

Department of Public Health

Care First, Community Investment (CFCI) Funded Programs

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CFCI Project Summary

Project Name	FY 25-26 Funding	Projected Spend	CBOs Funded
Engagement and Overdose Prevention Hubs	\$2,000,000 annual \$1,987,000 one-time	Fully Utilized	16
Recovery Bridge Housing (RBH)	\$2,000,000 annual	Fully Utilized	27
SUD Court-Based Diversion	\$2,000,000 annual	Fully Utilized	3
Community Treatment Program – JCIT	\$5,030,000 annual	Fully Utilized	40
SUD Workforce Initiative	\$1,000,000 annual	Fully Utilized	1
Community Health Work in LA County	\$498,000 annual \$252,000 one-time	Partially Utilized	3
TGI Wellness and Equity Initiative	\$3,500,000 annual	Partially Utilized	Pending
AAIMM Doula Program	\$600,000 annual	Fully Utilized	1
Childcare	\$2,990,000 annual	Fully Utilized	1
Increasing Food Access	\$370,000 annual	Fully Utilized	0
CalFresh Healthy Living	\$19,000,000 one-time	Fully Utilized	17

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CFCI Project Summary

Project Name	Justice-Related Target Population	People Served FY 25-26	Region
Engagement and Overdose Prevention Hubs	People who use drugs	<i>See other presentation</i>	Countywide
Recovery Bridge Housing (RBH)	Adults in recovery	906	Countywide
SUD Court-Based Diversion	Adults seeking treatment	612	SPA 1,2,4,6
Community Treatment Program – JCIT	Adults seeking treatment	2,081	Countywide
SUD Workforce Initiative	Adults seeking training	79	Countywide
Community Health Work in LA County	Community Health Workers	346	Countywide
TGI Wellness and Equity Initiative	TGI Individuals	0	Countywide
AAIMM Doula Program	Pregnant and incarcerated	46	Countywide
Childcare	Families with young children	60,021	Countywide
Increasing Food Access	Communities high food insecurity	62,076	Countywide
CalFresh Healthy Living	Communities high food insecurity	164,000	Countywide

Department of Public Health, Substance Abuse Prevention and Control (SAPC) Bureau
Harm Reduction Engagement and Overdose Prevention (EOP) Hubs
Strategy 1. Diversion, Behavior Health & Wellness

Overview of Services: Harm reduction services reduce overdose deaths, public use of injectable drugs, and communicable disease transmission, and use of emergency medical services, and increase access to substance use services and public safety.

Funding FY 25-26 : \$2,000,000 and \$1,987,000 one-time funds

100% of funding is distributed to 16 contracted harm reduction provider agencies

Utilization to date is \$1,424,859 (42%) and underutilization is not anticipated.

See joint presentation with the Department of Health Services for more information.



Department of Public Health, Substance Abuse Prevention and Control (SAPC) Bureau

Recovery Bridge Housing (RBH)

Strategy 4. Housing Stability

Overview of Services: Recovery-oriented, peer-supported interim housing for individuals concurrently enrolled in substance use disorder (SUD) outpatient treatment. Supports people experiencing homelessness (PEH) diverted from jail who need housing and are working to find stable housing options.

Launch Date: July 2022

Target Population: Young Adults (age 18-20) and Adults (age 21 and over), including Pregnant and Parenting Women

Region Served: Countywide

People Served FY 25-26: 906

Funding FY 25-26: \$2,000,000

100% of funding is distributed to 27 contracted treatment provider agencies

Utilization to date is \$2,000,000 (100%), therefore, there is not underutilization



Department of Public Health, Substance Abuse Prevention and Control (SAPC) Bureau

Recovery Bridge Housing (RBH)

Strategy 4. Housing Stability

Impact and Outcomes: Supports RBH bed capacities, serving over 1,000 CFCI eligible clients each fiscal year.

The current capacity of over 1800 RBH beds, includes funding from CFCI to support 100 RBH beds available to PEH concurrently enrolled in SUD outpatient services, inclusive of individuals diverted from jail.

As of February 28, 2026, over 900 CFCI eligible clients have been served in RBH.

Opportunities for Improvement:

The RBH program continues to operate and expand as funding opportunities arise.

Challenges and Gaps:

Allocated funding supports 100 RBH beds and it is already been fully utilized. Upon utilization of CFCI funds, SAPC must find alternative funding sources to continue to support services for this population.



