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Veronica Lewis: Good afternoon, everybody. Thank you for joining us for the CareFirst Community Investment Advisory Committee Town Hall.

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Veronica Lewis: And I'm calling, you know, this town hall to order at 4.06 p.m. Apologies for being a few minutes late. We're gonna play the labor and land acknowledgements in the opposite order, and then we'll get started. Thanks again for being here.

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Veronica Lewis: Cassie, please play the recordings back-to-back.

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Audio shared by Kassy Angel (JCOD): The County of Los Angeles recognizes that we occupy land originally and still inhabited and cared for by the Tongva, Tatavium, Serrano, Quiche, and Chumash peoples. We honor and pay respect to their elders and descendants, past, present, and emerging.

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Audio shared by Kassy Angel (JCOD): as they continue their stewardship of these lands and waters. We acknowledge that settler colonization resulted in land seizure, disease, subjugation, slavery, relocation, broken promises, genocide, and multi-generational trauma.

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Audio shared by Kassy Angel (JCOD): This acknowledgement demonstrates our responsibility and commitment to truth, healing, and reconciliation, and to elevating the stories, culture, and community of the original inhabitants of Los Angeles County. We are grateful to have the opportunity to live and work on these ancestral lands.

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Audio shared by Kassy Angel (JCOD): We are dedicated to growing and sustaining relationships with Native peoples and local tribal governments.

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Audio shared by Kassy Angel (JCOD): Including, in no particular order, Fernando Titavium Band of Mission Indians, Gabrielino Tongva Indians of California Tribal Council, Gabrielleno Tongva San Gabriel Band of Mission Indians, Gabrielleno Band of Mission Indians, Quiche Nation, Yahaviatum of Sandmanwell Nation.

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Audio shared by Kassy Angel (JCOD): San Fernando Band of Mission Indians, Coastal Band of Chumash Nation, Gabrielino Tongva Nation, Gabriellino Tongva Tribe.

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Audio shared by Kassy Angel (JCOD): To learn more about the First Peoples of Los Angeles County, please visit the Los Angeles City-County Native American Indian Commission website at [laic.lacounty.gov](http://laic.lacounty.gov).

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Audio shared by Kassy Angel (JCOD): Most modern-day U.S. institutions have benefited from the unaddressed legacy of stolen labor at the foundation of this nation and its vast and inequitable wealth.

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Audio shared by Kassy Angel (JCOD): We respectfully acknowledge our debt to the enslaved people, Primarily of African descent.

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Audio shared by Kassy Angel (JCOD): whose labor and suffering built and grew the economy and infrastructure of a nation that refused to recognize their humanity. While the 13th Amendment to the Constitution technically ended slavery in the U.S, we know that slavery's ongoing impacts are still felt by countless people forced, through violence, threats, and coercion.

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Audio shared by Kassy Angel (JCOD): to work in the U.S.

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Audio shared by Kassy Angel (JCOD): We recognize our debt to exploited workers, past and present, whose labor was and continues to be stolen through unjust practices.

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Audio shared by Kassy Angel (JCOD): We acknowledge our collective debt to the indigenous peoples of this land whose labor was forced and exploited, the Chinese immigrants who built railroads and allowed for westward American development.

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Audio shared by Kassy Angel (JCOD): Japanese Americans whose properties and livelihoods were taken from them while incarcerated during World War II,

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Audio shared by Kassy Angel (JCOD): and migrant workers from the Philippines, Mexico, and Central and South America who have worked Pacific Northwest farms and canneries.

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Audio shared by Kassy Angel (JCOD): We recognize the immigrant and American-born workers of African, Asian, and Central and South American descent whose labor remains hidden in the shadows, but still contributes to the well-being of our collective community.

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Audio shared by Kassy Angel (JCOD): We recognize that our economy continues to rely on the exploited labor of incarcerated people.

