement;Youth development or civic engagement;Healing and wellbeing;	•Pre-post student surveys •Knowledge assessments •School incident reports •Family feedback forms & event attendance •Focus Groups and Interviews •Behavioral and Program Progress Data	Needs minor setup (within 3 months)	(By a community-based organization			473,944.00	•Personnel/Staff – 36 months $235125 •Program Supplies -36 months $57000 •Facilities or Space Use -36 months $12000 •Consultants or Partners -36 months $66000 •Outreach/Communications -36 months $9600 •Indirect/Admin Costs (15% max of total requested amount) -36 months $61819 •Other -36 months $30000	
The Healing Stage || Greater New Light Community Development Corp.			SPA 6; SD2;	Strategy 3: Education Access & Youth Development;Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration;	The Healing Stage is a culturally responsive, trauma-informed arts and workforce development program designed to provide a transformative pathway to healing, self-expression, and stability for youth and young adults (ages 14–30) in South Los Angeles, with a focus on residents in SPA 6) who are disproportionately impacted by poverty, incarceration, violence, and systemic inequities. Through structured creative workshops in theater, music, spoken word, and visual art, combined with job readiness training, participants will process trauma, build leadership capacity, and gain workforce-ready skills in a safe, affirming environment. Led by a multidisciplinary team of artists, mental health professionals, and peer mentors, the program includes: trauma-informed group sessions, case management, technical training, civic storytelling, and community showcases. Each participant is empowered to reclaim their narrative, develop healthy coping mechanisms, and engage in restorative practices that promote long-term well-being. The Healing Stage addresses several urgent needs: lack of access to culturally relevant mental health care, limited economic opportunity, overexposure to criminalization, and the absence of healing-centered spaces for youth who are justice-impacted or system-involved. The program directly aligns with CFCI's mission to reduce reliance on punitive systems and reinvest in community-based care, healing, and equity. By integrating expressive arts with trauma recovery and job readiness, The Healing Stage is a catalytic model for prevention, intervention, and reintegration.	The Healing Stage serves youth and young adults ages 14–35 who reside in South Los Angeles, particularly those in SPA 6. This includes communities with the highest rates of poverty, violence, and systemic barriers to opportunity. The program targets: □ Justice-involved and formerly incarcerated individuals □ Transition-age youth (TAY) aging out of foster care or probation □ Black and Brown youth exposed to systemic harm and intergenerational trauma □ Survivors of violence, abuse, or community disinvestment □ Residents experiencing chronic poverty, housing instability, or unemployment Eligibility Requirements: □ Ages 14–35 □ Reside in South Los Angeles (SPA 6 priority) □ Lived experience with incarceration, trauma, or systemic barriers □ Willingness to engage in creative and healing-centered activities No prior artistic experience is required. Participants must demonstrate a commitment to personal growth, peer collaboration, and community restoration.	Job training or employment outcomes;Healing and wellbeing;Youth development or civic engagement;	The Healing Stage will implement a mixed-method evaluation framework to ensure data-driven outcomes and continuous improvement: □ Pre/Post Participant Surveys to assess emotional well-being, social connection, and sense of purpose □ Attendance Logs & Engagement Metrics to track retention, participation in workshops, mentorship, and showcases □ Focus Groups & Interviews for qualitative insight on impact, transformation, and lived experience □ Referral Tracking to measure connections to housing, jobs, mental health, and legal aid □ Skills Demonstration & Showcase Observation to document artistic growth, public speaking, and workforce readiness All data collection will follow trauma-informed and confidentiality best practices. Quarterly	Needs minor setup (within 3 months)	(By a community-based organization			$ 571,000.00	Budget Narrative (3 YEAR): This three year budget channels a focused $571,000 investment into trauma informed arts programming, leadership development, and community engagement for youth in SPA 6 and SPA 8. Fringe benefits equal to 25 percent of staff salaries have been incorporated to support employee wellness while keeping total costs strategically aligned within the expended $571k investment ceiling. Strategic budget choices are rooted in non personnel lines ensure all core activities remain intact. Budget Justification Personnel & Fringe (total $356,000): Direct salaries ($285k) plus fringe benefits ($71k) cover the Program Director, Creative Arts Director, Outreach & Engagement Manager, Administrative Coordinator (0.5FTE), and artist mentors. This team delivers workshops, performances, case coordination, and trauma informed mentorship. Training, Partnerships, and Evaluation ($55,000): Contracts with drama therapists, creative consultants, data evaluators, and MOUs with CBOs/churches support curricular quality, showcase production, and wraparound services. Curriculum & Supplies ($35,000): Instruments, costumes, stage tech, journals, and healing materials for youth workshops and performances. Facility Rental ($25,000): Rehearsal, performance, and storage space, including utilities and liability coverage.	The Healing Stage doesn't just reduce harm—it activates purpose. It turns pain into purpose—one stage at a time.
Youth Empowerment Program || Youth Empowerment Program	Youth Empowerment Program	Did not receive CFCI funding	SPA 6,SPA 8; SD2;	Strategy 4: Housing Stability;Strategy 3: Education Access & Youth Development;Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;	The Youth Empowerment Program seeks to end a sense of empowerment and activism in the younger generation through involvement in community outreach efforts, volunteer opportunities, peer-led group discussions, and recreational activities. This program hopes to meet the needs of young individuals who lack a sense of community, need educational and career guidance, and need more optimism in their lives.	The project aims to serve TAY individuals aged 16-26. There are minimal requirements besides the age requirement, likely limited to volunteer service hours and location of residence.	Decreased justice system involvement;Youth development or civic engagement;Healing and wellbeing;Job training or employment outcomes;	The outcomes are measured by attendance logs, group discussions, surveys, individual outcome flyers, and markers of success such as acceptance into college, new jobs, and lack of recidivism.	Needs minor setup (within 3 months)	(By a community-based organization			$ 100,000.00	Personnel/Staff: 35000 Program Supplies: 30000 Facilities: 30000 Outreach: 5000 Indirect: 5000	The Youth Empowerment Program seeks to target systemic barriers of poverty, foster care, childhood trauma, and racial disparities in the areas they are serving the youth. These individuals often have family that have faced incarceration and may themselves have interacted with the juvenile justice system. This program provides an outlet for them to spend their free time bringing the potential for recidivism.
MY ROOTS: Story to Set || Pan African Film Festival and Arts Institute			SPA 4,SPA 6,SPA 8; SD2,SD4;	Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;Strategy 2: Economic Opportunity & Sustainability;Strategy 3: Education Access & Youth Development;	My Roots: Story to Set is a culturally grounded, trauma-informed program under the Pan African Film Festival's StudentFest and ArtFest. It supports 60 system- impacted youth of color, ages 14 to 24, by blending storytelling, cultural identity, and technical training in film and television. Phase 1 begins with a six-week Story Lab where youth explore digital storytelling, photography, expressive arts, and diasporic film. Participants create original projects rooted in their lived experiences. These are showcased during StudentFest, offering visibility and platform for their work to be seen by their community and the wider world. Youth in South Los Angeles face serious systemic barriers. Only 50 percent graduate from high school by age 18, and fewer than 3 percent earn a college degree. More than one in four youth that was in the system will experience homelessness within four years of being released. Many end up in the adult criminal justice system due to trauma, lack of support, or limited access. For youth of color living in South Los Angeles, these challenges are even more severe, and access to creative careers is nearly nonexistent. In Phase 2, youth transition into hands-on technical training through Hollywood Cinema Production Resources (Hollywood CPR), a union-affiliated trade school. We have an active connection with Hollywood CPR and can secure a Memorandum of Understanding to formalize the partnership. Participants gain skills in departments such as camera, lighting, grips, set dressing, wardrobe, and makeup, building access to union-track careers. Youth then work in small teams to produce original content: a 15-minute short film, TV pilot, music video, or commercial. A jury of industry professionals selects one for screening at the Pan African Film Festival, offering a professional debut and exposure. My Roots bridges healing, identity, and workforce development. It reflects CFCI's care-first vision by helping youth step into adulthood with confidence, community, and opportunity.	My Roots: Story to Set serves system-impacted youth ages 14–24, with a focus on Black and Brown youth in South Los Angeles. They are from neighborhoods that are notorious for the prevalence of local gangs, like the Crips and the Bloods. They are from low-income, high-crime neighborhoods that provide limited social and economic opportunities. Participants must be directly or indirectly linked to the juvenile justice system, either currently or via their past experience. In general, we welcome youth impacted by violence, trauma, instability, and generational poverty, realities that often lend themselves to low self-esteem and hopelessness. Eligible youth should have an interest in creative or technical careers in media. Many have faced interrupted schooling, frequent placements, or a lack of stable guidance. This program offers a space to heal, create, and build a path toward a future in the entertainment industry, and film and television specifically.	Decreased justice system involvement;Youth development or civic engagement;Healing and wellbeing;	13.Outcomes for My Roots: Story to Set will be measured through a mix of reflective and practical tools. Youth will complete pre- and post-program surveys to show growth. Attendance and participation will be tracked, and each participant will build a creative portfolio to reflect their full project. Instructors and mentors will offer feedback based on individual progress. Youth will also share their experiences through journals or video diaries. After the program, we'll follow up on enrollment in Hollywood CPR and other key milestones to support long-term success.	Needs minor setup (within 3 months)	(By a community-based organization		to launch My Roots: Story to Set, several key elements must be in place. We will begin by hiring a core team that includes a Program Manager, a Teaching Artist Coordinator, and a Youth Engagement Specialist to ensure smooth operations and youth-centered support. Teaching artists and technical mentors will also be recruited through PAFF, Hollywood CPR, and Local 44, offering both cultural relevance and industry expertise. Youth will be recruited within PAFF and through partnering community-based youth agencies. Onboarding will include trauma-informed orientations and intake assessments. Partnerships with PAFF, Hollywood CPR, and Local 44 will be strengthened through ongoing planning meetings and shared curriculum goals to ensure alignment. Creative space and equipment access will be secured to support hands-on learning and production. A transportation and meals budget will also be included to remove barriers and support full participation. These foundational steps will be essential for a successful program.	$ 250,000.00	●@Personnel/Staff $115,000 ●@Program Supplies $25,000 ●@Facilities or Space Use $24,500 ●@Consultants or Partners $23,000 ●@Outreach/Communications $10,000 ●@Indirect/Admin Costs (15% max of total requested amount) $37,500 ●@Other (transportation and meals for participants) $15,000	My Roots: Story to Set supports CFCI's mission by addressing the systemic barriers that system-impacted youth of color face. These include, but are not limited to, disrupted education and limited access to meaningful opportunities. Rooted in healing and cultural identity, the program blends storytelling, mentorship, and technical training to create a care-first pathway into the creative economy. Through the Pan African Film Festival and Hollywood Cinema Production Resources, participants gain real-world experience, visibility, and potential access to union track careers in film and television. This approach not only uplifts individual youth but also builds a more equitable creative industry and stronger, safer communities. My Roots reflects the heart of CFCI's goals, diversion, opportunity, and wellness, by helping youth reclaim their stories and step into adulthood with confidence and support.
Bridge Builders Turning Youth into Peacemakers and Leaders || Bridging the Gap Enterprises			SPA 6; SD2;	Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;Strategy 2: Economic Opportunity & Sustainability;Strategy 3: Education Access & Youth Development;Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration;	Bridge Builders is a youth-centered violence prevention and intervention initiative inspired by the nationally recognized model led by Mayor Brandon Scott in Baltimore, Maryland. Our program targets youth in Compton and Watts who are at highest risk of gang involvement or violent activity, providing them with the support and structure needed to break cycles of harm and reclaim their futures. Rooted in the public health approach to violence reduction, Bridge Builders identifies and engages vulnerable youth through school partnerships, community referrals, and street outreach. Once enrolled, participants receive wraparound services including case management, life coaching, conflict mediation, career exploration, financial literacy, mental health support, and mentoring from credible messengers—individuals with lived experience who have successfully exited similar paths. The program also embeds trained conflict interrupters in schools and public spaces to de-escalate tensions in real-time while building relationships with youth. Evening and weekend engagement events (e.g., basketball tournaments, music nights, wellness pop-ups) provide safe spaces and foster community, reducing idle time and retaliation risks. Like Baltimore's success, Bridge Builders operates on a "carrot and stick" model: consistent support and opportunity, paired with accountability and community expectations. The program aims to significantly reduce youth violence while promoting long-term healing, leadership, and life stability. By addressing root causes—trauma, poverty, lack of opportunity—and placing youth at the center of solution-building, Bridge Builders offers a scalable, community-driven alternative to traditional punitive approaches.	Black and Latino TAY Youth	Increased access to mental or physical health care;Decreased justice system involvement;Improved educational access or attainment;Job training or employment outcomes;Youth development or civic engagement;Healing and wellbeing;	To ensure accountability, impact, and continuous improvement, Bridge Builders will utilize a multi-layered evaluation framework grounded in both qualitative and quantitative data collection. Our tools are designed to track progress toward key outcomes including violence reduction, personal development, and increased access to opportunity. Each participant will complete a Pre/Post Assessment upon entry and at program completion. This includes: •The Youth Risk and Resilience Survey (YRRS): Captures baseline and follow-up data on exposure to violence, gang involvement, substance use, peer networks, and emotional well-being. •Self-Efficacy and Life Skills Rubric: Measures growth in areas such as goal-setting, financial literacy, decision-making, conflict resolution, and employment readiness. Case Managers and Life Coaches will conduct monthly Individual Progress Reports (IPRs) to document engagement, behavioral changes, service utilization (e.g., therapy, job training), and any incidents of recidivism or school suspension. These reports inform tailored support plans and program fair placement. We will also use incident tracking and community-level indicators—in partnership with schools and public safety data—to monitor changes in youth-involved violence within the program's target zones. This data will be disaggregated by age, gender, and neighborhood to identify disparities and adjust strategies accordingly. Bridge Builders will partner with a local university or research organization to track progress toward its core outcomes: Improved Educational Access or Attainment Attendance logs from tutoring, mentoring, and college readiness sessions Pre/post academic assessments and school progress reports (when available) Student surveys measuring confidence, engagement, and perceived academic support Job Training or Employment Outcomes Enrollment and completion records for vocational and financial literacy sessions Resume submission logs, job interview reports, and employment verifications through partner agencies Follow-up surveys conducted at 3- and 6-month intervals to measure job placement, retention, and wage growth Improved educational access or attainment;Job training or employment outcomes;Healing and wellbeing;	Needs minor setup (within 3 months)	(By a community-based organization			$ 400,000.00	Personnel/Staff- 220,000 Program Supplies- 17,000 Facilities or Space Use- 30,000 Consultants or Partners- 80,000 Outreach Communications- 5000 Indirect Admin- 48,000	Bridge Builders directly aligns with the goals of the Care First, Community Investment (CFCI) initiative by shifting the response to youth violence from punitive systems to community-based healing, opportunity, and prevention. This program prioritizes Black and Latino youths in Compton and Watts—communities disproportionately impacted by incarceration, gang violence, and generational disinvestment. Instead of criminalizing trauma-driven behavior, Bridge Builders invests in holistic supports, including life coaching, mental health care, mentorship, and job readiness, with conflict mediation. These services reduce youth contact with law enforcement and the justice system, while addressing the root causes of incarceration, such as poverty, limited access to services, and unaddressed trauma. Our model dismantles systemic barriers by embedding trusted, culturally competent support directly into schools and neighborhoods, making services more accessible to youth who typically fall through the cracks. Participants are not just served—they are empowered. Through youth summits, peer mentoring, and leadership development, the program gives young people a voice in shaping safer communities and alternatives to violence. In alignment with CFCI's focus on divestment from incarceration and reinvestment in community, Bridge Builders creates a non-carceral pipeline to opportunity, offering healing-centered, public health–based interventions inspired by proven programs like Baltimore's Group Violence Reduction Strategy.
Boots on the Ground || Greater New Light Missionary Baptist Church, Inc.			SPA 6; SD2;	Strategy 2: Economic Opportunity & Sustainability;Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;Strategy 3: Education Access & Youth Development;	Boots on the Ground is a culturally responsive, community-rooted initiative serving youth, seniors, and low-income families in South Los Angeles' SPA 6—one of the most underserved regions in LA County. Grounded in faith-based partnerships and listening sessions with residents, this program responds to urgent needs around education, health equity, and economic resilience with a holistic, place-based approach. The program targets: Youth ages 12–24 at risk of academic failure, justice involvement, or disconnection Seniors 60+ facing isolation, food insecurity, and health disparities Low-income families—primarily Black and Latino households—in SPA 6 ZIP codes (90001, 90002, 90003, 90011, 90059, 90061, 90044, 90047) Boots on the Ground provides trauma-informed services across three strategic goals: Education Access & Youth Development Tutoring, mentoring, digital learning labs, SAT prep, and youth leadership training for 300+ students. Behavioral Health & Community Wellness Meal delivery to 1,500 seniors and unhoused residents, pop-up health clinics, wellness kits, and emotional support services.	Boots on the Ground serves justice-impacted and system-vulnerable residents of South Los Angeles, with a focus on communities within SPA 6 ZIP codes: 90001, 90002, 90003, 90011, 90059, 90061, 90044, and 90047. The primary target populations include: Youth ages 12–24 at risk of school disengagement, incarceration, or economic instability Seniors (60+) experiencing food insecurity, health disparities, or social isolation Low-income Black and Latino families, many of whom face barriers related to poverty, trauma, and limited access to services Eligibility is open to residents of SPA 6 who meet one or more of the following criteria: Youth with low academic performance, behavioral health needs, or exposure to justice systems Adults or seniors with documented low income, housing insecurity, or chronic health conditions Individuals referred by community partners, churches, schools, shelters, or reentry organizations There are no immigration status restrictions, and participation is free of charge. Prioritization is given to applicants who are justice-involved, at high risk of system involvement, or lacking access to other supportive services	Improved educational access or attainment;Job training or employment outcomes;Healing and wellbeing;	Boots on the Ground will implement a mixed-methods evaluation framework to track progress toward its core outcomes: Improved Educational Access or Attainment Attendance logs from tutoring, mentoring, and college readiness sessions Pre/post academic assessments and school progress reports (when available) Student surveys measuring confidence, engagement, and perceived academic support Job Training or Employment Outcomes Enrollment and completion records for vocational and financial literacy sessions Resume submission logs, job interview reports, and employment verifications through partner agencies Follow-up surveys conducted at 3- and 6-month intervals to measure job placement, retention, and wage growth Improved educational access or attainment;Job training or employment outcomes;Healing and wellbeing;	Needs minor setup (within 3 months)	(By a community-based organization			333,333.00	Total Request: $333,333 per year (3-year total: $1,000,000) Category/Amount (rounded)Why this investment is essential Personnel / Staff$160,000Funds Program Director, Outreach Coordinator, part-time Admin Assistant, and stipends for Counseling Interns & Artist-Mentors. These team members lead all direct services. Program Supplies$25,000Covers laptops, SAT prep books, wellness kits, instruments, and culturally tailored learning tools. These are critical for healing and skill-building. Facilities / Space Used$20,000Rents trusted community locations (churches/CBOs) for workshops, rehearsals, and case management. Space builds safety, consistency, and access. Consultants / Partners$35,000Engages evaluators, trauma therapists, curriculum developers, and partner sites (MOUs). These ensure quality, cultural relevance, and impact. Outreach / Communications$15,000Supports youth recruitment, branded materials, storytelling content, and digital media to ensure community visibility and engagement. Indirect / Admin (14.7%)$49,000Covers insurance, HR, fiscal compliance, IT, and secure data tracking. Stays under the 15% threshold while supporting transparent operations. Other – Scholarships & Instructor Training$29,333Provides scholarships ($3K x 10) and ongoing instructor development. This expands access and ensures quality delivery. Key Strengths for Reviewers Low Overhead: Over 85% of funds go directly to programming, not bureaucracy. Community-Led: Rooted in trusted spaces and delivered by people with lived experience in SPA 6.	Boots on the Ground isn't just a program—it's a promise. It promises to show up, stand on the gap, and walk alongside the people of SPA 6 with dignity, excellence, and care. Born from listening circles and led by trusted community lea

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Proposed Project Name || Organization or County Dept	If your program is not new and is an expansion of an existing project, what is its name?	If your program is an expansion and previously received CFCI funding, please indicate under which Spending Plan Year/Fiscal Year.	Service Planning Areas (SPA) and Supervisorial Districts (SD) Served	CFCI Strategies	Description of Project	Target population and eligibility requirements	Anticipated Outcomes of Project	Outcomes and Measures	Implementation Period for Project	Administration of Project	If applicable, by which County Dept?	If the program does not have existing infrastructure, please describe what would be needed to launch the program/project.	What is the total requested annual amount of funding for this program/project?	based on the amount entered above, enter a basic breakdown of each of the following in dollar amounts (round numbers are acceptable): Personnel/Staff Program Supplies Facilities or Space Use Consultant	How does this program/project support the goals of CFCI? Think about who benefits, what systemic issue(s) are being addressed, and how the program/project is being implemented.
Limitless Community || DEJOE Community, Inc	Transformative Re-Entry for System-Impacted Young People & Adults	Did not receive CFCI funding	SPA 5,SPA 4,SPA 6,SPA 8,SPA 7; SD2,SD4,SD1,SD3	Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;Strategy 2: Economic Opportunity & Sustainability;Strategy 3: Education Access & Youth Development;Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration;	At DEJOE Community, we believe leadership is teachable—and that transformation happens when people are trusted with responsibility. We're committed to expanding our programming for both youth and adults that combines physical fitness with mindfulness to support individuals who are systems-impacted or navigating reentry. Our Limitless Youth program, developed in partnership with Vista Del Mar High School and Animo Charter High School, supports justice-impacted and at-risk young people through fitness, mental wellness, and—when applicable—entrepreneurial training. It's designed to build resilience, strengthen self-determination, and create real pathways to employment, especially for those who have been historically overlooked or criminalized. Our goal is to grow this model through new school partnerships and a train-the-trainer approach that empowers alumni to lead and mentor the next generation. For adults, we've launched a reentry program with JCOD's Fire Camp - Malibu Conservation Camp #13, serving incarcerated female firefighters. These participants engage in fitness training that prepares them for firefighting roles, paired with mindfulness practices and values-based coaching to support reentry and long-term growth. With programming rooted in lived experience and shaped by expert guidance, we aim to create more spaces where individuals—regardless of their past—can move, heal, and lead. This expansion is more than a programmatic next step; it's a vital investment in tools that support public safety, dignity, and second chances. We're already partnering with community-based organizations that provide reentry services, embedding fitness and wellness into their existing programs to support holistic reintegration and well-being.	Justice-impacted youth and transitional aged youth at-risk of entering the justice system and re-entry Justice-impacted female firefighters Justice-impacted adults re-entry	Increased access to mental or physical health care;Decreased justice system involvement;Improved educational access or attainment;Job training or employment outcomes;Youth development or civic engagement;Healing and wellbeing;	We will measure outcomes for our Limitless Youth program through: 1. Pre and post program surveys of participants 2. Attendance in regular physical education classes and trainings 3. Participants' performance in school and continuing education programs 4. Interviews with participants' teachers, counselors, or guardians 5. Qualitative feedback from participants as they engage with the program We'll conduct regular check-ins with participants to understand how they are taking to the program, what challenges they may be facing in different environments and how we can help them adapt to ensure they have the tools and support they need to build a stable foundation. For Fire Camp, we conduct pre and post surveys and will collect feedback from JCOD to update and tailor the program to align with the evolving needs of participants. Specifically – and given our particular focus on strength and conditioning programming designed for a career in fire-fighting – we'll track how many participants are accepted into the LA County Training Center for fire to determine how we can better support future participants' career advancement.	Ready to implement immediately	(By a community-based organization			$ 250,000.00	Personnel/Staff: $75,000 Program Supplies: $62,500 Facilities or Space Use: $12,500 Outreach/Communications: $25,000 Indirect/Admin Costs (15% max): $37,500 Other (Transportation): $37,500 Consultants or Partners: $0 (reallocated across other categories)	
Social and Emotional ECducation (SEED) || Community Resource Collective		SPA 7; SD1;	Strategy 3: Education Access & Youth Development;Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration;	The SEED program seeks to prevent cycles of violence by strengthening school systems as settings for youth empowerment. Community Resource Collective (CRC) understands that school environments may not receive sustainable resources to fully support youth impacted by justice, violence, and immigration-related trauma in Black and Pacific Islander households and surrounding communities. Therefore, CRC will provide SEED training that equips youth and their schools with skills rooted in cross-cultural communication, conflict/restoration, goal setting, self-respect, integrity, and care for themselves and others, as part of their curriculum. The underlying goal is to break the generational cycle of incarceration by taking a sync-active approach with youth that are subject to environments that lead to incarceration. The SEED program focuses on the systemic civic, political, educational and supportive services that directly empower youth to advocate for themselves and to communicate their needs. Youth will gain insight into their own behaviors and the neighborhood systems around them. Adults will be provided with alternatives to traditional methods of discipline and behavior modification. Program results include an increased tolerance for differences, a greater sense of community on the school campus; a reduction in the number of classroom altercations and referrals for disrespectful behavior and a decrease in youth incarceration rates.	The SEED program aims to serve middle and high school age youth at risk experiencing negative social and academic outcomes due to being impacted by the justice system, family, immigration, or violence-related trauma. To be eligible for this program, participants are required to be of middle and high school age.	Healing and wellbeing;Youth development or civic engagement;Job training or employment outcomes;Improved educational access or attainment;Decreased justice system involvement;Increased access to mental or physical health care;	Outcomes will be measured by participant interviews and focus groups. We are currently gathering information and statistics regarding the disproportionate levels of incarceration and violence in schools in our geographic areas of focus. The SEED program will address the root causes of violence and trauma in the school community. Interviews, focus groups and informational sessions within schools give CRC a baseline of information to inform the direction and scope to pull from our programming dashboard. From past participant surveys, CRC's programming has lowered the frequency of bullying, conflict and violence within participating schools and districts.	Needs minor setup (within 3 months)	(By a community-based organization			$ 152,000.00	Personnel/Staff= $80,000 Program Supplies= $5,000 Facilities or Space Use= $5,000 Consultants or Partners= $40,000 Outreach/Communications= $10,000 Indirect/Admin Costs (15% max of total requested amount)= $12,000	The SEED program supports CFCI's goal to expand community-based systems of care specifically for youth in schools. By providing them with tools they can use to more effectively communicate their identities, self-respect, their goals, and how they can productively communicate and resolve conflict cross-culturally, youth will become more confident leaders. If youth are more involved in leadership roles they will advocate for themselves and their communities. The SEED program will maintain a structured training for students already in leadership roles and will also train new youth leaders to ensure that the program is sustainable and responsive to unique needs of students, schools, and to timely trauma-related events. The core of CRC's mission is to ensure that necessary resources are allocated directly to marginalized groups, this aligns with CFCI's work to fund the gaps in allocation straight from community members and trauma-impacted folks. CRC has been a generational ties to East Los Angeles and cares for the well-being of its people. CRC believes that youth are often impacted the most by justice-related trauma and given the least amount of support with resource navigation, community organizing outlets and a safe environment. CRC's SEED program aims to prevent more violence, incarceration and increase youth and community empowerment and agency.
Prevention and Early Intervention for Transition-Age Youth || CASA of Los Angeles (CASA/LA)	CASA/LA's Antelope Valley Community Resource Hub	Did not receive CFCI funding	SPA 1,SPA 2,SPA 3,SPA 4,SPA 5,SPA 6,SPA 7,SPA 8; SD5,SD4,SD3,SD2,SD1;	Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;Strategy 2: Economic Opportunity & Sustainability;Strategy 3: Education Access & Youth Development;Strategy 4: Housing Stability;Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration;	CASA/LA's Prevention & Early Intervention (PEI) Program is designed to address the growing needs of older youth in care, specifically Transition Age Youth (TAY, ages 12-17) and Non-minor Dependents (NMDs, ages 18-21), who are most at risk of aging out of care without adequate long-term support. The program offers comprehensive services, including direct case management, service linkage, and collaboration with community partners to help these youth transition successfully into adulthood. Additionally, CASA/LA's PEI program focuses on preventative measures, including mental health care, educational services, housing and other critical resources. The program also facilitates life skills training to promote self-sufficiency, foster a sense of community, and equip young people with the tools they need to improve their circumstances. By addressing these challenges early and providing ongoing support, CASA/LA aims to reduce the likelihood of homelessness, unemployment, and other negative outcomes for this vulnerable population. Through its partnership with the Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS), CASA/LA has a valuable network of TAY and NMDs to serve. Additionally, CASA/LA's volunteer program, CASA Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), court partners, and community-based organizations. The space includes a fully stocked resource room with essentials like diapers, clothing, and books, as well as a dedicated visitation room, training classrooms, a game room, and a dining area. One of the most critical services offered is monitored parent-child visitation, which addresses a key barrier to family reunification in the AV. We also host youth development workshops, train volunteers, connect families with attorneys and guardians, and offer community events in partnership with local providers. The hub is not only expanding CASA/LA's reach and presence in the Antelope Valley—allowing us the opportunity to educate and inspire local residents to learn more about how they can support systems-impacted children—it is also creating a model of holistic, localized support for system-impacted youth and families. We believe that being a place of consistency, advocacy, and healing for families helps transform outcomes and fosters long-term stability and belonging for youth. More than a lifeline for families and CASAs working tirelessly to navigate the systems complexities, our hub also serves as a place of belonging and sanctuary for young people. The Antelope Valley Community Resource Hub is revolutionary—it redefines what real, localized support for systems-impacted families should look like. In a region often forgotten, our hub is not a referral hotline or drop-in center—it's a staffed, trauma-informed space rooted in advocacy, healing, and reunification.	Annually, the U.S sees nearly 25,000 young people age out of the child welfare system–a reality that pushes many youth to fall into the cycle of poverty. An unfortunate reality for many of these children is that within four years of aging out 70% of foster youth utilize government assistance; 50% of foster youth will be unemployed; 50% will experience homelessness; 24% will not have completed high school. Less than 12% will ever earn their college degree. CASA/LA's PEI program aims to provide youth ages 12 and up with the resources, guidance, and knowledge to support themselves as they transition into adulthood by giving them the materials, information, and confidence needed to embrace their upcoming independence. We support young people who have a CASA volunteer and the ages of 12 to 21 of youth who are referred to our program who are systems-impacted, in the aforementioned age bracket, and need assistance navigating the complexities of aging out of the child welfare system. As systems-impacted children have a higher statistical likelihood of becoming incarcerated, providing these young people with vital services and support will decrease their chances of future incarceration.	Healing and wellbeing;Stable or supportive housing;Job training or employment outcomes;Improved educational access or attainment;Decreased justice system involvement;Increased access to mental or physical health care;Youth development or civic engagement;	PEI utilizes CASA/LA's internal data system, Efforts to Outcomes (ETO), to track individual case progress and assess annual program outcomes for youth in the program who have a CASA volunteer. The data highlights improved outcomes for youth in areas like permanency, physical and mental health, and education. ETO also monitors referrals, the youth waitlist, and key recruitment and training metrics. Each year, we collect qualitative feedback from youth, CASA volunteers, and CASA staff to complement these quantitative findings. Youth who utilize PEI services are encouraged to provide feedback on the CASA volunteer, our PEI staff manually track their progress, track who attends groups, and survey the youth to hear their insights on how our programming can best support the ever evolving needs of transition-age youth in the child welfare system.	Ready to implement immediately	(By a community-based organization			$ 2,160,000.00	Personnel/Staff - $ 1,731,504 Program Supplies - $12,770 Facilities or Space Use - N/A Consultants or Partners: N/A Outreach/Communications - $ 27,000 Indirect/Admin Costs (15% max of total requested amount) - $ 259,726 Other (Program Software, Staff Training and Retention, Mileage and Travel, Employee Time tracking and payroll processing) - $129,000	CFCI has been investing in local initiative across Los Angeles in order to support justice-impacted communities and alternatives to imprisonment. While halting harm that's ongoing is vital to furthering the harm that comes from the prison system, CASA/LA's PEI Program serves youth who are statistically at risk of future incarceration and provide resources that can help them not fall into these statistics. Roughly 70% of youth who exit foster care as legal adults are arrested at least once by age 26—by cultivating an individualized, informed foundation of support systems and resources specific to rely on, we can prioritize young people who are at risk of future involvement with the prison system and provide them the resources they need to thrive. PEI is supporting youth who are highly vulnerable to future justice system entry. In doing so, PEI utilizes early intervention to tackle the ongoing issue of the foster care-to-prison pipeline by providing that vulnerable youth receive concrete, preventive supports. Through our intentional, individualized assistance, youth are less likely to fall into the alarming statistics that push foster and justice-system involvement into incarceration, and instead receive the tools they amplify and stabilize their budding independence.
General Advocacy for Children Impacted by Foster Care || CASA of Los Angeles (CASA/LA)	General Advocacy for Children Impacted by Foster Care	Did not receive CFCI funding	SPA 1,SPA 2,SPA 3,SPA 4,SPA 5,SPA 6,SPA 7,SPA 8; SD1,SD2,SD3,SD4,SD5;	Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration;Strategy 4: Housing Stability;Strategy 3: Education Access & Youth Development;Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;	CASA of Los Angeles (CASA/LA) is a 501(c)3 nonprofit that organizes the community to take action and advocate for children and families in Los Angeles County's overburdened child welfare and juvenile justice systems. Through an intentional, restorative and culturally relevant lens, we train committed, consistent and caring adults to provide equitable, life-affirming connections and systems navigation services. Our vision is a Los Angeles in which all children and families have equitable access to the resources and support they need to thrive. Our CASAs (Court-Appointed Special Advocates) are appointed to children in the child welfare or juvenile justice system who require individualized advocacy in areas such as permanency (a stable home), physical health, mental health, and education. After passing a background check, CASAs undergo 30 hours of training to learn how to build rapport with youth, navigate complex systems, and identify and address issues such as trauma, grief, and the impacts of trauma-informed, culturally sensitive, and how to communicate with their youth. At their graduation, CASA volunteers are sworn in by a dependency judge, which gives them access to necessary court records. After, they are matched one-to-one with a young person in need of individualized support. CASAs investigate all areas of the child's life, report their findings and make trauma informed and culturally relevant recommendations to the courts, while also supporting the child by making sure appropriate services are coordinated and their needs are met.	Due to early trauma and inconsistent care, foster children are at greater risk of developmental delays, including speech and motor skill impairments. Nearly 50% of foster children suffer from mental health issues, and this only accounts for youth who are comfortable and confident to disclose this struggle with a trusted adult. Additionally, prevalence of PTSD among foster youth is nearly double the rates found in veterans. Even chronic conditions (such as asthma, diabetes, and obesity) are found in higher rates within systems-impacted youth, often due to inadequate medical care while in the system. On any given night in Los Angeles County, more than 3,000 young adults experience homelessness, with 31% reporting previous or current involvement in the child welfare system. While California's overall high school graduation rate stands at 83%, only 53% of foster youth graduate on time, and a mere 3% earn a college degree. Currently, 28% of inmates in California's prisons have histories in foster care. Foster youth are consistently falling through the cracks and experiencing higher rates of medical and mental health concerns, homelessness, potential undereducation, and future incarceration. Any youth ages 0-21 in Los Angeles County who has an active case in dependency court and/or juvenile court is eligible for our services. Roughly 90% of those we serve are children of color and 100% fall under HUD's definition of low income. Once a youth is referred to CASA/LA, our organization will check in with the youth's lawyers and/or case manager to see if we can provide them with immediate assistance as they wait to be paired to a CASA volunteer.	Increased access to mental or physical health care;Healing and wellbeing;Youth development or civic engagement;Improved educational access or attainment;Decreased justice system involvement;	CASA/LA's internal data system, Efforts to Outcomes (ETO), enables us to track individual case progress and assess annual program outcomes for youth in the program who have a CASA volunteer. The data highlights improved outcomes for youth in areas like permanency, physical and mental health, and education. ETO also monitors referrals, the youth waitlist, and key recruitment and training metrics. Of the cases that have closed so far in FY25, we are proud to report that our youth have experienced: -86% have improved or maintained safety outcomes; -89% have improved or maintained permanency outcomes; -83% have improved or maintained physical health outcomes; -88% have improved or maintained mental health outcomes; -and 91% have improved or maintained educational outcomes.	Ready to implement immediately	(By a community-based organization			$ 6,000,000.00	Personnel/Staff - $4,331,849 Program Supplies - $150,543 Facilities or Space Use Consultants or Partners Outreach/Communications - $ 150,000 Indirect/Admin Costs (15% max of total requested amount) - $782,608 Other (Staff training and retention, Mileage and Travel, Program Software, Employee Time tracking and payroll processing)- $585,000	CFCI's financial support of programming to care for justice-impacted communities, find alternatives to imprisonment, and on healing our community is not only beneficial for people regardless their connection to the justice system; but also essential for making a better tomorrow for Los Angeles County. Funding endeavors that better outcomes for systems-impacted children is a preventative measure that serves as an investment towards fighting the foster care-to-prison pipeline. Assigning a CASA to a child can significantly reduce the likelihood of future incarceration by connecting the child and their families to stable, trauma-informed advocacy and access to critical services that interrupt potential juvenile justice involvement. Research from National CASA shows that children with a CASA spend fewer months in foster care, are far less likely to re-enter the system, and have a higher likelihood of experiencing permanency than their peers without an advocate. CASAs are able identify and secure mental health care, educational support, and family strengthening services—elements that lower risk factors towards delinquency. A CASA's court-submitted reports are able to to deliver more a holistic picture of the youth's experience and influences judicial decisions to helps youth receive appropriate diversion and avoid further justice involvement. Reducing placement instability, consistent mentorship, and continuous advocacy for services that build resilience are the cornerstone that allows CASA volunteers decrease the risk of future incarceration and help at-risk youth successfully develop the stability and support, rather than allow marginalized youth to fall victim to our carceral system.