Department of Public Health, Substance Abuse Prevention and Control (SAPC) Bureau
Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Court-Based Diversion, Client Engagement and Navigation Services (CENS)
and SUD Court-Based Diversion, Martin Luther King Jr. Behavioral Health Center (MLK-BHC)
Strategy 1. Diversion, Behavior Health & Wellness

Overview of Services:

(1) CENS conducts pretrial screenings for individuals with SUD and mental health disorder in pretrial program and connects to appropriate treatment provider.

(2) MLK-BHC receives diverted individuals with SUD into residential SUD treatment, improving access to comprehensive care.

Launch Date: July 2022

Target Population: Justice-involved men and women 18+ with SUD or co-occurring SUD and mental health conditions

Region Served: CENS: SPA 1, 2, and 4
MLK-BHC: Countywide, primarily SPA 6

People Served FY 25-26: CENS: 314 clients and MLK-BHC: 298 clients

Funding FY 25-26 : \$2,000,000

100% of funding is distributed to 3 contracted treatment provider agencies

Utilization to date is \$711,400 (36%) and underutilization is not anticipated.



Department of Public Health, Substance Abuse Prevention and Control (SAPC) Bureau
Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Court-Based Diversion, Client Engagement and Navigation Services (CENS)
and SUD Court-Based Diversion, Martin Luther King Jr. Behavioral Health Center (MLK-BHC)
Strategy 1. Diversion, Behavior Health & Wellness

Impact and Outcomes:

CENS: Supported the Rapid Diversion Program and screened 314 clients and successfully linking 53.2% (167) to treatment. SPA 2 had highest referrals (62) and SPA 4 had highest volume complex cases pending release (62).

MLK-BHC: 66% had positive participation with 111 (37%) completed, 67 (22%) active and 20 (7%). Of those who completed, 49 (44%) connected with stable or transitional housing. Of those discharged, 162 (84%) connected to ongoing care (e.g., SUD, MH).

Opportunities for Improvement:

CENS: Strengthen the linkage process by expanding presence in courts.

MLK-BHC: Strengthen multidisciplinary, integrated, collaboration across on-site providers to enhance care coordination for individuals with SUD and MH conditions.

Challenges and Gaps:

CENS: 31.8% (100) of the screened clients remain in-custody without set release dates, underscoring a systemic gap.

MLK-BHC: Services impacted by provider staff turnover which affected continuity of care and consistency in program implementation.



Department of Public Health, Substance Abuse Prevention and Control (SAPC) Bureau
Community Treatment Program – Jail Closure Implementation Team (JCIT)
Strategy 5. Reentry & Community Reintegration

Overview of Services: Part of the CEO-CSIT effort to support the closure of Men’s Central Jail to expand housing and service. SAPC offers a full continuum of accessible SUD care: outpatient, intensive outpatient, withdrawal management, residential, opioid treatment programs, recovery bridge housing, recovery housing and other supportive services.

Launch Date: July 2022

Target Population: Justice-involved clients with SUD or potential SUD recently released from jail or prison.

Region Served: Countywide

People Served FY 25-26: 2,081

Funding FY 25-26 : \$5.03 million

85% of funding is distributed to over 40 contracted treatment providers at over 75 sites

Utilization to date \$2,351,150 (46%) and underutilization is not anticipated



Department of Public Health, Substance Abuse Prevention and Control (SAPC) Bureau Community Treatment Program – Jail Closure Implementation Team (JCIT)

Strategy 1. Diversion, Behavior Health & Wellness

Impact and Outcomes:

From July 2025 to December 2025, of the 2,081 unique justice-involved clients served at SAPC SUD treatment programs.

1,866 clients were discharged, of which 60% completed treatment or left with satisfactory progress.

Opportunities for Improvement:

Provide trainings to community providers on the impacts of the CalAIM Justice-Involved Initiative, which includes Medi-Cal enrollment /reactivation for clients in-custody, and reentry planning for more individuals.

Challenges and Gaps:

Unexpected releases and fluid release dates from County Jail impact the Medi-Cal status of individuals and can result in challenges such as timely access to treatment, medication, and payment.



Department of Public Health, Substance Abuse Prevention and Control (SAPC) Bureau

Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Workforce Initiative

Strategy 2. Economic Opportunity and Sustainability

Overview of Services: Educational scholarship program for SUD Counselors. Services include: Tuition at educational entity; registration at certifying organization; staffing and programmatic support; and strategies to increase retainment in SUD workforce.