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Audio shared by Kassy Angel (JCOD): Largely people of color, who earn pennies an hour while generating billions in goods and services each year. And we know there are many other people, too numerous to mention, who are prevented from reaping the true value of their labor by unjust systems and cruel practices.

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Audio shared by Kassy Angel (JCOD): We mourn their loss of life, liberty, and opportunity.

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Audio shared by Kassy Angel (JCOD): We acknowledge that the theft of labor is the theft of generational progress. Nearly all people of color have been robbed of the opportunity and wealth that their ancestors might otherwise have passed on to them.

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Veronica Lewis: Thank you, JCARD team. Again, welcome to the April 30th Town Hall meeting. Please note that this meeting is being recorded for the purpose of meeting minutes.

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Veronica Lewis: We are here today. This is the second town hall meeting to allow for us to get... hear presentations from county departments.

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Veronica Lewis: and grantees of the third-party administrators. And, these presentations are going to help inform the deliberations and discussions at the CFCI Advisory Committee meetings.

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Veronica Lewis: as we begin to put together spending recommendations for, underspan or set aside dollars. And so, it's an opportunity for the... some of the committee members, as well as the public at large.

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Veronica Lewis: to hear the impact and the outcomes and work that's being done with CFCI dollars. There will be an opportunity for, the committee members that are here and the public at large to ask questions and make comments.

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Veronica Lewis: After each of the presentations, we have three community-based organizations presenting today, and 2 of our county departments presenting. Just want to make, one programming note that

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Veronica Lewis: the presentation from the Chief Executive Officer CEO is going to be bumped up from,

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Veronica Lewis: 4 out of 5 presentations to number 2, so everything else will flow as you see on the agendas. With that said, let's get started. Our first presentation is going to be from

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Veronica Lewis: the community-based organization named Rich With Attitude, presenting on the work that they're doing under, JCODS, or CFCI Strategy 1, related to diversion, behavioral health, and wellness.

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Veronica Lewis: You have the floor now.

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Dayla, Rich With Attitude Inc.: Hi, everyone. My name is Delajanae Mays. I am the founder of Rich With Attitude. Our program, Mommy Support, focuses on serving BIPOC pregnant women, justice-involved mothers, and single mothers who are facing significant life challenges.

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Dayla, Rich With Attitude Inc.: These are women who are often navigating systems, instability, and limited access to resources while still trying to care for themselves and their children.

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Dayla, Rich With Attitude Inc.: Now, through our program, we do provide direct support, including basic needs like food, hygiene, baby supplies.

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Dayla, Rich With Attitude Inc.: As well as, skill-building services, such as parenting support, job readiness, and overwhelmness.

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Dayla, Rich With Attitude Inc.: Like, physically, emotionally, and mentally.

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Dayla, Rich With Attitude Inc.: Okay, now we're on the funding and overview. So our total funding allocation is \$860,849.55, and these funds support the full delivery of our program.

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Dayla, Rich With Attitude Inc.: These... this includes direct services for participants staffing to run and support the program, operational costs, such as rent, utilities.

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Dayla, Rich With Attitude Inc.: essential resources like food, transportation support, and supplies for both mothers and their children. Now, I do want to be clear that there is no anticipated underspend. Every dollar has been intentionally allocated, and it's being fully utilized.

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Dayla, Rich With Attitude Inc.: Because we are working with high-need populations, now there are also unforeseen expenses that do come up, such as emergency needs.

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Dayla, Rich With Attitude Inc.: additional supplies and support to help participants stay engaged. And we have made sure that all funding directly supports the success and stability of the mothers and families that we serve.

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Dayla, Rich With Attitude Inc.: Okay, we're moving on to impact and outcomes.

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Dayla, Rich With Attitude Inc.: Okay, to date, we serve 144 individuals in the South Los Angeles area, specifically within Spa 6, and Supervisor of District 2.