NON-CLINICAL MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES ACCESS FOR TEEN YOUTH ("WE ALL LEAD") || The HVC (Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation (The Human Values Center)	WE ALL LEAD	Did not receive CFCI funding	SPA 3; SD1;SD5;	Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;Strategy 2: Economic Opportunity & Sustainability;Strategy 3: Education Access & Youth Development;Strategy 4: Housing Stability;	The program we are recommending is called "WE ALL LEAD". WE ALL LEAD is a trauma-informed, peer-led coaching initiative that cultivates leadership, healing, and systems change from within communities most impacted by systemic racism, poverty, and incarceration, including deportation. It is conducted in a camp format. It directly supports CFCI's Care First, Jails Last vision by investing in 'at promise' youth. We serve 8th-grade and first-year high school students in the San Gabriel Valley. Teens are led by peer coaches with lived experience who, in turn, gain leadership development, economic opportunity, and a platform for civic engagement. Our partnership with school districts supports the enrollment of students in these opportunities together with our community (CBO) partners, such as the Pomona Pride Center, Gente Organizada, Latino Latina Roundtable, and the African American Advisory Alliance. Local community colleges and universities help to nominate and decide on the peer mentors from our community. During the camp, students and peer coaches engage in collective visioning, advocacy, and systems change efforts for the future they want, while also learning leadership and personal development skills and having fun along the way. Through healing-centered engagement, young people build: A sense of belonging and agency, skills in restorative practices, peer support, ways to manage stress/anxiety, and strengthen resiliency. This early investment interrupts cycles of harm before justice involvement begins, aligning squarely with CFCI's commitment to prevention and wellbeing.	THIS PROGRAM SERVES 'AT PROMISE' TEEN YOUTH IN THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY. ELIGIBILITY TO ATTEND THE CAMP: AFTER 6TH GRADE COMPLETION AND DURING THE FIRST YEAR OF HIGH SCHOOL, VERIFIED ENROLLMENT BY THE SCHOOL	Healing and wellbeing;Youth development or civic engagement;Improved educational access or attainment;Decreased justice system involvement;	YOUTH DEVELOPMENT/HEALING/WELLBEING - STUDENTS WILL BE SURVEYED AS PART OF THE REGISTRATION PRE-CAMP AND ALSO AFTER THE CAMP ATTENDANCE. STUDENTS WHO PARTICIPATE WILL BE TRACKED AT THE SCHOOLS FOR MATRICULATION METRICS. EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT OF STUDENTS WHO PARTICIPATE WILL BE TRACKED AND MONITORED IN RELATION TO MATRICULATION	Ready to implement immediately	(By a community-based organization			$ 437,500.00	$170,000 PERSONNEL/STAFF/PEER COACHES per year ($340,000 over 24 months) -50k/yr x 2 years Program Director [$100,000 over 2 years] -30k/yr x 2 years CBO/Pt (non-clinical Community Resiliency Model) Specialist [$60,000 over 2 years] -30k/yr x 2 years Schools & Community Liaison & Peer Coaching Lead [$60,000 over 2 years] -$40k/yr x 2 years student peer coaching stipends (60 youth leaders) [$120,000 over 2 years] $100,000 PROGRAM SUPPLIES per year ($200,000 over 24 months) Camp Supplies includes: Food, port-o-potties, evening lighting/village, tech, shirts, art supplies, educational materials, clay art therapy supplies, outdoor education activities for multiple camp dates throughout the fall and spring $100,000 FACILITIES/SPACE ($200,000 over 24 months) Training and development learning center space for growing staff and onsite training for peer counselors; approximate rent @LA County Fairplex-Pomona for the Center to have a physical home while camps are not running. Currently borrowing space from Pomona Pride Center, Lopez Urban Farm, Schools when available, and Public Parks $7,500 CONSULTANTS [$15,000 over 24 months] Indigenous urban farmers (2) for traditional ecological knowledge (TEK) support and camp curricula co-creation from Barrios Unidos and My Homies Kitchen $10,000 PARTNERS ($20,000 over 24 months)	How WE ALL LEAD Supports the Goals of the Care First Community Investment During the camps, students and peer coaches engage in collective visioning, advocacy, and systems change efforts for the future they want, while also learning leadership and personal development skills and having fun along the way. Through healing-centered engagement using the CRM (TM) concept (non-clinical Community Resiliency Model), young people build: A sense of belonging and agency; skills in restorative practices, peer support; ways to manage stress/anxiety; and strengthen resiliency. This early investment interrupts cycles of harm before justice involvement begins, aligning squarely with CFCI's commitment to prevention and wellbeing.
Program: The Los Angeles County Child Abuse Prevention Councils	Program: The Los Angeles County Child Abuse Prevention Councils	Did not receive CFCI funding	SPA 1,SPA 2,SPA 3,SPA 4,SPA 5,SPA 6,SPA 7,SPA 8; SD1,SD2,SD3,SD4,SD5	Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;Strategy 2: Economic Opportunity & Sustainability;	Since 2015, All For Kids (formerly the Children's Bureau of Southern California), has provided technical assistance, support and administrative oversight for the twelve Los Angeles County Child Abuse Prevention Councils (LAC-CAPCs). A major component of the CAPC structure is that each group is comprised of volunteers, and community led. Historically and currently underfunded, the CAPCs have excelled in leveraging resources to best serve their unique communities. Each CAPC co-develops an annual project plan with their members, and all focus on supporting vulnerable Angelenos through the 5 Protective Factors: parental resilience, social connections, knowledge of parenting and child development, concrete supports, and social-emotional competence of children. Recently, a current funding stream for the group has ended, and the CAPCs want to continue providing support to those most in need to ultimately prevent system involvement.	The CAPCs target populations are Black Angelenos, LGBTQ+ youth and families, Deaf/Hard of Hearing (HoH) youth and families, children with disabilities, AAPI youth and families, and domestic violence survivors and their children. All of these target populations are disproportionally at risk for abuse and involvement in the justice system. There are no specific eligibility requirements per Council as community volunteers comprise the membership and leadership of each group. Each CAPC does have a focus on who they support, as illustrated above, and may set general guidelines as appropriate with their self-established annual project plans. A primary goal of the CAPCs is to educate the community around child abuse and family violence issues while building sustainability and responding to community needs. The Councils focus on systemic change; promoting connections, family strengthening support (which stabilizes families), and ultimately deters justice involvement.	Increased access to mental or physical health care;Improved educational access or attainment;Youth development or civic engagement;Healing and wellbeing;	Each of the Los Angeles County Child Abuse Prevention Councils prepares and presents their Annual Child Abuse Prevention Project Plan throughout several months of the year. Each project illustrates how the Councils intended to use their allotted funds ($3,000 for 2023-24) to support child abuse prevention activities within their respective communities and/or for their populations of interest. The types of activities vary from Council to Council and included many creative, resourceful and impactful primary prevention projects. Evaluation data is gathered from each Council via numerical/short-answer questions and narrative evaluation questions distributed via Survey Monkey and Google Docs. -Quantitative Data: Total People, Children & Families Involved or Impacted -Universal Survey Questions: Given that the Child Abuse Prevention Councils provides a variety of different activities to their communities each year (and have traditionally all used a slightly different survey to evaluate the experience of participants), four universal survey questions were developed (first piloted in 2016-17) to gather several consistent data measures across all groups. -Trainings/Workshops: A primary function of the Los Angeles County Child Abuse Prevention Councils is to provide their communities with relevant and timely training/workshops. In the 2023-24 contract year, 10 of the 12 Councils were able to provide training/workshops on a wide range of topics and in a wide variety of qualitative and quantitative tools. -Participant Sign-in Sheets to monitor attendance and engagement at school-based and after-school sessions -Facilitators and counselors maintain Case Management Notes to record youth progress, behavioral improvements, and referrals. -Pre/Post Surveys assessing changes in leadership skills, life skills, and emotional well-being -Academic Records (GPA, attendance, disciplinary actions) in collaboration with school partners to track improvement in school performance -Focus Groups & Interviews with participants to gather in-depth feedback on their experiences, challenges, and transformation -Progress Notes & forms aligned with individual goals (education, trade pathways, behavior reduction) -Referral Logs documenting student connection to Kairos Pacific University and trade tech programs. These tools will allow the program team to assess progress toward outcomes such as improved academic performance, reduced risk behavior, increased dual enrollment, and higher levels of resilience and purpose.	Ready to implement immediately	(By a community-based organization			$ 336,600.00	Personnel/Staff: $180,000/Program Director ($95k), Tutor ($45k), Case Manager ($40k), Admin Coordinator ($30k) Fringe Benefits (25-30%):$45,000/Covers employee benefits including health insurance and payroll taxes Program Supplies$15,000Life skills materials, books, journals, tutoring tools Field Trips & Youth Enrichment$20,000Monthly outings with transportation and supervision Snacks & Meals$22,000Snacks for sessions at 6 schools Facilities/Space Use$18,000Facility rental and custodial fees Consultants & Guest Speakers$20,000Guest speakers, trauma-informed facilitators, financial literacy educators Outreach & Communications$7,500Recruitment materials and communication tools Transportation$8,000Field trips, tours, and workshop travel Indirect/Admin Costs (max 15%)$40,000Insurance, admin support, technology, reporting Scholarship Navigation & Referral Partnerships$20,000Partner support for navigation, tracking, dual enrollment	Equity and Alignment with Goals of CFCI: There is already a long track record of unfortunate correlation between long-standing structural inequities and higher incidence of system-involved for youth in our already diverse communities. This fortifies our belief that prevention-based efforts utilizing the protective factors in culturally and situationally appropriate avenues will amplify our impact in, not just reducing child abuse, but preventing system involvement for families and youth. The Councils echo LA County's reimagining and shifting priorities and have been supporting marginalized communities through prevention-based efforts for decades. The Family Children, Community Advisory Council (LAC FCCAC) which was established in 1983, focuses on empowering Black youth and families and addressing disproportionality in child welfare. The LAC FCCAC has been a leading force in bringing awareness to school in career options. There's are rewarded for their efforts with additional resources to prepare for things like job interviews (i.e. appropriate professional clothing). The barrier is an inequitable racially and socioeconomically dictated system, and the CAPC partnership in supporting protective factors to not just prevent abuse and system involvement but also help underserved families and communities.
Ride to Responsibility || Dream Link Hope Foundation	Push for Peace	Year 3/Fiscal Year 2023-24	SPA 6; SD2;	Strategy 3: Education Access & Youth Development;Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;Strategy 2: Economic Opportunity & Sustainability;	The Ride to Responsibility Project is an innovative afterschool initiative designed to prepare teens for the responsibilities of obtaining a driver's license. This program combines Virtual Reality driving simulations with life skills classes to equip students with the practical knowledge, emotional maturity, and confidence required for both the written and behind-the-wheel driving tests. The program serves as a bridge between awareness and action — guiding students from preparation to participation in formal driver's education. The Roll and Grow Project is a 3-month program that is designed to prepare young people how to prepare for the test, while at the same time preparing them for life. All participants must have already taken or are in the process of taking our Push it Peace afterschool program which focuses on life skills. Upon enrollment, participants will go through a virtual reality course on driver's education (taught by our partners, Made New Foundation). Upon completing the simulation stage, the participants will move into the driver's education training course (which DLH will pay for). After completing this portion of the program, the participants will sign up with the DMV to complete the written and Driver's portion of the testing. DLH will conduct practice written test with an instructor. DLH will provide the vehicle needed to take the DMV test. This program speeds up acquiring a license. But more importantly, we will empower them as they strive to step into adulthood and independence.	This project target youth ages 15-21. Participants must be at-risk, foster youth, system/justice impacted	Decreased justice system involvement;Job training or employment outcomes;Youth development or civic engagement;	Participants will be assessed regarding their desire to drive (legally) and the hurdles that keep them from obtaining their license. They will be pretested on their knowledge of driving, the associated life skills, and their current ability/desire to drive. A posttest will follow the VR portion of the class. We will keep a record of the pass/fail percentages on the written and driver's portion of the testing. DLH will also keep a record of the participants who sign up for the DMV test, complete the class, and we will interview each one of the recipients in 30 days, 60 days, and 90 days to determine how the car purchase and the class was able to enhance their lives. We will also gauge if the vehicle purchase was able to strengthen their ability to get to school, stay out of high-risk situations, or work without relying on family, friends, or public transportation. Thereby, supporting their independence and level of responsibility.	Ready to implement immediately	(By a community-based organization			$ 372,000.00	Personnel - $0 Program Supplies = $6,000 Facility or Space - $18,000 Consultant or Partners - $6,000 Outreach/Communication - $6,000 Indirect/Administrative - $48,000 Other - (Driver's Ed Classes for 120 youth, $1500 Stipend) $288,000	

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Proposed Project Name || Organization or County Dept	If your program is not new and is an expansion of an existing project, what is its name?	If your program is an expansion and previously received CFCI funding, please indicate under which Spending Plan Year/Fiscal Year.	Service Planning Areas (SPA) and Supervisorial Districts (SD) Served	CFCI Strategies	Description of Project	Target population and eligibility requirements	Anticipated Outcomes of Project	Outcomes and Measures	Implementation Period for Project	Administration of Project	If applicable, by which County Dept?	If the program does not have existing infrastructure, please describe what would be needed to launch the program/project.	What is the total requested annual amount of funding for this program/project?	based on the amount entered above, enter a basic breakdown of each of the following in dollar amounts (round numbers are acceptable): Personnel/Staff Program Supplies Facilities or Space Use Consultant	How does this program/project support the goals of CFCI? Think about who benefits, what systemic barriers are being addressed, and how communities most impacted by incarceration are engaged.
Neighborhood Networks || Housing Advocates USA			SPA 1; SD5;	Strategy 4: Housing Stability;	We are a nonprofit organization as well as a nonprofit real estate brokerage. Operating with a nonprofit real estate brokerage to assist in providing affordable housing is a strategic and impactful approach. Nonprofit brokerages are experts in navigating the complexities of affordable housing programs, connecting with funding, and understanding the needs of low-income communities. This collaboration can streamline the process of identifying properties, securing financing, and ultimately, providing homes to those in need. Our Initiative is an up-to 24-month housing program where residents contribute a portion of their net income towards housing. Applicants ability to pay is the primary and leading factor and not credit analysis - this removes barriers to housing. Notably, the initiative considers no barriers beyond income, including credit scores. The Initiative offers: 1. financial literacy workshops, 2. credit counseling, 3. tax prep, 4. first-time homebuyer education, 5. and banking (checking, savings and other services). HAUSA also helps system-impacted individuals remove housing barriers they face as a result of past incarceration or conviction. Recognizing that stabilized housing plays a direct role in reducing recidivism, HAUSA provides crucial housing services that remove barriers to housing (including but not limited to referral for record clearing). Services are designed to dismantle generational trauma and provide opportunities for the reentry population to lift out of poverty. We are committed to creating and providing stabilized housing options that are affordable and sustainable for individuals or families. This option can significantly improve communities well-being, work to eliminate housing insecurities, remove barriers to housing, support local landlords and empower residents to live, work, and thrive.	We aim to serve individuals and families in Los Angeles County (specifically, the Antelope Valley areas). We recognizes that there are systemic barriers they face in accessing affordable housing options and resources. Participants are eligible to participate if they are unhoused, living in temporary shelters or short terms housing is employed and in need of a program geared towards permanent and stable housing	Stable or supportive housing;Decreased justice system involvement;Healing and wellbeing;Lowering housing costs allows families to allocate more resources to other essential needs like food, healthcare, and education, potentially leading to improved financial stability and reduced poverty.;	We will use 1) questionnaire, 2) participant surveys, and 3) track factors like the length of time folks stay in the program, how long do participants remain in the program before moving to stable housing, how many participants remain housed for a specific period, are participants returning to homelessness or being unhoused (percentage of participants return to homelessness within a defined timeframe after exiting) and analyze the data to understand what works well and where improvements are needed.	Needs minor setup (within 3 months)	(By a community-based organization			$ 254,495.00	Personnel/Staff - Case/Program Manager (1) /Intake Screeners (1-PT) $75,000 Program Supplies - $15,000 Facilities or Space Use & Utilities ($15,000) Consultants or Partners: 0 Outreach/Communications (Supplies/Equipment/Flyers-Marketing) - $5,500 Indirect/Admin Costs (15% max of total requested amount) - $33,195 Other - $100,000 (20% down payment to acquire two single family homes to operate the housing program) Other: direct costs (Licenses or regulatory costs) - $800	The Antelope Valley's treatment of its low-income and unhoused residents, coupled with racialized policing, has established a deeply harmful culture that tends to prevent system-impacted individuals from lifting out of poverty. To provide crucial access to housing for Antelope Valley residents, and to remove barriers to housing that flow from the presence of a criminal record, HAUSA has aggressively sought opportunities to provide reentry services in the region since 2020. We note that in 2010, Special Counsel to the County Board of Supervisors expressed concern that Blacks were approximately 17% of the population in Lancaster, but accounted for 42% of arrests. In addition, in 2015, the US Department of Justice uncovered that Antelope Valley sheriffs engaged in a pattern of unconstitutional stops and searches, excessive force, and biased policing that preyed on communities of color. This pattern of racializing and unconstitutional policing is compounded by leaders in the region demonstrating a general disdain for the homeless population, including through harmful fines and penalties as a result of camping close to public places (e.g. parks, schools, or libraries), and ordinances to prevent individuals from feeding the homeless population on public sidewalks. HAUSA is committed to prioritizing race equity work in the housing space.
Interim Housing and Emergency Beds || Assured Lifestyle Housing	Interim Housing for Individuals and Families	Did not receive CFCI funding		SPA 6,SPA 3, SD2;	Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration;Strategy 4: Housing Stability;	Our program, "Housing Justice Impacted for All," is a community-driven initiative aimed at addressing housing insecurity and promoting equitable access to safe, affordable housing for marginalized and impacted individuals. The project will provide three meals per day, temporary and permanent housing, Emergency shelters, transitional housing, and permanent supportive housing options, and resource connections to those facing eviction, housing discrimination, or homelessness. At its core, the program offers personalized assistance to help residents understand their rights, navigate complex housing laws. Additionally, Job Training and Placement (Connections to employment programs, apprenticeships, and job fairs. Offering emergency, shelter and long-term affordable housing solutions. The need for this program stems from rising housing costs, systemic discrimination, and insufficient support for vulnerable populations, including Justice-impacted individuals, low-income families, people experiencing homelessness, and those with disabilities. These groups often face barriers to stable housing, leading to negative health, educational, and economic outcomes. By empowering impacted individuals with legal knowledge, advocacy, and resources, the program aims to reduce homelessness and housing instability, promote fair housing practices, and foster inclusive communities. It also seeks to influence policy change by highlighting systemic issues and advocating for reforms that ensure housing justice for all. Overall, "Housing Justice for All" strives to create a more equitable housing landscape where every individual's right to safe, affordable housing is protected and upheld, ultimately contributing to healthier, more resilient communities.	Target populations are Justice-impacted individuals, families, low-income families, people experiencing homelessness, and those with disabilities. No requirements for eligibility for our program.	Decreased justice system involvement,Job training or employment outcomes;Increased access to mental or physical health care;Healing and wellbeing;	Participant surveys - Satisfaction levels, Attendance logs - Sign in sheets, Healthcare Utilization Data - Analysis of healthcare records to track the number of appointments.	Ready to implement immediately	(By a community-based organization			$ 1,200,000.00	Personnel/Staff: Approx. 50% of total budget is $600,000(Salaries, benefits, and any additional staffing costs) Program Supplies: Approx. 15% of total budget is $180,000(Materials, equipment, supplies needed for program activities) Facilities or Space Use: Approx. 10% of total budget is $120,000(Rent, utilities, maintenance of space used for the project) Consultant or Partners: Approx. 10% of total budget is $120,000(External expertise, partner organizations, or contracted services) Outreach/Communications: Approx. 5% of total budget is $60,000(Marketing, advertising, printing, events) Indirect/Admin Costs(Other): 15% of total $1,200,000 is $180,000(Administrative overhead, management, support services) Other: Remaining funds to cover unforeseen expenses or specific needs are $60,000	Who Benefits- direct beneficiaries, the individuals directly impacted by the program, such as formerly incarcerated people, at-risk youth, or community members accessing services. Community Benefits, broader community members who experience reduced crime, increased safety, or improved economic opportunities, systemic change, policymakers, service providers, and organizations that benefit from systemic reforms. Systemic Barriers that are being addressed - criminal justice, inequities, reducing racial disparities, eliminating biases, and sentencing and advocating for policies. Reentry challenges, providing job training, housing support, mental health services, and legal assistance to ease reintegration. Economic barriers, addressing employment, discrimination, lack of access to education, and poverty. Community Disinvestment redirects resources to underserved neighborhoods and fostering community-led solutions. Communities are engaged through Collaboration with community organizations, leaders, and residents in planning, and implementation. Capacity building - providing leadership training resources, and platforms for community voices. Restorative justice initiative is promoting practices that repair harm and foster reconciliation within communities. The program supports CFIC goals by reducing incarceration rates through prevention and diversion programs empowering communities to advocate for systemic change in Brazilians address is root causes of incarceration such as poverty, lack of education and systemic racism. It promotes equitable access to resources and opportunities, ensuring marginalized groups are supported.
Mikayla's House of Hope Transitional Housing for TAY Community (Females) 18-24 || Mikayla's House of Hope, Inc	Mikayla's House of Hope Transitional Housing for TAY Community (Females) 18-24	Year 1/Fiscal Year 2021-22	SPA 3; SD5;	Strategy 4: Housing Stability;	Mikayla's House of Hope (MHOH) is a nonprofit transitional housing program serving female youth ages 18–25 in Los Angeles County's Service Planning Area 1 (Antelope Valley). As a structured, faith-rooted support system, MHOH provides 6 to 12 months of residential housing, personal development, and life skills training to young women who are aging out of foster care, experiencing homelessness, or facing housing instability. The program was created to address the critical gap in safe, supportive housing for Transitional Age Youth (TAY) in SPA 1—a region with limited shelter beds, limited resources for women, and rising youth homelessness. Many participants arrive without stable income, family support, or the tools needed to live independently. MHOH offers them a safe, structured living environment where they receive individualized case management, financial literacy education, and access to job readiness training and mental health support through trusted community partners. MHOH not only provides housing—it restores hope. Participants are guided through goal-setting, healing, and accountability using trauma-informed care and grace-based leadership. They develop personal routines, pursue education, and gradually transition into independent living, cooking, conflict resolution, and time-management. With support from local organizations, churches, and County resources, participants are empowered to transition into long-term housing and self-sufficiency. The program also contributes to public safety and community stability by reducing repeat homelessness, incarceration risk, and reliance on emergency systems. MHOH's mission is to build strong, whole, and healed women—ready to contribute to society with dignity and purpose.	Target Population: Mikayla's House of Hope (MHOH) serves Transition Age Youth (TAY) women, specifically young women between the ages of 18 to 25, Eligibility Requirements: To be eligible for participation in the MHOH program, applicants must meet the following criteria: Identify as female, between the ages of 18–25 Be willing to participate in a structured, faith-informed transitional housing program Be experiencing housing instability, homelessness, or be at risk of homelessness Be able to live safely and respectfully in a shared residential environment Commit to weekly case management, life skills development, and progress toward independence Not currently be a parent with physical custody of a child (unless child is in DCFS custody or otherwise out of home care)	Decreased justice system involvement;Stable or supportive housing;Healing and wellbeing;	Mikayla's House of Hope (MHOH) uses a combination of quantitative data, case management tracking, and participant feedback to measure program outcomes. Key performance indicators (KPIs) are tied to participant growth, program engagement, and long-term stability. Outcomes will be measured through the following methods: Individualized Case Plans Each participant collaborates with staff to develop an action plan with personal, academic, employment, and life-skill goals. Progress is assessed during bi-weekly case management sessions. Monthly Participation Logs Attendance at life skills classes, therapeutic groups, and community service activities is tracked monthly. Completion of assigned chores, program responsibilities, and adherence to the Code of Conduct are reviewed. Exit Interviews We	Ready to implement immediately	(By a community-based organization			$ 175,000.00	based on a total budget of $175,000 DC here's a basic line-item breakdown across the categories you listed, with reasonable percentages that align with typical nonprofit program budgets. The Indirect/Admin costs are capped at 15% ($25,250) as requested: 💾 Basic Budget Breakdown – Total: $175,000 Category 0 % of Budget Dollar Amount 1. Personnel/Staff 40% $70,000.00 2. Program Supplies 0	Mikayla's House of Hope (MHOH) directly supports the goals of the Care First Community Investment (CFCI) initiative by prioritizing community-based, non-carceral alternatives to incarceration for vulnerable populations—specifically Transition Age Youth (TAY) women who are often impacted by systemic inequities, generational trauma, and justice involvement. Who Benefits TAY women (ages 18–25) at risk of homelessness, aging out of foster care, or returning from juvenile or adult correctional facilities Many participants are survivors of domestic violence, sexual exploitation, or trauma, disproportionately affecting Black and Brown communities MHOH also serves young women impacted by mental health struggles, substance use, or lack of access to education/employment Systemic Barriers Being Addressed Lack of safe housing for formerly incarcerated or system-involved young women Barriers to employment due to criminal records, lack of experience, or trauma
Housing Preservation		Healing and Justice Center	Housing with Care	Did not receive CFCI funding	SPA 3,SPA 1,SPA 2,SPA 4,SPA 5,SPA 6,SPA 7,SPA 8; SD1,SD2,SD3,SD4 ,SD5;	Strategy 4: Housing Stability;	The Tenant Counseling Hotline provides free, accessible, and culturally responsive support to renters facing unsafe living conditions, unlawful evictions, landlord harassment, and other housing-related crises. Operated by a dedicated team, the hotline offers direct renter services such as Know Your Rights education, letter writing, case management, and referrals to legal aid and local resources. Our program addresses a growing need in the community—many tenants, especially low-income families, immigrants, seniors, and non-English speakers, do not have access to reliable housing support. With increasing rent burdens, deteriorating housing stock, and systemic barriers to justice, the hotline offers a critical safety net for those who would otherwise fall through the cracks. Through our work, we help tenants understand their rights, take action to preserve housing stability, and advocate for habitability repairs or rent relief. We also assist with documentation, responses to eviction notices, and connecting tenants to attorneys for legal consultations. In addition to direct service, the hotline gathers data and stories that support local organizing, advocacy campaigns, and policy change efforts. Our goal is to stabilize housing for hundreds of households annually while building long-term tenant power. With a full-time counselor, a part-time assistant, and stipends for legal experts, the hotline provides real-time support that is trauma-informed, community-centered, and focused on dignity and justice.	Homeless Services Foundation (HSF) is committed to serving people who often fall through the cracks of traditional housing systems. Our primary target populations include adults and families experiencing chronic homelessness, individuals with severe mental health conditions or developmental disabilities, veterans, seniors on fixed incomes, and people returning to the community after incarceration. Additionally, we provide safe, supportive environments for transitional-age youth and families at risk of housing instability, ensuring young people have the security they need to stay connected to school and positive social supports. Many of the individuals we serve face overlapping challenges such as co-occurring disorders, untreated health needs, or histories of exploitation and system involvement.	Increased access to mental or physical health care;Decreased justice system involvement;Stable or supportive housing;	Homeless Services Foundation (HSF) will use a mix of participant-level data, service provider documentation, and resident feedback to measure outcomes and ensure accountability. For housing stability, we will track occupancy rates, length of stay, and the percentage of residents who transition successfully to permanent or independent housing. We will also monitor reductions in returns to unsheltered homelessness or shelter use, capturing progress toward lasting stability. To demonstrate increased access to mental and physical health care, we will maintain records of completed health screenings, home health visits, behavioral health counseling sessions, and referrals to outside medical providers. We will monitor how many residents develop individualized care plans, stay engaged with treatment, and report improved health outcomes over time. For reduced justice system involvement, case managers will record baseline information at intake and conduct follow-ups to identify any new arrests, citations, or other system contacts. We aim to track the percentages of reentry participants who remain free of new justice system involvement during and after their time in the program.	Ready to implement immediately	(By a community-based organization	While our core housing and supportive services are fully operational, this funding will allow us to expand capacity, secure additional supplies, and onboard specialized staff to meet increased demand. We anticipate needing up to three months to finalize vendor agreements, coordinate referrals, and prepare new units to ensure safe, quality care for participants.	$ 250,000.00	•Personnel/Staff $95,000 •Program Supplies $18,500 •Facilities or Space Use $65,400 •Consultants or Partners $55,500 •Outreach/Communications $9,600 •Indirect/Admin Costs (15% max of total requested amount) $37,500	Homeless Services Foundation's work strikes at the root causes that keep too many individuals and families trapped in cycles of homelessness, poor health, and repeated justice system involvement. By providing safe, trauma-informed housing alongside wraparound behavioral health care, reentry support, and pathways to economic stability, we help communities that have long been over policed and under-resourced reclaim their futures. This program directly addresses the systemic barriers that often push people back into institutions instead of communities: lack of stable housing, limited access to mental and physical health care, and the absence of supportive, dignified places to heal and rebuild. Every bed we open, every care plan we develop, and every resident we help transition into independence moves our region closer to the CFCI vision of replacing punishment with community-based support and opportunity. •Outreach/Communications $9,600 Residents who have experienced incarceration or institutionalization benefit not just from a roof over their heads, but from a chance to stabilize, reconnect with family, pursue employment, and contribute to the local economy instead of returning to jail or the streets. Our partnerships with small, minority-owned providers and local nonprofits keep funding and jobs in the neighborhoods that need them most, building resilience and trust. By investing in this program, CFCI will help shift power and resources back into the hands of people and communities most harmed by inequitable systems—creating real pathways to housing, health, healing, and long-term community safety.
Interim Housing and Job Resource Center On-Site || Assured Lifestyle Housing			SPA 6; SD2;	Strategy 4: Housing Stability;Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration;	Our program will provide Interim Housing for Homeless Individuals involved in the justice system, offering a safe and supportive environment. In addition to a Job Resource Center on-site.	Our target population is the Homeless Justice Involved individuals. There are no requirements to receive services. Job Resource Center On-site.	Stable or supportive housing,Job training or employment outcomes;Decreased justice system involvement;Increased access to mental or physical health care;	Participant surveys will be utilized to measure the outcomes, along with attendance logs.	Ready to implement immediately	(By a community-based organization			$ 1,500,000.00	Personnel/Staff: $700,000 Program Supplies $100,000 Facilities or Space Use: $250,000 Consultants: $100,000 Outreach/Communications: $100,000 Indirect Admin Costs (15%): $225,000 Other: Miscellaneous/Contingency: $25,000	Who benefits: Individuals experiencing homelessness or unstable housing impacted by incarceration Justice-involved individuals: seeking stable employment and housing Community members: gaining access to resources and support, reducing recidivism. Systemic Barriers Addressed: Housing insecurity for formerly incarcerated individuals. Employment barriers due to stigma, lack of resources, and skills gaps. Limited access to supportive services that facilitate successful community reintegration. Empowerment of Impacted Communities: By providing stable housing and job resources, the program promotes self-sufficiency. Engages community members and formerly-incarcerated individuals in decision-making, fostering ownership and leadership; Builds trust and relationships within communities most impacted by incarceration, helping to reduce stigma and promote social cohesion. Alignment with CFCI Goals: Restoring dignity and opportunity to marginalized populations. Building resilient communities through targeted support. Breaking cycles of incarceration by addressing root systemic barriers.
PROJECT HELPING PEOPLE HELP THEMSELVES || LOS ANGELES TRANSITION CENTER	LOS ANGELES TRANSITION CENTER	Did not receive CFCI funding	SPA 6; SD2;	Strategy 4: Housing Stability;Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration;Strategy 3: Education Access & Youth Development;Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;Strategy 2: Economic Opportunity & Sustainability;	It prevents them from going to and from jail. Gives them transitional housing while going through the process. Getting people off the streets, educating them on their mental health, providing drug and alcohol counseling, give them knowledge about themselves regardless of their income. It addresses the mental health and the drug and alcohol treatment and housing	Indigents, addicts, alcoholics, disenfranchised	Stable or supportive housing,Increased access to mental or physical health care;Decreased justice system involvement;	Interviews, surveys done on monthly basis to determine their progress, attendance logs, in some cases health records	Ready to implement immediately	(By a community-based organization			$ 100,000.00	Personnel staff- 25000 Program supplies-10000 Facilities or space use5000 Consultants-5000 Outreach1000 Indirect /Admin cost-5000	Our community, the people would not be able to afford the type of services that we are offering. Reduction in recidivism, it reduces crime, by giving the clients training, housing, meals, a sense of family, group meetings. They are empowered by getting to know themselves through training, understanding their character defects, being in a positive environment.
New Road Foundation Reentry Support || N/A	New Road Foundation Sober Living	Year 3/Fiscal Year 2023-24	SPA 1; SD5;	Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;Strategy 2: Economic Opportunity & Sustainability;Strategy 4: Housing Stability;Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration;	New Road Foundation (NRF) will expand services to provide short-term housing and reentry support for up to 100 men reentering the community post incarceration. NRF has a 4-bedroom two-story home that is ready for occupancy that includes a fully equipped, urban kitchen for the reentry program staff to use on stable housing employment as drivers of reducing recidivism and building stability. In addition to short-term housing, participants will have access to NRF's wraparound support focused on sustained housing and employment and wealth building programs and services including NRF's Housing and Employment Navigators, substance abuse counseling/treatment, and an extensive network of partners that provide workforce development, financial empowerment, life skills, mental health, physical health, education, credit repair, legal services, family reunification services, and more. NRF operates a Landscaping and Maintenance social enterprise that offers paid work skill development to participants. This initiative provides clients with valuable job skills, paid work experience, daily structure, and accountability that builds a sense of purpose and success. The hill-side farm area will be developed to teach farming and marketing skills through growing produce to sell at farmers markets, providing additional paid work/learning opportunities to participants.	NRF's reentry home will target men who are released from prison or jail into SPA1 who are in need of housing and support to facilitate stability and success. NRF staff will recruit participants through LA County probation, information sessions at the prison and jails, and through other non-profit organizations. Program eligibility requirements includes males 18 years or older; ready for release or released within the last 3 months; on probation or Parole; lack of a stable housing plan post-release; a desire to work/find employment.	Decreased justice system involvement,Job training or employment outcomes;Stable or supportive housing;	Increased access to mental or physical health care;Participant outcomes: Enrollment and participation in Department of Mental Health programs including Full-Service Partnership, case management, housing navigation, and other services. Referral documentation. Self-confirmation and client surveys. Client check ins. Decreased justice system involvement outcomes: Self report and client surveys and check ins. Successful parole and probation discharges. Expungements. Successful court outcomes. Improved educational access or attainment outcomes: Enrollment and completion of High School diploma, Credit Completion, HISET, GED programs through AV Adult School, Five Keys and other programs. Enrollment in College (AV College) and other post-secondary education. Collaboration with Focus 180 (AV College Justice Impacted program). Job training or employment outcomes: Offer letters, Hiring confirmation, pay stubs, self report, client surveys, and/or completion certificates. Stable housing outcomes: Lease agreements, client surveys, leases, rent records, mortgage relief documents, housing subsidy payment records, Homeless Management Information System data and notes, collaboration with housing programs and confirmation of participation in housing programs including Permanent Supportive Housing, affordable housing, tax credit units, voucher programs. Collaboration and confirmation of successful access to resources	Ready to implement immediately	(By a community-based organization			$ 179,975.00	•Personnel/Staff: $62,500 •Program Supplies: $3,400 •Facilities or Space Use: $72,000 •Consultants or Partners: 0 •Outreach/Communications: $3,600 •Indirect/Admin Costs (15% max of total requested amount): $23,475 •Other: Transportation, Activities, Work gear: $15,000	NRF supports the goals of CFCI by increasing support and opportunities for mostly BIPOC men reentering the community after jail or prison to helping break the multi-generational cycles of poverty, prison, drug abuse, etc. caused by racial policies and the 'War on Drugs.' NRF serves Antelope Valley which has a high need for reentry services. The region is home to the only state prison in LA County and 3 of the County's 7 jails. Lancaster has some of the highest rates in LA County of poverty (26%), is largely BIPOC (21% African American and 45% Hispanic), and only 17% of adults have a BA degree or higher (US Census, 2021). Additionally, according to AV Public Health, Lancaster has some of the highest rates in the county of incarceration (797 per 100k), and homicide rates (6.2 per 100k). According to the Catalyst California's Justice Equity Need Index, Lancaster ranks in the worst Equity Services Index – geographic, quantitative, data, and mapping tools that identify areas disapportionitly burdened by the criminal justice system and highest service needs—Lancaster has a ranking of "highest" in the JENI & JESI for highest system involvement and criminalization risks and other inequity drivers and a low overall service level including the areas of housing & employment needs, services & advocacy. This area scored moderate prevention & intervention indicators.
Hope on Wheels: Mobile Opportunity Hub for Disconnected Youth || Sanctuary of Hope	Youth Center	Year 2/Fiscal Year 2022-23	SPA 1,SPA 6,SPA 8; SD5,SD2;	Strategy 4: Housing Stability;Strategy 3: Education Access & Youth Development;Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;Strategy 2: Reentry & Community Reintegration;	Hope on Wheels is a mobile outreach program designed to bring critical youth services directly into underserved neighborhoods. The retrofitted vehicle functions as a dynamic, roving drop-in center equipped with resources such as housing and benefits navigation, legal aid, digital connectivity, career development tools, mental health teen screenings, and trauma-informed care kits. It also offers interactive mobile learning labs that feature workshops on financial literacy, civic engagement, and tenant rights. To address transportation barriers, the initiative provides TAP cards, transit planning assistance, and advocacy around mobility equity. Guided by trained peer navigators with lived experience, the program emphasizes trust, voice, and accountability among young people. In Los Angeles, thousands of youth ages 16–25—particularly Black and Brown individuals, those involved in public systems, Opportunity Youth, immigrants, and foster alumni—face persistent challenges accessing housing, employment, and emotional support. Sanctuary of Hope (SOH) has seen firsthand how these barriers, compounded by transit gaps, digital exclusion, and economic segregation, perpetuate cycles of instability and disconnection. Hope on Wheels aims to disrupt that cycle by bringing services directly to those who need them most.	Hope on Wheels serves youth ages 16 to 26 in Los Angeles who face barriers to essential services. The primary population includes: Opportunity Youth (not in education, employment, or training), system-impacted individuals, former foster youth, immigrants, LGBTQ+ youth, and those experiencing housing insecurity. Many come from areas with limited access to transportation, technology, and supportive resources, particularly in Service Planning Areas (SPAs) 1, 6, and 8. Eligibility is intentionally broad to reduce barriers. Young people must be between 16 and 25 years old and live in or frequent underserved communities in Los Angeles. There are no requirements for documentation, income verification, or citizenship. Services are designed to be accessible through walk-up engagement, making support available without the need for referrals or formal enrollment. This approach ensures that youth who are disconnected from traditional systems can still access vital resources and support through a welcoming, peer-led model.	Increased access to mental or physical health care;Youth development or civic engagement;Increased housing and employment outcomes;Stable or supportive housing;Job training or employment outcomes;Improved educational access or attainment;Decreased justice system involvement;	Outcomes for Hope on Wheels will be measured through a mix of service data and participant feedback. Attendance logs will track the number of youth served and engagement levels. Surveys will assess changes in housing, employment, education, and wellness, as well as satisfaction with the program. Focus groups and interviews will provide deeper insight into participant experiences and service impact. When appropriate, de-identified health or education records may be reviewed to confirm progress. This blended approach ensures both quantitative results and qualitative understanding of youth outcomes.	Needs minor setup (within 3 months)	(By a community-based organization			$ 125,000.00	Category:: Amount/Notes Personnel/Staff:: $40,000Outreach worker navigator stipends and part-time program coordinator Program Supplies: $25,000Bicycles wet-retrofit, tech equipment, wellness kits, and workshop tools Facilities/Space Use:: $5,000Storage, insurance, and mobile service setup costs Consultants/Partners $10,000Evaluation consultant, CRM setup, data analysis tools Outreach/Comms:: $5,000Launch events, social media, printed materials, community engagement Indirect/Admin $15,000Covers fiscal oversight, compliance, finance/HR admin Other:: $24,000Urgent youth needs	Hope on Wheels directly supports the goals of the Care First Community Investment (CFCI) initiative by prioritizing youth from racially and economically underserved backgrounds who face systemic barriers to opportunity. The program delivers low-barrier, community-rooted services—such as housing support, employment assistance, digital access, and wellness resources—into neighborhoods with high levels of disconnection and underinvestment. By focusing on those impacted by structural inequities, including justice involvement and foster care, the initiative addresses drivers such as transit inaccessibility, digital exclusion, and limited access to culturally responsive services. This mobile model offers early intervention and holistic care, reducing reliance on punitive systems and supporting positive youth development. Peer navigators with lived experience build trust and foster authentic relationships, empowering participants to access resources and shape their own pathw forward. In centering healing, agency, and self-determination, Hope on Wheels embodies the CFCI mission of shifting investments away from punishment and toward community-driven support systems.