Launch Date: April 2022

Target Population: Communities and individuals in areas hit hardest by the War on Drugs, lived experience with SUD either directly and/or through family and/or friends, Black, Latine, and LGBTQIA+

Region Served: Countywide

People Served FY 25-26: 79

Funding FY 25-26: \$1,000,000

86% of funding is distributed to 1 contracted community-based organization (CBO)

Utilization to date is \$630,866.42 (71%) and underutilization is not anticipated



Department of Public Health, Substance Abuse Prevention and Control (SAPC) Bureau

Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Workforce Initiative

Strategy 2. Economic Opportunity and Sustainability

Impact and Outcomes:

- More than half of participants identifying as Black or African American (18%) or Latine (51%)
- All participants have lived experience with SUD
- 365 newly registered counselors in Los Angeles County since FY 22/23
- 145 students graduated and completed TIP (40% completion rate)
- Demographics of students reflected program goals

Opportunities for Improvement:

Improve attrition rate impacted by:

- Program pace (7-month accelerated)
- Limited capacity of paid practicum sites to meet demand in SPAs with limited SAPC treatment provider agencies

Challenges and Gaps:

- Continue to work with Certifying Organizations as they process state legislative changes
- Support for registered counselors to becoming certified



Overview of Services: Provides a standardized, cross-departmental training and peer learning infrastructure that equips Community Health Workers (CHWs) across DPH, DHS, and DMH to deliver coordinated, culturally responsive outreach, system navigation, and service linkage that improves access to care for under-resourced communities.

Launch Date: May 2025

Target Population: LA County CHWs serving under-resourced communities.

Region Served: Countywide

People Served FY 25-26: 346 CHWs

Funding FY 25-26: \$498,000

17% of funding will be distributed to 2 contracted community-based organizations (CBO)

Utilization to date is \$238,342 (48%); underutilization is possible due to staff attrition and contract delays



Impact and Outcomes:

- **CTEC Established:** CHW council with representation from DPH, DMH, and DHS; 16 meetings held
- **Curriculum Developed:** Standardized CHW curriculum drafted, reviewed, ready for rollout
- **Peer Learning Network Launched:** 6 quarterly sessions, including 1 training with 140 participants
- **Collaboration Strengthened:** Ongoing coordination across all three departments
- **Foundation Built:** Core infrastructure in place to support training scale and workforce development

Opportunities for Improvement:

Advancing full implementation by strengthening staffing, aligning expectations across partners, and continuing to refine the curriculum through an iterative, collaborative process that incorporates cross-departmental coordination and review timelines.

Challenges and Gaps:

Recent staff attrition has impacted program continuity during a critical implementation phase, alongside delays in contracting that have slowed the timeline for specialized trainings and full program rollout.



Overview of Services: Supports the expansion of the Advancing Community Health and Workforce Education project by partnering with a community-based CHW organization to refine training, conduct cross-departmental needs assessments and align curriculum with lived experience to ensure culturally and linguistically responsive, community-informed CHW training.

Launch Date: January 2026

Target Population: LA County Community Health Workers, including both County and community-based CHWs, serving under-resourced communities.

Region Served: Countywide

People Served FY 25-26: None to-date

Funding FY 25-26: \$252,000 (one-time funds for 36 months)

85% of funding will be distributed to one contracted community-based organization (CBO)

Utilization to date is \$0 (0%) but underutilization is not anticipated for FY 25-26 allocation.



Impact and Outcomes:

Contract with CBO partner was executed on March 24, 2026.

First project meeting has been scheduled for April 3, 2026.

Opportunities for Improvement:

Further streamlining contract execution process when applicable to expedite community services.

Challenges and Gaps:

Staff transitions have required recruitment and onboarding to ensure new team members are quickly integrated and able to support continued program implementation.



Department of Public Health, Executive Office, Center for Health Equity

Trans, Gender, Expansive, and Intersex (TGI) Wellness and Equity Initiative

Strategy 1. Diversion, Behavior Health & Wellness

Overview of Services: Work with a Third-Party Administrator (TPA) to disseminate funding that will enhance services being provided to the Transgender, Gender Expansive and Intersex (TGI) community and build the capacity of organizations serving the TGI community, including TGI-led organizations.