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Dayla, Rich With Attitude Inc.: Through our programs, participants have gained increased access to essentials

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Dayla, Rich With Attitude Inc.: resources like food, hygiene supplies, and material support items. But beyond that, we have seen growth in areas like financial literacy, job readiness, parenting skills, and helping mothers feel more prepared and stable in their daily lives. Like, for example,

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Dayla, Rich With Attitude Inc.: We've had participants who initially struggled with consistency and access to resources, but through our ongoing support, we were able to keep them engaged, access regular services regularly, and begin toward employment instability.

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Dayla, Rich With Attitude Inc.: Okay, gaps and challenges.

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Dayla, Rich With Attitude Inc.: Like many community-based programs, we have faced, challenges that impact service delivery. One of our major factors that I can bring up is, has been external conditions like ICE activity in the community, which created fear and uncertainty for many of our families that we serve. So this has directly impacted participation and attendance.

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Dayla, Rich With Attitude Inc.: We also see ongoing challenges related to instability, such as housing, childcare, and of course, transportation, which can make consistent engagement difficult for us. But these realities require us to be flexible and adaptive in how we deliver services, while continuing to build trust within our community as well.

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Dayla, Rich With Attitude Inc.: Okay, opportunities and next steps. So for our opportunities and next steps, moving forward, we do see strong opportunities to continue strengthening trust within the community by maintaining,

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Dayla, Rich With Attitude Inc.: a consistent presence and building deeper relationships. We also do plan to expand partnerships with local schools, churches, and other community organizations to increase access and outreach.

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Dayla, Rich With Attitude Inc.: One key recommendation is... is the need for more flexible service... Is more flexible service delivery models, such as, model or community-based distribution to better particip... to better meet participants where they are.

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Dayla, Rich With Attitude Inc.: Additionally, policies that ensure confidentiality and safety are critical in helping participants feel secure assessing services. So overall, our goal is to continue growing in a way that meets the real needs of families that we serve.

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Veronica Lewis: Are you done with your presentation?

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Dayla, Rich With Attitude Inc.: Yes, ma'am.

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Veronica Lewis: Okay, thank you. Thank you so much.

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Dayla, Rich With Attitude Inc.: So...

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Veronica Lewis: Committee members or members of the public, raise your hand at this time if you have any comments or questions. I just have one question. Can you say a little bit more, whoever is changing it, if you can go back to slide 5, please?

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Veronica Lewis: Can you say a little bit more about the flexible service delivery models? Like, what types of things...

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Veronica Lewis: intervention, supports, etc. Would you have wanted to be able to provide to the community that you were not able to because of this?

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Veronica Lewis: the, restrictions. Can you say a little bit more about that, if possible?

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Dayla, Rich With Attitude Inc.: So I would say, basically, flexible service, like, delivery models, such as, like, mobile, whether it could be,

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Dayla, Rich With Attitude Inc.: where we are creating a mobile, like, a mobile baby pantry, where we can provide the diapers, wipes, and other supplies that the moms do need. So when they do participate in our programs, we do offer them, like, supplies and things like that, but sometimes, you know, because of the attendance, they can't make it for whatever reason, and especially because of the ice and everything that's been going on. So what I was thinking is we could just create, like, a mobile baby pantry to meet the moms

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Dayla, Rich With Attitude Inc.: where they are, where we could just pull up in different communities and drop off diapers, wipes, etc.

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Veronica Lewis: Okay, thank you for providing more information, and thank you for all of the great work you all are doing. And I saw your hand go up and down, so...

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Anna: Veronica, you actually... you asked the exact same question as.

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Veronica Lewis: Oh, God.

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Anna: But thank you so much for your presentation, I really appreciate it, and it sounds like a wonderful program, and very glad to hear you have no underspent.

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Dayla, Rich With Attitude Inc.: Thank you guys so much.

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Veronica Lewis: Thank you. Any other questions or comments?

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Veronica Lewis: For which, with attitude?

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Veronica Lewis: Okay, well, thank you so much for your presentation.

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Veronica Lewis: We're going to keep going, and as I said, we're adjusting a little bit. So, next we're going to hear from the Los Angeles County Chief Executive Office. They have multiple programs that they're going to share about at this time.