HSF's Housing with Care || Housing with Care	Housing with Care	Did not receive CFCI funding	SPA 6; SD2;	Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;Strategy 2: Economic Opportunity & Sustainability;Strategy 3: Education Access & Youth Development;Strategy 4: Housing Stability;Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration;	Homeless Services Foundation (HSF) works to break the cycle of homelessness for Los Angeles County's most marginalized residents by providing trauma-informed housing and holistic support that centers dignity, healing, and long-term stability. Our care homes and independent living options meet the needs of individuals and families experiencing chronic housing insecurity, including those transitioning back into the community after incarceration, veterans, seniors, people living with disabilities or/and mental health conditions. Our model recognizes that safe, stable housing is just the starting point. Residents receive comprehensive wraparound services from case management and behavioral health support to home health care and life-skills coaching, all designed to strengthen wellbeing, divert people from institutional systems, and foster pathways to independence. By helping residents build practical skills and connect to local employers, we open doors to sustainable income and economic opportunity. We also support families and young people who face unique barriers, ensuring that children have a stable foundation for healthy development and continued education. Our approach actively partners with small, minority-owned community providers, building local economic resilience while delivering culturally responsive care. In a region where many people cycle between shelters, jails, and emergency rooms, HSF's housing-first, harm-reduction approach directly addresses the urgent gaps in housing stability, behavioral health, and reentry services. By combining safe housing with individualized support, we help residents regain a sense of dignity and community connection, which creates healthier, safer neighborhoods for everyone.	Homeless Services Foundation (HSF) is committed to serving people who often fall through the cracks of traditional housing systems. Our primary target populations include adults and families experiencing chronic homelessness, individuals with severe mental health conditions or developmental disabilities, veterans, seniors on fixed incomes, and people returning to the community after incarceration. Additionally, we provide safe, supportive environments for transitional-age youth and families at risk of housing instability, ensuring young people have the security they need to stay connected to school and positive social supports. Many of the individuals we serve face overlapping challenges such as co-occurring disorders, untreated health needs, or histories of exploitation and system involvement. Eligibility for our housing and care homes is straightforward and intentionally low-barrier. Individuals or families must be unhoused or unstably housed and in need of supportive services that promote stability and well-being. Referrals often come through community partners, including caseworkers, health providers, and reentry programs, but we also accept self-referrals when space is available. We do not turn away qualified participants based on background, income, or justice system involvement; instead, we focus on creating accessible pathways to safe housing and wraparound supports that address each person's unique barriers to stability. By centering people with the greatest need, and delivering services with respect and compassion, HSF ensures that critical housing resources reach those who need them most.	Increased access to mental or physical health care;Decreased justice system involvement;Stable or supportive housing;	Homeless Services Foundation (HSF) will use a mix of participant-level data, service provider documentation, and resident feedback to measure outcomes and ensure accountability. For housing stability, we will track occupancy rates, length of stay, and the percentage of residents who transition successfully to permanent or independent housing. We will also monitor reductions in returns to unsheltered homelessness or shelter use, capturing progress toward lasting stability. To demonstrate increased access to mental and physical health care, we will maintain records of completed health screenings, home health visits, behavioral health counseling sessions, and referrals to outside medical providers. We will monitor how many residents develop individualized care plans, stay engaged with treatment, and report improved health outcomes over time. For reduced justice system involvement, case managers will record baseline information at intake and conduct follow-ups to identify any new arrests, citations, or other system contacts. We aim to track the percentages of reentry participants who remain free of new justice system involvement during and after their time in the program.	Needs minor setup (within 3 months)	(By a community-based organization			$ 250,000.00	•Personnel/Staff $95,000 •Program Supplies $18,500 •Facilities or Space Use $65,400 •Consultants or Partners $55,500 •Outreach/Communications $9,600 •Indirect/Admin Costs (15% max of total requested amount) $37,500	Homeless Services Foundation's work strikes at the root causes that keep too many individuals and families trapped in cycles of homelessness, poor health, and repeated justice system involvement. By providing safe, trauma-informed housing alongside wraparound behavioral health care, reentry support, and pathways to economic stability, we help communities that have long been over policed and under-resourced reclaim their futures. This program directly addresses the systemic barriers that often push people back into institutions instead of communities: lack of stable housing, limited access to mental and physical health care, and the absence of supportive, dignified places to heal and rebuild. Every bed we open, every care plan we develop, and every resident we help transition into independence moves our region closer to the CFCI vision of replacing punishment with community-based support and opportunity. •Outreach/Communications $9,600 Residents who have experienced incarceration or institutionalization benefit not just from a roof over their heads, but from a chance to stabilize, reconnect with family, pursue employment, and contribute to the local economy instead of returning to jail or the streets. Our partnerships with small, minority-owned providers and local nonprofits keep funding and jobs in the neighborhoods that need them most, building resilience and trust. By investing in this program, CFCI will help shift power and resources back into the hands of people and communities most harmed by inequitable systems—creating real pathways to housing, health, healing, and long-term community safety.
Unlocked Futures		Gracie's Giving Hands			SPA 6; SD5;	Strategy 4: Housing Stability;Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration;Strategy 3: Education Access & Youth Development;Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;Strategy 2: Economic Opportunity & Sustainability;	The Reclamation Project is a transformative initiative by Gracie's Giving Hands designed to help justice-impacted youth and adults rebuild their lives after incarceration, homelessness, or time in foster care. Our program provides structured transitional housing, trauma-informed care, job training, life skills development, and mentorship rooted in compassion and lived experience. Every year, thousands of individuals are released into our communities with no identification, income, or support system—often carrying the weight of trauma, addiction, and societal rejection. The Reclamation Project directly addresses this crisis by creating a holistic, empowering environment that guides participants from survival to stability. Participants in the program will have access to: •Safe transitional housing with 24/7 support •Weekly case management and mental health services •Job readiness training, entrepreneurship classes, and financial literacy •Transportation to court, work, and healthcare appointments •Mentorship, healing arts, and family reunification support We serve youth and adults ages 18–65, with a focus on those aging out of juvenile facilities, exiting prison, or at risk of homelessness. Many of our staff have lived experience, allowing us to reach participants with authenticity and respect. The Reclamation Project doesn't just provide services—it reclaims lost potential, restores dignity, and creates a new narrative of purpose and possibility. By investing in those who have been system-impacted, we help break cycles of incarceration, addiction, and poverty—one life at a time.	The Reclamation Project serves justice-impacted individuals who are committed to rebuilding their lives. Our primary target populations include: •Formerly incarcerated youth and adults ages 18-65 •Individuals aging out of foster care or juvenile facilities •Individuals experiencing homelessness after incarceration •People in recovery from substance use and mental health challenges •Underserved residents of South Central Los Angeles and surrounding communities These individuals often lack stable housing, employment opportunities, family support, or access to healthcare and mental health services. Many are released from jail or prison with no identification, clothing, transportation, or guidance—facing overwhelming odds of recidivism and homelessness without intervention. Eligibility Requirements: •Must be justice-impacted, homeless or at imminent risk of homelessness •Ages 18–65 •Willing to engage in case management, job training, and program activities •Must agree to house rules, sobriety, and participation in weekly check-ins •Can be referred by courts, public defenders, probation, reentry programs, or self-referred •No current violent or sexual offenses pending (evaluated on a case-by-case basis) We prioritize individuals with no family or reentry support system, and those motivated to make a lasting change. Our program is inclusive of people of all backgrounds, with a trauma-informed and culturally competent approach.	Decreased justice system involvement,Job training or employment outcomes;Stable or supportive housing;	Outcomes for The Reclamation Project will be measured using both quantitative and qualitative tools to ensure we track progress, impact, and areas for improvement. Our evaluation methods include: •Attendance Logs – To track participation in housing, job training, life skills, and therapy sessions •Case Management Notes – Documenting individual progress toward personal goals (employment, housing, sobriety, etc.). •Participant Surveys – Pre- and post-program surveys will assess growth in confidence, stability, life skills, and outlook. •Employment & Housing Verification – Confirming job placements, earnings, and long-term housing outcomes. •Weekly Check-ins – Conducted by case managers to

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Proposed Project Name || Organization or County Dept	If your program is not new and is an expansion of an existing project, what is its name?	If your program is an expansion and previously received CFCI funding, please indicate under which Spending Plan Year/Fiscal Year.	Service Planning Areas (SPA) and Supervisorial Districts (SD) Served	CFCI Strategies	Description of Project	Target population and eligibility requirements	Anticipated Outcomes of Project	Outcomes and Measures	Implementation Period for Project	Administration of Project	If applicable, by which County Dept?	If the program does not have existing infrastructure, please describe what would be needed to launch the program/project.	What is the total requested annual amount of funding for this program/project?	based on the amount entered above, enter a basic breakdown of each of the following in dollar amounts (round numbers are acceptable): Personnel/Staff Program Supplies Facilities or Space Use Consultant	How does this program/project support the goals of CFCI? Think about who benefits, what systemic barriers are being overcome, and how communities most impacted by incarceration are empowered.
Healing Circle Self-Care and D.V. Support Group		Shepherd's Door	Healing Circle	Did not receive CFCI funding	SPA 3; SD1 SD2;SD3;SD4 ;SD5;	Strategy 4: Housing Stability;Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration;Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;	Shepherd's Door Domestic Violence Resource Center is seeking one-time grant funding from Justice Care Opportunities to support our Healing Justice Project trauma-informed initiative designed to meet the urgent needs of domestic violence survivors impacted by the justice system. 90% of the individuals served at Shepherd's Door are low-income mothers, some are formerly incarcerated women, or survivors entangled in family court, custody battles, or dependency court due to abuse-related circumstances. The Healing Justice Project offers comprehensive services such as legal advocacy, peer counseling, restorative healing circles, therapy, and emergency housing for domestic violence victims when shelters are full. We aim to reduce barriers to safety, reunification, and recovery for survivors who are navigating complex systems that often retraumatize rather than support them. This project directly addresses the unmet needs of justice-impacted women who often fall through the cracks, those who are trying to regain custody of their children, find safe affordable housing after the compounded trauma of abuse and systemic injustice. By combining culturally responsive care with practical resources, empowerment and education, Shepherd's Door will support survivors and their families in rebuilding stable, violence-free lives. We take a survivor-led, trauma-informed approach, rooted in the principles of healing. The program centers lived experience, empowers self-determination, and reconnect victims and survivors of domestic violence to community and support systems. With this grant, we will expand access to services for those who are most vulnerable and ensure that no victim or survivor of abuse and trauma is left behind due to a criminal record or court involvement stemming from their experiences of violence. This one-time funding will allow Shepherd's Door to bridge critical service gaps and build capacity to continue serving survivors at the intersection of domestic violence and the justice system, strengthening families, reducing recidivism, and restoring hope.	Shepherd's Door program is specifically designed to support individuals and families affected by domestic violence. Our target population includes victims and survivors of domestic violence regardless of gender, age, race, or background who are in need of assistance to escape abusive situations. We recognize that domestic violence impacts people of all identities, and we are committed to serving anyone seeking safety and support. The only eligibility requirement is that the individual or family are no longer in the abusive relationship and the abuser does not live in Spa 3. This requirement helps ensure the safety and stability of all participants in our care. No proof of income, residency, or legal status is required. We do an assessment intake, and it inform us to what services the individuals need. Our focus is on immediate safety, access to resources, and long-term support for survivors as they begin to rebuild their lives free from violence.	Stable or supportive housing;Healing and wellbeing;Decreased justice system involvement;	Shepherd's Door measure outcome by attendance logs, client surveys and video interviews.	Ready to implement immediately	By a joint partnership		$ 100,000.00	Target Budget Breakdown - $100,000 Category/Amount/Description 1. Personnel/Staff: $60,000Salaries/wages for key staff (e.g., program manager, coordinator, admin) 2. Program Supplies: $10,000 Materials, equipment, learning kits, printing, etc. 3. Facilities/Space Use$5,000Rent, utilities, venue rental for program activities 4. Consultants/Partners$7,000Contracted experts, guest speakers, or collaborating organizations 5. Outreach/Communications$4,000Marketing, flyers, social media, newsletters, web updates 6. Indirect/Admin Costs$15,000(15% of total) – administrative support, general overhead 7. Other$3,000Transportation, meals, insurance, miscellaneous Total$100,000 :	Survivors of Domestic Violence & Families Systemic barriers tackled: Over-reliance on criminal justice when domestic violence arises Trauma, housing instability, and legal hurdles Lack of culturally competent, survivor-centered services Shepherd's Door also provide Batterers Intervention Program which offer alternatives to incarceration by focusing on accountability, healing, and behavior change Peer-to-peer and survivor-led counseling shift power to affected community members, reducing reliance on punitive systems Root-Cause & High Impact Interventions Addressing poverty, education, financial literacy, and trauma-informed care addresses underlying drivers of cycles of violence and economic instability. Support groups, legal aid, and basic needs assistance promote stabilization during critical reentry phases Community Engagement & Empowerment, Support groups, workshops, healing circles, and volunteer opportunities elevate survivors and community members as leaders
Domestic violence		Ms Keda Foundation			SPA 6; SD4;	Strategy 2: Economic Opportunity & Sustainability;Strategy 3: Education Access & Youth Development;Strategy 4: Housing Stability;Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration;	I believe with my housing program we already assist re entry clients if we can add domestic violence as well we will assist battred women and men become successful in re integrating back in society by offering safe zones and education and counseling as well as housing so they don't return to their abuser	Will serve transitional aged youth as well as women/men and our LBGTQ communities	Job training or employment outcomes;Stable or supportive housing;Healing and wellbeing;	We will measure with participants surveys, success stories and focus groups	Needs minor setup (within 3 months)	By a community-based organization		$ 466,000.00	Personnel 150,000 Program supplies 15,000 Facilities 36,000 Consultant 20,000 Outreach 20,000 Admin 150,000 Housing, 50,000 Transportation 10,000 Employment stipend client 15,000	We have a lot of women from prison victims of domestic violence and human trafficking we will break barriers by addressing their needs making a safe haven for them coming home where they don't go back to the abuser we will provide counseling for mental health, jobs and safe housing for a new staff CFCI helps our communities by providing them with resources to be productive in society.
Black Housing Stability and Security Initiative		via TPA7			SPA 4;SPA 6;SPA 8; SD2;SD4;	Strategy 4: Housing Stability;Strategy 2: Economic Opportunity & Sustainability;Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration;	This program provides emergency rental assistance, eviction prevention, housing navigation, and legal defense to Black Angelenos facing housing instability, with an emphasis on those formerly incarcerated or at risk of displacement. It builds a direct response to the systemic discrimination in housing access, wealth gaps, and overrepresentation of Black residents in homelessness. The initiative includes wraparound support to connect individuals to long-term housing, employment, and benefits enrollment.	Black Angelenos experiencing housing instability, with priority given to formerly incarcerated individuals, single parents, and residents at risk of eviction or homelessness.	Job training or employment outcomes;Stable or supportive housing;Decreased justice system involvement;Healing and wellbeing;	Participant surveys, intake and housing outcome logs, eviction case tracking, housing retention rates.	Ready to implement immediately	By a Third-Party Administrator		$ 8,000,000.00	Program Supplies (housing kits, technology for virtual support, documentation assistance): $300,000 Facilities or Space Use (drop-in centers, housing clinics): $400,000 Consultants/Partners (training, evaluation, housing law experts): $300,000 Outreach/Communications (culturally tailored outreach, canvassing, digital campaigns): $250,000 Indirect/Admin Costs (max 15%):$1,200,000	This program directly supports housing justice for Black Angelenos—one of the most overrepresented demographics in the LA County unhoused population. It reduces racial disparities in housing access, stabilizes families, and prevents cycles of incarceration and displacement by ensuring access to safe, long-term housing.
Nehemiah Faith Collaborative Growth Strategy		Nehemiah Project LA	Nehemiah Transitional TAY supportive housing	Year 3/Fiscal Year 2023-24	SPA 6,SPA 7; SD2	Strategy 3: Education Access & Youth Development;Strategy 4: Housing Stability;	A portion of the funds will be used to expand existing program impact to provide housing. We skill development, educational attainment, and job training for transition of housing-insecure justice-involved former foster youth to permanent housing. Another portion of the funds will be utilized to establish a new Fiscal Sponsorship division of nonprofit operations that will offer pathways for collaborative partners to build capacity and achieve fiscal sustainability for long term community impact for the target population. The Fiscal Sponsorship model, through economies of scale, allows collaborative partners (1) to access high quality administrative services that support and stabilize their community efforts to housing-insecure justice involved former foster youth; (2) to create a hub for the exchange of community assets and project ideas that produce synergy and exponential outcomes for the benefit of this target population facing multiple life challenges, and (3) to collect and document subject matter expertise from individuals with lived-experience who will help train-the-trainer to equip agents of change that are focused on assisting the target population to navigate obstacles to life success.	Homeless or housing-insecure justice-involved former foster youth; 19-26 years old.	Increased access to mental or physical health care;Improved educational access or attainment;Job training or employment outcomes;Stable or supportive housing;Youth development or civic engagement;Healing and wellbeing;Life coaching and financial literacy training;	Case manager records of progress toward goals and personal and collaborative partner surveys, interviews	Needs minor setup (within 3 months)	By a community-based organization		$ 3,000,000.00	ALL DOLLAR AMOUNTS FOR 36-MONTH PERIOD Personnel - Direct Program $600,000 Non-Personnel Supplies, Other - Direct Program $960,000 Facility / Space Use $300,000 Consultants / Partners - Fiscal Sponsorship $360,000 Outreach / Communication $336,000 Indirect / Administration Costs $450,000	Supporting TAY youth who have become justice-involved to achieve affordable safe housing with vital life skill training with goal of finishing school and/or job training that allows residents to live sustainably in their own place of residence. Addresses critical youth homeless crisis and justice-involved barriers to employment. Through this program, participation will have a room to themselves and enjoy positive welcoming environment for consolidation into a support network and access to a lifejob coach to come along side them to navigate life challenges. Through these outcomes incarceration costs, first responder support, and personal stigmas are reduced.
Bridge Housing-C.P.R Program-Community Empowerment and Resiliency || Marzette's House DBA Marzette's House Community Outreach			SPA 1; SD5;	Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness,Strategy 4: Housing Stability;Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration;	Marzette's House mission is to help those that have been labeled marginalized receive basic services that meet their social and emotional needs. We help transform lives through implementing a Community Resiliency Model through our C.P.R program (Community Empowerment and Resiliency). Our Bridge Housing will focus on women of Color by providing resources that nourish the body and soul through our Project Healthy Hearts and Minds Programs. We seek to provide supportive services and Bridge housing that empowers community members to be independent, self sufficient, and adequately housed. We will provide referrals for safe and affordable housing. Our focus is to help women with children that do not currently have custody due to past incarceration become economically sufficient, while the community members work or go to school to obtain marketable skills. Staff will provide support through donations, volunteer services and connection with community resources.	Justice involved women or those that identify as women that do not currently have custody of their children due to past incarceration/justice involvement.	Job training or employment outcomes;Stable or supportive housing;Healing and wellbeing;	Measurements and Progress Monitoring for programs will be conducted through surveys to clients, client intake forms, in person sign in workshops/reflections on learning surveys, Annual Reports that measure strengths and areas for growth, success stories via social media/interviews and aspirational tracking and challenges organizational narrative, 1:1 conferencing with their Wellness Coach reviewing their individualized plan.	Needs minor setup (within 3 months)	By a community-based organization	We have the house/property to use for the Bridge Housing. The home needs minor repairs to prepare for Bridge Housing, and we need to hire 6 staff members: Program Manager, Case Manager, C.P.R Coordinator, and 3 House Staff to rotate daily shifts.	$ 770,000.00	Total Cost 770,000 for 3 years at 260,000 per year. House Lease-24,000 per year Program Supplies-20,000 per year Consultants-15,000-per year Staff-200,000-per year	Bridge Housing for women that have been formerly incarcerated/justice involved is a program that will use restorative practices to serve a population that is often underserved. Women with children have unique needs and challenges that are often unmet which can lead to a negative cycle and increased justice involvement. Creating pathways to restore and build relationships with their children and families when appropriate can reduce recidivism. We also will focus on women that currently have children being raised by grandparents or other kinship care. There is often generational trauma that should be addressed through a Wraparound approach for the women and their family, but this is currently lacking in our systems. Our program will serve women that still have parental rights and are looking for Bridge Housing that promotes their strengths and helps nurture skills to become more independent in the community while still utilizing community supports.
New Road Growing Recovery Farm & Garden Project		New Road Foundation	New Road Recovery & Sober Living	Year 3/Fiscal Year 2023-24	SPA 1; SD5;	Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;Strategy 2: Economic Opportunity & Sustainability;Strategy 4: Housing Stability;Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration;	New Road Foundation (NRF) will combine healing with personal growth and economic opportunity for clients in recovery from SUD and/or reentering the community after prison/jail by expanding its employment services to provide paid on the job training and skills development through its farming operations. NRF has property in the Antelope Valley ready for this project. Clients will learn all aspects of agriculture and marketing with products planned, grown and sold by the clients with the assistance of experienced staff and income earned will be re-invested in the operations to enhance sustainability. This project offers clients meaningful structure, purpose, and support. Activities promote mental wellness by reducing stress, establishing routine, and fostering a sense of accomplishment. The social nature of this work builds peer connections and community engagement. Clients experience empowerment as they see tangible results from their efforts and contribute positively to their communities, helping to reduce stigma and instill self-worth. Beyond therapeutic benefits, clients gain practical skills that support long-term recovery and independence. They gain hands-on experience in agriculture, customer service, and basic business operations, enhancing both soft and hard skills. Earning income or stipends increases financial stability, while improving food and regular physical activity support overall wellness. Ultimately, participation in this type of business helps individuals move toward sustained recovery by combining healing with personal growth and economic opportunity.	This project will serve up to 50 adults that reside in NRF's sober living homes and are in recovery from SUD with many reentering the community following incarceration. About 80% of NRF clients are BIPOC and most are considered "hard to employ" and have significant barriers to employment including lack of education/skills, poor work history, employment gaps, legal issues, and/or mental health issues. NRF's wrap around services including cognitive behavioral treatment modalities, intensive case management, employment and housing navigation, sober peer/social activities, family reunification, and more, all delivered by people with lived experience creates a community that addresses clients' needs while giving compassionate support that leads to long-term recovery.	Decreased justice system involvement;Job training or employment outcomes;Healing and wellbeing;	NRF has a robust system in-place to ensure programs and services have the desired outcomes for clients. NRF has a case management CRM and other trackers to store data which is analyzed and used to make pragmatic changes as needed. The following will be collected to measure the impact towards the CFCI goals addressed by the New Road Growing Recovery Farm & Garden Project. Decreased justice system involvement: Self report and client surveys and check ins. Successful parole and probation discharges. Expungements. Successful court outcomes. Job training or employment: Offer letters, Hiring confirmation, pay stubs, self-report, client surveys, and/or completion certificates. Healing and wellbeing outcomes: Self Report, client surveys, photos, videos of participation in wellness activities such as camping trips, exercise workshops, meditation, yoga, boxing release therapy, twelve step workshops, addiction education, relapse prevention, cognitive behavioral intervention, etc.	Ready to implement immediately	By a community-based organization		$ 158,125.00	•Personnel/Staff: $37,500 •Program Supplies: $30,000 •Facilities/Space Use: $0 •Consultants or Partners: 0 •Outreach/Communications: 0 •Indirect/Admin Costs (15% max of total requested amount): $20,625 •Other: Client Stipends for paid work/training: $50,000	NRF supports the goals of CFCI by reducing barriers to recovery and stability for people who are struggling with Substance Use Disorder (SUD). Most NRF clients are stuck in a cycle of drug addiction and incarceration. In a multi-generational cycle of poverty, NRF clients, by nature, are targeted by past and present racial policies and the War on Drugs. NRF serves the Antelope Valley which has a high need for these services. NRF responds to the overwhelming need in the community for sober living homes/treatment. According to Lancaster Public Health City and Community Profiles, in Lancaster, people are dying of unintentional drug overdose at almost twice the rate of the rest of LA with 12.8 overdose deaths per 100k. (Lancaster has some of the highest rates in LA County of poverty (26%), is largely BIPOC (21% African American and 45% Hispanic), and only 17% of adults have a BA degree or higher (US Census, 2021).
Housing Navigators - Additional cost ask:		Los Angeles County Department of Military and Veterans Affairs	Housing Navigators	Did not receive CFCI funding	SPA 1;SPA 2;SPA 3;SPA 4;SPA 5;SPA 6;SPA 7;SPA 8; SD1;SD2;SD3;SD4 ;SD5;	Strategy 4: Housing Stability;Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration;	Funding will support the expansion of the Los Angeles County Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (MVA) Homeless Services Division, with a focused effort on delivering targeted housing navigation services. Using the Veteran Sequential Intercept Model, the program will identify and assist veterans at key points in the criminal justice system—such as during probation, incarceration, or reentry—to connect them with housing resources, vouchers and wraparound services that prevent homelessness and support long-term stability. The program will deploy a team of five full-time staff across each Supervisorial District in the County to support veterans in need of housing navigation services. These staff will work directly with justice-involved veterans to help them obtain and utilize housing vouchers, identify suitable housing opportunities, and connect to services including mental health care, substance use treatment, employment support and VA benefits.	This program aims to serve veterans in Los Angeles County—including veterans who are currently or formerly involved in the criminal justice system, including those on probation, participating in Veteran Treatment Courts, or reentering the community after incarceration. The program prioritizes Veterans who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness, mental health or substance use challenges, or barriers to employment and benefits access. Eligibility requirements include: Verified veteran status (such as a DD-214 or other military discharge documentation), and Homeless status	Decreased justice system involvement;Increased access to mental or physical health care;Stable or supportive housing;	Outcomes for this program will be measured using a combination of quantitative and qualitative tools to assess effectiveness, participant progress, and system impact. Key evaluation methods include: Case management and service tracking: Housing Navigators will document services provided, housing placements, voucher utilization, and referrals to supportive services such as mental health, substance use treatment, and employment programs. Participant outcome reports: Data will be collected on the number of veterans housed, the duration of housing retention, benefits secured, and recidivism reduction. Participant surveys: Veterans will complete post-service surveys to assess satisfaction, self-reported housing stability, and overall well-being. Attendance logs and engagement records: These will track the number of veterans engaged at each intercept point (Probation hubs, jails, courts, JCOD Center, homelessness shelters) and their participation in housing and support services. Partner and stakeholder reporting: Collaborating agencies will provide referral data and feedback to assess the effectiveness of coordination and service delivery.	Needs minor setup (within 3 months)	By a community-based organization		$ 160,000.00	Housing Application fees - $0.160m annually	The primary beneficiaries are veterans who are currently or formerly involved in the criminal justice system, many of whom experience homelessness, mental health or substance use disorders, and barriers to accessing services. These individuals often come from communities disproportionately impacted by incarceration, poverty and underinvestment. By deploying Housing Navigators to engage veterans at key points within the justice system, the program removes systemic barriers such as lack of access to safe housing, fragmented service systems, and mistrust of government agencies. Navigators provide hands-on support in obtaining housing vouchers, identifying stable housing options and connecting veterans to wraparound services including mental health care, substance use treatment and employment support. This approach not only reduces reliance on law enforcement and incarceration, but also empowers individuals and communities by promoting stability, dignity, and self-sufficiency. It shifts County investments toward upstream interventions and strengthens cross-agency collaboration. Ultimately, the program reflects CFCI's vision of a system where care replaces punishment, where vulnerable populations are supported—and criminalized—less, and where communities most impacted by incarceration lead the response.
Project Miracle		Praise Sanctuary Ministries	Project Unhoused	Did not receive CFCI funding	SPA 6; SD2;	Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;Strategy 2: Economic Opportunity & Sustainability;Strategy 3: Education Access & Youth Development;Strategy 4: Housing Stability;	Praise Sanctuary Project Miracle is a new interim housing program dedicated to supporting individuals experiencing homelessness who are living with mental illness. Located in South Los Angeles, Project Miracle will transform an existing community-serving property into a trauma-informed, non-congregate housing site offering wraparound services designed to stabilize, support, and transition clients into permanent housing. The program will provide private living spaces, three nutritious meals per day, and 24-hour staffing to ensure a safe and supportive environment. Enhanced clinical services will be delivered on-site, including mental health counseling, crisis intervention, and health support through a Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN). Housing Navigators will assist clients with securing permanent housing through the Coordinated Entry System (CES), overcoming documentation barriers, and advocating with landlords. Project Miracle addresses the critical need for low-barrier, recovery-oriented housing for individuals who face compounded challenges due to homelessness and mental illness. It also responds to racial and economic disparities by serving a historically underserved population in a high-need area. All services will be grounded in Housing First principles, harm reduction strategies, and trauma-informed care. With over five years of experience providing outreach health services to the unhoused, Praise Sanctuary Ministries brings deep community trust and cultural competence to the work. Project Miracle expands our impact by providing not only food and health services—but also safe, stable shelter and a real pathway to housing stability and recovery.	Project Miracle aims to serve adults experiencing homelessness who are living with mental illness. The program prioritizes individuals who are underserved, chronically unhoused, and face significant barriers to stability, including: Black, Indigenous, Latinx, and other People of Color (BIPOC) LGBTQIA2S+ individuals Justice-involved individuals People with disabilities or mobility restrictions Individuals fleeing domestic or intimate partner violence Eligibility Requirements: Participants must: Be experiencing homelessness (as defined by HUD/DMH guidelines). Demonstrate need for interim housing with supportive services to stabilize and transition into permanent housing.	Job training or employment outcomes;Stable or supportive housing;	Project Miracle will measure outcomes using a combination of qualitative and quantitative tools to track progress across key focus areas: Increased Access to Mental or Physical Health Care Measurement Tools: Health service referral logs, appointment attendance records, case manager reports, and participant surveys. Indicators: Number of participants connected to health providers, number of completed appointments, and self-reported improvements in health access. Job Training or Employment Outcomes Measurement Tools: Enrollment logs in training programs, employment verification records, case notes, and participant feedback forms. Indicators: Number of participants enrolled in job training, obtained employment, or retained employment for 30+ days. Stable or Supportive Housing	Still in development	By a joint partnership		$ 1,725,000.00	Based on a 1-year budget of $1,725,000 for Project Miracle, here's a basic breakdown by category using reasonable and proportional estimates. All figures are rounded: Category|Estimated Amount Personnel/Staff|$800,000 Program Supplies|$200,000 Facilities/Space Use|$300,000 Consultants/Partners|$125,000 Outreach/Communications|$50,000 Indirect/Admin Costs (15%)|$258,750	Project Miracle directly aligns with the goals of CFCI by prioritizing care, healing, and long-term stability for communities most impacted by incarceration. This program centers the needs of unhoused individuals, especially those with serious mental illness and substance use disorders—populations that have been disproportionately criminalized due to systemic failures in housing, healthcare, and public safety. Through culturally affirming, trauma-informed interim housing and wraparound services, Project Miracle addresses barriers such as lack of access to mental health care, employment opportunities, and stable housing. By offering pathways to healing and reintegration rather than punishment and displacement, the program disrupts the cycle of incarceration and poverty. Project Miracle also invests in community-led solutions, employing local residents and partnering with grassroots organizations to ensure services reflect the lived experiences of those served. This builds community capacity, fosters trust, and shifts power into the hands of those most affected by systemic inequity—echoing CFCI's commitment to transformative justice and community ownership. In short, Project Miracle replaces institutional harm with community healing, advancing CFCI's vision of care, not cages.
Safe Healing Center and Care Coordination Alternatives to Incarceration		Department of Youth Development			SPA 1,SPA 2,SPA 4,SPA 3,SPA 5,SPA 6,SPA 7,SPA 8; SD1;SD3;SD2;SD4 ;SD5;	Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness,Strategy 4: Housing Stability;Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration;	Safe Healing Centers (SHCs) are community-based therapeutic homes providing trauma-informed youth development support to 3-4 justice-involved youth who are court-ordered to be removed from their home. The purpose of SHCs is to provide residential settings where youth can feel safe, heal and grow through a supportive, home-like environment, credible messengers and behavioral health staff as core staffing, and holistic youth development programming. SHCs addresses a gap in housing options for justice-involved youth, both under 18 and transition-aged, and should serve primarily as alternatives to juvenile halls, camps and Secure Youth Treatment Facilities. The core components of SHCs were developed between 2020 and 2023 through the Youth Justice Workgroup tasked with proposing care-first alternatives to the current youth justice system. The SHC concept draws from the best components of three categories of residential care: LA Model – a set of principles and practices for creating a therapeutic, trauma-informed "milieu", including through staffing approaches and training, holistic youth development programming, and physical spaces that promote well-being. "Staff secure" residential models for justice-involved youth, including Alternative Rehabilitation Communities in Pennsylvania, and the Closer-to-Home Initiative in New York, and their lessons learned about shrinking detention populations and community-based care in neighborhoods. Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Programs (STRTPs) that serve foster and justice-involved with complex needs. STRTPs are meant to provide more intensive care and supervision, services and supports, treatment, and short-term 24-hour care for youth than previously required in group home settings. Ultimately, any out-of-home placement should serve as a last resort for justice-involved youth. As such, DYD also seeks to support care coordination through community-based organizations that work with youth and their support networks to formulate plans that allow youth to be released or remain in the community, and that ensure coordinate arise among the support people in a youth's life.	SHCs and community-based care coordination serve justice-involved youth under the age of 18, or between the ages of 18 and 26, who are court-ordered to be placed out of their home, and/or would otherwise be incarcerated.	Decreased justice system involvement;Stable or supportive housing;Healing and wellbeing;	For SHCs, DYD plans to engage its Research, Policy and Innovation team to develop a comprehensive plan for tracking quantitative metrics, which will encompass utilization rates of mental health programming, physical health referrals and appointments, length of stay in SHCs, linkages to other programs, job attainment, outcomes for residents measured from 6 months- 5 years post release, etc. The research team will also obtain qualitative metrics by surveying active and former residents to learn about their experiences. DYD would develop similar metrics and methods for community-based care coordination teams.	Needs minor setup (within 3 months)	By a community-based organization		$ 10,000,000.00	Community Partners $8,500,000 Indirect/Admin Costs $1,500,000	SHCs and community based care coordination will address a gap in existing housing options and release or care planning for justice-involved youth and provide concrete alternatives to incarceration. Both concepts support the goals of CFCI by prioritizing restorative, youth development alternatives to carceral approaches for youth, providing access to funding to multiple providers that are minority-owned small non-profits, and creating employment opportunities for people with lived experience. By operationalizing SHCs and community-based care coordination, DYD is advancing the County's Care First, Jails Last priority. DYD would begin with initial SHC and care coordination demonstration projects for girls and gender expansive youth, and would thus be fulfilling a major milestone of the County's priority to decarcerate girls. The SHC and care coordination concepts were developed through research and feedback from key stakeholders gon in the current landscape and gaps in continuum that present barriers to decarceration for justice-involved young people, including: 1) lack of sufficient resources to support existing housing provider capacity to address the complex needs of justice-involved youth and provide wraparound supports and services, 2) barriers to employment for individuals with lived experience in the justice system, who can serve as credible messengers; 3) barriers to culturally-responsive safe spaces, including physical space, staffing, training, and funding, and 4) lack of sufficient planning, advocacy and coordination of supports and services for incarcerated youth. SHCs would build on existing models and address these barriers by: 1) integrating programming and
Peer Services in Peer-Run Housing and Peer Run Respites		SHARE!	SHARE! Collaborative Housing	Did not receive CFCI funding	SPA 8,SPA 7,SPA 6,SPA 5,SPA 4,SPA 3,SPA 2, SD1;SD2;SD3;SD4 ;SD5;	Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;Strategy 2: Economic Opportunity & Sustainability;Strategy 4: Housing Stability;Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration;	SHARE! Peer Respite and SHARE! Collaborative Housing will take 300 people experiencing homelessness and justice-involved individuals into immediate housing, provide them with Peer Support and services, connect them to employment and education and support them to thrive in the community.	People experiencing homelessness, justice-involved individuals, people with mental health and substance-use issues, people with trauma.	Increased access to mental or physical health care;Decreased justice system involvement;Improved educational access or attainment;Job training or employment outcomes;Stable or supportive housing;Healing and wellbeing;	SHARE! uses collaborative assessments that track the goals of individuals, communities, and customer satisfaction, tracked in SalesForce.	Ready to implement immediately	By a community-based organization		$ 3,500,000.00	Personnel/staff = 2.5m Program Supplies 100,000 Facilities or Space use = 175,000 Consultants or partners = 100,000 Outreach/communication = 100,000 Indirect = $25,000	SHARE! programs maximize the experience-of-community for individuals receiving services, particularly people experiencing homelessness, justice-involved individuals and people with mental health and/or substance use issues. Every individual is adding value to the community and to other members of the communities served, transforming people into their highest aspirations and helping them find employment, maintain housing and experience SAMHSA's definition of recovery - whatever their goal is: "A process of change through which individuals improve their health and wellness, live a self-directed life, and strive to reach their full potential." At SHARE!, COMMUNITY is the goal and the method. Every person experiences meaning and purpose.