Launch Date: January 2026

Target Population: Transgender, Gender Expansive and Intersex (TGI) individuals

Region Served: Countywide

People Served FY 25-26: 0 to date

Funding FY 25-26: \$3,500,000

93% of funding will be distributed to a contracted community-based organization (CBO) to redistribute funds to other CBOs.

Utilization to date is \$112,015 (3%) and underutilization is anticipated.



Department of Public Health, Executive Office, Center for Health Equity

Trans, Gender, Expansive, and Intersex (TGI) Wellness and Equity Initiative

Strategy 1. Diversion, Behavior Health & Wellness

Impact and Outcomes:

Program data will be collected once the CBOs are onboarded. However, the tool and instructions have been developed. Once the CBO subcontracts are executed, they will receive training on what to collect and how to complete the tool.

This project officially launched in January 2026 with the onboarding of the TPA. They are in the process of identifying CBOs to receive funding. We expect them to have these subcontracts in place by mid-April.

Opportunities for Improvement:

Based on requests from the community, the TPA contract was sent to bid which created a delay. However, the TPA contract was executed in January 2026 and they are moving quickly.

Challenges and Gaps:

In hindsight a project of this magnitude should have been a three-year project with year 1 to account for time ramping up. However, now that everything has started, we expect things to move quickly.



Department of Public Health, Health Promotion Bureau, Maternal, Child & Adolescent Health
African American Infant and Maternal Mortality Program (AAIMM) Doula Program
Strategy 1. Diversion, Behavior Health & Wellness

Overview of Services:

C.A.R.E.* doulas provide affirming pregnancy and childbirth support, education and resource navigation for pregnant individuals who are currently or formerly incarcerated or at risk of incarceration.

*Note: Name changed to Compassion, Advocacy, Resilience, and Empowerment (C.A.R.E.) Doula Program to more accurately reflect communities served/services offered.

Launch Date: September 2022

Target Population: Incarcerated pregnant individuals

Region Served: Countywide

People Served FY 25-26: 116 referrals, 46 confirmed clients

Funding FY 25-26: \$600,000

12% of funding is distributed to 1 contracted community-based organization (CBO); remainder covers contracted doulas and administrator; utilization to date is \$250,796 (42%) and underutilization is not anticipated



Department of Public Health, Health Promotion Bureau, Maternal, Child & Adolescent Health
African American Infant and Maternal Mortality Program (AAIMM) Doula Program
Strategy 1. Diversion, Behavior Health & Wellness

Impact and Outcomes:

Received CSAC Challenge Award, 2025

382 referrals, 159 enrolled clients, and 76 births (54 doula-attended), including infant losses

Collaborative cross-departmental relationships and protocols

Provided workforce development for doulas

Launched lactation project, with milk shipment available for moms separated from their breastfed infants

Opportunities for Improvement:

Program seeks to extend doula services to a broader spectrum of justice-impacted pregnant individuals, not limited to those currently or recently incarcerated.

Challenges and Gaps:

Transient population leads to significant loss to follow-up; red tape when working with Sheriff's Department and Correctional Health; doula burnout and need for trauma-informed peer support.



Department of Public Health, Health Promotion Bureau, Advancement of Early Care & Education Child Care

Strategy 3. Education Access & Youth Development

Overview of Services: The program aims to increase access to child care by 1) creating family-centered public awareness campaign, 2) training county and community staff to support families with child care access, and 3) enrolling families in child care payment vouchers.

Launch Date: November 2024

Target Population: Families with young children

Region Served: Countywide

People Served FY 25-26: 60,021

Funding FY 25-26: \$2,990,000

49% of funding is distributed to 1 contracted community-based organization (CBO) - Crystal Stairs and 23% goes to a contracted partner for media/education campaigns

Utilization to date is \$1,217,130 (40%) and underutilization is not anticipated



Department of Public Health, Health Promotion Bureau, Advancement of Early Care & Education Child Care

Strategy 3. Education Access & Youth Development

Impact and Outcomes:

- **Increased Awareness**
 - 59,270 families have accessed childcare resources at childcarelacounty.gov
- **Strengthening Services**
 - 607 LA County Department/community agency staff have been trained to support families in accessing child care (goal is 100)
 - Training increased staff knowledge about child care resources by 53%
- **Supporting Children**
 - 144 child care payment vouchers approved for children living in South LA (goal is 180)

Opportunities for Improvement:

Launching a new program required ramp up by hiring staff, negotiating contracts with partner agencies, and developing training curriculum. Now that the program is established, progress should move at a quicker pace.