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Wil Pinkney Jr. LA: Yes, good afternoon. My name is Will Pinckney, I'm the Executive Director of the Jail Closure Implementation Team.

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Wil Pinkney Jr. LA: So today, I want to talk about the \$42 million in CFCI funding that we manage, and how it relates to our jail closure framework. We just,

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Wil Pinkney Jr. LA: released a seventh quarterly report. We're required by the board to report every 90 days on our progress towards developing a plan to close Men's Central Jail without a replacement.

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Wil Pinkney Jr. LA: And so, you know, that's gonna factor into the presentation today. The funds that we oversee go across several departments and programs.

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Wil Pinkney Jr. LA: We have limited time today, so, you know, we're gonna present generally what we cover, and, you know, give you some context for our use of the funds and our oversight of the funds, but there are individual program... people represented in individual programs present who can, add in or answer any questions, but those programs will do full presentations of their work, and I think some...

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Wil Pinkney Jr. LA: Have already done that.

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Wil Pinkney Jr. LA: Go to the next slide, please.

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Wil Pinkney Jr. LA: This is just giving an idea of, you know, our closure framework, where we are, you know, sort of how we got there. This framework that we've created and we've presented on in our most recent report, is the result of work over the last year, year and change, with multiple departments and county partners.

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Wil Pinkney Jr. LA: Our work is outlined in four areas of focus, which are across the top of this slide in blue. Those areas of focus were developed

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Wil Pinkney Jr. LA: Back in April of 2025, there's goals related to the work that we do, which is basically, you know, reducing the number of people who are being booked into the jail, reducing and shortening the

length of time people are in the jail, and increasing the number of people who are released into the community-based system of care.

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Wil Pinkney Jr. LA: In October of 2025, we released a baseline projection that we had done that looked at the jail population over the next 5 years, and made a projection if everything

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Wil Pinkney Jr. LA: held steady, in terms of environmental factors, age of population, crime, all of those things. What would the jail population be in 2031? And the projection was that there would be, it would grow to about 14,500 people.

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Wil Pinkney Jr. LA: This month, we presented an initial, or in this most recent quarterly report, we presented an initial set of required actions.

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Wil Pinkney Jr. LA: to work towards reducing that number over the next 5 years. You see those actions on this slide. This is just a partial set of actions that was developed in conjunction with our

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Wil Pinkney Jr. LA: county departments and other county partners. We will be presenting more, actions in our next board report, which is due in July of this year.

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Wil Pinkney Jr. LA: One of the things I want to note is the population of the jail is quite different today than it was

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Wil Pinkney Jr. LA: when previous reports were released around jail closure. All of you, I'm sure, know about Prop 36, which has increased the number of people in jail, who are in jail on felonies, who would most likely not have been in jail and charged with lower-level crimes, and the mental health acuity of the population is different. Now, if people would..

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Wil Pinkney Jr. LA: higher levels of mental health acuity in the jail, and so these actions are really focused on that. Next slide, please.

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Wil Pinkney Jr. LA: I wanted to give you an idea of how, we decide what to fund, with the \$42 million. You know, we look for things that have a direct nexus to jail closure.

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Wil Pinkney Jr. LA: And when we think about that, we think about the three things on this slide. We want to look at things that increase opportunities for deflection and diversion, so really engaging people at the moment. They are likely to be booked into jail and preventing that.

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Wil Pinkney Jr. LA: We want to decrease unnecessary court appearances and increase early releases where appropriate. So, you know, this is about shortening the length of time that people are in the jail that they spend there. And then we want to, you know, we're looking at programs that result in a release from jail into treatment.

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Wil Pinkney Jr. LA: You know, these are the ways that we evaluate programs, existing programs, or any additional programs that we may work with partners.

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Wil Pinkney Jr. LA: To, develop. Next slide, please.