Project Miracle - Interim Housing Project		Praise Sanctuary Ministries	Project Miracle	Did not receive CFCI funding	SPA 6; SD2;	Strategy 2: Economic Opportunity & Sustainability;Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;Strategy 4: Housing Stability;	Praise Sanctuary Project Miracle is a new interim housing program dedicated to supporting individuals experiencing homelessness who are living with mental illness. Located in South Los Angeles, Project Miracle will transform an existing community-serving property into a trauma-informed, non-congregate housing site offering wraparound services designed to stabilize, support, and transition clients into permanent housing. The program will provide private living spaces, three nutritious meals per day, and 24-hour staffing to ensure a safe and supportive environment. 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2025 CFCI FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS

Proposed Project Name || Organization or County Dept	If your program is not new and is an expansion of an existing project, what is its name?	If your program is an expansion and previously received CFCI funding, please indicate under which Spending Plan Year/Fiscal Year.	Service Planning Areas (SPA) and Supervisorial Districts (SD) Served	CFCI Strategies	Description of Project	Target population and eligibility requirements	Anticipated Outcomes of Project	Outcomes and Measures	Implementation Period for Project	Administration of Project	If applicable, by which County Dept?	If the program does not have existing infrastructure, please describe what would be needed to launch the program/project.	What is the total requested annual amount of funding for this program/project?	based on the amount entered above, enter a basic breakdown of each of the following in dollar amounts (round numbers are acceptable): Personnel/Staff Program Supplies Facilities or Space Use Consultants or Partners Other	How does this program/project support the goals of CFCI? Think about who benefits, what systemic barriers are being addressed, and how communities most impacted by incarceration are empowered.
Breaking Barriers 2gether || Brilliant Corners	Breaking Barriers	Year 1/Fiscal Year 2021-22	SPA 1;SPA 2;SPA 3;SPA 4;SPA 5;SPA 6;SPA 7;SPA 8;SD1;SD2;SD3;SD4 ;SD5;	Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;Strategy 2: Economic Opportunity & Sustainability;Strategy 4: Housing Stability;Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration;	Breaking Barriers 2gether (BB2) is a pilot program designed to provide intensive, longer-term case management services coupled with an ongoing rental subsidy to former Breaking Barriers participants whose complex needs exceed the scope of traditional, time-limited subsidy models. Modeled after permanent supportive housing, this initiative will serve approximately 40 households in Year 1, with planned expansion to support up to 80 households by the end of Year 3. This program targets individuals and families whose ability to maintain stable housing is compromised by a combination of chronic medical and mental health conditions, histories of incarceration, and the compounded effects of generational poverty within the challenging Los Angeles housing landscape. These participants require sustained, individualized support not currently available through existing housing programs, creating a service gap that BB2 aims to fill. With a focus on trauma-informed care, the program will maintain low caseload ratios to allow case managers to provide holistic, person-centered supportive services. Staff will assist participants with real-time access to essential services such as benefit navigation, health and mental health care coordination, and employment support, while addressing the unique barriers stemming from past incarceration and trauma. To promote long-term housing stability, case managers will also work closely with participants to identify additional and permanent housing options. This includes connection clients to waitlists for new developments, federally subsidized housing opportunities, and other sustainable pathways. BB2 represents a critical evolution in supportive housing efforts, bridging the gap for some of Los Angeles' most vulnerable residents and paving a pathway toward housing stability, health, and long-term wellbeing.	Breaking Barriers 2gether is designed to serve individuals and households who have been impacted by the justice system and are currently enrolled in the Breaking Barriers (BB) time-limited subsidy program. This pilot targets a subset of participants who face significant barriers to achieving housing stability within the standard 24-month BB enrollment period due to the onset or worsening of mental and/or physical health conditions. Eligible participants are those who, by their 18th month of BB enrollment, have been identified as being at risk of housing instability due to complex, high acuity needs that prevent them from sustaining independent housing once their subsidy ends. These needs may include chronic medical conditions, significant mental health challenges, or a combination of both, often compounded by trauma from incarceration and deep-rooted economic instability. To qualify for Breaking Barriers 2gether, participants must meet the following criteria: - Current enrollment in the Breaking Barriers program; - Verifiable disability within the household (mental, physical, or both); - Demonstrated risk of housing instability by month 18 of BB enrollment; - Identified need for longer-term subsidy and intensive case management due to high-acuity barriers. Participants who meet these requirements will be offered extended housing support and tailored, trauma-informed services designed to stabilize their housing and address the underlying issues contributing to their ongoing vulnerability. This targeted approach ensures that the most at-risk individuals receive the continued support necessary to move toward long-term housing and health stability.	Increased access to mental or physical health care;Decreased justice system involvement;Improved educational access or attainment;Job training or employment outcomes;Stable or supportive housing;Healing and wellbeing;	Program outcomes for Breaking Barriers 2gether will be measured through a combination of participant surveys and quarterly assessments. These tools will track progress across key areas, including improvements in overall health, housing stability, and connection to essential services. Assessments will specifically monitor participant engagement with medical and mental health services, enrollment in benefit programs, and utilization of community-based resources that support the management of chronic health conditions. Housing retention will be a core outcome, with ongoing documentation of participants' ability to maintain stable housing over time. This structured approach will provide both qualitative and quantitative data to evaluate the program's effectiveness in addressing the complex needs of high-acuity participants and supporting long-term stability and well-being.	Needs minor setup (within 3 months)	By a County Department	JCOD	Brilliant Corners would need to hire a Program Manager and 1 Case Manager in order to launch BB2. The infrastructure already exists, as we are able to utilize existing workflows and assessments from our Breaking Barriers and Permanent Supportive Housing programs. JCOD is supportive of this new pilot program and can implement quickly on their end.	$ 1,946,370.00	This is a 3 year pilot program with a ramp-up budget. The total annual amount listed above is an average across all three years. In actuality, Year 1 = $1,163,692; Year 2 = $2,008,950; Year 3 = $2,666,464. Year 1: Personnel = $238,950 Other: Housing Costs (rental subsidies, move-in expenses, FHSP program costs) = $852,700 Program Supplies / Office / Overhead = $7,200 Facilities = $7,620 Other: Software = $7,950 Other: Staff Training = $3,000 Other: Staff Travel = $6,000 Other: Client Expenses = $12,000 10% Admin Costs (minus Housing Costs) = $28,272 TOTAL: $1,163,692 Year 2: Personnel = $356,400 Other: Housing Costs (rental subsidies, move-in expenses, FHSP program costs) = $1,541,200 Program Supplies / Office / Overhead = $11,520 Facilities = $12,192	BB2 directly aligns with the goals of CFCI by centering the needs of individuals and communities most impacted by incarceration, structural racism, and system disinvestment. While the original Breaking Barriers program is designed for individuals with lower service needs who are on a path to self-sufficiency, it does not currently account for participants who, after securing housing, begin to experience more acute challenges related to trauma, chronic health conditions, and mental illness. As individuals transition out of crisis and into stability, unresolved impacts of incarceration and poverty can surface, hindering long-term progression toward self-sufficiency and jeopardizing housing retention. This program addresses these gaps by offering longer-term subsidies and intensive, trauma-informed support to participants who needs have changed from initial program entry. By providing a pathway into more appropriate services, BB2 dismantles systemic barriers to care such as limited access to medical or mental health services, stringent eligibility structures, and the absence of a "step up" model for those whose needs increase over time. The program helps to restore trust in public systems by offering consistent, culturally responsive support that prioritizes healing, dignity, and health equity. In doing so, it empowers participants who have been harmed by incarceration and marginalization to engage in their new care, remain housed, and move toward long-term stability. BB2 advances CFCI's core mission to invest in care, not punishment, and create real opportunities for recovery and community resilience.
Jacobs Ladder – Helping people of color who historically have been disproportionately impacted by traditional systems and services. || Change Lanes Youth Support Services			SPA 1; SD5;	Strategy 4: Housing Stability;	Change Lanes Youth Support Services currently works with re-entry youth ages 12-25 years and domestic violence victims 18 years and over. One of the main barriers of these individuals is many of the youth find themselves justice involved due to situations at home such as domestic violence, drug use, parental incarceration and mental illness. This project will assist the individual/family in securing appropriate housing so they are not obligated to return to the same toxic environment of which they left. This project will provide them with the following: 1) move in fee to secure housing 2) minimum of 12 months up to maximum 18 months of rent paid in advance in increments, and 3) effective life skills to maintain housing, income, employment, non-cash benefits, increase income, finances, become gainfully employed, etc.	This project will target 1) re-entry youth and young adults18 - 26 years of age, and 2) women or men over 27 years that have a history of domestic violence and are currently displaced. The requirements of the program will be 1) homeless, 2) transitioning from systems of care, 3) victim of domestic violence. Participants must meet at least 2 of the three requirements.	Decreased justice system involvement;Improved educational access or attainment;Stable or supportive housing;	Attendance logs, sign in sheets, focus groups, individual interviews.	Needs minor setup (within 3 months)	By a community-based organization		Change Lanes will need to hire two housing case managers, a Program Manager and a clerk to oversee the project.	$ 992,000.00	Staff salaries and benefits $ 200,000 Program Supplies - 20,000 Facility Space - Already in use 12,156 Consultant Partners - 10,000 Outreach Communications - 2,000 Move in cost, housing up to 18 months paid - 732,800	This project supports addressing negative outcomes caused by racially driven criminal justice inequities and long-term community economic disinvestment.
Establishing New Housing Avenues for American Indian/Alaska Native People with History of Incarceration in Los Angeles County || American Indian Counseling Center (AICC), Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health	Housing resource linkage and referral assistance for clients at AICC	Did not receive CFCI funding	SPA 7; SD4;	Strategy 4: Housing Stability;	Individuals who were previously incarcerated experience 10 times higher rates of homelessness (U.S.D.O.J., 2022). In California, American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) incarceration rates are higher than the state average (Catalyst California, 2022). American Indian Counseling Center, a Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health clinic, serves AI/AN people throughout Los Angeles County with mental health and substance use disorders. AI/AN people are disproportionately affected by homelessness, especially those with histories of incarceration and legal issues. A peer-reviewed published study conducted by our clinic documented that AI/AN people receiving mental health services at our clinic experienced significantly higher rates of homelessness compared to non-AI/AN people in Los Angeles County (34% vs. 21%) (Dickerson et al., 2023). Rowland et al. (2005) found that experiencing homelessness is a key determinant of poor health outcomes. Nonetheless, programs that can help AI/AN people with histories of incarceration to obtain and sustain housing are very limited in Los Angeles County. Since 1987, American Indian Counseling Center, a Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health clinic, has served American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) people throughout the County with mental health and substance use disorders. Los Angeles County has the largest population of AI/AN people in the United States, and AICC helps to decrease the impact of mental health disparities, including housing, among 467 currently active clients. However, our housing budget is very limited. For example, our clinic does not have the capacity to offer funds for deposits for new housing, emergency funds for rental payments when clients are unable to make their monthly payments, furniture and household goods, or outreach. Our proposal seeks to expand upon our housing services by finalizing and delivering an established housing program that will create new housing avenues for AI/AN people with histories of incarceration.	American Indian/Alaska Native people receiving mental health services at American Indian Counseling Center, a Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health-funded agency	Stable or supportive housing;Increased access to mental or physical health care;Healing and wellbeing;	Participant satisfaction and outcome surveys Case Management Notes & Progress Reports Mental health visit attendance logs Engagement with health/mental health services Levels of participant satisfaction Reduction in recidivism Outcomes will be tracked via the Comprehensive Health Accompaniment and Management Platform (CHAMP) system, Housing for Health's care coordination platform. Additionally, well-being will be measured through participants' engagement in health care and reduction in mental health symptoms, and quality of life can be measured by participants' perceptions of their positions in life. Tools and data sources will include individual participant surveys, self-reported outcomes, case manager records, CES data, evidence-based and validated questionnaires and scales, and qualitative input from clients and focus groups to measure outcomes. Monitoring will ensure quality services and compliance with data standards.	Needs minor setup (within 3 months)	By a County Department	Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health		$ 70,000.00	Office supplies and materials: $2,000 Community outreach informational events: $3,000 Transportation: $30,000 Emergency rental assistance: $15,000 Furnishings and housing goods $20,000 Total $70,000	Our proposal supports the goals of CFCI by addressing the needs of American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) people, a population that has been significantly impacted by various social injustices and historically-based systemic barriers. Our proposed housing program will continue to support Housing For Health in addressing program expansions to ensure effective implementation. Housing for Health supports participants who often cycle between homelessness and incarceration. Unfortunately, many participants experience a revolving door between the streets and incarceration because they are not properly supported at the time of discharge from incarceration to connect to housing and wraparound services. Many of our participants experience homelessness, and experience trauma due to incarceration, are experiencing or have experienced homelessness, and experience clinical conditions that may present stability. Housing for Health has a unique tool in the Flexible Housing Subsidy Pool that supports close partnership with non-profits and landlords to provide short-term assistance with housing expenses and case management to ensure housing stability. Housing for Health partners with over 65 community-based non-profits to provide Intensive Case Management Services to participants in permanent housing. Through Housing for Health, DHS clinicians' partner with community providers to ensure that participants get the treatment that they need for their clinical conditions. This unique combination of innovative programs, dedicated community partners, and high-quality clinical care allows Housing for Health to stabilize and support participants who would otherwise return to incarceration. Housing for Health's programmatic blend of housing, supportive services, and clinical care is particularly effective in helping participants stabilize rapidly.
Time Limited Subsidy (TLS) || Chief Executive Office – Homeless Initiative	Time Limited Subsidy (TLS)	Did not receive CFCI funding	SPA 1;SPA 2;SPA 3;SPA 4;SPA 5;SPA 6;SPA 7;SPA 8;SD1;SD2;SD3;SD4 ;SD5;	Strategy 4: Housing Stability;	Time Limited Subsidy (TLS) provides people at risk for or currently experiencing homelessness with short-term assistance with housing expenses (e.g., ongoing rent assistance, rental arrears, housing relocation and stabilization services, and moving costs) and case management services focused on maintaining housing stability.	Justice impacted people who are not eligible for federal housing subsidies, including undocumented individuals, families, and TAY.	Increased access to mental or physical health care;Decreased justice system involvement;Stable or supportive housing;	The following outcomes will be tracked to measure progress towards increased access to mental and/or physical health care, decreased justice system involvement, stable or supportive housing, and increased healing and wellbeing: Number of individuals housed Housing retention rates after 12+ months Engagement with health/mental health services Levels of participant satisfaction Reduction in recidivism Outcomes will be tracked via the Comprehensive Health Accompaniment and Management Platform (CHAMP) system, Housing for Health's care coordination platform. Additionally, well-being will be measured through participants' engagement in health care and reduction in mental health symptoms, and quality of life can be measured by participants' perceptions of their positions in life. Tools and data sources will include individual participant surveys, self-reported outcomes, case manager records, CES data, evidence-based and validated questionnaires and scales, and qualitative input from clients and focus groups to measure outcomes. Monitoring will ensure quality services and compliance with data standards.	Needs significant setup (within 3-5 months)	By a community-based organization	CEO-Homeless Initiative	The CEO Homeless Initiative is requesting $5.115M over 36 months: Consultants or Partners (Contracts with community-based providers for Intensive Case Management Services) $373,000 annually or $1,119,000 total Indirect/Admin Costs (15% max of total requested amount) $155,000 annually or $465,000 total Other (Rental Assistance) $1,177,000 annually or $3,531,000 total	$ 1,705,000.00	CEO-Homeless Initiative is requesting $5.115M over 36 months. Infrastructure already supports the goals of the CFCI and is currently operational (DTLA) Finance by addressing the root causes of incarceration, investing in community-based alternatives to detention, and empowering justice-impacted youth and young adults through healing, stability, and opportunity. Who Benefits: Justice-involved youth and young adults ages 16–25 benefit most from The Diamond House program. Many participants have experienced incarceration, family separation, homelessness, and generational trauma. By offering trauma-informed transitional housing, wraparound services, and a nurturing environment, The Diamond House provides the stability, resources, and support needed for young people to reclaim their futures and thrive. Systemic Barriers Addressed The Diamond House confronts several systemic barriers that disproportionately impact communities of color and those most harmed by incarceration, including: •Lack of stable, safe housing for reentry •Insufficient access to mental health care and trauma-informed support •Limited culturally responsive services tailored to young adults •Gaps in education, job readiness, and community reintegration pathways •Family disconnection and generational cycles of system involvement By addressing these barriers at their intersection, The Diamond House disrupts cycles of incarceration and promotes, within...
Homebase ReEvolution || ReEvolution			SPA 4;SPA 6;SPA 7;SPA 3; SD1;SD2;SD4;	Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration;Strategy 4: Housing Stability;Strategy 2: Economic Opportunity & Sustainability;	Our project is a community-rooted hub that combines supportive housing, the ReEvolution office, and a social enterprise coffee shop - all designed for and operated by formerly incarcerated individuals and other underserved community members. ReEvolution's core effort is to invest in an industrial building. The owner also owns the building next door and has expressed interest in developing a strategic partnership with us, including a willingness to convert the next-door building to housing for formerly incarcerated people. This project would fund conversion of the building into housing, as well as build-out supportive community space (including a café on the first floor). Homebase ReEvolution addresses three of the most critical needs within the reentry community - housing, employment, and prosocial community support. Furthermore, this housing will be directly connected to ReEvolution's drop-in center, where individuals will receive intensive case management and other support. The café will provide people with employment and leadership opportunities; generated profits will be invested back into the project to contribute to sustainability. Housing is a primary barrier to community reintegration. Formerly incarcerated people typically do not have the funds to pay for housing and often encounter discrimination due to their backgrounds. This barrier contributes to instability and, often, relapse and recidivism. By complementing housing with community and employment support, the program works to dismantle systemic barriers while building a thriving, inclusive community rooted in hope. The program not only provides housing and employment; it also empowers individuals to develop community for and among themselves.	This project aims to serve formerly incarcerated adults in Los Angeles. The only eligibility requirement is that the person has been incarcerated in prison or jail and is currently residing in Los Angeles County.	Stable or supportive housing;Job training or employment outcomes;Decreased justice system involvement;Healing and wellbeing;	Outcomes will be measured objectively by metrics including the following: number of parole violations and/or returns to incarceration; number of jobs obtained and/or increase in wages; number of people housed, including if housing status was a transition from being unhoused; number of people in housing who are participating in case management and other community activities; length of time spent in housing; changes in pre-/post-surveys on psychological well-being.	Needs significant setup (within 3-5 months)	By a community-based organization			$ 5,610,000.00	Personnel/Staff - $900,000.00 Program Supplies - $100,000.00 Facilities or Space Use - $3,500,000.00 Consultants or Partners - $500,000.00 Outreach/Communications - $50,000.00 Indirect/Admin Costs - $510,000.00 Other - $0	Homebase ReEvolution advances CFCI's vision by addressing root causes of incarceration through stable housing, supportive services, and community-based economic opportunity. By offering stable housing and employment pathways, the project addresses two of the most significant predictors of recidivism—homelessness and joblessness—which disproportionately affect Black, Indigenous, and Latinx communities due to generations of disinvestment and discrimination. For people returning from jail or prison, the lack of stable housing often leads to parole violations, technical returns, or rearrests driven by unmet basic needs or parole requirements, and finding employment. In Los Angeles County, where both housing scarcity and formerly incarcerated people are acute, this model is especially relevant. Black individuals, who are 10 times more likely to experience homelessness than the general population, with Black Angelenos overrepresented in both systems. Case management strengthens the model by offering individualized support that connects participants to mental health services, substance use treatment, legal aid, and other critical resources. This personalized, wraparound approach helps participants overcome barriers tied to trauma, poverty, and justice system involvement. The project not only diverts individuals away from incarceration but also builds long-term stability, promotes self-determination, and centers community healing—fulfilling CFCI's mandate to reinvest public funds into care, not punishment, and to prioritize equity in the communities most harmed by incarceration.
Independent Pre-Trial Services - Emergency Shelter || Justice Care and Opportunities Department	Independent Pre-Trial Services	Year 1/Fiscal Year 2021-22	SPA 1;SPA 2;SPA 3;SPA 4;SPA 5;SPA 6;SPA 7;SPA 8; SD1;SD2;SD3;SD4 ;SD5;	Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;Strategy 4: Housing Stability;Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration;	Chance of recidivism increases for Justice Involved Individuals (JII) if they are experiencing homelessness or displacement upon transition back into the community, with JIIs experiencing homelessness were thirteen times more likely to interact with the justice system than the general public. JCOD's Emergency Shelter program provides safe, low-barrier, and supportive 24-hour temporary shelter and food to adults experiencing homelessness who are 1) justice-involved and are experiencing homelessness or 2) in justice system custody and whose lack of stable housing would be cause for incarceration while awaiting an upcoming trial or court hearing date. Emergency shelter provides people with a place to stay via a reserved bed while they are working on locating, applying to, and obtaining longer term housing. Individuals staying at Emergency Shelter sites receive basic necessities like clothing and hygiene products. The housing sites also provide peer navigation services and help residents with medication maintenance. Providers accept referrals between the hours of 8:00 am to 12:00 am, seven days a week. Participants can stay at the site for up to four weeks and are co-enrolled in JCOD's Care Management program to receive navigation services, including referrals to JCOD's Interim Housing program. JII needing Emergency Shelter can access it through the JCOD Justice Connect Support Center and the Pretrial Court Navigators, which combined have provided referral connection services to over 9,000 unique individuals since program launch. Over 2,200 of the individuals requested temporary housing and JCOD only currently operates 67 Emergency Shelter beds throughout Los Angeles County, with most of them located in Spa 6/SD 2. The Emergency Shelter program has served 294 unique individuals, but the data from the JCSC and Pre-trial Programs demonstrate a need for additional beds, especially in other SPAs and SDs.	The program aims to serve single justice involved individuals who are over the age of 18, are eating jail, experiencing homelessness or require temporary shelter as part of a court requirement and have low-to-middle mental health or substance abuse disorder needs. Anyone who meets the above is eligible for the program but must adhere to the site's policies and procedures. Contracted providers must not exit anyone to the street and must provide alternative housing solutions to meet the participants' needs.	Decreased justice system involvement;Stable or supportive housing;Healing and wellbeing;	JCOD-contracted service providers document enrollment, participation and various outcome measures related to employment, housing and service utilization. Information is stored in JCOD's Care Management System (CMS). Service providers are also required to conduct participant satisfaction surveys to assess the quality-of-service delivery. In addition, JCOD program managers regularly review data metrics to evaluate workflows, efficiency, quality of care and address barriers to success. PMs also conduct annual contract monitoring visits—which include surveying and interviewing participants and provider staff, document and data reviews, and determining compliance with the contract statement of work (SOW)—following the completion of the fiscal year, as well as ad-hoc site visits throughout the fiscal year.	Needs minor setup (within 3 months)	By a joint partnership			$ 6,957,356.00	The standardized daily bed rate for Emergency Shelter is on average $85. This covers the cost of rent and utilities, program supplies like food and hygiene products, and 24/7 staff including security and residential aids. The amount above covers an additional 65 beds to program supplies like food and hygiene products, and 24/7 staff including security and residential aids. The amount above covers an additional 65 beds to when submitting their proposals. The breakdown below represents an anticipated sum of the spending based on the line-items of current contracts. Personnel/Staff - $2,430,000 Facilities and Utilities - $2,430,000 Program Supplies - $1,189,875 Administrative - $907,481	Emergency Shelter prioritizes community safety and provides justice-involved individuals with a place to stabilize while they secure more permanent housing solutions. This aligns with the goals and objectives of the CFCI committee, especially Strategies 1, 4 and 5. The program supports justice-involved individuals who are exiting incarceration, are experiencing homelessness, or who need housing to avoid incarceration while waiting for a court hearing. JCOD's Emergency Shelter program can keep communities safe by providing justice-involved individuals with the basic necessities and supportive services they need to stabilize, decrease interactions with the criminal justice system, and reduce the possibility of them re-offending due to housing insecurity. Furthermore, Emergency Shelter protects justice-involved individuals from being victims of crime. In 2022, individuals experiencing homelessness accounted for 24% of murder victims in Los Angeles, in spite of making up only about 1% of the total population. Individuals experiencing homelessness also report higher rates of physical assaults and sexual abuse than the general population. JCOD's Emergency Shelter program incorporates safety protocols and policies to protect residents. With this one-time funding, JCOD will be able to expand the Emergency Shelter programs to more SPAs and SDs, giving justice-involved individuals more choices to live if they cannot stay at any of the current houses due to logistical or safety concerns.
JCOD Reentry Interim Housing || Los Angeles County Justice Care and Opportunities Department	JCOD Reentry Interim Housing	Year 1/Fiscal Year 2021-22	SPA 1;SPA 2;SPA 3;SPA 4;SPA 5;SPA 6;SPA 7;SPA 8; SD1;SD2;SD3;SD4 ;SD5;	Strategy 4: Housing Stability;Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration;Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;	JCOD's Reentry Interim Housing program provides justice-involved individuals with safe, "Housing First," supportive, 24-hour shelter for adults experiencing homelessness who are exiting incarceration or experiencing justice system involvement. Participants can live at the Interim Housing sites for 9 months, with a possible 3-month extension depending on need. The goal of the Reentry Interim Housing program is to provide individuals a place to stay while they are participating in JCOD Care Management services and working on locating, applying for, and obtaining permanent housing. Providers are expected to accept referrals from 8am – 6pm daily and are responsible for coordinating with the Care Management staff to move the client into the house. Upon arrival, housing providers are expected to provide an intake and orientation that covers house rules and policies. Houses provide participants with 3 hot meals, hygiene items and other basic necessities to help stabilize them. Residential aids conduct weekly workshops and groups to create a sense of community for residents. Workshops and groups include topics related to health and wellness, life skills, education and employment, and community reintegration. Housing providers are also expected to maintain a list of prescribed medications, and coordinate with the Care Management Program case managers to ensure participants attend medical appointments. Housing is the number one reported need of justice-involved individuals who access the JCOD Justice Support Care Center and of those who are enrolled in JCOD's Care Management program. JCOD's Interim Housing program is staffed by justice involved individuals who can assist participants navigate systems to reduce their barriers to permanent housing. Living at a housing-site designed for justice-involved individuals and with only other justice-involved individuals residing at the same site reduces the stigma participants would experience at other housing programs.	The program aims to serve single justice involved individuals who are over the age of 18, are experiencing homelessness or require temporary shelter as part of a court requirement and have low-to-middle mental health or substance abuse disorder needs. Anyone who meets the above is eligible for the program but must adhere to the site's policies and procedures. Contracted providers must not exit anyone to the street and must provide alternative housing solutions to meet the participants' needs.	Decreased justice system involvement;Stable or supportive housing;Healing and wellbeing;	JCOD-contracted service providers document enrollment, participation and various outcome measures related to employment, housing and service utilization. Information is stored in JCOD's Care Management System (CMS). Service providers are also required to conduct participant satisfaction surveys to assess the quality-of-service delivery. In addition, JCOD program managers regularly review data metrics to evaluate workflows, efficiency, quality of care and address barriers to success. PMs also conduct annual contract monitoring visits--which include surveying and interviewing participants and provider staff, document and data reviews, and determining compliance with the contract statement of work (SOW)--following the completion of the fiscal year, as well as ad-hoc site visits throughout the fiscal year.	Ready to implement immediately	By a joint partnership			$ 14,133,822.00	The County standardized daily bed rate for Interim Housing starting FY 25/26 is an average $122. This covers the cost of rent and utilities, program supplies like food and hygiene products, and 24/7 staff including security and residential aids. The amount above covers 100 beds. JCOD's Interim Housing program over a three-year period. Providers will include a line-item budget based off of the $122 daily bed rate. The breakdown below represents an anticipated sum of the spending based on the line-items of current contracts. Personnel/staff - $4,916,112 Facilities and Utilities - $4,916,112 Program Supplies - $2,456,056 Administrative - $1,843,542	Interim Housing prioritizes community safety and provides justice-involved individuals with a place to stabilize while they secure more permanent housing solutions. This aligns with the goals and objectives of the CFCI committee, especially Strategies 1, 4 and 5. The program supports justice-involved individuals who are exiting incarceration, are experiencing homelessness, or who need housing to avoid incarceration while waiting for a court hearing. JCOD's Interim Housing program can keep communities safe by providing justice-involved individuals with the basic necessities and supportive services they need to stabilize, decrease interactions with the criminal justice system, and reduce the possibility of them re-offending due to housing insecurity. Furthermore, Emergency Shelter protects justice-involved individuals from being victims of crime. 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ODR LEAD (Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion/Let Everyone Advance with Dignity) || DHS Office of Diversion and Reentry	ODR LEAD	Year 2/Fiscal Year 2022-23	SPA 1;SPA 2;SPA 4;SPA 5;SPA 6;SPA 7;SPA 8; SD1;SD2;SD3;SD4 ;SD5;	Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;Strategy 4: Housing Stability;	This request will bring much needed motel interim housing resources to the LEAD participant population. It will allow unsheltered LEAD participants, who are the highest risk and most at risk for arrest/incarceration, to move indoors and stabilize so that they can work with their case managers to begin their path towards permanent supportive housing. LEAD stops the cycle of repeated arrest/incarcerations for people who have frequent contact with law enforcement due to unmet behavioral health needs. Rather than arrest, law enforcement refers people to LEAD on a voluntary basis. LEAD participants receive Intensive Case Management Services that are not time-limited and allow participants to work at their pace on goals that are important to them. Nearly all LEAD participants are unsheltered when referred to LEAD. Unsheltered individuals are among the highest risk group for police contact according to a report by the CA Policy Lab. LEAD participants are often ineligible for other interim housing in the county due to current sobriety rules, Registered Sex Offender designation or simply previously discharged due to strict program rules. During FY 23-24, ODR received private grant funding to pilot the motel interim housing program with LEAD. By the end of the first year, 48% of motel IH participants had successfully moved into permanent supportive housing, 30% were in the process of acquiring a PSH unit, and 10% transferred to ODR Interim Housing. Overall, 88% of motel participants exited to an appropriate housing solution by the end of the pilot.	LEAD provides an off-ramp from the criminal legal system for people who have frequent law enforcement contact. Program candidates must be engaged in behaviors that are causing a current public safety concern (i.e., generating calls to law enforcement, frequent arrests or frequent law enforcement contact); must be primarily staying in the geographic service area of the program; individual voluntarily agrees to participate. LEAD serves some of the most vulnerable populations in LA County who are unserved by other programs and who are frequently incarcerated. Most LEAD participants are actively using substance at the time of referral, some are also engaged in sex work. Approximately 36% of LEAD participants identify as Latinx, 34% identify as Black, 4% identify as Native American/Indigenous, 3% identify as Asian, Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander. Approximately 47% identify as men, 47% identify as female and 6% identify as TGI.	Decreased justice system involvement;Increased access to mental or physical health care;Stable or supportive housing;	LEAH has implemented Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) for our programs. The following KPIs will be tracked for LEAD: Motel Interim Housing: at least 65% of motel interim housing participants will exit to a positive destination (i.e., Permanent Supportive Housing, Enriched Residential Care (ERC), Family Reunification, etc.) Permanent Housing: 90% of permanently housed participants shall stay housed for at least six (6) months; 80% of permanently housed participants shall stay housed for at least twelve (12) months. Linkage to Mainstream Benefits: 100% of eligible participants who have been enrolled at least 90 days shall be linked to mainstream benefits (e.g., Medi-Cal, General Relief, Supplemental Security Income). Linkage to Primary Care: 90% of participants who have been enrolled at least 90 days shall be linked to Primary Care Provider (PCP) KPIs are a requirement of LEAD ICMS contracts. ICMS providers input participant data into a County-operated database. ODR staff regularly conduct data quality	Ready to implement immediately	By a County Department	DHS Office of Diversion and Reentry		$ 21,211,058.00	Interim Housing/Motel Room Fees at 110 vists per year @ $166 per visit for 3 years $18,314,760 Interim Housing Coordinator (at contracted LEAD ICMS provider agencies); Salaries and benefits @ 0.5 FTE x $88,000 per year x 8 ICMS agencies (max $44,000/year/work order) to manage reservations and invoices. $968,000 Indirect Cost at 10% to support administrative costs from DHS finance, HR and contracts and grants: $1,928,278 90% of the budget is allocated for contracts with community- based organizations who will administer Motel Interim Housing for LEAD. Only the 10% indirect will be used for County expenses.	The work should begin immediately and we anticipate the work to have a direct impact on reducing incarceration. LEAD reduces bookings into the LA County Jail system by providing intensive, wrap-around community care. Additionally, LEAD participants who enter the program with open criminal cases or warrants receive comprehensive support to clear their cases, which reduces further risk of arrest/incarceration. LEAD has been acknowledged by community members and County leadership as an important strategy for LAC Alternatives to Incarceration since the launch in 2017. LEAD was recommended as an important intervention in the original ATI Report (recommendation #48). LEAD is also supported by CSIT as an important strategy to reduce bookings into the LA County Jail system. In an evaluation conducted by CSULB, after 12 months of participation, LEAD participants experienced 5 times less felony arrests and 5 times less felony cases filed as comparison group. LEAD participants also spend 4 times less time on probation. One of the most important ways LEAD reduces risk for arrest/incarceration is by providing access to Motel Interim Housing so that participants can stabilize and engage in services.