Challenges and Gaps:

Delays in Trustline background checks for license exempt Family, Friend, and Neighbor (FFN) to provide care through approved child care vouchers.



Department of Public Health, Health Promotion Bureau, Chronic Disease & Injury Prevention

Increasing Food Access by Redistributing Wholesome, Surplus Food in Historically Disadvantaged Populations

Strategy 2. Economic Opportunity & Sustainability

Overview of Services: Facilitates the redistribution of surplus food from businesses and school districts to nonprofit organizations and strengthens partnerships to increase the distribution of fresh, recovered produce across communities and reduces food waste by diverting surplus food from landfills, contributing to climate change mitigation.

Launch Date: December 2024

Target Population: Justice impacted communities experiencing high levels of food insecurity.

Region Served: Countywide

People Served FY 25-26: 62,076

Funding FY 25-26: \$370,000

90% of funding is distributed to 1 contracted organization.

Utilization to date is \$246,211 (67%) and underutilization is not anticipated



Department of Public Health, Health Promotion Bureau, Chronic Disease & Injury Prevention

Increasing Food Access by Redistributing Wholesome, Surplus Food in Historically Disadvantaged Populations

Strategy 2. Economic Opportunity & Sustainability

Impact and Outcomes:

Surplus Food Donations:

- 1,543 donations through Copia resulting in 89,718 meals donated (107,700 lbs. of food)
- 63 nonprofits in justice-impacted areas served

Recovered Produce Distributions:

- 52 produce distributions conducted
- 64,252 lbs. of produce distributed serving 13,900 individuals

Environmental Impact:

- 331,600 pounds of CO2 emissions and 24.5 million gallons of water saved by diverting food from landfills.

Opportunities for Improvement:

School district participation often requires school board approval. Some school donors experienced delays renewing their subscriptions because they were unable to get on the school board agenda.

Challenges and Gaps:

Continue expanding our network of grocery store partners to increase the variety of food donations provided to nonprofit organizations.



Department of Public Health, Health Promotion Bureau, Chronic Disease and Injury Prevention

CalFresh Healthy Living (CFHL)

Strategy 1. Diversion, Behavior Health & Wellness

Overview of Services: Implements strategies to improve food and nutrition security for justice-impacted populations by conducting large-scale emergency food distributions during the federal government shutdown and increasing access to healthy food by providing free, fresh produce, food insecurity screenings in clinical settings, food pantry enhancements, education, and food security and wrap-around service resources.

Launch Date: November 2025 Food Distributions, April 2026 CFHL

Target Population: Justice impacted communities with high CalFresh participation throughout LA County

Region Served: Countywide

People Served FY 25-26: 40,000 households and 164,000 people received food

Funding FY 25-26: \$19,000,000 one-time

60% of funding is distributed to 17 contracted community-based organizations (CBOs), early childhood education centers, schools districts and Federally Qualified Health Centers.

Utilization to date is \$8,430,814 (44%) and underutilization is not anticipated.



Department of Public Health, Health Promotion Bureau, Chronic Disease and Injury Prevention

CalFresh Healthy Living

Strategy 1. Diversion, Behavior Health & Wellness

Impact and Outcomes:

- **Emergency Food Distribution**
 - Throughout November and early December 2025, more than 40,000 households and 164,000 people were served through 20 large scale events.
 - Food distributed through both pop-up events and community partners included more than 2.1 million pounds of food, equating to more than 1.7 meals.
- **CalFresh Healthy Living-Justice Expansion**
 - Contracts in place with 17 community partners that operate in over 100 sites across every Supervisorial District throughout LA County.
 - Developed standardized tracking and evaluation tools to measure impact and outcomes
 - Partners trained on program implementation, communications and reporting requirements.

Opportunities for Improvement:

Emergency Food Distribution:

DPH is working closely with DPSS, Poverty Alleviation and Los Angeles Regional Food Bank to elicit feedback for deployment of future food distributions.

CalFresh Healthy Living-Justice Expansion:

Early stages of implementation; lessons learned will be available at a future date

Challenges and Gaps:

Due to changes in SNAP (CalFresh in California) eligibility (refugees/asylum seekers, work requirements for Able-Bodied Without Dependents, etc.), higher levels of food insecurity in Los Angeles are anticipated; investments among historically marginalized communities should continue to be prioritized.





Thank You!