

Program Snapshot: After Life Initiative

CFCI Program Area 16 & 22

Target Population

After Life Initiative serves formerly incarcerated individuals directly impacted by the criminal legal system throughout Los Angeles County.

Our mission is to help formerly incarcerated people rebuild their lives after incarceration by creating real pathways to lasting success, self sufficiency, and opportunity.

Overview of Services

PA 16 — Navigating Life

A reentry support program that provides case management, peer support groups, financial support for basic necessities, wellness services, mentorship, and employment readiness support to help formerly incarcerated individuals achieve long term stability and success.

PA 22 — HARC

A housing stabilization program that provides rental assistance, housing navigation, financial literacy, and housing stability support to help formerly incarcerated individuals maintain safe and stable housing.

Funding Overview & Spenddown Status

Total Funding Allocation: PA 16- \$522,068.00/ PA- 22 \$1,198,693.44



Funding Allocation Breakdown

- Our funding supports direct services, staffing, and operations & administrative costs.

Underspend

- Funds spent vs. allocated
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- Unspent funds were primarily due to some individuals on the waiting list surpassing the 18-month eligibility requirement by the time assistance became available. Delays

Funds spent v. Funds Allocated

PA 16

Year One Financial Overview

- **Annual Budget Allocated:** \$174,022.67
- **Total Funds Expended:** \$172,369.19
- **Year-End Surplus:** \$1653.48

Year Two Financial Overview

- **Annual Budget Allocated:** \$174,022.67
- **Total Funds Expended:** \$160,481.17
- **Year-End Surplus:** \$14,368. 24

Year Three Financial Overview

- **Annual Budget Allocated:** \$74,022.67
- **Total Funds Expended:** \$39,539.31 (To date)
- **Year-End Surplus:** TBD

PA 22

Year One Financial Overview

- **Annual Budget Allocated:** \$399,564.48.
- **Total Funds Expended:** \$342,519.48
- **Year-End Surplus:** \$57,045.00

Year Two Financial Overview

- **Annual Budget Allocated:** \$399,564.48
- **Total Funds Expended:** \$233,566.34
- **Year-End Surplus:** TBD

Impact & Outcomes

Demographic & Geographic Data

Number of People Served

- PA 16 - 485 individuals served
- PA 22 -150 individuals serve

Geographic Regions Served

- After Life Initiative serves formerly incarcerated individuals throughout Los Angeles County, including South Los Angeles, Long Beach, Compton, Watts, Inglewood, Hawthorne, Lynwood, East Los Angeles, and surrounding underserved communities.

Program Impact & Outcomes

The outcomes achieved by After Life Initiative align directly with the organization's initial goals of increasing housing stability, reducing barriers to reentry, promoting wellness, and supporting long term success after incarceration.

- \$450,000 in rental assistance distributed
- \$42,614 in emergency service funds provided
- \$41,884 in stipends distributed
- 33 members placed in permanent housing
- 16 members placed in transitional housing
- 24 wellness activities completed
- 48 peer support groups facilitated
- \$7,884 in transportation assistance provided
- 69 members successfully discharged from parole through stabilization and support services

Gaps & Challenges

Service Delivery

- Service delivery and program implementation were impacted by long waiting lists, limited funding while awaiting reimbursement payments, high rental costs, limited affordable housing availability, and employment barriers related to criminal background checks.
- The main barriers to implementation included infrastructure limitations, limited staffing capacity, and the program growing faster than the organization's operational capacity to fully support the demand for services.

External Challenges

- Risk of Sustainability
 - These barriers created risks to sustainability by increasing the demand for services while limiting the organization's ability to respond quickly and consistently. Long waiting lists, delayed reimbursements, rising housing costs, and employment barriers placed additional strain on staffing, financial resources, and the organization's overall capacity to maintain and expand services.

Opportunities & Next Steps

Opportunities for Improvement

How to improve the program.

- Increase staff capacity, strengthen infrastructure, and secure flexible funding to improve service delivery and reduce delays. Expand housing, transportation, case management, and employment support.

Are there current or future partnerships to be explored?

- Explore partnerships with housing providers, workforce programs, behavioral health agencies, legal aid organizations, and second chance employers.

Recommended Next Steps

- Shorter turnaround times for reimbursement and contract payments
- Increased flexible and unrestricted funding for small community organizations
- Simplified reporting, invoicing, and compliance requirements for grassroots providers