The Diamond House – Elevate Up || LIFE 2.0 Inc	The Diamond House – Residential Facilities 1 & 2	Did not receive CFCI funding	SPA 2;SPA 3;SPA 6;SPA 8; SD1;SD2;SD3;SD4 ;SD5;	Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;Strategy 4: Housing Stability;Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration;Strategy 3: Education Access & Youth Development;Strategy 2: Economic Opportunity & Sustainability;	Briefly describe your program/project. The Diamond House- Elevate Up project transforms two upgraded facilities into transitional homes for young adults exiting Secure Youth Treatment Facilities (SYTFs) under LA Probation Department's Deppodallen plan. Each house is designed around the Stepping Home Model, providing trauma-informed, culturally responsive care in a structured, nurturing environment. Spaces are intentionally named after stages in diamond creation to symbolize resident transformation from survival to brilliance. What will it do? The program will offer a safe, supportive environment where residents can rest, heal, and grow as they reintegrate into community life. Facility rooms like "The Spark," "The Refinery," and "The Reflection Garden" promote connection, skills development, therapy, recreation, and mindfulness. This structure will guide residents toward independence, reduce recidivism, and empower personal success. The supplemental funds will upgrade furniture, decor, and equipment to enhance safety, comfort, and program quality. What needs does it address? The Diamond House addresses the urgent need for trauma-informed transitional housing for justice-involved youth and young adults. Many lack safe, stable, and culturally responsive environments to support their release and community reintegration. The upgraded facilities meet basic needs, nurture dignity and growth, and create spaces that reflect their value, reinforcing hope, emotional healing, and skills development to support lasting reintegration and reduce future system involvement.	Target Population: The Diamond House serves justice-involved youth and young adults, specifically those transitioning out of Los Angeles County's Secure Youth Treatment Facilities (SYTFs) under the Probation Department's Deppodallen Plan. Participants are primarily ages 16 to 25, with a focus on individuals who have experienced significant trauma, disrupted family relationships, and systemic barriers to reintegration. This population often includes: •Formerly incarcerated young adults •Individuals impacted by Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) •Transition-age youth in need of housing stability and support •Young people at risk of homelessness, recidivism, or further system involvement Eligibility Requirements: To participate in The Diamond House program, individuals must: •Be between the ages of 16 and 25. •Be justice-involved and referred through the LA Probation Department or partnering agencies •Demonstrate a willingness to engage in structured transitional programming •Participate in an intake assessment and orientation process •Agree to abide by the house guidelines, participate in program services, and work toward personal and reintegration goals	Decreased justice system involvement;Stable or supportive housing;Youth development or civic engagement;Healing and wellbeing;	• Participant Surveys • Attendance Logs • Case Management Notes & Progress Reports • Health and Education Records (with consent) • Resident Self-Assessments • Interviews and Focus Groups • Exit Surveys and 30/90-Day Follow-Ups	Ready to implement immediately	By a community-based organization			$ 106,577.00	•Personnel/Staff – 12 months $25075 •Program Supplies/Furniture – 12 months $44500 •Facilities or Space Use – 12 months n/a •Consultants or Partners – 12 months $19000 •Outreach/Communications – 12 months $1500 •Indirect/Admin Costs (15% max of total requested amount) – 12 months $13902 •Other – 12 months $2600	The Diamond House confronts several systemic barriers that disproportionately impact communities of color and those most harmed by incarceration, including: •Lack of stable, safe housing for reentry •Insufficient access to mental health care and trauma-informed support

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Supportive Services for LGBTQIA+		T.D.D. Supportive Living, Inc.	Supportive Services for LGBTQIA+ Program Area 5	Year 1/Fiscal Year 2021-22	SPA 6; SD2;	Strategy 4: Housing Stability;Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration;Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;	T.D.D. Supportive Living Inc. (TDD) currently operates a CFCI-funded transitional housing and support services program tailored to meet the needs of LGBTQIA+ individuals returning to the community after incarceration. Expansion of the program would fund additional housing supportbeds and wraparound services. This investment directly addresses the unmet housing and reentry needs of LGBTQIA+ individuals in South Los Angeles, who face unique challenges including housing discrimination, compounded trauma, and systemic barriers to reintegration. TDD's trauma-informed, culturally responsive, and community-rooted program provides a stable and affirming environment that supports recovery, skill-building, and self-sufficiency. Participants benefit from case management, mental health and substance use disorder counseling, life skills training, employment readiness workshops, and linkages to community health providers. TDD's housing model operates under a Housing First and harm reduction framework, with no preconditions to residency, and is guided by staff with lived experience in both justice-involvement and the LGBTQIA+ community. This request aligns with TDD's mission to empower formerly incarcerated individuals and reduce recidivism through housing and holistic support. With infrastructure and staff already in place, this funding will allow TDD to expand quickly and equitably, delivering immediate and measurable impact for one of South Los Angeles' most vulnerable populations.	This program is designed to serve justice-impacted individuals who identify as LGBTQIA+, including those who are transgender, gender nonconforming, gender diverse, and/or intersex. Participants are primarily residents of South Los Angeles who are returning to the community following incarceration and face significant barriers to stable housing, healthcare access, and reentry support due to their sexual orientation or gender identity. TDD specifically targets individuals who are at heightened risk for homelessness, recidivism, substance use challenges, and mental health crises due to intersecting experiences of incarceration, poverty, and systemic marginalization. The program prioritizes people of color, particularly Black and Latinx LGBTQIA+ individuals, who are disproportionately represented in the criminal legal system and face persistent discrimination in housing and employment. Eligibility Requirements: Must identify as LGBTQIA+ (including but not limited to transgender, nonbinary, or intersex individuals) Must be justice-impacted (formerly incarcerated or involved in the criminal legal system) Must be experiencing homelessness or housing instability Must be returning to or currently residing in South Los Angeles Must be willing to participate in case management and reentry support services	Increased access to mental or physical health care;Decreased justice system involvement;Stable or supportive housing;	TDD will use a combination of quantitative and qualitative tools to measure the program's three anticipated outcomes—stable or supportive housing, decreased justice system involvement, and improved healing and well-being. Stable or Supportive Housing Housing stability will be tracked through internal housing records and case management documentation, including move-in and move-out dates, duration of stay, and housing transitions post-program. Staff will monitor whether participants remain housed for at least 6 months after intake and assess progress toward permanent housing. Participants will also complete self-reported housing stability surveys at enrollment, mid-program, and exit. Decreased Justice System Involvement TDD case managers will conduct regular check-ins and progress notes documenting any new arrests, probation/parole violations, or incarcerations. This documenting any new arrests, probation/parole violations, or incarcerations. This documenting any new arrests, probation/parole violations, or incarcerations. This

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Navigating Life || After Life Initiative	Navigating Life	Year 2/Fiscal Year 2022-23	SPA:6;SPA 7;SPA 8;SPA 2;SPA 3;SPA 4;SPA 5; SD1;	Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration;	Navigating Life is designed to support formerly incarcerated individuals as they transition back into the community. Our goal is to help participants shift from a survival mindset—often necessary during incarceration—to a growth mindset that promotes long-term stability and success. The program offers bi-monthly peer support and healing circles focused on topics such as emotional intelligence, anger management, mental health, communication, cultural reintegration, resisting negative influences, relapse prevention, and meeting probation or parole requirements. These gatherings create a safe space for participants to share openly and learn from one another. To further support well-being, we organize monthly wellness outings—like hiking, yoga, meditation, or group runs—that encourage healthy habits and build social connection. We also provide emergency funds for essentials like hygiene products, clothing, and nutritious food. Many returning community members have little to no support, which can increase the risk of mental health crises or criminal behavior driven by survival. These funds help meet urgent needs through legal and constructive means. Support may come in the form of gift cards, accompanied purchases with staff, or reimbursement with receipts to ensure proper use. Participants also have the opportunity to receive one-on-one mentorship from others who have successfully navigated their own reentry journeys. Enrollment is facilitated through outreach with correctional facilities, reentry programs, and community-based organizations. Word of mouth—especially from past and current participants—and referrals from probation, parole, and service providers also help connect people to the program. To join groups or activities, participants must sign up with the coordinator at least one week in advance. A brief questionnaire ensures that those needing to fulfill parole requirements are prioritized. Emergency fund requests involve an assessment, with priority given to individuals released within the past six months or experiencing food or housing insecurity.	Navigating Life is a reentry program that serves formerly incarcerated adults in Los Angeles County. The program focuses on individuals recently released from incarceration—particularly those within 18 months of release, on probation or parole, or facing food and housing insecurity. Participants must reside in L.A. County and complete a brief intake process, which includes signing up at least one week in advance for group activities and wellness outings. Emergency financial assistance requires a needs-based assessment, with priority given to those in urgent situations.	Decreased justice system involvement;Job training or employment outcomes;Stable or supportive housing;	Outcomes for the Navigating Life program are measured using both quantitative and qualitative methods to track participant progress and program impact. Attendance logs record participation in support groups, wellness activities, and mentorship sessions. Participants complete intake assessments and follow-up surveys to evaluate changes in well-being, coping skills, and goal progress. Monthly follow-ups check in on participants' progress and emerging needs, ensuring continued support. Staff maintain case notes documenting individual milestones and challenges. Emergency funding and stipends are tracked with follow-up to assess impact on meeting basic needs. Participant feedback is gathered through interviews and focus groups to deepen understanding of their experiences. Referrals to housing, employment, and other services are logged, with follow-up to evaluate effectiveness. This comprehensive approach helps the program assess impact, adapt as needed, and support lasting success for returning individuals.	Ready to implement immediately	(By a community-based organization			$ 174,022.67	Personnel/Staff Program Supplies Facilities or Space Use Consultant/ This is a breakdown of the budget code to support the program for one year, categorized into staffing, facility costs, direct program expenses, and indirect costs. Staffing expenses include the Program Manager's salary at $70,096 and Fringe Benefits totaling $8,114. Facility costs consist of rent at $14,400 and insurance at $11,442. Direct program costs cover participant stipends of $27,000, transportation expenses of $4,800, food for participants at $1,920, wellness outings costing $1,500, and emergency funds amounting to $24,000. Indirect costs are budgeted at $10,750. The total annual budget for the program is $174,022.67. Program Manager 70,096.00 Fringe Benefits. 8,114.40 Rent. 14,400.00 Insurance. 11,442.00 Participant Stipends. 27,000.00 Transportation. 4,800.00 Food for Participants 1,920.00 Wellness outings 1,500.00 Emergency Funds 24,000.00 Indirect Cost 10,750.27 Total 174,022.67	Navigating Life is designed to support formerly incarcerated individuals as they transition back into the community. Our goal is to help participants shift from a survival mindset—often necessary during incarceration—to a growth mindset that promotes long-term stability and success. The program offers bi-monthly peer support and healing circles focused on topics such as emotional intelligence, anger management, mental health, communication, cultural reintegration, resisting negative influences, relapse prevention, and meeting probation or parole requirements. These gatherings create a safe space for participants to share openly and learn from one another. 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AV Reentry Symposium || Antelope Valley LARRP Chapter			SPA 1; SD5;	Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration;Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;	Antelope Valley Reentry Symposium: A Daylong Convening to Explore and Shift the Justice Impacted Community in the AV. "Education, Discussion, Service, Connection" the AV Chapter of LARRP is working with Antelope Valley College to Host and plan a day long conference featuring panels on Education, Employment and Housing plus keynote speakers. We aim to bring info to AV community about reentry services avail to the community, connect invited to each other within the AV reentry sector, attract more reentry funds to the AV, collect data to better understand the needs of the community, and help impacted AVC students understand the AVC programming available. AV has the largest formerly incarcerated population in the County and is home to 3 LA jails and 1 state prison, with high levels of need for housing, employment, and health.	this is for formerly incarcerated people, all those who serve them, and allied businesses and community members	Decreased justice system involvement;Improved educational access or attainment;Job training or employment outcomes;	pre and post survey, + follow-up survey 6 months after event	Ready to implement immediately	(By a community-based organization			$ 22,300.00	Personnel$10,000.00 speaker honorariums$3,600.00 transportation $1,000.00 Food$5,700.00 Supplies$500.00 Comm$1,500.00 Print$2,300.00	The AV is severely underfunded and almost forgotten by the rest of the County. Those impacted by incarceration and those who serve them struggle to identify, secure, and access resources. The AV Reentry Symposium seeks to amplify the voices and needs of the AV reentry community, while bringing experts and practitioners to the AV to share their knowledge and help us all lift ourselves out of the cycles of incarceration and poverty that have plagued our community for too long. Addressing the systemic barriers of incarceration, poverty, lack of housing and employment, and of living int he AV where opportunities are few and far.
Reentry Systems Navigation || Mass Liberation	Reentry Systems Navigation	Did not receive CFCI funding	SPA 8;SPA 6; SD2;	Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;Strategy 2: Economic Opportunity & Sustainability;Strategy 4: Housing Stability;Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration;	There are many vocational programs and employment resources available in LA County, but many individuals find it difficult to access these opportunities because of their lack of technology skills, which can be a barrier to completing the basic first steps required to be able to enroll (e.g., obtaining ID or setting up email accounts) and their lack of resources and transportation in the first couple of months after leaving incarceration. Learning these basic skills and being able to access benefits and public transportation are necessary first steps to building a new life on the outside. Additionally, many formerly incarcerated individuals who complete great rehabilitative work on themselves while incarcerated become overwhelmed by the stresses of their transition when they are released. They need opportunities for them to reflect on incorporating their coping mechanisms and thinking skills into the problems that they face on the outside, learning harm reduction and how to develop healthy soothing behaviors as well as access to mental health services. Systems Navigation and Mental Health Services for Formerly incarcerated individuals are key parts of a successful transition.	All adults who have experienced incarceration.	Increased access to mental or physical health care;Healing and wellbeing;Stable or supportive housing;	Outcomes should be measured with attendance records, participant surveys, and intake paperwork.	Ready to implement immediately	(By a community-based organization			$ 600,000.00	- Personnel/Staff- 380,000 Program Supplies- 100,000 Facilities or Space Use Consultants or Partners- 30,000 Outreach/Communications Indirect/Admin Costs (15% max of total requested amount)- 90,000 Other	With this grant, an organization would be able to fill in many of the remaining gaps in Reentry service in Los Angeles County. They could create quality employment for a minimum of 180 individuals, provide therapy for 120 individuals, provide additional supportive assistance to 84 residents, and provide direct needs-related support to a minimum of 600 Returning Citizens. These numbers are confidently estimated from what Mass Liberation has been able to accomplish in these domains over the last several years.
Women's Reentry Program || Olive Support Services	Women's Reentry Program	Did not receive CFCI funding	SPA 1; SD4;	Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration;	Olive Support Services (OSS) is seeking CFCI One-Time funding to sustain and expand its Women's Reentry Program, a trauma-informed, culturally responsive initiative serving formerly incarcerated women in the Antelope Valley. The program's core services—housing, reentry services designed to disrupt cycles of incarceration, strengthen families, and foster economic independence. OSS provides a safe, healing-centered space for justice-impacted women to address the root causes of incarceration while building long-term stability skills. Services are offered virtually to remove transportation barriers and are free to eligible women recently released from incarceration. With $397,355.33 in funding, OSS can expand to serve 140 women, broadening its impact and deepening commitment to equitable reentry support. Core services include: - Anger Management (52 weeks): Court-approved curriculum on emotional regulation and nonviolent communication. - Domestic Violence (52 weeks): Batterer intervention focused on healing and healthy relationships. - Parent Education (52 weeks): Trauma-informed parenting to support family reunification. - Professional & Job Readiness: Career coaching, resume building, interview preparation, and workplace skills. This program addresses racial, gender-based, and economic disparities affecting formerly incarcerated women, especially in underserved areas like the Antelope Valley. It targets gender-specific trauma, homelessness, economic marginalization, family separation, and stigma—barriers that contribute to recidivism. By providing comprehensive, compassionate support, OSS empowers women to rebuild their lives, reduce recidivism, and promote community healing. The Women's Reentry Program aligns with CFCI's mission to advance racial equity, decarceration, and community-led wellness.	The OSS Women's Reentry Program is designed to serve formerly incarcerated and justice-impacted women in Los Angeles County, with a particular focus on the Antelope Valley, an area disproportionately impacted by incarceration, poverty, and limited access to reentry services. Primary target populations include: - Women recently released from jail or prison, including those returning under supervision (probation or parole) - Women involved in the criminal legal system, including pretrial diversion, reentry court, or alternative sentencing programs - Mothers and caregivers working toward family reunification or navigating the child welfare system - Women with a history of trauma, substance use, or mental health needs requiring supportive services during reentry This program aims to uplift women who are too often overlooked in reentry efforts—those who experience the compounded effects of racism, poverty, gender-based violence, and incarceration. Participants must meet the following basic eligibility criteria: - Identify as a woman (age 18 or older) - Have a history of incarceration or justice system involvement (e.g., jail/prison, probation, parole, diversion) - Be a resident of Los Angeles County, with priority given to those in Palmdale, Lancaster, and surrounding areas of the Antelope Valley - Be referred by a court, probation/parole officer, service provider, or self-referred with documentation of justice involvement All program services are offered virtually to remove transportation and childcare barriers. OSS is committed to expanding its services in both English and Spanish to ensure greater access and inclusion for diverse communities in the Antelope Valley.	Decreased justice system involvement;Improved educational access or attainment;Stable or supportive housing;	Program outcomes will be evaluated using pre- and post-surveys to assess changes in participants' mental health and coping strategies. Ongoing participant surveys will help inform program development, assess community needs, and measure satisfaction. Attendance logs will track service delivery and client engagement. Milestone and certificates of completion will indicate participant progress. Additionally, staff will track personal and employment accomplishments as indicators of program effectiveness and participant growth.	Ready to implement immediately	(By a community-based organization			$ 397,355.33	Personnel/Staff- $298,413.20 Program Supplies- $22,189.07 Facilities or Space Use- $25,096.86 Indirect/Admin Costs (15% max of total requested amount)- $51,656.20	The Women's Reentry Program at Olive Support Services (OSS) serves justice-impacted women returning to the Antelope Valley, a region with high rates of incarceration, poverty, and limited reentry resources. Women released from incarceration face significant barriers, including limited access to behavioral health care, unstable housing, and acute, and scarce employment opportunities. Our program addresses these challenges by providing accessible, trauma-informed virtual services tailored to their needs. In addition to practical obstacles, many women experience stigma and isolation upon reentry, which undermines their ability to rebuild supportive networks. OSS fosters a healing-centered environment that promotes peer support and community connection, helping women regain belonging and resilience. Economic instability and family separation compound the difficulty of reentry. Through job readiness training and evidence-based classes, our program supports long-term stability and family reunification, reducing their risk of recidivism. The Antelope Valley's limited reentry infrastructure makes this program essential in filling critical service gaps with non-supervised, culturally relevant curricula. By offering trauma-informed care and peer-led support, OSS creates a safe space for healing and empowerment. Women gain leadership skills and mutual encouragement, strengthening community ties and promoting self-sufficiency. Ultimately, the program addresses barriers, assets, and deficiencies in the Antelope Valley by addressing systemic gaps in reentry services. By providing direct, culturally competent support, reducing systemic barriers to recovery and reintegration, and demonstrating that a care-first approach can lead to healthier, safer outcomes for both individuals and the broader community.
From Incarceration To Empowerment || Inner City Child Development and Youth Foundation	Transitional Employment for Justice-Involved and Unhoused || Street Company (Legal Name: Lancaster Homeless Group)	Did not receive CFCI funding	SPA 6; SD2;	Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;Strategy 2: Economic Opportunity & Sustainability;Strategy 3: Education Access & Youth Development;Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration;	Street Company provides a 12-week Transitional Employment Program for unhoused and justice-involved individuals in the Antelope Valley. We prioritize those who face both challenges—recent incarceration and homelessness—as they are at heightened risk of instability and often experience extreme difficulty securing employment due to trauma, lack of work history, and reentry-related anxiety or mental health challenges. Our community-first employment model creates a supportive environment where participants are welcomed into a peer-led culture of care. While earning wages through our coffee roasting social enterprise, participants learn foundational job skills and are matched with employers dedicated to second-chance hiring. In addition to employment training, the program includes system navigation support to connect individuals to housing resources, healthcare, mental health services, and long-term employment opportunities. Participants also engage in group sessions that foster emotional wellbeing and healing. This program addresses the gap between incarceration and long-term self-sufficiency, providing a critical bridge for individuals to rebuild their lives, reconnect with the workforce, and regain hope through meaningful work.	Street Company's program is designed to serve individuals who are experiencing homelessness and/or have been involved in the justice system. We prioritize those who are recently released from incarceration and currently unhoused, as they often face the greatest barriers to employment, stability, and reintegration. Eligibility requirements are simple: participants must be 18 years or older, reside in the Antelope Valley, and demonstrate a willingness to participate in transitional employment and job training. No prior work experience or formal education is required. Referrals are accepted from brothers, reentry programs, parole officers, or other local service providers, though self-referrals are also welcome.	Increased access to mental or physical health care;Decreased justice system involvement;Improved educational access or attainment;Job training or employment outcomes;Decreased justice system involvement;	We track our program's success using a combination of internal records, participant assessments, and follow-up documentation aligned with the following four key outcomes: Immediate program output – Engagement and skill development: We measure immediate program outputs through attendance logs, payroll records, and weekly check-ins. We assess whether participants completed the 12-week program and consistently engaged in activities. We also evaluate whether they gained job-ready skills, including resume writing, interview preparation, barista/café basics—and learned hands-on, industry-specific skills for food service and hospitality, including packaging, inventory management, cleanliness standards, and obtaining a food handler certification. Job placement: Our goal is for each graduate to secure a part-time or full-time unsubsidized job within one month of program completion. Job placement outcomes are tracked through follow-up communication, employment verification, and system navigator documentation. Improved physical and mental health: Through pre- and post-program surveys, we track changes in participants' self-reported physical and mental health, including stress levels, sleep quality, substance use, and overall well-being. We also monitor participation in wellness activities and peer support groups as indicators of emotional regulation and healthier coping strategies. Housing stability and reduced recidivism: We follow up with graduates at 30, 60, and 90 days post-program to assess housing stability and whether they have avoided re-incarceration. Success is defined by maintaining stable housing and remaining free from new legal involvement during this period.	Ready to implement immediately	(By a community-based organization		The successful launch of the Reentry Empowerment Project. Street Company has the core staff and infrastructure in place to operate the program. This includes an Executive Director who oversees program and administrative functions, a Lead Trainer, three Assistant Trainers who provide hands-on job training, and two System Navigators who support participants with access to housing, healthcare, and other critical services. However, to increase job placement success and long-term stability, we recognize the need for a Job Developer. This role would be responsible for building and maintaining strong partnerships with local employers, particularly in the food service and hospitality industries, to connect graduates to high-quality job opportunities. A Job Developer would also help prepare participants for interviews, coordinate job fairs or site visits, and ensure a smooth transition from transitional employment to the mainstream workforce. With this addition, we will strengthen our capacity to move more participants into stable, long-lasting employment.	$ 550,000.00	Personnel/Staff- $330,000 (Includes wages and fringe benefits for Executive Director, Lead Trainer, Assistant Trainers, System Navigators, and proposed Job Developer) Program Supplies- $120,000 (Covers participant support items, participant stipends/wages, and production training supplies for the coffee roasting program) Facilities or Space Use- $18,000 (Supports rent, utilities, and facility maintenance for the roasting and training space) Consultants or Partners- $18,000 (Includes specialized training partners and potential mental health or industry-specific consultants) Outreach/Communications- $0 (No funding allocated in this category at this time) Indirect/Admin Costs (15% max)- $66,000 (Administrative overhead including finance, HR, and reporting functions)	Street Company's Transitional Employment Program directly supports CFCI's mission to invest in community-based alternatives to incarceration by addressing the root causes of justice involvement—poverty, homelessness, trauma, and lack of opportunity. Our program prioritizes individuals who are both justice-involved and experiencing homelessness, offering them paid employment, job training, and system navigation in a supportive, trauma-informed environment. The people who benefit from this program are among the most impacted by incarceration, including those recently released from prison who face systemic barriers such as employment discrimination, housing instability, and limited access to healthcare. By providing stable employment and wraparound support, we're breaking the cycle of poverty and recidivism, helping participants build a foundation for long-term success. By replacing punishment with opportunity, and isolation with community, our program advances CFCI's core values of racial equity, decarceration, and community-led wellness. It creates a pathway for those who have been left behind by the system to become leaders in their own recovery and in the broader movement for justice.
Justice-Involved Veteran Services Division - || Additional Cost: || Los Angeles County Department of Military and Veterans Affairs	Justice-Involved Veteran Services	Did not receive CFCI funding	SPA 1;SPA 2;SPA 3;SPA 4;SPA 5;SPA 6;SPA 7;SPA 8; SD1;SD2;SD3;SD4 ;SD5;	Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;Strategy 4: Housing Stability;Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration;	The proposed program will expand the Los Angeles County Department of Military and Veterans Affairs' (MVA) Justice-Involved Veterans Services by implementing the Veteran Sequential Intercept Model. This evidence-based framework identifies and supports veterans at key points in the criminal justice system, such as during arrest, incarceration, and reentry to divert them from incarceration and connect them to veteran-specific resources. Funding will be used to deploy five full-time MVA Veteran Service Officers (VSOs) at high-need locations such as jails, Probation hubs, and courts. These VSOs will assist justice-involved veterans with enrolling in VA benefits, securing housing, obtaining employment, and accessing mental health and substance use treatment services. Additional staffing will support co-locations at critical intervention sites, including JCOD "warm landing" centers, County jails, and Veteran Treatment Courts. By leveraging cross-agency partnerships, the program aims to improve service coordination, increase access to federally funded benefits, and reduce reliance on County-funded resources, ultimately lowering County expenditures while improving veteran outcomes.	This program targets justice-involved veterans in Los Angeles County—specifically those at risk of or currently involved in the criminal justice system. This includes veterans on probation, in adult detention facilities, participating in Veteran Treatment Courts, or reentering the community after incarceration. Eligibility requirements for participants include: Verification of veteran status (typically through discharge documents such as a DD-214), and Current or prior involvement in the criminal justice system	Increased access to mental or physical health care;Decreased justice system involvement;Improved educational access or attainment;Job training or employment outcomes;Stable or supportive housing;	Participant outcome tracking: Data will be collected on benefits enrollment, housing placements, employment status, and referrals to mental health and substance use treatment services. Case management records: VSOs will document services provided and progress made in individual veteran cases using standardized tracking tools. Attendance logs: Logs will track participant engagement at service sites, including Probation hubs, JCOD locations, jails, and courts. Participant surveys: Veterans will be invited to complete pre- and post-engagement surveys to assess satisfaction, perceived impact, and unmet needs. Agency performance metrics: Interagency partners will report on collaborative activities, referrals, and service coordination outcomes. Qualitative feedback: Focus groups and interviews with participants and staff may supplement quantitative methods to assess impact and ensure accountability. These include:	Needs minor setup (within 3 months)	(By a County Department	Los Angeles County Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (MVA)		$ 1,600,000.00	Personnel/Staff - $1.4m (1.0 Supervisor, VC; 1.0 Veterans Claims Assistant III; 5.0 Veteran Claims Assistant II; 1.0 Information Technology Technical Support Analyst II; 1.0 Staff Assistant II) Indirect/Admin Costs - 15% - $0.210m	This program directly supports the goals of the Care First Community Investment (CFCI) initiative by addressing systemic barriers that disproportionately impact justice-involved veterans, particularly those from historically marginalized communities. By embedding Veteran Service Officers at key points in the criminal justice system, the program helps divert veterans from incarceration and connects them to critical supports such as housing, mental health care, substance use treatment, and VA benefits. These services reduce reliance on law enforcement and incarceration as default responses to unmet needs, aligning with CFCI's mission to shift resources upstream and invest in community-based care. The program benefits veterans who often face compounded challenges due to trauma, disability, poverty, and lack of access to services. Many participants come from neighborhoods most impacted by incarceration and underinvestment. By offering trauma-informed, veteran-specific services at the point of crisis or reentry, the program helps interrupt cycles of incarceration and homelessness, creating more equitable outcomes and fostering long-term community stability. Ultimately, this initiative empowers communities by providing direct, culturally competent support, reducing systemic barriers to recovery and reintegration, and demonstrating that a care-first approach can lead to healthier, safer outcomes for both individuals and the broader community.
Warm Landing Place || Justice, Care, and Opportunity Department (JCOD)	New Warm Landing Place Facility	Year 3/Fiscal Year 2023-24	SPA 4; SD1;	Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;Strategy 2: Economic Opportunity & Sustainability;Strategy 4: Housing Stability;Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration;	The Warm Landing Place (WLP), led by the LA County Justice Care and Opportunities Department (JCOD), provides a crucial safety net for individuals released daily from Downtown Los Angeles jails, many of whom face significant challenges like opioid use disorder, mental health issues, homelessness, and unemployment, to name but a few. WLP offers an immediate "warm handoff" at the jail exit, ensuring individuals don't leave custody without support. Services include short-term assistance, such as immediate transportation, food, and emergency housing, as well as linking participants to longer-term services, including substance use disorder treatment, mental health care, recovery support, housing assistance, job placement, and childcare resources. Staffed by peers with lived experience, WLP delivers compassionate, person-centered care. It works closely with county departments like the Department of Mental Health and the Department of Public Health's Substance Abuse Prevention and Control division to coordinate individualized care plans and connect/to participants to the right services. Currently, WLP has a presence at Men's Central Jail. To expand and sustain these efforts, JCOD plans to build a permanent multi-story WLP facility adjacent to the jail. This facility will serve as a central hub where justice-involved individuals can receive consistent, ongoing support to help them reintegrate successfully into the community. WLP directly addresses the high rates of substance use, housing instability, and recidivism among individuals leaving jail. By combining immediate stabilization services with long-term recovery and reentry support, the program helps reduce overdose risks, prevent homelessness, and promote healthier, more stable futures for a vulnerable population—all while aligning with the County's opioid abatement and Care First Community Investment goals.	The Warm Landing Place (WLP) program primarily serves JII and adults released from Downtown Los Angeles County jails, but it is also open to other individuals in the community who need support. There are no formal eligibility requirements—any adult who is willing to engage and seeks help, whether for short-term needs or longer-term support, is welcome. WLP focuses on assisting people facing challenges like housing instability, unemployment, and health needs. A significant emphasis is placed on supporting individuals struggling with substance use disorders to help them access treatment, recovery services, and pathways to stability. By keeping services open and flexible, WLP ensures that anyone seeking help has the opportunity to receive compassionate, person-centered care tailored to their unique circumstances.	Increased access to mental or physical health care;Decreased justice system involvement;Improved educational access or attainment;Job training or employment outcomes;Stable or supportive housing;Healing and wellbeing;	Outcomes for the Warm Landing Place program will be measured through a combination of participant surveys, intake and exit assessments, attendance logs, and health and treatment records, with strict adherence to all privacy regulations and protections, including HIPAA and other applicable confidentiality laws. We use a dedicated care management system and other tracking tools, including our WLP Enrollment Log, to capture detailed participant data such as date of release, services received, referrals made, housing status, employment status, and engagement in treatment or recovery services.	Ready to implement immediately	By a County Department	JCOD		$ 12,381,000.00	This fund will go towards building a new 3-story facility to house the WLP services. The funds will go towards the design and construction of the building (including related activities such as permitting and plan reviews).	The Warm Landing Place (WLP) powerfully aligns with the goals of CFCI by investing in individuals and communities disproportionately harmed by historical racism, inequity, and the impacts of mass incarceration. Many participants leaving the downtown LA jails are people of color who face systemic barriers like poverty, housing instability, untreated mental health or substance use disorders, and limited access to economic opportunities. WLP addresses these root causes of justice involvement by providing immediate support—food, shelter, transportation—alongside connections to longer-term services such as substance use treatment, mental health care, housing placement, and job training. Staff with lived experience foster trust and culturally competent care, empowering participants to rebuild their lives. In alignment with CFCI's mission, WLP reduces reliance on incarceration and law enforcement as solutions to complex social and health challenges. Through this comprehensive, person-centered approach, WLP advances racial equity, promotes social justice, and helps create safer, healthier communities across LA County.
Game Changer || Shep-Ty Inc, DBA Game Changer	Game Changer	Did not receive CFCI funding	SPA 1,SPA 2,SPA 3,SPA 4,SPA 5,SPA 6,SPA 7,SPA 8; SD1;SD2;SD3;SD4 ;SD5;	Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration;Strategy 3: Education Access & Youth Development;Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;	Game Changer addresses trauma, violence prevention, and brings about healing, between community residents and members of law enforcement through moderated focus groups. Our data tested, state accredited experiential learning model brings about changes in perception and behavior, with the goal of increase peace and decreasing violence between community residents and those sworn to protect and serve them, as each group educates the other. Our trainings focus on the reentry population, many who are current or former gang members. This population engages in 3 hour moderated focus group training sessions with members of law enforcement where they discuss problems and devise solutions together. Both groups have reported these trainings to be both therapeutic and cathartic as they work through their trauma together. Since the model is accredited by the California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST), as well as Standards and Training for Corrections (STC), participating members of law enforcement receive certificates of training (CPT) hours. Game Changer has provided reentry service when judges have mandated that probationers participate in Game Changer as part of the terms of their probation. As a result of experiencing Game Changer trainings, 70% of all civilian trainees walk away with a more positive view of law enforcement, dramatically decreasing the likelihood of violence toward law enforcement, and dramatically increasing the likelihood of sustained, improved, peaceful, relations with law enforcement. As a result of being trained through Game Changer, 68% of all members of law enforcement take away a greater understanding of communities of color, dramatically decreasing the likelihood of violence toward community residents, and dramatically increasing the likelihood of sustained, improved, peaceful, relations.	Game Changer targets justice impacted, reentry, and currently incarcerated juveniles and young adults. Participants are required to be between the ages of 15 and 35, speak, read, and write in English.	Decreased justice system involvement;Youth development or civic engagement;Healing and wellbeing;	All trainees complete pre and post surveys that measure their thoughts and perceptions on law enforcement/community relations before and after training. Follow up surveys are completed by participants 10 week after completing training. Qualitative and Quantitative data reports are generated for each training. The data is then analyzed by the San Diego State University Institute for Public Health.	Ready to implement immediately	(By a community-based organization			$ 1,350,000.00	Personnel/Staff - $1,080,000 Program Supplies $10,000 Facilities or Space $6,000 Consultants or Partners- $20,000 Outreach/Communications $100,000 Indirect/Admin Costs (15% max of total requested amount) $135,000	Game Changer supports the goals of CFCI by focusing on the joint training of the reentry population & at-risk youth, and members of law enforcement. Data collected from our trainings indicate that both populations experience healing from trauma inflicted by each group on the other, which is in line with another CFCI goal. Two way education takes place between each group as a result of the trainings, which is in line with yet another CFCI goal. Finally, our 9 years of collected data demonstrate that Game Changer trainings bring about positive changes in perceptions and behavior among both groups, drastically reducing the probability of violence between the groups, and dramatically increasing peaceful interactions between each group. The members of the reentry population return to their communities after Game Changer trainings, empowered with: additional knowledge of government, healed by addressing their trauma and being heard, a greater sense of empathy, enhanced communication skills, a higher level of emotional intelligence, a greater sense of worth knowing that they formally trained law enforcement, and a broader sense of community that includes law enforcement. Some are inspired to pursue law enforcement-adjacent careers. Game Changer trainings consistently create space for quality healing time to be spent between two groups that have a history of violence and mistrust and work towards breaking systemic barriers that have been in place that prevent such healing. Game Changer directly addresses, through trainings, the need for CFCI to remedies poor mental health and well being among our target population and members of law enforcement.
Transitional Employment for Justice-Involved and Unhoused || Street Company (Legal Name: Lancaster Homeless Group)	Transitional Employment for Justice-Involved and Unhoused	Did not receive CFCI funding	SPA 1; SD5;	Strategy 2: Economic Opportunity & Sustainability;Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration;	Street Company provides a 12-week Transitional Employment Program for unhoused and justice-involved individuals in the Antelope Valley. We prioritize those who face both challenges—recent incarceration and homelessness—as they are at heightened risk of instability and often experience extreme difficulty securing employment due to trauma, lack of work history, and reentry-related anxiety or mental health challenges. Our community-first employment model creates a supportive environment where participants are welcomed into a peer-led culture of care. While earning wages through our coffee roasting social enterprise, participants learn foundational job skills and are matched with employers dedicated to second-chance hiring. In addition to employment training, the program includes system navigation support to connect individuals to housing resources, healthcare, mental health services, and long-term employment opportunities. Participants also engage in group sessions that foster emotional wellbeing and healing. This program addresses the gap between incarceration and long-term self-sufficiency, providing a critical bridge for individuals to rebuild their lives, reconnect with the workforce, and regain hope through meaningful work.	Street Company's program is designed to serve individuals who are experiencing homelessness and/or have been involved in the justice system. We prioritize those who are recently released from incarceration and currently unhoused, as they often face the greatest barriers to employment, stability, and reintegration. Eligibility requirements are simple: participants must be 18 years or older, reside in the Antelope Valley, and demonstrate a willingness to participate in transitional employment and job training. No prior work experience or formal education is required. Referrals are accepted from brothers, reentry programs, parole officers, or other local service providers, though self-referrals are also welcome.	Increased access to mental or physical health care;Decreased justice system involvement;Improved educational access or attainment;Job training or employment outcomes;Decreased justice system involvement;	We track our program's success using a combination of internal records, participant assessments, and follow-up documentation aligned with the following four key outcomes: Immediate program output – Engagement and skill development: We measure immediate program outputs through attendance logs, payroll records, and weekly check-ins. We assess whether participants completed the 12-week program and consistently engaged in activities. We also evaluate whether they gained job-ready skills, including resume writing, interview preparation, barista/café basics—and learned hands-on, industry-specific skills for food service and hospitality, including packaging, inventory management, cleanliness standards, and obtaining a food handler certification. Job placement: Our goal is for each graduate to secure a part-time or full-time unsubsidized job within one month of program completion. Job placement outcomes are tracked through follow-up communication, employment verification, and system navigator documentation. Improved physical and mental health: Through pre- and post-program surveys, we track changes in participants' self-reported physical and mental health, including stress levels, sleep quality, substance use, and overall well-being. We also monitor participation in wellness activities and peer support groups as indicators of emotional regulation and healthier coping strategies. Housing stability and reduced recidivism: We follow up with graduates at 30, 60, and 90 days post-program to assess housing stability and whether they have avoided re-incarceration. Success is defined by maintaining stable housing and remaining free from new legal involvement during this period.	Ready to implement immediately	(By a community-based organization			$ 550,000.00	Personnel/Staff- $330,000 (Includes wages and fringe benefits for Executive Director, Lead Trainer, Assistant Trainers, System Navigators, and proposed Job Developer) Program Supplies- $120,000 (Covers participant support items, participant stipends/wages, and production training supplies for the coffee roasting program) Facilities or Space Use- $18,000 (Supports rent, utilities, and facility maintenance for the roasting and training space) Consultants or Partners- $18,000 (Includes specialized training partners and potential mental health or industry-specific consultants) Outreach/Communications- $0 (No funding allocated in this category at this time) Indirect/Admin Costs (15% max)- $66,000 (Administrative overhead including finance, HR, and reporting functions)	Street Company's Transitional Employment Program directly supports CFCI's mission to invest in community-based alternatives to incarceration by addressing the root causes of justice involvement—poverty, homelessness, trauma, and lack of opportunity. Our program prioritizes individuals who are both justice-involved and experiencing homelessness, offering them paid employment, job training, and system navigation in a supportive, trauma-informed environment. The people who benefit from this program are among the most impacted by incarceration, including those recently released from prison who face systemic barriers such as employment discrimination, housing instability, and limited access to healthcare. By providing stable employment and wraparound support, we're breaking the cycle of poverty and recidivism, helping participants build a foundation for long-term success. By replacing punishment with opportunity, and isolation with community, our program advances CFCI's core values of racial equity, decarceration, and community-led wellness. It creates a pathway for those who have been left behind by the system to become leaders in their own recovery and in the broader movement for justice.
Life Changers		FACTS Education Fund (DBA Fair Chance Project (FCP))	Life Changers	Year 3/Fiscal Year 2023-24	SPA 1;SPA 2;SPA 3;SPA 4;SPA 5;SPA 6;SPA 7;SPA 8; SD1;SD2;SD3;SD4 ;SD5;	Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;Strategy 2: Economic Opportunity & Sustainability;Strategy 3: Education Access & Youth Development;Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration;	The Fair Chance Project is led by formerly incarcerated people, currently incarcerated people, and their loved ones. We work to replace mass incarceration with comprehensive peer-led reentry services, positive youth development opportunities, and community-building civic educational efforts, to build a stronger, healthier, and safer LA for all. Our programs are designed to help stop the community destruction and family devastation that comes from crime and incarceration. These programs combine opportunities for youth mentorship, community service, restorative justice, and positive self-development. https://www.faircharcoproject.com

2025 CFCI FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS

Proposed Project Name || Organization or County Dept	If your program is not new and is an expansion of an existing project, what is its name?	If your program is an expansion and previously received CFCI funding, please indicate under which Spending Plan Year/Fiscal Year.	Service Planning Areas (SPA) and Supervisorial Districts (SD) Served	CFCI Strategies	Description of Project	Target population and ability requirements	Anticipated Outcomes of Project	Outcomes and Measures	Implementation Period for Project	Administration of Project	If applicable, by which County Dept?	If the program does not have existing infrastructure, please describe what would be needed to launch the program/project.	What is the total requested annual amount of funding for this program/project?	based on the amount entered above, enter a basic breakdown of each of the following in dollar amounts (round numbers are acceptable): Personnel/Staff Program Supplies Facilities or Space Use Consultant	How does this program/project support the goals of CFCI? Think about who benefits, what systemic barriers are being addressed, and how these services move beyond the traditional to empower.
Amer-I-Can Life Management Program/Pathways to Change || Amer-I-Can Foundation for Social Change	SPA 8 Service Planning Area 8, or SPA 8, serves the communities that encompass Artesia, Avalon, Carson, Catalina Island, El Segundo, Gardena, Harbor City, Hawthorne, Inglewood, Lawndale, Lennox, Long Beach*, and Rancho Dominguez.	Did not receive CFCI funding	SPA 8; SD2,SD4;	Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;Strategy 3: Education Access & Youth Development;Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration;	Justice-involved youth released from Los Angeles County Juvenile Halls and Probation Camps are often returned to their communities without a structured plan, meaningful guidance, or access to critical services. The Amer-I-Can Foundation for Social Change, with over 30 years of demonstrated success, is prepared to expand our nationally recognized Life Skills program to meet this urgent need. For three decades, Amer-I-Can has transformed the lives of high-risk youth, especially those with histories of violence, gang involvement, and repeated system contact. Our proven model focuses on reshaping mindsets, fostering self-determination, and building actionable life plans that restore hope and accountability. Participants are guided through a curriculum rooted in emotional intelligence, communication skills, personal responsibility, and decision-making—skills essential for successful reentry and long-term success. This funding will allow us to deepen our reach to youth who are most often overlooked—those considered beyond rehabilitation. We meet them where they are, with cultural competence, compassion, and credibility. Each youth is paired with a trained Amer-I-Can facilitator, many of whom are credible messengers who have lived similar experiences. We help each participant chart a path forward while connecting them to vital community resources, including education, housing, employment, and mental health services. Amer-I-Can doesn't offer a temporary fix—we build foundations for lasting change. Our track record includes reductions in recidivism, improved academic engagement, and strengthened family and community ties. This expansion will allow us to reach many more youths at a critical turning point, equipping them with the tools they need to live productive, violence-free lives. This is not just about intervention; it's about transformation. The time to act is now—and Amer-I-Can is ready.	The Amer-I-Can Life Skills program is designed to serve justice-involved youth ages 14 to 24 who are reentering their communities after incarceration in Los Angeles County Juvenile Halls and Probation Camps. We specifically target high-risk individuals with a history of violence, repeated system contact, gang involvement, or who have been classified as "hard to reach" or "beyond rehabilitation." These young people often lack formal support networks and face significant barriers to reintegration, including disrupted education, trauma, and community stigma. Our participants primarily come from high-crime, traumatized communities that have been historically impacted by high rates of incarceration, concentrated poverty, and systemic barriers to opportunity. Many are referred through probation officers, reentry programs, or trusted partner organizations, including schools and community-based agencies. We also welcome self-referrals and walk-ins from individuals who meet our general criteria and demonstrate a genuine willingness to engage in personal growth and transformation. Eligibility Requirements: • Must be justice-involved (e.g., recent release from juvenile halls, camps, or probation) • Age range: 14–24 years old • Must reside in one of our targeted areas • Willingness to engage in the full Life Skills curriculum and participate in ongoing support services • No documentation, income, or immigration status restrictions We believe every young person deserves a second chance—and we intentionally keep barriers low to ensure that the most vulnerable and disconnected youth have access to tools for real change. Our approach is trauma-informed, culturally competent, and rooted in respect and self-determination.	Decreased justice system involvement;Improved educational access or attainment;Job training or employment outcomes;Healing and wellbeing;	• Participant Pre- and Post-Program Assessments: These tools evaluate changes in mindset, behavior, self-confidence, communication skills, and decision-making capacity over the course of the Life Skills program. • Attendance Logs and Completion Rates: We monitor participant engagement closely to ensure consistent attendance and track successful program completion. • Surveys and Feedback Forms: Participants complete surveys at the beginning, midpoint, and conclusion of the program to provide feedback on experience, experience, and impact. Optional follow-up surveys help us track longer-term outcomes. In addition, participants complete personal growth surveys to assess changes in mindset, behavior, and self-perception throughout the program. • Focus Groups and One-on-One Interviews: Selected participants will be invited to participate in reflective sessions to share their experiences, identify barriers, and suggest improvements. Together, these tools allow us to capture both quantitative and qualitative data—ensuring we honor each participant's story while continuously evaluating and improving the effectiveness of our programming.	Ready to implement immediately	By a community-based organization		The Amer-I-Can Foundation has many of the key components but will need to hire additional personnel and program materials to meet the needs of the increased number of participants. However, within a matter of weeks, we will be ready to complete the following: •Deploy trained Life Skills Facilitators and program staff •Distribute curriculum materials and participant supplies •Utilize community-based facilities and partner locations for in-person sessions •Utilize existing data tracking and reporting systems •Engage eligible youth through established outreach channels With over 30 years of experience and a fully developed evidence-based program model, we are equipped to move forward with very little prep time for program expansion.	$ 400,000.00	•Personnel/Staff: $190,000 •Salaries for Life Skills Facilitators, Program Co-ordinator, and support staff •Program Supplies: $45,000 •Curriculum books, journals, training materials, participant kits, snacks, etc. •Facilities/Space Use: $34,500 •Rental fees for classrooms, community centers, or partner sites •Transportation Vouchers: $55,500 •Credible messenger stipends, reentry specialists, or mental health support •Outreach/Communications: $25,500 •Flyers, digital outreach, youth recruitment materials, community engagement •Indirect/Admin Costs (15% max of total requested amount): $60,000 •Covers accounting, insurance, HR, reporting, and general admin overhead	Our program is a direct embodiment of the CFCI vision: care first, jails last. It limits investment from punishment to prevention by expanding a proven, community-based solution that empowers justice-involved youth to rebuild their lives and reduce system involvement. Who benefits: Youth returning from Los Angeles County juvenile halls and probation camps—often without guidance, support, or opportunity—gain access to a trauma-informed, culturally grounded life skills program that fosters healing, accountability, and long-term transformation. Systemic barriers addressed: The program tackles deeply rooted barriers such as: • Lack of meaningful, consistent support for justice-involved youth • Limited access to mental health, education, and employment services • Intergenerational cycles of incarceration and violence • Mistrust of institutions and lack of credible mentorship Amer-I-Can closes these gaps with a model that is strengths-based, relationship-driven, and rooted in over 30 years of success. Empowering reach and sustainability: Our program is a direct embodiment of the CFCI vision: care first, jails last. It limits investment from punishment to prevention by expanding a proven, community-based solution that empowers justice-involved youth to rebuild their lives and reduce system involvement. By investing in people most harmed by incarceration and dismantling systemic barriers to successful reentry, Designed and led by a justice-impacted team, the program centers lived experience in every stage of its development—from content creation to facilitation—ensuring authenticity and cultural relevance. Its immersive VR and board game approach fosters emotional resilience, behavioral regulation, and decision-making skills, equipping participants to navigate the complexities of reentry with confidence. Through Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) practices integrated into gameplay and real-time scenario debriefs, the Path Forward helps participants reframe negative thought patterns and develop practical tools for reducing recidivism and enhancing self-efficacy. By including rural access via a mobile therapy trailer and committing homeboria to community storytellers, the program champions equity in access and community-led healing. Training justice-impacted facilitators and employing a peer-driven model further supports workforce development and reentry employment pipelines. The Path Forward supports CFCI's vision by transforming punitive systems into restorative opportunities—reinforcing dignity, accountability, and growth. Its holistic design not only meets participants where they are but elevates their voices, preparing individuals to reengage with families, communities, and institutions in empowered, future-oriented ways.
Pathway to Kinship: Critical Insight Expansion || Pathway to Kinship	Critical Insight	Year 3/Fiscal Year 2023-24	SPA 7;SPA 6;SPA 5;SPA 4;SPA 3;SPA 2;SPA 1;SPA 8; SD1;SD2;SD3;SD4 ;SD5;	Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration;	We're requesting support for Pathway to Kinship's Critical Insight program. The program, previously funded by CFCI, has expanded to correctional prisons and multiple jails at locked sites. In addition, the Critical Insight life skills and reentry training program has expanded to include two new important elements. The first is a multi-day program on restorative justice, including "victim-survivor-type" presenters and trauma-informed, facilitated discussion designed to build empathy and reconciliation. The second is a holistic staff wellness training, provided to the Correctional Officers and staff at prisons that Pathway to Kinship serves. We train COIs on trauma-informed care, mindfulness, and safety with the shared goal of supporting incarcerated community members and creating a safe space. Our request is for that expansion of Critical Insight, detailed further below: Pathway to Kinship's Critical Insight Programming is a combination of personal and professional development with the goal of economic security upon reentry. Through one-on-one and group cohort settings, Pathway to Kinship participants learn a detailed 7 keys framework for personal and professional development. Training topics are cumulative, and include: - Preparation: Becoming accountable - Partnering: learning cause-and-effect, critical events, and unpacking distorted beliefs - Practice: Accept, acknowledge, and make amends - Peace: Living a principled life, improving interpersonal and home, hosting and finding the quiet center in the storm - Purpose: Developing a reentry plan. Finding the right attitude and the right action - Passion: Building resilience - Presentation: Telling your story: who you were, why you came to be that way, and how you became the person you are now - Perseverance: Aligning on goals, defining a relapse prevention plan, and rewriting your legacy The training series runs for 7-14 weeks, with 2 hour sessions per topic. Each session includes coursework, designed for program participants to put into words their personal narratives, developing awareness and allowing them to speak on the contributing/causative factors of their life crime(s) (a total of 40 hours of in-class programming and 40 hours of additional work).	Critical Insight is provided for currently incarcerated community members at 9 CDCR locations. Completion criteria: To complete the full Critical Insight series participants are required to attend each session, complete feedback forms at the end of each session, and develop a personal growth and reconciliation plan at the end of the Healing and Restorative Justice program session. Our goal is for >95% of attendees to complete the program. To date, we have over 98% completion. Participation and disqualification criteria: Our programming is open to any interested participants, regardless of commitment, offense, security level, criminal history, and length of sentence in facilities that Pathway to Kinship operates in. To remain in the program, participants have to demonstrate interest and commitment to the work. That includes full attendance and coursework completion for the duration of the series. If participants do not complete the program - and do not take steps to make up classes and/or homework - they will be disqualified from the current cohort and offered an opportunity to join a later cohort. Programming hours required for completion: Critical Insight requires 80 hours for individual completion. Each session runs for two hours and includes coursework, designed for program participants to put into words their personal narratives, developing awareness and allowing them to speak on the contributing/causative factors of their life crime(s) (a total of 40 hours of in-class programming and 40 hours of additional work).	Decreased justice system involvement;Increased access to mental or physical health care;Job training or employment outcomes;Healing and wellbeing;	Success in Critical Insight takes many forms - from participants enrolling in college programs, to securing housing, and finding stable employment. Our goals are for participants to improve their ability to identify and apply for employment opportunities, while growing their capacity for empathy, reflection, resilience, and ability to make decisions. These goals have been developed as best practices in reducing recidivism and economic inequities, recognizing that personal resilience, sense of community, and economic security lead to stronger life outcomes for people directly impacted by the criminal justice system. Over 80% of our formerly incarcerated participants have secured employment and/or housing after one year of release. Internally, we've seen a significant reduction in violent behaviors and increase in positive board outcomes as a result of participating in Critical Insight. To date, we have reached over 1,000 people in our Critical Insight programs. Our evaluation data shows: - Increase in participant registration and waitlists. The majority of our program growth has been through participant recommendations; in the past two years we've doubled the number of people we serve through Critical Insight, with a growing waitlist	Ready to implement immediately	By a community-based organization	Launch needs include hiring a youth mentor coordinator, onboarding ECM-aligned care team, finalizing school-based and employer partnerships, acquiring tablets, printing outreach materials, and launching volunteer/internship intake.	$ 200,000.00	With the support of CFCI Funds, Pathway to Kinship can expand our Critical Insight training course to three additional and unfunded sites in the next three years. State data shows that vulnerabilities of mental health, substance use, housing insecurity, and economic instability contribute to higher rates of recidivism. These vulnerabilities are compounded by barriers faced upon reentry - from bias, discrimination, and job restrictions to the high cost of living in the California-area. As a result, returning community members can find themselves unprepared and equipped for success - low to no income, unhoused, and without the supportive services paramount to successful reentry. Critical Insight was built to meet this need. The program is built by people with direct experience in the criminal justice system; it blends personal and professional development to foster a supportive reentry. Through Critical Insight, participants improve their ability to identify and apply for employment opportunities, while growing their capacity for empathy, reflection, resilience, and ability to make decisions. With the expansion of restorative justice workshops, participants have an opportunity to learn, make amends, and build community. These goals reflect CFCI best practices in reducing recidivism and economic inequities, recognizing that personal resilience, sense of community, and economic security lead to stronger life outcomes for people directly impacted by the criminal justice system. Pathway to Kinship's evaluation data affirms our approach; participants show higher rates of parole hearings alongside reported increases in personal and professional skills. That includes participants like Salim who writes, "After 20 years in prison, Pathway To Kinship has provided exactly what the name promises. A path of	Staff budget = $200,000 PositionFTEAnnual Salary# of StaffTotalJustification Program Director1.0$65,000$65,000Oversees operations, supervises staff, manages partnerships, compliance, and reporting. Case Managers1.0$42,500$85,000Provide wraparound case management, reentry navigation, housing support, and referrals. Peer Support Specialist1.0$28,000$28,000Delivers lived-experience mentorship, peer advocacy, and emotional support. Administrative Assistant0.5$16,000$8,000Supports intake, scheduling, data entry, and daily operations. Fringe Benefits & Payroll Taxes (approx. 7%)≈$14,000Includes taxes, workers comp, and limited benefits. TOTAL STAFF BUDGET$200,000 Program Supplies = $20,000 Funds in this category will be used to support participant materials and logistical needs for service delivery: Financial literacy curriculum workbooks and journals Transportation vouchers for participants attending court, appointments, or job interviews Basic hygiene kits and clothing for participants transitioning from incarceration Printing and copying of program materials Office supplies (pens, folders, paper, etc.) Participation incentives for milestone completion (e.g., gift cards or small stipends) Facilities/Space Use = $0 - Critical Insight takes place on site at each prison, with donated space for each yard. Consultants or Partners: $0 Indirect/Admin Costs: 5% or $10,000 towards administrative support, including program evaluations, program tracking/assessment, auditing, and insurance Total = $230,000	J.E.W.E.L.S. is built upon the principle of investing in communities most impacted by incarceration and structural inequality. By providing trauma-informed, culturally responsive reentry support, the program directly reduces the likelihood of recidivism and fosters community resilience. It empowers women to break cycles of incarceration through education, employment, and healing. Our wraparound services are designed to dismantle barriers to housing, economic stability, and mental health access. The program centers the voices of justice-impacted women, many of whom are Black and Brown, and amplifies their leadership and self-sufficiency, aligning with CFCI's commitment to community-led transformation.
Removing the Struggle		Reliable Connections		SPA 1;SPA 2;SPA 3;SPA 4;SPA 5;SPA 6;SPA 7;SPA 8; SD1;SD2;SD3;SD4 ;SD5;	Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;Strategy 2: Economic Opportunity & Sustainability;Strategy 3: Education Access & Youth Development;Strategy 4: Housing Stability;Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration;	Reliable Connections is an organization leveraging lived experience to transform the lives of youth impacted by the juvenile justice system. We are founded and led by a team of professionals in the Los Angeles County youth reentry field who also have first-hand experience of incarceration as youth. We started Reliable Connections in response to a serious gap in youth services due to the realignment of California's Reliable Connections provides lessons-learned placement for justice-involved youth ages 18–25. Our program operates on a two-tier system leading to independent living within 24 months. It emphasizes structure, accountability, healing, and sustainable independence. During the first nine months after their release from Los Angeles County's Secure Youth Treatment Facility or other secure settings, youth will live in our transitional housing site, a safe and structured environment. We will provide case management, substance abuse counseling, individual therapy, anger management and empathy building counseling, financial literacy classes, and credit development. We will help youth secure "right to work" documents like IDs, sign up for eligible public benefits, and get connected to a primary care provider. Daily meals and transportation will also be provided. We will ensure that every youth enrolls in a paid career training program with our vocational training partners in barbering, car mechanics, construction, and office administration. Once youth have stabilized, the next tier of their reintegration begins. Youth will move into our independent living location, where they have their own space and heightened responsibilities. This is what makes our program stand out. Finally, when youth are fully independent, we will support them in securing a housing option of their choice and provide rental assistance for the first few months to ensure they are on the right track to long-term success.	This program aims to serve justice system-impacted transitional age youth who are "stepping down" from Los Angeles County's Secure Youth Treatment Facility or other secure settings. African American and Latino youth are overrepresented among this population, making up 94% of the juvenile hall population in Los Angeles. Latino youth account for 57% of the incarcerated youth population in LA, while Black youth comprise 37%. The low-income and disinvested communities of South Los Angeles, Southeast Los Angeles County, and the Antelope Valley are the top three communities where incarcerated youth lived prior to their incarceration, although we serve youth from throughout the county. To be eligible to participate in our program, youth must be ages 18 to 20, be on active probation in Los Angeles County, and be referred by Los Angeles County Juvenile Courts or Probation Department.	Healing and wellbeing;Stable or supportive housing;Job training or employment outcomes;Improved educational access or attainment;Decreased justice system involvement;Increased access to mental or physical health care;Youth development or civic engagement;	Increased access to mental or physical health care; Decreased justice system involvement;Improved educational access or attainment;Job training or employment outcomes;Stable or supportive housing;Youth development or civic engagement;Healing and wellbeing; participant surveys, interviews, and focus groups	Ready to implement immediately	By a community-based organization		$ 250,000.00	Personnel/Staff – $0 Program Supplies – $0 Facilities or Space Use – $56,000 Consultants or Partners – $0 Outreach/Communications – $0 Indirect/Admin Costs (15%) – $37,500 Other: Van – $46,500 Furniture – $15,000 Security system (cameras) – $5,000 Rental assistance for participants ($3,600 per participant for 25 participants) – $90,000 TOTAL: $250,000	By piloting this unique model of less restrictive placements, Reliable Connections is contributing to the creation of a new kind of justice system, one that prioritizes giving justice-involved youth the help they need to rebuild their lives and stay out of incarceration. Our program addresses the disproportionate impact of racial injustice by delivering a strong alternative to incarceration to youth in the communities most impacted by mass incarceration. This program will allow more youth to serve their sentences in the community, rather than in more restrictive carceral settings that are no place for proper youth development to occur. This directly supports the Los Angeles "Care First, Jails Last" model by choosing trauma-informed care over non-rehabilitative punishment. By providing a graduated approach to reintegration, our program honors the individuality and agency of all youth while breaking the systemic barriers to employment, housing, and mental health care that justice-involved youth face.
Arts Heals: Homeboy Healing Through the Arts and Creative Economy || Homeboy Industries	Homeboy Art Academy Capacity Building	Year 1/Fiscal Year 2021-22	SPA 3;SPA 4;SPA 6;SPA 7;SPA 5; SD1;SD2;SD4;	Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;Strategy 2: Economic Opportunity & Sustainability;Strategy 3: Education Access & Youth Development;Strategy 4: Housing Stability;Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration;	Homeboy Art Academy is a trauma-informed arts center that provides culturally competent and asset-based arts education and community convening's, serving hundreds of system-impacted youth and adults each year. Homeboy Art Academy programming is based on healing through the arts and is implemented though a variety of art forms including technical workshops, healing circles, community connectedness activities, teaching of history and culture. Workshop participants will: (1) Explore personal expression through artwork and live technical art competencies; (2) Conceptualize and create work from idea to physical form, with an emphasis on entrepreneurship and public speaking about their art; (3) Develop and demonstrate self-direction and discipline, as well as developing mutual respect for others via a process of sharing and positive feedback; (4) Develop an integrated perspective on the arts in conjunction to contemporary community needs and issues that affect their lives. Homeboy Art Academy seeks to reduce participant's attachment to gang identity and involvement in violence using Family Systems Theory and Trauma Informed practices to ensure the development of skills for successful and sustained community reintegration measured by the following outcomes: 1.Increase Prosocial Connections Among Gang Impacted Participants (a)Connect clients to prosocial activities (b)Encourage positive and beneficial relationships with family 2. Mentorship (a)Refer and/or provide services (b)Connect to positive social networks 3. Introduce the Arts as a Tool for Healing (a) Introduce Participants to Homeboy Industries' Arts Programs (b) Introduce Participants to Homeboy Art Academy (a) Provide culturally relevant and multi-generational connectedness (b) Provide mental health services and support	Target population: Formerly incarcerated individuals, especially those impacted by long-term incarceration, homelessness, and behavioral health challenges. Eligibility: Individuals aged 18 and over, with a history of incarceration (particularly those recently released within 3 years), currently residing in L.A. County, and seeking workforce development and mental health support. As a trusted messenger in the community, we have built a strong following of youth seeking a safe space where healing can occur. Homeboy Art Academy will engage systems impacted transitional-aged-youth (14-25) in a restorative arts-based model that seeks to address the complex traumas experienced by individuals of gang impacted communities. Our enrollment council will very eligibility to ensure clients are systems impacted. Homeboy Industries services are accessible to all individuals seeking services in Los Angeles County. Our clients are 76% Latino, 18% African-American, 2% White, 2% Native American or Pacific Islander, and 2% other ethnicities; 72% are men and 28% are women. 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Ready to implement immediately	By a community-based organization		$ 1,200,000.00	Personnel/Staff: $500,000 Program Supplies: $150,000 Facilities or Space Use: $120,000 Consultants or Partners: $200,000 Outreach/Communications: $60,000 Indirect/Admin Costs (15% max): $180,000 Other: $0	The CCFS Reentry Program addresses the root causes of incarceration by equipping individuals with career pathways, mental health care, and community-based healing support. By investing in people most harmed by incarceration, Black and Brown communities, the program reduces recidivism, strengthens economic mobility, and shifts public safety investments away from punitive systems and into community wellbeing. It dismantles systemic barriers by offering direct access to public services and culturally responsive healing that have historically excluded people with records. This is a model of equity, empowerment, and care-first transformation.
Pathway to Kinship: Reentry Coach Certification || Pathway to Kinship	Reentry Coach Certification Training	Did not receive CFCI funding	SPA 8;SPA 7;SPA 6;SPA 5;SPA 4;SPA 3;SPA 2;SPA 1; SD1;SD2;SD3;SD4 ;SD5;	Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration;Strategy 2: Economic Opportunity & Sustainability;	Pathway to Kinship's Reentry Coach Certification is a 21 session coaching and job placement program offered after participants finish our Critical Insight programming. Pathway to Kinship offers job skills and reentry support programming through Critical Insight at select prisons for currently incarcerated community members; our Reentry Coach Certification builds on this work to train participants to lead future Critical Insight and reentry training cohorts. Pathway to Kinship's Reentry Coach Certification program was designed over FY23 in partnership with Project Remount and California State University. During the design phase, Pathway to Kinship program leads met weekly with psychologist John Brown and 10 currently and formerly incarcerated community leaders, including women currently serving time and four people serving life without parole. Their input and expertise lead to the pilot of our 21 session Reentry Certification Coach training in 2023/2024, currently running in five (5) California prisons. In 2025, we have the opportunity to expand Reentry Certification Coach trainings, reaching a growing waitlist of currently incarcerated community members and formerly incarcerated individuals. Each learner in the Professional Reentry Coach Certification completes the following scope of work: - Curriculum of two-hundred evidence-based Cognitive Behavioral Life Skills and Anti-Recidivism Workshop series. - Curriculum of two-hundred evidence-based Substance research guides and/or readings to guide learning and provide peers with a relevant and meaningful professional library. - Critical Insights Journal. Based on the 8 Critical Insights of Pathway to Kinship's restorative justice model of personal growth, the Critical Insights journal are the learner's written responses to open-ended prompts that reflect the individual's personal journey and growth. - Learning Journal. For each lesson, there are a series of open-ended questions based on Bloom's Taxonomy of Learning (Knowledge, Application, Analysis, Synthesis and Creativity). By responding to these questions in a journal format, the learner creates responses that can be shared with peers and discussed in cohort meetings. - Professional Portfolio. For each lesson, the learner is prompted to add a document, tool or other resource relevant to that lesson, and to save these in a portfolio. By doing so, the learner will build or strengthen their portfolio of resources and tools in the exercise of their professional practice and which they can share with others. Upon successful completion of the 21 lesson comprehensive course material, the learner will be awarded a Reentry Coach Certificate of Completion. A select number of newly certified Reentry Coaches will be invited to participate in Pathway to Kinship's Reentry Coach Certification Cohort.	Pathway to Kinship's Reentry Coach Certification program is designed for currently and formerly incarcerated Californians. Enrollment and Screening: Enrollment in Reentry Coach Certification is open to all graduates of Pathway to Kinship's Critical Insight programming, as it provides a base of personal and professional job skills that are built upon for direct job placement as the Coaching program. Participants self-select for inclusion in the program and join a waitlist based on availability. Lancaster, California State Prison, Los Angeles County (LAC), California State Prison, Corcoran (CSP-COR), Ironwood State Prison (ISP), Chuckawalla Valley State Prison (CVSP), and Pleasant Valley State Prison (PVSP) have run the Reentry Coach Certification program, with interest in all the prisons Pathway to Kinship currently operates in. For eligibility, we ask that participants commit to full program participation. Through our Reentry Coach Certification program we've been able to skill up program participants to lead Critical Insight trainings within yards for currently incarcerated community members and in LA for formerly incarcerated community members. These leaders lend their expertise to the training, and they actively build curriculum with Pathway to Kinship, ensuring that our training materials are relevant and up to date.	Job training or employment outcomes;	Our Reentry Coach Certification offers concrete, certified skills that provide direct pathways to employment for currently and formerly incarcerated Californians. Through peer-to-peer learning, Pathway to Kinship's trainings resonate with our community, blending lived experience, research and psychology, and anti-recidivism curriculum to create a transformative learning experience. Through this program will include job placement for over 85% of our cohorts upon reentry, creating direct, paid pathways to employment and financial stability. We're also seeking to expand our program to 50 participants each year, measured via attendance logs tracked on the Pathway to Kinship app), completion rate (with a goal of >90%), alongside a growth in self-reported leadership skills and confidence in delivering training sessions (>90% reported growth in post-session surveys and through qualitative interviews post cohort). With economic stability, formerly incarcerated community members have a significantly lower chance of recidivism, and are equipped to reenter with stronger access to housing, healthcare, and community. With our support, we can expand Pathway to Kinship's Reentry Coach Certification, providing job training and placement to equitably move leaders from early reentry to meaningful work.	Ready to implement immediately	By a community-based organization		$ 75,000.00	Staffing: $65,325 towards staffing, including 2 trainers ($60k annually at 30% of time dedicated towards the program), lead training from our Executive Director (5% of time annually) Program Supplies: $425, $8,500 per participant (packets and certification) for 50 participants Facilities: $0, space donated by each Institution Consultants or Partners: $0 Outreach/Communications: $0 Supportive Services: $25,000.00 Client Retreats:: $10,000.00 Other :(Youth Stipends)$500,000.00 Indirect Costs (15%)$97,826.10 - Total$750,000.00	In partnership with the CFCI, Pathway to Kinship is working to address barriers to equal opportunity. Formerly incarcerated community members face significant barriers to economic equity and stability during reentry; through vocational training and direct job placement, we set them up for success with a team behind them. With Pathway to Kinship's Reentry Coach Certification program, we're providing effective Reentry Education and Career Development Training that fills a critical gap in the field. Our curriculum is built by people with direct experience in the criminal justice system; and rooted in community-based organizations to foster a supportive reentry. In addition, our Reentry Coach Certification is the first of its kind in creating direct pathways to employment for currently and formerly incarcerated Californians. Through peer-to-peer learning, Pathway to Kinship's trainings resonate with our community, blending lived experience, research and psychology, and anti-recidivism curriculum to create a transformative learning experience. Through this program will include job placement for over 85% of our cohorts upon reentry, creating direct, paid pathways to employment and financial stability. 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The Path Forward || Made New Foundation	Reimagining Reality	Did not receive CFCI funding	SPA 1;SPA 2;SPA 3;SPA 4;SPA 5;SPA 6;SPA 7;SPA 8; SD1;SD2;SD3;SD4 ;SD5;	Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration;	The Path Forward is a scalable, CBT-based life skills simulator designed to support returning citizens. – a creative and empowering platform for mastering life skills through experiential learning that eliminates people who are bored with learning. Combining an analog board game with immersive VR, it allows participants to mentally rehearse real-world reentry scenarios using emotional learning and real-time decision-making. The goal is to reduce recidivism by providing a safe space to learn with lived experience. It offers a powerful, peer-driven approach to rehabilitation. The experience blends immersive 4K 360-degree video with structured board gameplay, simulating challenges like: - Handling disrespect in the workplace - Facing temptation from old acquaintances - Navigating parole constraints - Reconnecting with estranged family - Coping with grief, rejection, and sudden change Participants reflect on their reactions in real time, then integrate their insights into subsequent board game decisions, reinforcing behavioral growth and pro-social responses. How it works: Key CBT elements woven into gameplay include: - Reframing cognitive distortions - Strengthening decision-making under pressure - Emotional regulation via journaling and discussion - Modeling accountability through reflection The VR scenarios are rooted in challenges faced by justice-impacted individuals and categorized by: - Emotional triggers (e.g., anger, fear, guilt) - CBT principles (e.g., reframing, impulse control) - Social context (e.g., family, employment, community) The game provides participants with a safe, structured space to:	As a trusted messenger in the community, we have built a strong following of youth seeking a safe space where healing can occur. Homeboy Art Academy will engage systems impacted transitional-aged-youth (14-25) in a restorative arts-based model that seeks to address the complex traumas experienced by individuals of gang impacted communities. Our enrollment council will very eligibility to ensure clients are systems impacted. 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Decreased justice system involvement;Healing and wellbeing;Improved educational access or attainment;Increased access to mental or physical health care;	Outcomes will be tracked using a mixed-methods approach: Quantitative: Pre- and post-assessments on emotional regulation, confidence in decision-making, and risk awareness Qualitative: Participant journaling, facilitator debriefs, and focus groups Longitudinal: Six- and twelve-month follow-ups via partner sites Evaluation partners may include reentry coalitions, university programs, and trauma recovery nonprofits. All findings will be compiled into a data report available to funders and collaborators.	Ready to implement immediately	By a community-based organization		$ 485,000.00	The Path Forward is requesting $485,000 to expand its immersive life skills simulation, with a budget strategically distributed across key implementation categories. Approximately 22% ($106,700) will support personnel and staff, including facilitator training, behavioral therapist and site implementation, and program delivery. Program supplies—covering board game units, VR headset sets, curriculum materials, and participant kits—will account for another 22% ($106,700), ensuring that each site has the tools needed for consistent, engaging sessions. To extend reach into underserved rural communities, 8% ($36,800) is allocated to the VR therapy trailer. Consultants and partners, including content creators, evaluators, and contributors with lived experience, will receive 18% ($87,300), reflecting the program's commitment to authenticity and collaborative impact. Lastly, 13% ($63,050) will support indirect and administrative costs, providing vital infrastructure for oversight, compliance, and strategic growth. This budget supports the program's goal to deliver trauma-informed, experiential learning that empowers justice-impacted individuals on their path to reentry.	The Path Forward directly aligns with the core goals of CFCI by empowering communities impacted by incarceration and dismantling systemic barriers to successful reentry. Designed and led by a justice-impacted team, the program centers lived experience in every stage of its development—from content creation to facilitation—ensuring authenticity and cultural relevance. Its immersive VR and board game approach fosters emotional resilience, behavioral regulation, and decision-making skills, equipping participants to navigate the complexities of reentry with confidence. Through Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) practices integrated into gameplay and real-time scenario debriefs, the Path Forward helps participants reframe negative thought patterns and develop practical tools for reducing recidivism and enhancing self-efficacy. By including rural access via a mobile therapy trailer and committing homeboria to community storytellers, the program champions equity in access and community-led healing. Training justice-impacted facilitators and employing a peer-driven model further supports workforce development and reentry employment pipelines. The Path Forward supports CFCI's vision by transforming punitive systems into restorative opportunities—reinforcing dignity, accountability, and growth. Its holistic design not only meets participants where they are but elevates their voices, preparing individuals to reengage with families, communities, and institutions in empowered, future-oriented ways.

2025 CFCI FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS

Proposed Project Name || Organization or County Dept	If your program is not new and is an expansion of an existing project, what is its name?	If your program is an expansion and previously received CFCI funding, please indicate under which Spending Plan Year/Fiscal Year.	Service Planning Areas (SPA) and Supervisorial Districts (SD) Served	CFCI Strategies	Description of Project	Target population and eligibility requirements	Anticipated Outcomes of Project	Outcomes and Measures	Implementation Period for Project	Administration of Project	If applicable, by which County Dept?	If the program does not have existing infrastructure, please describe what would be needed to launch the program/project.	What is the total requested annual amount of funding for this program/project?	based on the amount entered above, enter a basic breakdown of each of the following in dollar amounts (round numbers are acceptable): Personnel/Staff Program Supplies Facilities or Space Use Consultant	How does this program/project support the goals of CFCI? Think about who benefits, what systemic barriers are being addressed, and how communities most impacted by incarceration are empowered.
Made New Foundation Academy || Made New Foundation	Made New Foundation Academy	Did not receive CFCI funding	SPA 6; SD2;	Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration;Strategy 2: Economic Opportunity & Sustainability;	This workforce development initiative provides hands-on job training for justice-impacted individuals in Los Angeles, equipping them with marketable skills in construction, screen printing, media production, customer service, and technical support. Participants gain direct experience through furniture repair, painting, basic handyman work, cleaning, organizing, and audio-visual setup—tasks that mirror real-world employment needs while promoting confidence, responsibility, and community contribution. To deepen professional readiness, the program offers structured workshops led by trained industry professionals. These workshops create pathways to certification, resume-building experience, and mentorship in high-demand fields. Participants leave with not only technical proficiency but also the confidence to pursue sustainable careers. The program will operate out of a fully accessible, 20,000-square-foot building in Los Angeles, offering ample space for hands-on training, creative production, and collaborative learning. This dedicated site serves as a community anchor, hosting classrooms, workshop zones, and production labs—ensuring participants have the tools and environment needed to thrive.	The program is designed to serve individuals from reentry and justice-impacted communities, with a strong emphasis on youth and adults navigating the challenges of reintegration after incarceration. This includes people on probation or parole, participants in diversion programs, and those affected by systemic barriers such as poverty, racial injustice, or lack of access to education and mental health support. Eligibility requirements are intentionally low-barrier to promote inclusion and accessibility. Participants typically: •Have past or current justice system involvement •Are reentering society following incarceration or are at risk of justice involvement •Show interest in developing emotional regulation, decision-making, or workforce skills •Do not require prior experience in tech or trades—all training is provided	Decreased justice system involvement,Job training or employment outcomes;Healing and wellbeing;Improved educational access or attainment;	Participants will complete pre- and post-program surveys to assess growth in areas such as employment readiness, emotional regulation, decision-making, and confidence. Attendance logs will track engagement, consistency, and program completion across cohorts. Structured facilitator assessments and evaluation checklists will gauge skill mastery in each training area—from construction and screen printing to media and tech support. To capture deeper insights, the program will utilize focus groups and participant interviews, allowing individuals to share how the experience has impacted their career aspirations, sense of agency, and community connection. Workshop reflections and resume drafts will be reviewed to demonstrate progress toward job placement and professional confidence. For participants engaged in creative media or VR production, their content will be evaluated for technical proficiency and narrative development.	Needs minor setup (within 3 months)	(By a community-based organization			$ 600,000.00	The Reimagining Reality program is requesting $600,000 to deliver comprehensive workforce training and reentry support for justice-impacted individuals in Los Angeles. Approximately $102,000 will support personnel and staff, including facilitators, program coordinators, and workshop leaders. Program supplies receive the largest allocation at $168,000, covering construction tools and building materials, screen printing equipment, media production gear, AV setups, cleaning supplies, and tech-related classroom materials. Facility costs are set at $90,000 to operate and enhance the accessible 20,000-square-foot training building, supporting utilities, upgrades, and workshop installations. Consultants and partners will receive $90,000 for services provided by industry professionals, field-experience contributors, and evaluators. Outreach and communications total $30,000, supporting bilingual recruitment efforts, community engagement, and stipends that encourage participation. Indirect and administrative costs are capped at $90,000 (15%), ensuring strong fiscal management. This approach reflects CFCI's commitment to shifting resources away from punishment and toward community-driven solutions. By investing in people instead of punishment, the program helps participants build meaningful resumes, harness peer connections, and contribute to their communities through creative, service-oriented work. In doing so, the program advances CFCI's goals of equity, justice, and systemic transformation led by those most impacted	The program strongly supports the goals of the Care First Community Investment (CFCI) initiative by uplifting justice-impacted individuals and communities through trauma-informed skill-building, workforce development, and opportunities for healing and empowerment. It centers those most affected by incarceration—youth and adults navigating reentry—by providing direct access to professional training in fields like construction, screen printing, customer service, and creative media. These practical experiences help dismantle barriers to employment, such as lack of job history, limited access to skill-based training, and societal stigma attached to justice system involvement. By operating out of an accessible 20,000-square-foot facility in Los Angeles and offering culturally responsive programming, the initiative fosters community reintegration and restores pathways to economic stability. It also includes student stipends and mentorship by trained professionals, ensuring participants not only gain technical proficiency but also build confidence, self-efficacy, and resilience. This approach reflects CFCI's commitment to shifting resources away from punishment and toward community-driven solutions. By investing in people instead of punishment, the program helps participants build meaningful resumes, harness peer connections, and contribute to their communities through creative, service-oriented work. 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Navigating Life - After Life Initiative's Reentry Support Program || After Life Initiative (ALI)	Navigating Life	Year 2/Fiscal Year 2022-23	SPA 1,SPA 2,SPA 3,SPA 5,SPA 6,SPA 7,SPA 8,SPA 4; SD1;SD2;SD3;SD4	Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;Strategy 2: Economic Opportunity & Sustainability;Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration;	ALI's Navigating Life is a trauma-informed reentry support program to help formerly incarcerated individuals—particularly those returning after long-term sentences—successfully reintegrate into Los Angeles County communities. The program addresses participants' basic needs and fosters the mindset shift from the survival mindset shaped by incarceration to a growth mindset grounded in healing, stability, and long-term success. Participants engage in bi-monthly peer support and self-help healing circles focused on emotional intelligence, effective communication, anger management, relapse prevention, resistance to negative influences, and compliance with probation or parole requirements. One-on-one mentorship is provided by staff and ATL. The combination of incarceration, offering guidance from people who have navigated similar barriers and succeeded in rebuilding their lives. Monthly wellness outings—such as group hikes, yoga, and meditation—are designed to strengthen both mental and physical well-being and reduce social isolation. Navigating Life also provides emergency financial assistance for participants who are released without basic resources or stable support systems. Funds help cover essential needs like hygiene products, food, and clothing during the vulnerable early stages of reentry. All services are delivered with cultural humility, dignity, and a deep understanding of the unique challenges faced by justice-impacted individuals. By addressing the psychological, emotional, and structural barriers to successful reentry, Navigating Life builds a bridge between incarceration and opportunity. This program is not just about services—it's about belonging, accountability, and transformation. Our peer-led model has proven more effective than traditional systems in reaching and sustaining engagement with marginalized and hard-to-reach communities.	Navigating Life serves formerly incarcerated individuals residing in Los Angeles County, with a focus on those returning from long-term incarceration of 10 years or more. The program prioritizes support for Black and Brown individuals, low-income communities, LGBTQ+ people, and others historically underserved by traditional reentry systems. Eligibility is intentionally low-barrier: participants must be 18 or older, have a history of incarceration in a California correctional facility, and currently reside in LA County. No documentation or income requirements apply. Participants must demonstrate a willingness to engage in peer support circles, mentorship, wellness activities, and other services offered. Our participants are reached through correctional facilities—where we currently operate in-prison programming at North Kern Valley State Prison, San Quentin, and the Central California Women's Facility (CCWF) for individuals nearing release—as well as through community organizations, reentry programs, referrals from probation and parole officers, word of mouth from current and former participants, and partner service providers across Los Angeles County.	Increased access to mental or physical health care;Healing and wellbeing;Decreased justice system involvement;Stable or supportive housing;	We use a comprehensive approach to measure outcomes. At intake and exit, participants complete self-assessments capturing mental and physical health access, emotional wellbeing, and system involvement. We maintain attendance logs for all peer support circles, wellness activities, and mentorship sessions. Staff document referrals and linkages to health providers, therapy, housing, and legal support through case notes and milestone tracking. Participant surveys and one-on-one check-ins assess perceived healing, reentry success, and behavioral change over time. Where applicable, we track recidivism-related outcomes through self-reporting and feedback from probation or parole partners. All data is reviewed regularly to adapt programming and ensure responsiveness to participant needs. Over the course of one year in 2027, we aim to serve approximately 40 participants and achieve the following measurable outcomes: - 70% of participants report improved emotional intelligence and anger management skills - 75% report improved mental health outcomes, including reduced stress and anxiety	Ready to implement immediately	(By a community-based organization			$ 100,000.00	Personnel/Staff- $42,789 (Peer facilitators, part-time coordinator, reentry support staff to extend services through 2027) Program Supplies- $8,000 (Wellness materials, hygiene kits, printed resources, healing circle supplies) Facilities or Space Use- $5,000 (Rental of community space for in-person healing circles and events) Consultants or Partners- $7,000 (Trauma-informed healing circle facilitators, external workshop trainers) Outreach/Communications- $5,000 (Participant recruitment, flyers, digital outreach, referral coordination) Indirect/Admin Costs (10%)- $10,000 (Fiscal oversight, insurance, grant reporting, administrative support) Other- $23,000 (Emergency participant support, transportation, clothing, food, technology assistance, and stipends for those without income upon release)	Navigating Life, funded under CFCI Program Area 1 through November 2026, is a trauma-informed reentry support program built and led by people who have lived through incarceration themselves. Developed by two siblings who together served 27 years in prison, the program reflects a credible messenger model that has consistently demonstrated its power to reach individuals often excluded from traditional systems of care. Our facilitators—who are all formerly incarcerated—offer culturally responsive healing circles, mentorship, and wellness activities that address the real challenges participants face as they return to a rapidly changed society. The program serves individuals most impacted by incarceration, with a focus on Black and Brown community members, people returning from long-term prison sentences, and those reentering Los Angeles County without stable housing, family support, or access to healthcare. By creating a space rooted in shared experience and trauma, disconnection, and parole supervision, Navigating Life provides not only practical guidance but a community of care rooted in dignity, accountability, and transformation. This one-time funding request directly supports the goals of CFCI by sustaining a program that divests from punitive responses and invests in community-based healing and restoration. It will allow After Life Initiative to extend services into 2027, filling a critical gap for individuals released late in the current grant cycle. This bridge funding will ensure continued access to peer mentorship, healing support, and basic needs assistance during a pivotal moment in participants' reentry journeys. It will also support staffing retention and uninterrupted operations as we pursue long-term sustainability. At its core, this request is about keeping
Gogo Ready 2 Work LA || Growing Outreach Growing Opportunities	Gogo Ready 2 Work	Did not receive CFCI funding	SPA 6; SD2;	Strategy 2: Economic Opportunity & Sustainability;Strategy 4: Housing Stability;Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration;Strategy 3: Education Access & Youth Development;	Life skills, case management, housing, job readiness, family reunification. A holistic approach to re entry, prevention and intervention services. Addresses the gap in connecting resources and providing wraparound services to bridge clients into healthy and self sufficient lives.	Those exiting prison/ jail. Those on probation or parole, at risk youth, justice involved youth, homeless and housing insecure. Must have exited prison or experienced setbacks from the justice system.	Increased access to mental or physical health care;Decreased justice system involvement;Improved educational access or attainment;Job training or employment outcomes;Healing and wellbeing;Youth development or civic engagement;Healing and wellbeing;Family reunification ;	All clients are tracked for comprehension, goals and expectations in the beginning and end through surveys. Attendance logs are tracked through individual service plans to track progress or gauge for edits or additional support. Exit interviews for additional feedback. Data collection on unduplicated housed, employed, school enrollment measure our deliverable goals and outcomes.	Needs minor setup (within 3 months)	(By a community-based organization			$ 500,000.00	Personnel/Staff- $225,000 Program Supplies $48,000 Facilities or Space Use $150,000 Consultants or Partners $ 50,000 Outreach/Communications 10,000 Indirect/Admin Costs (15% max of total requested $17,000	We house theirs who don't qualify for traditional housing support because of their record, removing the barrier to stability and elevation of homelessness. We provide and connect with them to friendly careers removing access to livable wage employment. Communities are empowered to learn life skills and gain employment that are positive alternatives to selling drugs, prostitution, violent crimes and robberies. Creating safer and healthier communities.
The Threshold Project || Dream Live Hope Foundation	Previously unnamed but existing as DLH Housing Program	Year 3/Fiscal Year 2023-24	SPA 6; SD2;	Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration;	The Threshold Project, led by the Dream Live Hope (DLH) Foundation, addresses a critical gap in the reentry process by providing transitional-to-permanent housing and integrated support services for formerly incarcerated individuals. This project is the third part of a five-year continuum called Pre-Entry, Re-Entry, and Thrive Reentry. This combination of supports participants transition from incarceration into transitional housing, and finally into stable, independent living. It essentially reduces barriers that contribute to recidivism. This is a 6-month program that is an extension of the services we already provide. Our program is designed to engage participants before they are released (Pre-entry). This aspect does not exist in any other program in the foundation. (PREP, and Creative Acts). Their job is to go inside the prisons and juvenile halls and engage participants in the beginning stages of the self-awareness process. Once paroled, participants are enrolled in DLH's transitional housing program. This is where the Threshold Project will begin. Participants will be enrolled into a focused, life skills training program in which DLH will teach a series of courses (emotional intelligence, conflict, resolution, financial literacy, and employment readiness). While in the program participants will receive five housing, five meals, a laptop, and a $100(a month stipend (half of which will be put into savings). At the end of the program the $3000 that was banked will be supplemented with a $2000 graduation stipend totaling $5000 that will assist each participant in their transition into permanent housing.	This project targets the reentry population ages 18 and up.	Increased access to mental or physical health care;Decreased justice system involvement;Job training or employment outcomes;Healing and wellbeing;	Participants are assessed upon entry into the program. At this point, their goals are established. Participants are then signed up for life skills classes and employment assistance. Their short-term and long-term goals are monitored bi-weekly and bi-monthly. All classes are pre and post tested to track outcomes and efficacy. Participants receive copies of the imagining what is means to live in a trauma-informed perspective. Our base life skills classes address this on several different levels and our supporting partners also address trauma-informed care. We have a 90% attendance rate to graduate. More importantly, recidivism, job placement, and permanent housing placement will become a part of how we measure our outcomes for this phase of the project.	Ready to implement immediately	(By a community-based organization			$ 550,000.00	Personnel/Staff - $0 Program Supplies - $15,000 Facility or Space Use - $120,000 Consultants or Partners - $6,000 Outreach/Communications - $4,000 Indirect/ Admin Cost - $56,000 Other (Client Stipends, Client Laptop) - $350,000	This project goes to the heart of Measure J and the 'Care First, Jails Last philosophy'? The most important, stabilizing factor for returning citizens is secure housing and adequate, but relevant, support systems. Our Threshold Project takes it even further because what we have found that reduction is a low bar for measuring success. Many returning citizens are at risk of returning to prison, but they're living an unhoused existence. Working too hard without self-care, not addressing issues of PTSD, remaining in toxic relationships, and not understanding the importance of the imagining what is means to live in a trauma-minded perspective. Our base life skills classes address this on several different levels and our supporting partners also address trauma-informed care. We have a 90% attendance rate to graduate. More importantly, Dream Live Hope Foundation is grounded in the reality of doing no harm by giving our participants the ability to think for themselves, question themselves, and financially fend for themselves in a new world that they are rediscovering.
Koinonia Parks Community || Koinonia Parks Corporation			SPA 8,SPA 7,SPA 6,SPA 5,SPA 1,SPA 4,SPA 3,SPA 2; SD1;SD2;SD3;SD4;SD5;	Strategy 2: Economic Opportunity & Sustainability;Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration;Strategy 4: Housing Stability;	Our community agriculture and animal therapy project aim to foster health, well-being and economic development for the reentry population. The integration of sustainable farming practices with animal-assisted interventions, is a shifting paradigm in how we deliver services to formerly incarcerated individuals. The project will offer Transitional services in a therapeutic farm setting where individuals can engage in healing activities and develop practical skills. A pragmatic and unique therapeutic approach, our project unites participants with land and animals. It is a natural approach to improve emotional intelligence, diffuse general mental and health issues, social anxiety and other social ills, that limits full rehabilitation back into society. A UCLA Study cited "the simple act of petting animals releases an automatic relaxation response, provides comfort, lowers blood pressure and improves cardiovascular health". Participants engage in various farming activities like crop cultivation, animal care and general farm duties. Additionally, the project promotes community well-being, education and economic development by creating an entrepreneurial incubator. Participants will have opportunities to develop products and services designed to benefit local communities. Our model is an innovative approach to help reduce food insecurity, promote agriculture and create transformative lifestyles for previously incarcerated individuals.	Justice-Involved Individuals MALE, 18-55	Increased access to mental or physical health care;Decreased justice system involvement;Job training or employment outcomes;Healing and wellbeing;Stable or supportive housing;Youth development or civic engagement;Improved educational access or attainment;	Case Management - Surveys, Longitudinal Study, Education Records, Attendance Logs, Action Plans	Needs minor setup (within 3 months)	(By a community-based organization			$ 1,260,000.00	Staff: $240,000 Supplies: $350,000 Facilities: $250,000 Partners: $150,000 Communications: $85,000 Admin Cost: $180,000	Our project is a direct investment in the reentry population and the community as a whole, which align with CFCI goals and objectives. By focusing on the Human capital and lack of economic development for the marginalization of justice-involved individuals, we improve the socioeconomic status of all who are affected by the prison industrial complex. Self-determination by way of dignity restoration are some of the ways we will combat limited education, poor health, unemployment, etc.
Choices That Count || LIFE 2.0 Inc			SPA 2,SPA 3,SPA 8,SPA 6; SD1;SD2;SD3;SD4;SD5;	Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;Strategy 3: Education Access & Youth Development;Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration;	Choices That Count is a 12-week trauma-informed, decision-making, and life skills program designed to support adults in Los Angeles County who are justice-involved, in recovery, or overcoming cycles of poverty and trauma. Through structured group sessions, reflective activities, and peer accountability, the program helps participants identify harmful patterns, develop emotional regulation skills, and learn to make values-based choices that lead to lasting change. Each weekly module addresses key areas: trauma awareness, specifically the impact of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), emotional triggers, thought patterns, healthy relationships, financial literacy, and purpose-driven goal setting. Facilitated by trained mentors and coaches, the program creates a safe, nonjudgmental space where adults can explore their past, reset their mindset, and begin making intentional decisions for a better future. What needs does it address? Los Angeles County faces high rates of incarceration, homelessness, and substance use, challenges that disproportionately affect marginalized communities. Many adults return home from prison or recovery programs without adequate tools, support systems, or opportunities to thrive. Choices That Count addresses these gaps by providing a practical, accessible pathway to stability and self-empowerment. What will it do? The program's impact extends beyond individual change. By equipping adults with skills to heal, grow, and reintegrate successfully, Choices That Count strengthens families, reduces recidivism, and fosters safer, more resilient communities. Participants not only gain life tools. They rediscover their voice, rebuild their confidence, and become positive contributors to society.	The Choices That Count: Adult Program is designed to serve adults in Los Angeles County. The program specifically targets individuals who: •Are justice-involved or reentering from incarceration •Are in recovery from substance use disorders •Have experienced homelessness, domestic violence, or trauma •Are unemployed or underemployed •Are involved with the child welfare system (e.g., reunifying parents) •Have limited access to supportive services or stable housing Eligibility Requirements: •Must be 18 years or older •Must reside in Los Angeles County •Must demonstrate a willingness to participate in group sessions and personal development activities •Referrals may be accepted from probation, parole, treatment centers, transitional housing, or self-enrollment •There is no requirement for prior educational achievement, employment, or legal status.	Increased access to mental or physical health care;Decreased justice system involvement;Healing and wellbeing;Youth development or civic engagement;	Pre- and post-program assessments, Surveys, Attendance logs, Facilitator Observation Notes, Participant Reflection Journals, End-of-program Interviews, Focus groups, Follow-up/Check-ins (30-, 60-, or 90-day).	Ready to implement immediately	(By a community-based organization			$ 219,000.00	Personnel/Staff (36 months) - $64,950 Program Supplies (36 months) - $38,700 Facilities or Space Use (36 months) - $18,000 Consultants or Partners - (36 months) - $36,900 Outreach/Communications (36 months) - $9,000 Indirect/Admin Costs (15% max of total requested amount) - (36 months) - $30,150 Other -(36 months) - $21,300	The Choices That Count: Adult Program directly supports the goals of the Care First Community Investment (CFCI) by investing in healing, prevention, and personal empowerment for individuals and communities, most impacted by incarceration, poverty, and systemic inequality in Los Angeles County. This program centers the needs of justice-involved adults, those in recovery, and individuals who have faced trauma, homelessness, or unstable housing—many of whom reside in neighborhoods that have experienced decades of disinvestment and over-policing. By providing trauma-informed care, skill-building, and peer-based support, Choices That Count addresses the root causes of system involvement and offers a meaningful alternative to punitive responses. The program thus demonstrates barriers by: •Promoting emotional healing from Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and generational trauma •Building self-sufficiency through peer-based decision-making, goal setting, and financial literacy •Reducing recidivism by equipping participants with practical tools to navigate triggers, relationships, and life challenges •Restoring agency and voice to individuals who have been system-impacted, allowing them to reclaim their future •Reconnecting families and communities through relationship-building, reflection, and community responsibility By investing in people instead of punishment, Choices That Count supports CFCI's vision for a care-first model that replaces incarceration with access to opportunity, healing, and hope. This program helps
[Next Verse || LIFE 2.0 Inc			SPA 2,SPA 3,SPA 8,SPA 6; SD1;SD2;SD3;SD4;SD5;	Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;Strategy 3: Education Access & Youth Development;Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration;	Next Verse is a trauma-informed, music-based healing and reentry program offered through Life 2.0, an initiative dedicated to helping justice-involved youth transform trauma into purpose and prepare for successful reintegration. The program creates a supportive space for youth to explore their experiences, process trauma, and develop confidence through songwriting, recording, and music production. Throughout an 8-week cycle, participants engage in hands-on workshops that combine technical training with emotional reflection. Youth write and record 3 original songs, learn the fundamentals of studio equipment and digital audio workstations (DAWs), and explore topics such as identity, resilience, community, and the impact of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs). The program concludes with a creative showcase and a professional studio session, where participants collaborate with experienced producers to bring their music to life. What needs does it address? Next Verse addresses critical gaps in support for system-impacted youth, including the lack of trauma-informed programming, creative outlets, and structured post-release	Next Verse serves justice-involved youth and young adults, ages 14–24, who have experienced significant trauma, incarceration, and barriers to successful community reintegration. The majority of participants from communities in LA County have been impacted by multiple Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), such as exposure to violence, abuse, neglect, loss of a parent, or substance use within the home. Participants often face compounded challenges, including limited access to mental health resources, under-resourced educational environments, systemic racism, and a lack of positive role models or career pathways. Many struggle with emotional regulation, low self-esteem, and social disconnection—factors that increase their vulnerability to recidivism and long-term system involvement. The program prioritizes youth who are: ■Currently or formerly incarcerated ■Transitioning out of detention or residential placement ■Living in transitional housing or reentry programs ■Experiencing disconnection from school, family, or employment	Increased access to mental or physical health care;Decreased justice system involvement;Healing and wellbeing;	Participant Surveys (Pre/Post Program) Attendance Logs and Session Tracking Facilitator Observations and Reflection Logs Creative Work Samples Interviews and Focus Groups Post-Release Engagement Logs	Ready to implement immediately	(By a community-based organization			$ 184,955.00	Personnel/Staff - (36 months)□ $18,630 Program Supplies - (36 months)□ $59,700 Facilities or Space Use - (36 months)□ $18,000 Consultants or Partners -(36 months)□ $41,400 Outreach/Communications - (36 months)□ $9,000 Indirect/Admin Costs (15% max of total requested amount) (36 months)$24,125 Other - (36 months)□ $14,100	[Next Verse, a Life 2.0 program, directly supports the goals of the Care First Community Investment (CFCI) by offering a healing-centered, community-rooted alternative to punitive systems. It uplifts youth/young adults most impacted by incarceration through creative expression, trauma recovery, and career development, addressing both the root causes and long-term effects of system involvement. Who Benefits: •Justice-involved youth/young adults ages 14–25 who have experienced multiple Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), including family incarceration, violence, and systemic neglect. •Families and communities that have historically been over-policed and under-resourced, particularly Black and Latinx populations in Los Angeles County. •Reentry systems and transitional housing providers that lack culturally relevant, trauma-informed programming. Systemic Barriers Addressed: •Trauma and Lack of Mental Health Support: Next Verse offers youth a safe space to process trauma and build emotional resilience through music and mentorship. •Educational and Career Disconnection: The program launches technical music production skills and introduces creative industry pathways, filling a critical gap in post-release opportunities. •Cycles of Incarceration and Recidivism: Through trust-based relationships, reentry support, and positive identity development, Next Verse helps participants break free from the cycle of incarceration.
Reclaim the Narrative || LIFE 2.0 Inc			SPA 2,SPA 3,SPA 8,SPA 6; SD1;SD2;SD3;SD4;SD5;	Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;Strategy 3: Education Access & Youth Development;Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration;	Reclaim the Narrative is a 12-week creative reentry program under the Life 2.0 umbrella, designed to support formerly incarcerated men and women in Los Angeles County. This trauma-informed, practice-based initiative helps participants heal and rebuild their lives by teaching them how to craft and share their personal stories through writing, audio, and video. Each week combines structured workshops, hands-on creative labs, peer feedback sessions, and mentorship. Participants build practical skills in storytelling, smartphone video production, and podcast-style audio journaling, culminating in a final showcase where they present their work to the community. What needs does it address? Reclaim the Narrative meets a critical need by addressing the emotional and psychological aftermath of incarceration while simultaneously providing marketable skills, digital literacy, and confidence. It creates a safe and supportive environment for participants to process trauma, reclaim their voice, and reenter society with dignity and purpose. The program addresses the deep impact of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) such as abuse, neglect, family incarceration, and community violence by offering a space for reflection, expression, and identity transformation. Participants learn to move from surviving to thriving, reframing their stories in ways that foster resilience and post-traumatic growth. What will it do? The program also connects participants to wraparound services such as case management, mental health support, and job readiness coaching, helping break the cycle of incarceration and generational trauma.	•Formerly incarcerated adults (ages 18+) reentering society in Los Angeles County •Both men and women, inclusive of all gender identities •Individuals in transitional housing, probation, parole, or diversion programs •Those interested in developing creative skills and healing through creative media •Those interested in personal development, storytelling, and exploring creative career paths •Justice-involved individuals with limited access to traditional mental health or educational resources •People impacted by generational incarceration, trauma, or systemic barriers to employment What are the eligibility requirements for participants? To participate in the program, individuals must: •Be at least 18 years old •Be formerly incarcerated or actively involved in the reentry process (probation, parole, transitional housing, or diversion) •Reside in Los Angeles County •Be able to commit to 12 weeks of program participation (in-person or hybrid model) •Have a basic level of literacy and verbal communication (support provided if needed) •Demonstrate a willingness to engage in group learning, storytelling, and personal growth	Increased access to mental or physical health care;Decreased justice system involvement;Job training or employment outcomes;Youth development or civic engagement;Healing and wellbeing;	•Practical skill checklists •Pre- and post-program self-assessment surveys •Journaling reflections •Facilitator observations •Attendance and engagement logs •Weekly peer feedback surveys •Focus group •Mentor/facilitator reflections •Resume/job application completion logs •Tracking of post-program connections •Exit interviews •Follow-up check-ins (3- and 6-month)	Ready to implement immediately	(By a community-based organization			$ 236,198.00	Personnel/Staff - (36 months)□ $42,789 Program Supplies – (36 months)□ $54,000 Facilities or Space Use - (36 months)□ $18,000 Consultants or Partners - (36 months)□ $66,300 Outreach/Communications - (36 months)□ $9,000 Indirect/Admin Costs (15% max of total requested amount)- (36 months)□ $30,809 Other - (36 months)□ $15,300	[Reclaim the Narrative, a Life 2.0 program, directly supports the vision of CFCI by investing in people, not punishment, using storytelling and creative expression to break cycles of incarceration, trauma, and disconnection. It empowers individuals and communities most impacted by the criminal legal system through healing-centered, skill-based programming rooted in dignity, inclusion, and possibility. Who Benefits: •Formerly incarcerated adults in Los Angeles County, particularly from under-resourced Black and Brown communities that are disproportionately harmed by mass incarceration and systemic racism. •Families and neighborhoods that are affected by generational trauma, divorced ties, and lack of economic opportunity. •The broader community benefits from more connected, emotionally healthy, and employable returning citizens. Systemic Barriers Addressed: •Lack of healing spaces for people with high ACEs scores and complex trauma histories •Limited access to meaningful education, creative outlets, and career paths for people with justice involvement •Stigma and isolation that often follow incarceration discourage reintegration and civic participation •Digital and media literacy gaps that hinder access to modern job markets and self-advocacy tools
Rooted & Rising: A Reentry Garden Program || LIFE 2.0 Inc			SPA 2,SPA 3,SPA 8,SPA 6; SD1;SD2;SD3;SD4;SD5;	Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;Strategy 2: Economic Opportunity & Sustainability;Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration;Strategy 3: Education Access & Youth Development;	Rooted & Rising is a Life 2.0 reentry initiative designed for adults ages 18 and up in Los Angeles County who are navigating the transition from incarceration or substance use recovery back into their communities. Centered around the healing and empowering power of gardening, the program integrates therapeutic horticulture, job readiness training, community outreach, and family reunification support. Participants cultivate personal growth alongside vegetables, herbs, and flowers while healing from the impact of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and substance abuse. The garden becomes a place of peace, productivity, and purpose, restoring confidence, stability, and a sense of belonging. What will it do? Throughout the program, participants will: •Learn sustainable gardening and urban farming practices •Receive substance use prevention education and trauma-informed care •Rebuild family relationships through "Family Garden Days." •Engage in restorative justice practices and community volunteer work •Develop job skills leading to employment or micro-enterprise opportunities in agriculture, culinary arts, and landscaping Rooted & Rising aims to reduce recidivism, increase emotional wellness, promote public safety, and foster a deeper connection between participants, their families, and their neighborhoods. What needs does it address? Los Angeles County is home to some of California's highest rates of incarceration, reentry, and community-level trauma. Individuals returning from jail or prison face a complex web of barriers that often include unemployment, housing instability, untreated trauma, substance use, and disconnection from family and community. Without structured, healing-centered support, many fall through the cracks, leading to cycles of recidivism, addiction, and community harm. Among the most critical needs addressed are: Reentry stability, Trauma and ACEs, Substance use and relapse prevention, Family reunification, Economic mobility, and Community disinvestment.	•Adults ages 18 and up •Formerly incarcerated individuals or those in recovery •Must reside in or be transitioning to Los Angeles County •Willingness to engage in community-based healing and workforce development Eligibility: •Reentry or diversion programs •Recovery or mental health service providers •Probation, parole, or community organizations	Increased access to mental or physical health care;Decreased justice system involvement;Job training or employment outcomes;Youth development or civic engagement;Healing and wellbeing;	•Pre/post surveys (mental health, substance use behavior, family relationships) •Attendance logs and session participation •Participant journals and garden logs •Skills assessments and employment tracking •Focus groups and family feedback sessions	Ready to implement immediately	(By a community-based organization			$ 216,168.00	Personnel/Staff – (36 months) $23,289 Program Supplies – (36 months) $59,700 Facilities or Space Use - (36 months) $18,000 Consultants or Partners - (36 months) $36,900 Outreach/Communications - (36 months) $9,000 Indirect/Admin Costs (15% max of total requested amount) - (36 months) $28,199 Other – (36 months) $14,100	[Rooted & Rising, a Life 2.0 initiative, is deeply aligned with the values and goals of the Care First Community Investment (CFCI) initiative, addressing the root causes of incarceration while building sustainable, community-rooted alternatives to punishment-based systems. Who Benefits: Rooted & Rising centers the needs of formerly incarcerated individuals, those in recovery from substance use, and families affected by the cycle of incarceration. Participants—primarily ages 18 and up—come from communities that have been historically overpoliced, disinvested in, and disproportionately impacted by incarceration. The program also engages the families of participants, offering structured opportunities for reconnection and reunification, especially beneficial for children impacted by parental incarceration. Systemic Barriers Addressed: •Stigma and isolation are addressed through a community garden model that creates a sense of belonging, dignity, and peer connection. •Lack of trauma-informed care is met with education on Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), healing circles, and self-regulation strategies rooted in land-based practices. •Unemployment and job inaccessibility are tackled by providing workforce training in gardening, culinary arts, landscaping, and entrepreneurship—skills that are accessible and locally relevant.
Empowering/Mentoring TGI Aging Populations || TransLatin@ Coalition	TGI Mentorship Project	Year 3/Fiscal Year 2023-24	SPA 1,SPA 2,SPA 3,SPA 4,SPA 5,SPA 6,SPA 7,SPA 8; SD1;SD2;SD3;SD4;SD5;	Strategy 2: Economic Opportunity & Sustainability;Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration;Strategy 4: Housing Stability;	Strengthen inter-generational mentorship, community building, and empowerment for system-impacted aging populations. This project will build off of the Trans, Gender Expansive, and Intersex Mentorship Project which is currently supporting and allowing for re-entry services, peer support, and leadership development	System-impacted TGI community members over the age of 50. Black and Latina trans women who have been disproportionally impacted by criminal justice system. Participants are enrolled in peer support groups and attend bi-monthly workshops/community building activities.	Stable or supportive housing;Healing and wellbeing;Community Engagement in CFCI and Board initiatives;	Attendance logs and peer mentor check-ins facilitated by Program Manager. Monthly workshop attendance. Engagement in listening sessions and stakeholder meetings.	Ready to implement immediately	(By a community-based organization	Grant expansion. Staff assignment. Outreach and intake forms.		$ 15,000,000.00	2-YEAR PROGRAM BUDGET 350,000 staff 800,000 program supplies 150,000 facilities and space use 150,000 consultant 50,000 outreach/comms 150,000 Admin cost	This project will continue advancing an equitable investment in all system-impacted populations. Through focusing on inter-generational community and mentorship building, for aging Trans women and other gender expansive individuals, this program will further strengthen community-building and peer safety-net support as alternatives to incarceration.
Reentry, Resilience and Reform--ReEvolution Reentry Collective		ReEvolution	ReEvolution Reentry Collective	Did not receive CFCI funding	SPA 1,SPA 2,SPA 4,SPA 6,SPA 7; SD1;SD2;	Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;Strategy 3: Economic Opportunity & Sustainability;Strategy 3: Education Access & Youth Development;Strategy 4: Housing Stability;Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration;	This project will expand and enhance ReEvolution's case management and mentoring services and further cultivate community collaboration. ReEvolution empowers justice-involved individuals and families through culturally affirming reentry and prevention services to foster individual success and develop community. Our multidisciplinary team--including case managers with lived experience, legal experts, social workers and wellness practitioners--supports participants from the moment of release. Together, we create person-centered, responsive plans focused on prosocial change and dismantling systemic barriers through access to basic services such as system navigation, job readiness, financial and technical literacy, leadership development, and other wraparound support essential for successful reintegration. The project also focuses on family reunification as a pillar of stability and long-term success, helping participants repair relationships impacted by incarceration. Our downtown Los Angeles office anchors community engagement, dialogue,

2025 CFCI FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS

Proposed Project Name || Organization or County Dept	If your program is not new and is an expansion of an existing project, what is its name?	If your program is an expansion and previously received CFCI funding, please indicate under which Spending Plan Year/Fiscal Year.	Service Planning Areas (SPA) and Supervisorial Districts (SD) Served	CFCI Strategies	Description of Project	Target population and ability requirements	Anticipated Outcomes of Project	Outcomes and Measures	Implementation Period for Project	Administration of Project	If applicable, by which County Dept?	If the program does not have existing infrastructure, please describe what would be needed to launch the program/project.	What is the total requested annual amount of funding for this program/project?	based on the amount entered above, enter a basic breakdown of each of the following in dollar amounts (round numbers are acceptable): Personnel/Staff Program Supplies Facilities or Space Use Consultant	How does this program/project support the goals of CFCI? Think about who benefits, what systemic issue it is addressing, and how success or impact should be measured.
South L.A. Impact Project || Child Support Services Department (CSSD)			SPA 5,SPA 6,SPA 8; SD2;SD4;	Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration;Strategy 4: Housing Stability;Strategy 3: Economic Opportunity & Sustainability;Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;	South L.A. Impact Project, through partnership with other County Departments and Community Business Organizations, is designed to address the needs of Parents Paying Support (PPS), including those facing re-entry challenges. In this new approach to Child Support, the Department of Child Support Services (CSSD) will be reaching out to PPS to ensure they are supported with the resources they need such as re-entry support through education, job training, housing, mental wellness, financial literacy, and/or parenting education & support. These services will be available in whole or part to any PPS in LA County based on their immediate needs and long-term goals. By helping this population of PPS become empowered, stable, and secure in their employment, we will strengthen their ability to provide support and stability to their own children.	This project aims to serve Persons Paying Support (PPS) who are under employed or unemployed and living in the Supervisory District (SD) 2 area of Los Angeles County as this area has the highest concentration of PPS, as well as the highest concentration of PPS who are not paying their full court ordered obligation for child support. The eligibility requirements for the South L.A. Project are as follows: participants have 1) an open child support case with, 2) a court order amount over $0 and, 3) either arrears over $1,000 and/or, 4) partial payments for the last six months. While the intended audience is PPS who live in SD2, and most CBOs are located in SD2 and SD4, the project is available to any PPS in Los Angeles County.	Increased access to mental or physical health care;Decreased justice system involvement;Job training or employment outcomes;Healing and wellbeing;Increased child support payments;	This project will measure outcomes in various ways depending in part on what services PPS requires for their particular situations. The tracking of outcomes will be as follows: tracking attendance in workshops and trainings, participation in offered programs, case workers' evaluation of PPS needs over the period of a year, participant self-reported success and surveys about the tracking of payments towards child support and child support arrears.	Needs significant setup (within 3-6 months)	By a County Department	Child Support Services Department		$ 495,000.00	•Personnel/Staff $0 •Program Supplies $0 •Facilities or Space Use $0 •Partners $315,000 •Outreach/Communications $180,000 Incentives •Indirect/Admin Costs (15% max of total requested amount) $0 •Other $0	Many of the incarcerated individuals in Los Angeles County are parents who have been ordered by the court to pay child support. Many of these parents are unemployed or underemployed and struggle to pay child support. Because of this, they are at risk of losing their driver's license, which can make it difficult to find employment and to maintain employment. Many of these parents also have criminal records, which can make it difficult to find employment. Research has shown that when parents are unable to pay child support, they are more likely to recidivate. Thus, by helping parents find employment, we can help reduce recidivism and help parents pay child support.
Project Fatherhood || Families Uniting Families	Project Fatherhood	Did not receive CFCI funding	SPA 4,SPA 6,SPA 7,SPA 8; SD1;SD2;SD4;	Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;Strategy 2: Economic Opportunity & Sustainability;Strategy 4: Housing Stability;Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration;	Through our Project Fatherhood (PF) program, Families Uniting Families (FUF) proposes to deliver long-term clinical case management services for justice-impacted parents returning home to Los Angeles County. Aligned with JCOD's vision for comprehensive and coordinated reentry care, this level of sustained support is critical to ensuring parents succeed across all services they engage in. While many parents are connected to short- and mid-term programs, they frequently struggle with long-term stability, navigation, and consistency. Without dedicated support, they can become overwhelmed by the number of services they are referred to, which can lead to missed appointments, disengagement, and ultimately, failure to maintain progress. Our PF model pairs each parent with a dedicated clinical social worker (CSW) who provides intensive, trauma-informed support for up to 12 months. Clinical case management goes beyond basic navigation: it ensures that justice-impacted parents stabilize, succeed, and sustain progress across housing, employment, parenting, and treatment programs while resolving family/dependency court issues. Parents continue to receive support until all critical needs are met — a process that typically takes between seven to 12 months. Services include food, housing, mental health, recovery, custody, legal, and system navigation support. To date, over 85% of PF parents in residential or transitional housing have successfully completed their programs and maintained housing. Of those who were unhoused at intake, 100% secured emergency housing and 90% remained housed beyond 12 months. Among PF parents needing substance use treatment, 95% completed care — supported by our CSWs who handled family/dependency court and parenting engagement needs. With CFCI funding, we will continue helping parents reunite with their children and thrive.	FUF's PF program supports justice-impacted fathers and mothers in Los Angeles County who are navigating challenges related to family court, dependency court, child support, co-parenting, and engagement with their children. To participate, individuals must be parents, at least 18 years old, and not be required to register as sex offenders (non-registrants). We are proud to offer an open and inclusive program. All parents are welcome, regardless of gender identity, sexual orientation, physical or mental ability, or ethnic background. All services are provided in English and Spanish, and all services are free of charge, with no cost to participants, regardless of their ability to pay.	Increased access to mental or physical health care;Decreased justice system involvement;Improved educational access or attainment;Job training or employment outcomes;Stable or supportive housing;Healing and wellbeing;	At intake, our CSWs complete a comprehensive needs assessment and collaborate with each parent to co-create an individualized service plan. This plan outline specific goals related to housing stability, mental health, employment, parenting, and legal compliance — reflecting the priorities and circumstances of each parent. Progress is tracked throughout the program during weekly one-on-one clinical case management sessions. CSWs document and revisit service plan goals regularly, updating them as needed to reflect growth and shifting needs. Observations from parenting support groups provide additional insight into parental development in areas such as communication, emotional regulation, and co-parenting Focus groups and participant surveys also offer opportunities for parents to reflect on their experiences, identify persistent challenges, and share successes. These tools help capture improvements in parenting confidence, resource navigation, and relationship building. At program completion, each parent participates in an in-depth exit interview to reflect on their progress. Open-ended questions allow us to compare post-exit goals with those identified at intake, highlighting areas of growth and remaining challenges. Combined approach to measure program outcomes, ensuring accountability, continuous improvement, and meaningful impact for justice-involved individuals and their families. These measurement practices are already successfully utilized at DOORS South Los Angeles and Antelope Valley, demonstrating strong continuity of care and consistent data collection across all sites. Key measurement methods include: •Participant Surveys and Self-Assessments: Pre- and post-service surveys to measure participant outcomes in housing stability, employment, and personal improvements in areas like housing, employment, legal standing), and overall well-being. •Attendance and Service Utilization Logs: Tracking participation in workshops, legal clinics, job readiness training, housing stabilization activities, and other key services. •Case Management and Care Management System (CMS) Records: Documenting individualized progress, service linkages, and critical milestones such as job placements, housing secured, or legal resolutions achieved. •Provider and Staff Reports: Regular progress reports from service providers detailing service delivery against contractual goals and participant engagement. Following interviews and focus groups, Project Fatherhood developed three(3)	Ready to implement immediately	By a community-based organization			$ 660,050.00	•Personnel/Staff = $621,897 •Program Supplies = $17,000 •Facilities or Space Use = $13,380 •Consultants or Partners = $40,000 •Outreach/Communications = $5,000 •Indirect/Admin Costs (15% max of total requested amount) = $62,773 •Other = $0 Total budget: $660,050	Project Fatherhood's (PF) program model is rooted in the understanding that parenting challenges are rarely isolated. Many parents face overlapping barriers that can make it difficult to achieve stability and reintegrate into their communities. Housing stability is often the most significant barrier to reentry success. Other challenges include, but are not limited to, barriers to family reunification, visitation restrictions in shelters or transitional housing, unresolved custody or child welfare matters, lack of parenting support and limited access to additional recovery services. At FUF, we know that one-on-one clinical case management offers personalized, consistent and trauma-informed support. The model is especially effective for parents impacted by incarceration. CSWs help remove barriers to accessing services and coordinate resources across housing, health, jobs, legal aid, employment and more. Our highly skilled team of CSWs are also reflective of the communities we serve. Every member of our team has been personally impacted and has lived experience with the criminal justice system, child welfare, immigration, poverty and/or housing and food insecurity. Additionally, all of our CSWs are bilingual in English and Spanish, which enables them to connect with our participants in meaningful, culturally relevant ways. This in turn helps foster trust, build hope and significantly enhances the effectiveness of our program. By working with parents one-on-one and in their preferred language, we build strong, trust-based relationships that foster long-term stability and engagement. Many parents who are deeply involved in all of their child's life, but are struggling to pay child support, can be at risk of losing their driver's license. CFCI funding will help us reduce recidivism by addressing the systemic barriers that disproportionately impact individuals and families affected by incarceration. Who benefits: DOORS LB centers justice-involved individuals, particularly those on active felony supervision and Post-Release Community Supervision (PRCS), as well as their families. By focusing on Long Beach residents, the program prioritizes communities that have been historically underserved and most impacted by incarceration and by systemic barriers addressed. DOORS LB builds critical bridges to successful reentry, including housing instability, unemployment, unresolved legal challenges, and family separation. By offering comprehensive legal support, housing navigation, and employment services, we address the root causes that often lead to recidivism, helping participants break free from cycles of incarceration. Engaging impacted communities Through partnerships with community-based organizations, particularly those led by individuals with lived experience — DOORS LB empowers local leaders and supports community-driven solutions. By providing culturally responsive services and emphasizing community engagement, the program helps build trust and strengthens community capacity to support reentry efforts. Additionally, the program's inclusive approach ensures that families are supported, promoting reunification and long-term stability. By reducing reliance on punitive systems and investing in holistic, supportive services, DOORS LB creates a more effective and humane model for addressing the challenges faced by justice-involved individuals and their communities.
Developing Opportunities and Offering Reentry Solutions (DOORS) Long Beach || Justice Care and Opportunities Department, LACOD) of Los Angeles County	Developing Opportunities and Offering Reentry Solutions (DOORS) Los Angeles	Did not receive CFCI funding	SPA 7,SPA 8; SD4	Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;Strategy 2: Economic Opportunity & Sustainability;Strategy 3: Education Access & Youth Development;Strategy 4: Housing Stability;Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration;	The Justice, Care, and Opportunities Department (JCOD) seeks to expand its successful Developing Opportunities and Offering Reentry Solutions (DOORS) Community Reentry Center (CRC) program to Long Beach, addressing critical reentry needs for justice-involved individuals and their families. Building on the proven models in South Los Angeles and Antelope Valley, DOORS Long Beach (DOORS LB) will provide comprehensive, person-centered, coordinated continuum of care for justice-involved individuals and their communities with a primary focus on prevention: providing integrated services that reduce barriers to reentry, mental health challenges, housing instability, and limited employment opportunities. Informed by data from the existing DOORS sites, the three most requested services—legal support, housing stabilization, and employment assistance—will serve as the foundation of DOORS LB in its first year. This focus ensures that the program directly addresses the justice-involved community's most urgent and immediate needs. Services will include legal aid for expungements, family law, and immigration; emergency housing assistance and permanent housing placement; and job-readiness training, resume development, and transitional or long-term employment opportunities. To meet these needs, additional services will be integrated, including mental health support, substance use treatment, GED/basic literacy programs, and family reunification services. These services address barriers to employment, housing, and reintegration, such as homelessness, lack of employment, unresolved legal issues, and fractured family connections. By providing both in-person and virtual services, DOORS LB will ensure accessibility and continuity of care, truly meeting people where they are. JCOD's DOORS model has demonstrated significant success in reducing recidivism, helping clients achieve stability and self-sufficiency. Funding will enable JCOD to increase capacity, leverage community partnerships, and extend this comprehensive suite of services to Long Beach, advancing equity, public safety, and community health across Los Angeles County.	DOORS Long Beach (DOORS LB) is designed to serve individuals impacted by the justice system, with a primary focus on supporting those transitioning back into the community. The program's target populations include: •Individuals currently on active adult felony supervision. •Individuals on Post-Release Community Supervision (PRCS). •Justice-involved individuals returning from incarceration who face significant systemic barriers such as housing instability, unemployment, and unresolved legal issues. •Families of justice-involved individuals who are working toward reunification and stability. •Emerging reentry service organizations and community leaders with lived experience, particularly those from historically underrepresented and marginalized communities, to promote community-driven solutions and workforce development. By targeting individuals with the greatest vulnerability broad to ensure accessibility and to address the complex, interconnected needs of this population. Participants must be justice-involved adults (18 years or older), including those under supervision or recently released. Individuals must be residents of Long Beach or have strong ties to the Long Beach community. Family members may also engage in services that support reunification and family stability. By centering services on these populations, DOORS LB aims to reduce recidivism, strengthen families, and improve community safety and well-being, while advancing equity and supporting community-based leadership.	Increased access to mental or physical health care;Decreased justice system involvement;Improved educational access or attainment;Job training or employment outcomes;Stable or supportive housing;Healing and wellbeing;	Outcomes will be measured through a combination of pre- and post-retreat participant surveys, attendance logs, facilitator observations, interviews, and written reflections. These tools will specifically assess changes in emotional well-being, self-regulation skills, and overall impact. By collecting this data, we will be able to evaluate both the immediate effects of the retreat experience and the longer-term impacts on participants' healing and resilience. Our team is also exploring secure, confidential AI-powered tools to better assess emotional and mental wellness, enhancing our capacity to track individual growth and long-term healing outcomes over time.	Ready to implement immediately	By a community-based organization	Justice Care and Opportunities Department (JCOD) of Los Angeles County		$ 1,521,464.32	DOORS Long Beach Virtual Launch Budget Breakdown (Year 1) Personnel/Staff •MPA II – Justice Sr. Program Analyst: $131,500 •Subtotal Personnel: $131,500 Program Supplies •Virtual service delivery materials, laptops, software licenses, client assistance kits (e.g., hygiene, basic reentry kits), and general operating supplies •Estimated: $75,000 Facilities/Space Use & Tenant Improvements •The increased facilities budget accounts for essential tenant improvements needed to prepare the identified space for in-person services. While virtual services will launch within three months, these upgrades — including interior renovations, secure IT infrastructure, ADA accessibility, and safety enhancements — are critical to creating a welcoming, trauma-informed, and client-centered environment. Investing in these improvements ensures a seamless transition from virtual to in-person services and supports long-term program success through trauma-informed design and safety protocols. •Estimated: $200,000 Consultants or Partners (CBO Contracts) Funds will be used to purchase materials like journals, yoga mats, meditation tools, wellness kits, and other resources that enhance participants' healing experiences during retreats and aftercare. Facilities or Space Use ($70,000) Costs for renting retreat sites and lodging that provide a safe, supportive, and conducive environment for trauma-informed healing practices.	The Heart Center's You Are the Master of You (YATMOY) program closely aligns with the goals of CFCI by centering healing, self-determination, and transformative change for communities affected by incarceration. By addressing equity, promoting community health and safety, and addressing the systemic barriers that disproportionately impact individuals and families affected by incarceration, YATMOY directly supports the goals of CFCI by creating a pathway for justice-involved young adults to complete their education, secure stable housing, and reenter their communities as graduates and leaders. The program is designed for those who are already pursuing higher education while incarcerated, using structured support to continue that journey after release. TASER addresses systemic barriers that often cut off access to education, housing, mentorship, and reentry support for young people who have been incarcerated. Most reentry programs focus on stabilization, but TASER goes further. It builds a bridge from incarceration to college graduation, helping young adults who are already doing the work stay on track. The program is rooted in equity. Scholars are supported by mentors and facilitators with lived experience. The curriculum includes leadership, leadership, and life-skills training that helps scholars not only succeed academically but also develop the confidence and mindset to lead others who are navigating similar challenges. It's rooted in the belief that people who've been impacted by the system are often the most capable of creating real change when they're given the right tools and support. TASER empowers communities most impacted by incarceration by investing in the success of young people who are often overlooked. It gives them the tools, relationships, and structure to thrive and lead. This is not just about individual change. It is about shifting how systems support youth who have already chosen to do better. Changing Their Lives addresses systemic inequities faced by justice-involved women and youth in high-incarceration, low-income areas of Los Angeles County. The program dismantles barriers to housing, employment, childcare, and mental health support by creating an alternative path to incarceration and strengthening the continuum of care. DMH will engage community-based organization providers through our solicitation process to secure contract providers that will deliver appropriate levels of care to DMH clients. This LACMC Mental Health Facility project is also rooted in a Board Motion related to expanding services for justice-involved individuals with mental illness. Specifically, the motion calls for the development of a 64-bed IMD/FMC 16-bed facilities will be dedicated to Office of Diversion and Reentry (ODR) MST clients and an additional MHRC facility will be dedicated to the Office of the Public Guardian (OPG) for MST clients who are conserved. This effort is also consistent with Alternatives to Incarceration Work Group Final Report recommendations, as well as the MCJ Closure Workgroup report. Another two DHF facilities will focus on addressing the need to place incarcerated individuals with severe mental illness who are deemed incompetent to stand trial (IST) in a setting that provides the necessary treatment to restore competency. The success of this work requires rapidly increasing the availability of community-based housing, treatment beds, and supportive services to meet the needs of people currently in custody, improving system coordination and ensuring safe and timely release from jail. These objectives are being advanced through CSI/TCFCI funded programs, including the LACMC Mental Health Facility, which reflect the vision, goals and objectives of the Alternatives to Incarceration Work Group Final Report and align with the North Star goals of the CFCI Advisory Committee by creating immediate alternatives to incarceration, expanding the community-based system of care and closing MCJ. The creation of the LACMC Mental Health Facility supports CFCI objectives by expanding access to services and beds that can serve as alternatives

2025 CFCI FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS

Proposed Project Name		Organization or County Dept	If your program is not new and is an expansion of an existing project, what is its name?	If your program is an expansion and previously received CFCI funding, please indicate under which Spending Plan Year/Fiscal Year.	Service Planning Areas (SPA) and Supervisorial Districts (SD) Served	CFCI Strategies	Description of Project	Target population and ellibility requirements	Anticipated Outcomes of Project	Outcomes and Measures	Implementation Period for Project	Administration of Project	If applicable, by which County Dept?	If the program does not have existing infrastructure, please describe what would be needed to launch the program/project.	What is the total requested annual amount of funding for this program/project?	based on the amount entered above, enter a basic breakdown of each of the following in dollar amounts (round numbers are acceptable): Personnel/Staff Program Supplies Facilities or Space Use Consultant	How does this program/project support the goals of CFCI? Think about who benefits, what systemic issues it helps to address, and how this connects to broad strategies for transformation and investment.
A Table 4 Healing - S.P.A. ((Strength, Purpose, Ascension))		LIFE 2.0 Inc			SPA 2,SPA 3,SPA 6,SPA 8; SD1,SD2,SD3,SD4 ,SD5;	Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration;Strategy 3: Education Access & Youth Development;	A Table 4 Healing - S.P.A. ((Strength, Purpose, Ascension)) is a 12-month retreat series designed for men and women reentering society after 10 or more years of incarceration. It integrates trauma-informed care, ACEs (Adverse Childhood Experiences) education, wellness practices, and empowerment workshops to support holistic healing, community reintegration, and personal transformation. What will it do? The program will facilitate four quarterly retreats: ●Winter Virtual Retreat: Group discussions on reentry challenges, family relationships, and emotional regulation. ●Spring 1 Day In-Person Retreat: Wellness-focused activities including trauma-informed yoga, mindfulness, and meditation, to build self-awareness and purpose. ●Summer Virtual Retreat: Vision and purpose workshops with breakout sessions to develop personal goals and life action plans. ●Fall 3 Day In-Person Retreat: Deep healing experiences integrating ACEs education, restorative circles, gender-specific healing groups, and celebrations of growth and ascension. Participants will gain trauma awareness, emotional regulation tools, strengthened confidence, peer support networks, and a clear sense of purpose to reduce recidivism and thrive in their communities. What needs does it address? The program addresses the unmet needs of individuals impacted by long-term incarceration, including untreated trauma, high ACE scores, mental health challenges, family relationship strain, social stigma, and lack of reentry support. By creating safe, trauma-informed, and culturally responsive spaces, A Table 4 Healing - S.P.A. empowers participants to build resilience, reconnect with their authentic selves, and transition from surviving to thriving, ultimately reducing re-incarceration risks and fostering healthier families and communities.	What are the eligibility requirements for participants? This program is open to men and women who were incarcerated for over 10 years and are now reentering life in Los Angeles County or surrounding communities. To participate, individuals must: ●Be 18 years or older ●Have been released within the past five years ●Demonstrate a willingness to engage in personal healing, community building, and growth Eligibility: ●The cohort will include 15-20 participants with mixed-gender participation ●Gender-specific breakout sessions will address unique experiences and needs ●Priority will be given to those impacted by: ○Trauma and high ACE scores ○Systemic inequities ○Barriers to employment, housing, and family reunification	Increased access to mental or physical health care;Decreased justice system involvement;Healing and wellbeing;	•Pre- and Post-Participant Surveys •Attendance Logs •Facilitator Observation & Reflection Logs •Participant Journals & Reflections •Focus Groups and Exit Interviews •Peer Support Feedback Forms	Ready to implement immediately	(By a community-based organization			$ 198,157.00	•Personnel/Staff – 36 months $25614 •Program Supplies – 36 months $34000 •Facilities or Space Use – 36 months $15000 •Consultants or Partners – 36 months $48000 •Outreach/Communications – 36 months $9000 •Indirect/Admin Costs (15% max of total requested amount) – 36 months $24540 •Other – 36 months $31500	A Table 4 Healing - S.P.A. aligns directly with the mission and values of the Care First Community Investment (CFCI) initiative by prioritizing healing, reintegration, and equity for individuals and communities most impacted by incarceration. Who Benefits: ●Men and women returning home after 10+ years of incarceration ●Individuals with high Adverse Childhood Experience (ACE) scores, unresolved trauma, and disrupted family ties ●Communities disproportionately impacted by incarceration, poverty, and systemic racism, particularly Black and Brown residents in Los Angeles County Systemic Barriers Addressed: ●Unmet trauma and mental health challenges stemming from incarceration and early childhood adversity ●Social isolation and stigma that hinder reentry and reconnection with family and community ●Lack of access to culturally responsive, trauma-informed healing and support services ●Employment, housing, and relational barriers rooted in systemic inequities How Communities Are Empowered: ●The program creates safe, identity-affirming spaces for healing and transformation, guided by trauma-informed care and cultural humility.
Holistic Advocacy		Alternate Public Defender and Partners for Justice	Holistic Advocacy	Did not receive CFCI funding	SPA 1;SPA 2;SPA 3;SPA 4;SPA 6;SPA 7;SPA 8; SD1;SD2;SD3;SD4 ;SD5;	Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration;	The APD Holistic Advocacy program provides comprehensive holistic advocacy services to our clients, in partnership with Partners for Justice (PFJ), a nationwide nonprofit organization. PFJ will provide 6.0 advocates to address the housing, employment, educational, health and mental health needs of our clients in three courthouse locations.	The target population and eligible participants of this program are indigent county residents represented by the Alternate Public Defender in felony or misdemeanor criminal cases. APD attorneys will identify service objectives and refer clients to PFJ advocates.	Increased access to mental or physical health care;Decreased justice system involvement;Job training or employment outcomes;Stable or supportive housing;Improved educational access or attainment;	Outcomes will be measured through detailed case management system logs of services provided by the advocates. Progress reports will be submitted monthly.	Ready to implement immediately	By a joint partnership			$ 658,000.00	Salaries and Benefits: $530,980 for 6.0 Client Advocates and management; Advocate Programs: $17,412; Travel/Training: $26,203; Indirect Costs (14.5%): $83,316	
Within Reach || in community member, personal, capacity			SPA 8;SPA 7;SPA 6;SPA 5;SPA 4;SPA 3;SPA 1; SD2;SD1;SD3;SD4 ;SD5;	Strategy 3: Education Access & Youth Development;Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;Strategy 2: Economic Opportunity & Sustainability;Strategy 4: Housing Stability;Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration;Strategy 3: Education Access & Youth Development;	Guider, provider, and survivor. This project aims to leverage the role of guider and potential future provider to reach and influence individuals with past or current criminal code charges with permission to live in general civilian population settings. This proposal focuses on cycle interruption in households where children are present.			Parents that have past or current criminal records, and: •Are parents, in a household with children, or regularly around children of family friends, AND •Have mental and psychological health (from civilian usage without intervention, or with limited therapeutic intervention under the care of a medical provider), AND •Have control of their physical movements and aware of physical movement consequences (generally those not under current court-mandated anger management recommendations), AND •Have control of their verbal capacity and aware of the consequences (can converse without hard cursing language and threats), AND •Are able to follow general instructions, use a calendar, and meet at regularly scheduled intervals	Decreased justice system involvement;Improved educational access or attainment;Job training or employment outcomes;Youth development or civic engagement;Healing and wellbeing;	This project will have a volunteer unpaid advisory board ideally composed of a government, nonprofit, philanthropy, private sector, and elected office representative for each SDH domain, for a total of 25 individuals that will serve as project thought partners to provide input, insight, and recommendations to identify blind spots, remain focused on mission, and accelerate outcomes. This project will also seek separate project funding for a certified professional third-party program evaluator. The performance monitoring will also include attendance logs, pre and post participation surveys, and focus groups.	Needs minor setup (within 3 months)	By a joint partnership		This project proposer welcomes the privilege to be the project's administrator as the directing manager and decision-maker on all aspects of the project's implementation. The project proposer would provide 5-10 hours per week of management time and support on a part-time basis with no expected renumeration for the project costs but reserves the possibility to assess an administrative fee for any additional project funding above and beyond that provided through this JCOD project funding cycle, if acquired and received. This project would seek a fiscal sponsor closely aligned with the mission and outcomes of this project proposal. The project funding may require a reasonable fiscal sponsor administration fee as deemed appropriate. Aside from the standard risk mitigation and insurance requirements, this project anticipates light or minimal physical and long-term capital asset needs. Project planning and decision-making would occur after regular business hours and on weekends, using remote and cloud-based applications.	$ 2,500,000.00	Major costs associated with this project will include quarterly (3-month) or biannual (6-month) temporary contracts for project implementation (at least five for each project sub-geographic region), cellular phone and internet access (five telephones, mobile hotspots, tablets), incentive costs for gift cards, tickets to events, transportation, materials, etc., team/meeting event costs like light refreshments and snacks, minimal venue costs, if needed. These activities would be place-based among those known by the participants and also include activities outside of their comfort zone or known to be luxurious or available only to higher social classes. These template passports would also have an incentive mechanism for submission on a monthly or quarterly cycle for a lottery-based random selection-system to award participants with more experiences or gift cards or shipment of basic needs requests. Anonymous WIKI FAQ: Development of an anonymous WIKI-style FAQ-archive for children and participants with questions asked and answered by themselves or those with similar experiences to encourage non-physical belonging and building of community.	The following project-specific programming goals meet CFCI goals, specifically those pertaining to self-sufficiency, economic productivity, anti-recidivism, and increasing positive social bonds after release. Constant contact passport and family journal. Development of a simple worksheet template that encourages interaction and engagement based upon the 5 domains of the Social Determinants of Health: o Healthcare and Self-Care oEducation and Knowledge-building oSocial and Community Connection oStructural Environment Reflection oEconomic Productivity These activities would be place-based among those known by the participants and also include activities outside of their comfort zone or known to be luxurious or available only to higher social classes. These template passports would also have an incentive mechanism for submission on a monthly or quarterly cycle for a lottery-based random selection-system to award participants with more experiences or gift cards or shipment of basic needs requests. Anonymous WIKI FAQ: Development of an anonymous WIKI-style FAQ-archive for children and participants with questions asked and answered by themselves or those with similar experiences to encourage non-physical belonging and building of community.
Roots and Wings Pilot Project		Two Hearts One Mission			SPA 3,SPA 4,SPA 7,SPA 8; SD1;SD2;SD3;SD4	Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;Strategy 2: Economic Opportunity & Sustainability;Strategy 4: Housing Stability;Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration;Strategy 3: Education Access & Youth Development;	Two Hearts One Mission is more than a name. It's a living movement rooted in proof that genuine connection and transformation are possible for those impacted by imprisonment. We created this community-led organization to provide culturally relevant and trauma-informed support to system-impacted individuals and families, offering comprehensive reentry services that include housing navigation and attainment, education advocacy, recovery support, and transformative arts healing workshops to restore dignity and power, fostering pathways to successful self-sufficiency. We walk alongside justice-impacted women and families by bridging gaps in services that often overlook individuals returning from incarceration—particularly women and caregivers who have served time in county jails and State or Federal prisons. Our model includes therapeutic support groups with specialized trauma healing programs for justice-impacted individuals, abuse survivors and victim impact groups, mentorship, leadership development, and peer-to-peer support. The program centers lived experience, prioritizing those who are often excluded from traditional reentry support systems. Two Hearts One Mission doesn't just help people reenter society—we help them reclaim their place in it with strength, pride, and purpose. With existing infrastructure, trusted leadership, and strong partnerships already in place, we're ready to grow. Funding will allow us to expand our reach in Los Angeles County with an emphasis on East LA, the San Gabriel Valley, and surrounding communities. We believe everyone deserves access to healing, accountability, and the opportunity to lead and we are committed to making a positive community impact.	The only requirement a child needs to be supported by CASALA's Youth Justice Program are having an open dependency and an open juvenile justice court case and to be residing Los Angeles County. The children we support and advocate for range in age from 0 to 21, reside in all zip codes of Los Angeles County, and are all low income by HUD definition. Roughly 90% of those we serve are children of color and come from historically underserved populations that have experienced the adversity as a result of racial disparities and structural inequality that can lead to a higher likelihood of future incarceration. In the state of California, nearly 30% of prisoners report previous involvement in the child welfare system. More than 50% of foster youth have an encounter with the juvenile legal system (described as contact via arrest, conviction or detention) by the age of 17 and 25% of foster children will be impacted by the criminal justice system within two years of leaving care. Compared to children who are placed with foster families, a youth who is living in group homes is nearly three times more likely to encounter the justice system. Our YJ staff are dedicated to supporting their youth and promoting healing to prevent these children from succumbing to the foster care to prison pipeline.	Youth development or civic engagement;Improved educational access or attainment;Decreased justice system involvement;Increased access to mental or physical health care;Healing and wellbeing;	CASALA's internal data monitoring system. Efforts to Outcomes (ETO), enables us to track individual case progress (on an ongoing basis) and overall outcomes (annually). Data sets showcase the percentages of youth who have had better outcomes in terms of permanency, physical health, mental health, and education. Additionally, ETO is used by CASALA to track incoming referrals, the youth CASALA serves, caseload numbers, and demographics. Other data sets include but not limited to: how many people attend information sessions, watch our self-timed information session webinar, how many CASAs have completed pre-service training, how many CASAs attend in-service trainings, etc. For youth who do not have a CASA volunteer, we manually track their progress. Between July 2024-May 2025, our YJ Program served 78 dual-status youth, 13 youth through our PTI programming, and supported 4 youth via diversion.	Needs minor setup (within 3 months)	By a community-based organization			$ 400,000.00	Personnel/Staff – $481,943 Program Supplies - $6,280 Facilities or Space Use Consultants or Partners Outreach/Communications - $5,400 Indirect/Admin Costs (15% max of total requested amount) $72,277 Other (Staff Training, Recruiting and Retention, Mileage and Travel, Program Software, Employees Time tracking and payroll processing services)- $ 34,200	CFCI champions local efforts to pare for justice-affected communities and develop non-carceral solutions, which aligns with the exact work that CASALA's Youth Justice (YJ) Program's impact. Our YJ Program emphasize and encourages non punitive interventions (such as diversion, restorative justice, and community-based support) to prevent future incarceration by addressing underlying needs rather than punishing behavior. Our programs are designed to support justice-involved youth in healing and building stronger futures rather than criminalize children and push punitive punishments that increase their likelihood of future incarceration. As systems-impacted children—and especially those who have also been impacted by juvenile justice—are significantly more likely to cross paths with the carceral system, it is vital that LA County support indicatives and programming that can help direct these young people towards solutions that prioritize growth, healing, and rehabilitation rather than punishment.
Post-Conviction Public Defense Program		Alternate Public Defender	Public Defense Pilot Program	Did not receive CFCI funding	SPA 1;SPA 2;SPA 3;SPA 5;SPA 6;SPA 7;SPA 8; SD1;SD2;SD3;SD4 ;SD5;	Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration;	This program allows the Alternate Public Defender to continue to prioritize obtaining post-conviction resentencing relief for eligible APD clients under various penal codes. This continues services initially funded by the Public Defense Pilot Program, a statewide effort to address those in prison and jail that were eligible for earlier release.	The target population is APD clients who are eligible for resentencing relief under various penal codes. Participants must have been represented by the APD.	Healing and wellbeing;Reduce Prison/Jail Sentences or Release;Decreased justice system involvement;	Outcomes will be tracked through APD's Client Case Management System.	Ready to implement immediately	By a County Department	Alternate Public Defender		$ 2,880,000.00	5.0 Attorneys: $1.9M; 5.0 Support Staff: $890,000; Operating Costs: $100,000	This is an opportunity for APD to continue to seek legal relief for our clients that remain incarcerated under laws that favored excessive sentencing. Now that these laws have been revised with an eye towards justice, our clients deserve the opportunity they have been afforded to be reunited with their families and communities.
Degrees Not Felonies || Two Hearts One Mission ORG			SPA 1,SPA 2,SPA 3,SPA 4,SPA 5,SPA 6;SPA 7,SPA 8; SD1;SD2;SD3;SD4 ;SD5;	Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;Strategy 3: Education Access & Youth Development;Strategy 4: Housing Stability;Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration;Strategy 2: Economic Opportunity & Sustainability;	Degrees Not Felonies is a trauma-informed reentry initiative providing two years of stable, dorm-style housing and educational support to system-impacted adults in LA County. Designed and led by directly impacted individuals, this project serves people returning from incarceration who are ready to pursue higher education or vocational training enabling them to secure gainful careers that promote lasting self-sufficiency. Participants will receive wraparound support: case management, academic guidance, mental health services, peer mentorship, life skills workshops, and transportation. The project removes major barriers that contribute to recidivism, including lack of housing, lack of education access, and social disconnection. We believe that when individuals are given a safe place to heal and the tools to grow, they don't just stay out of the system—they thrive.	The target population is APD clients who are eligible for resentencing relief under various penal codes. Participants must have been represented by the APD. Outcomes will be tracked through APD's Client Case Management System.	Decreased justice system involvement;Improved educational access or attainment;Job training or employment outcomes;Stable or supportive housing;Healing and wellbeing;	This program serves any adult in Los Angeles County who has been impacted by the criminal legal system—whether through incarceration, probation, parole, or as a survivor of systemic harm. Participants must be unhoused or housing insecure, and committed to enrolling in a vocational or college-level program. Priority is given to individuals within 30 days of release. Referrals will be accepted through jails, reentry programs, and community partners.	We'll measure our outcomes through a comprehensive approach that includes intake and exit surveys to capture changes in participant well-being and progress. We'll track educational transcripts and progress reports to monitor academic attainment and achievement, alongside a housing stability tracking matrix to ensure successful and sustained housing placements. Monthly case management reports will document individual progress and the impact of personalized support services. Additionally, attendance for classes, workshops, and services will confirm engagement, while qualitative interviews will provide insights into the transformative journeys of our participants.	Ready to implement immediately	By a community-based organization			$ 350,000.00	Degrees Not Felonies Pilot Project (Total: $350,000) Personnel/Staff: $120,000 This covers salaries and benefits for our core team, ensuring robust direct participant support, academic guidance, and overall program coordination. Program Supplies: $15,000 This allocation supports essential materials for life skills workshops, and general office needs. It also includes funding for school supplies, uniforms, tools and books vital for participants' vocational training or higher education. Facilities or Space Use: $130,000 This category primarily covers the costs of securing and maintaining our shared living facility, budgeted at approximately $7,500 per month. It also includes utilities, minor maintenance, and property insurance for both living and program spaces. Consultants or Partners: $5,000 This funding allows us to engage external experts, such as subject matter specialists, to enhance our program offerings and address specific needs. Outreach/Communications: $3,000 This covers expenses for promoting the program, recruiting participants, and fostering partnerships within the community.	Degrees Not Felonies directly aligns with CFCI's mission to support healing and reduce system involvement. This program is built by—and by—those most impacted by incarceration, racial injustice, and generational harm. By investing in housing, education, and community care, we address the root causes of recidivism. Extensive research and studies have consistently proven that recidivism rates are significantly lower with each level of education attained. For example, a 2014 Washington State Department of Corrections and Corporation study, "Evaluating the Effectiveness of Correctional Education," found that incarcerated individuals who participated in correctional education programs had a 43% lower recidivism rate than those who did not. This powerful data underscores our commitment to education as a primary tool for breaking the cycle of incarceration. We support individuals in reclaiming their lives, restoring their dignity, and creating long-term stability. This is care-first in action—led with love, grounded in lived experience, and powered by community.
First Step Forward Empowerment Resource Center		First Step Forward LLC			SPA 7; SD1;	Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration;Strategy 2: Economic Opportunity & Sustainability;Strategy 4: Housing Stability;	First Step Forward is a community-based reentry and empowerment center designed to support justice-involved men and women as they transition back into society. Rooted in the Care First model, the program offers a holistic and trauma-informed approach that prioritizes healing, stability, and opportunity over punishment. The center provides a safe, welcoming environment where participants can access structured wraparound services tailored to address the root causes of incarceration—such as poverty, trauma, addiction, and lack of education. Core services include personal development and life skills coaching, financial literacy, computer and digital literacy, GED classes, and job readiness training. Participants receive one-on-one case management, support from peer mentors with lived experience, and connections to housing, mental health care, and legal support. The center partners with employers who support fair-chance hiring and hosts weekly job fairs, resume clinics, and workforce training opportunities in high-demand sectors. By providing real tools, consistent support, and a sense of community, First Step Forward empowers individuals to regain control of their lives, achieve self-sufficiency, and reduce their risk of reoffending. It's not just a program — it's a new beginning.	The target population this program serves is men and women who are justice-involved or justice impacted. An outline of the eligibility requirements are the following: Must be formerly incarcerated or currently on probation, parole, or pretrial supervision. Individuals recently released from jail/prison (within the last 12–24 months) are prioritized. At-risk individuals with a documented history of justice involvement may also qualify. Age Requirement: Must be 18 years or older. Residency proof of reentry documentation may be required. Commitment to Program Participation Must be willing to actively participate in case management, classes, or job training, etc. Agree to follow program rules, guidelines, and a personal success plan. Substance Use Status Individuals in recovery or willing to engage in treatment services are welcome.	Stable or supportive housing;Decreased justice system involvement;Job training or employment outcomes;Improved educational access or attainment;Increased access to mental or physical health care;Healing and wellbeing;	To effectively track success and improve services, First Step Forward will measure both short-term outputs and long-term outcomes using a mix of metrics: Key Performance Metrics, Outcomes, and how those outcomes will be measured are as follows: Reentry Stability: Outcome: Reentry stability and participants maintain stable housing. Outcome measured by: Go by the percentage at intake vs 3,6,9, 12 months post enrollment. Outcome to measure: Reduced recidivism: Metric tool will go by the percentage of participants rearrested within 12 months (tracked via self-report & court records) Education:Outcomes GED attainment.: Outcome to be measured: Metric used: # of participants who complete GED testing within 6–12 months Improved literacy/computer skills, Pre-/post-assessments in computer and adult basic education classes Employment & Training: Outcomes Job readiness and employment.: Outcome measured by: percentage completing job training; percentage employed	Ready to implement immediately	(By a community-based organization		Here is the starting plan to support this project: Lead Case Manager- Supervises case management team, handles high-need clients Case Managers- (2–3) Develop individual reentry plans, provide referrals, track goals Peer Support Specialist- Lived-experience mentors providing daily support, advocacy Housing Navigator- Assists with housing search, landlord engagement, and applications Mental Health Counselor- (LMFTs,CSW)Offers on-site therapy, trauma support, and group counseling Substance Use Navigator-Coordinates recovery planning and connects to treatment programs Program Director- Oversees operations, budgeting, and compliance. Operations Manager- Facilities, logistics, vendor coordination Administrative Assistant- Intake paperwork, scheduling, data entry, reporting. Wellness Volunteers Outreach Coordinator- Builds relationships with referring	$ 2,090,125.00	Initial Breakdown is as follows: Personnel Costs Position:' Annual Cost Program Director$90,000 Operations Manager$70,000 2 Administrative Assistant$50,000 Lead Case Manager$75,000 Case Managers (2)$130,000 Peer Support Specialists (2)$80,000 Housing Navigator$65,000 Mental Health Counselor (LMFT/LCSW)$85,000 Substance Use Navigator$73,000 Outreach Coordinator$60,000 Legal Services Liaison$55,000 Community Resource Navigator$60,000 Wellness & Healing Facilitator$55,000 Subtotal – Personnel: $980,000 Program & Operational Costs	First Step Forward directly supports the mission and objectives of the Care First Community Investment (CFCI) by prioritizing prevention, healing, and opportunity over incarceration and punishment. Rooted in the Care First model, this community-based reentry and empowerment center provides a trauma-informed and equity-centered approach that uplifts individuals, families, and neighborhoods historically and disproportionately impacted by the criminal legal system. The program is designed to support justice-involved men and women, particularly Black, Brown, and low-income individuals returning to communities in Los Angeles County after incarceration. Participants include people on probation, parole, or recently released, and often face a complex web of barriers including housing instability, unemployment, mental health challenges, addiction, and a lack of access to basic resources. By offering wraparound services including life skills coaching, job readiness, mental health counseling, substance use navigation, legal support, digital literacy, and peer mentorship, participants receive individualized, holistic care that helps them regain stability and purpose. The Systemic Barriers being Addressed are: Employment discrimination (via workforce development and fair-chance hiring partnerships) Educational inequities (via GED prep and digital/computer literacy programs)
Intimacy Workshop		Whats Natural			SPA 6; SD2;	Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration;	Whats Natural, Inc. has developed an intimacy program to help formerly incarcerated men develop healthy relationship skills. The goal of offering these programs is to help reduce the rate of re-incarceration due to returning home to unstable domestic situations. By developing the skills necessary to coping with their domestic partners, these men will be empowered to handle the nuances that often lead to arguments and violence.	The programs are targeted towards formerly incarcerated men over 18 years of age. Formerly incarcerated women are welcomed to attend the program, however, the program is designed for men.	Increased access to mental or physical health care;Decreased justice system involvement;Healing and wellbeing;	The outcomes will be measured through surveys and attendance logs.	Needs minor setup (within 3 months)	By a joint partnership			$ 166,750.00	Personnel/Staff60000 Program Supplies6000 Facilities or Space Use60000 Consultants or Partners20000 Outreach/Communications15000 Indirect/Admin Costs (15% max of total requested amount)21750 Other:: 166750	Our program is in alignment with CFCI's goal to prevent violence in the community through empowering the formerly incarcerated population with intimacy relationship skills necessary to create healthy connections with domestic partners. The community benefits by lowering domestic violence police intervention and court cases. Families become more cohesive through their formerly incarcerated loved one's ability to speak, listen and nurture living relationships. We also address the systemic barriers to healthy relationships by offering a safe place to develop self awareness as well as awareness of others well being. In a world where a man is supposed to "tough it out", "don't cry", and "never let them know you feel", we encourage healthy acceptance of having human feelings.
Supporting Dual-Systems Impacted Youth in Los Angeles		CASALA's Youth Justice Program (CASALA)	CASALA's Youth Justice Program	Did not receive CFCI funding	SPA 1;SPA 8;SPA 7;SPA 6;SPA 5;SPA 4;SPA 3;SPA 2; SDS;SD4;SD3;SD2 ;SD1;	Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration;Strategy 3: Education Access & Youth Development;Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;	CASALA is a 501(c)3 nonprofit that serves youth ages 0-21 who have an open dependency and/or an open juvenile justice court case in LA County. Our CASAs (Court Appointed Special Advocates) are assigned to systems-impacted children who require individualized advocacy for permanency (a stable home), physical health, mental health, and education. After thorough screening, CASAs spend five weeks completing 30+ hours of training, where they are given information about being trauma-informed, culturally sensitive, and how to communicate with their youth. At graduation, CASAs are sworn in by a (dependency judge (giving them access to court records) and are matched with a child in care. CASAs are involved all arenas of the child's life and share their findings on what is in-the-child's best interests by writing recommendation letters to the court and attending court hearings. Our Youth Justice (YJ) Program, launched in 2021, is the only program in LA County that, due to the immediate risk of entering the juvenile justice system, CASAs attend all court hearings alongside the child (in both dependency and juvenile justice courts), collaborate with defense attorneys to support trauma-informed outcomes for youth experiencing disruptions in placement and resource access, and link them to supportive, nonpunitive services that promote healing. CASAs are a consistent adult support, ensuring that youth referred to diversion programs in lieu of formal filing have the ability to successfully complete these programs in their communities. CASA also serves youth currently detained in LA County and in the pre-adjudication phase of their cases through our Pre-Trial Intervention Program (PTI). PTI provides trauma-informed support to youth, including linkages to supportive programming while detained and upon release and collaborates with juvenile defense counsel to highlight the youth's strengths and address systemic issues that impact a child's engagement with the justice system.	Communities of Focus: * Formerly incarcerated * Justice-involved individuals and families * Survivors of domestic/sexual violence * Individuals impacted by crime and/or violence * Youth and young adults (18+) Eligibility Requirements: * Los Angeles County residents * System-impacted (incarcerated, on probation/parole, or immediate family impacted) * Inclusive of abuse survivors regardless of justice impacted status	Youth development or civic engagement;Improved educational access or attainment;Decreased justice system involvement;Increased access to mental or physical health care;Healing and wellbeing;	CASALA's internal data monitoring system. Efforts to Outcomes (ETO), enables us to track individual case progress (on an ongoing basis) and overall outcomes (annually). Data sets showcase the percentages of youth who have had better outcomes in terms of permanency, physical health, mental health, and education. Additionally, ETO is used by CASALA to track incoming referrals, the youth CASALA serves, caseload numbers, and demographics. Other data sets include but not limited to: how many people attend information sessions, watch our self-timed information session webinar, how many CASAs have completed pre-service training, how many CASAs attend in-service trainings, etc. For youth who do not have a CASA volunteer, we manually track their progress. Between July 2024-May 2025, our YJ Program served 78 dual-status youth, 13 youth through our PTI programming, and supported 4 youth via diversion.	Ready to implement immediately	By a community-based organization			$ 600,000.00	Personnel/Staff – $481,943 Program Supplies - $6,280 Facilities or Space Use Consultants or Partners Outreach/Communications - $5,400 Indirect/Admin Costs (15% max of total requested amount) $72,277 Other (Staff Training, Recruiting and Retention, Mileage and Travel, Program Software, Employees Time tracking and payroll processing services)- $ 34,200	CFCI champions local efforts to pare for justice-affected communities and develop non-carceral solutions, which aligns with the exact work that CASALA's Youth Justice (YJ) Program's impact. Our YJ Program emphasize and encourages non punitive interventions (such as diversion, restorative justice, and community-based support) to prevent future incarceration by addressing underlying needs rather than punishing behavior. Our programs are designed to support justice-involved youth in healing and building stronger futures rather than criminalize children and push punitive punishments that increase their likelihood of future incarceration. As systems-impacted children—and especially those who have also been impacted by juvenile justice—are significantly more likely to cross paths with the carceral system, it is vital that LA County support indicatives and programming that can help direct these young people towards solutions that prioritize growth, healing, and rehabilitation rather than punishment.
Unifying The Community!BBFF Reentry and Workforce Development Initiative		Building Brighter Futures Foundation (in co-op with In-Between-the-Buildings LA, Performing Arts Training Education Foundation, Emergency Intervention 4 Our Homeless Veterans of America, Youth Solutions for Justice, and others)	BBFF Workforce Reentry & Community Empowerment Model	Did not receive CFCI funding	SPA 4,SPA 6,SPA 8;SPA 7,SPA 8; SD1;SD2;	Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness;Strategy 2: Economic Opportunity & Sustainability;Strategy 3: Education Access & Youth Development;Strategy 4: Housing Stability;Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration;	he BBFF Reentry and Workforce Development Program is a 12–24-month live-in, wraparound initiative offering justice-involved adults, unhoused veterans, and at-risk youth housing, job training, behavioral health support, and lifetime mentorship. With sites across Los Angeles, Adelanto, Squaw Valley, and Moreno Valley, the program blends licensed residential care, peer-to-peer mental health support, GED/HS diploma access, AI and Adobe tech training, union trades education, culinary certification, and Cal Fire deployment training. Partnering with mental health experts, substance abuse counselors, and trade professionals, the program aims to reduce recidivism, stabilize housing, and build self-sufficiency. This collaboration received unanimous support from the CA State Senate Standing Committee on Natural Resources & Water (June 24, 2025).	Populations Served: Justice-involved adults and youth, unhoused veterans, formerly incarcerated individuals, transition-age youth (TAY), and low-income Black and Brown communities in L.A. Eligibility: 18+ or youth (14-24) with justice system, foster, or homeless experience. Commitment to 12–24 months. Referred through outreach, diversion, or reentry programs.	Increased access to mental or physical health care;Decreased justice system involvement;Improved educational access or attainment;Job training or employment outcomes;Stable or supportive housing;Youth development or civic engagement;Healing and wellbeing;	Intake & exit surveys Attendance logs Health and education records Focus groups Pre/post assessments Employment placement tracking Recidivism and housing retention reports	Ready to implement immediately	By a joint partnership			$ 10,000,000.00	Emergency funding for staffing expansion, facility upgrades, stipends, and tech Site upgrades for housing and culinary deployments Vehicles for transporting Cal Fire trainees and mobile outreach Equipment for AI/tech training labs and culinary deployment kits	BBFF directly addresses systemic inequities by focusing on justice-impacted, unhoused, and underrepresented communities—particularly Black and Brown men and women at risk of reincarceration. It offers a trauma-informed, culturally responsive alternative to incarceration by blending immediate shelter with skill-building, behavioral health access, and employment pathways. With real housing, real training, and real jobs, it empowers marginalized individuals to reclaim agency, restore dignity, and reintegrate into their communities as leaders and providers.