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Wil Pinkney Jr. LA: I wanted to hear, really highlight, you know, what our most recent board report looks at an investment over 5 years, and the things that need to be done, those required actions over 5 years to achieve jail closure. It highlights the cost.

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Wil Pinkney Jr. LA: you know, the effort, you know, how much staff would need to be involved, so it gives a horizon a lot of information about implementation. And the total cost, related to the seven actions that we presented in this most current report.

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Wil Pinkney Jr. LA: is about \$2.8 billion, or maybe \$2.86 billion. That's a combination of funding that already exists for these programs, the ones that exist now, the ones that we are, that are new. And then,

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Wil Pinkney Jr. LA: That's split into that current funding, which is about \$1.2 billion, and then with new investments, which are about \$1.5 billion.

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Wil Pinkney Jr. LA: our CFCI,

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Wil Pinkney Jr. LA: the allotment that we have control over is \$42 million a year, as I've said, so if you, you know, multiply that times 5, that's about 2.2... excuse me, \$210 million over the 5 years.

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Wil Pinkney Jr. LA: About \$174 million of that is included in these seven actions, so that is what's used to, you know, go towards the seven actions and the jail closure framework that we have developed.

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Wil Pinkney Jr. LA: So I'm gonna talk more about that later, and how those investments map into those seven actions specifically.

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Wil Pinkney Jr. LA: So that tells... what that tells you is that we are looking for other funding outside of CFCI, obviously, and outside of what is currently allocated to these departments that run these programs. So we are working with CEO Budget on possible funding sources for that \$1.47 billion.

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Wil Pinkney Jr. LA: And so what we're looking to do going forward is really make sure that whatever funding is provided actually depopulates the jail. We're happy to provide more information and context for funding decisions at some other time.

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Wil Pinkney Jr. LA: Next slide, please.

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Wil Pinkney Jr. LA: This slide really goes to the alignment, so how are the things that we're funding, how do they map onto this?

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Wil Pinkney Jr. LA: you know, \$2.86 billion in, new actions, or required actions that we say are necessary to close the jail without a replacement. So nearly all of the JSID

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Wil Pinkney Jr. LA: CFCI programs, are directly funded or support one of these, initial required actions.

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Wil Pinkney Jr. LA: Only two of them lead in RDP are funded by other CFCI funds, not ones directly overseen by JCD.

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Wil Pinkney Jr. LA: This is intentional. Like I said, we've been working with departments over the last year to address needs, to identify gaps.

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Wil Pinkney Jr. LA: to pilot promising solutions, to fill staffing gaps, and help support staffing for the work that really is successful in depopulating the jail. In future cycles, we plan to continue to evaluate our current funded programs.

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Wil Pinkney Jr. LA: Make sure we're closing gaps, and pilot new interventions, to make sure that we achieve the goal of closure. Next slide, please.

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Wil Pinkney Jr. LA: So this, really looks at the currently funded programs,

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Wil Pinkney Jr. LA: And, you know, we have some department representatives here on the call, like I said, but here we're really looking at, you know, what has been spent, so far, and what will ultimately, what's the projected spending, of the programs. Most of the programs, as you can see, are projected to fully spend their funds.

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Wil Pinkney Jr. LA: I'll point to, ODR,

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Wil Pinkney Jr. LA: Which isn't projected right now to spend, 100% of the funds that are allocated. They are still building infrastructure, their funds were going towards, mental health beds for the serious mentally ill, and there's been construction delays, there's been challenges with that, so, that is why they're projected not to spend their funds.

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Wil Pinkney Jr. LA: I think on... Another one might have been... HEAL? Heal...

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Wil Pinkney Jr. LA: they started the pilot, or the pilot for that program started in January, and so they've been ramping up, so I believe it's not clear yet whether they will spend all their funds.

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Wil Pinkney Jr. LA: On the next slide, I'll walk you through how we're gonna work on oversight, so you can go to the next slide. We've been working with departments on this, but we are gonna take a more active role in tracking underspending and considering mid-year allocations if goals aren't met.

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Wil Pinkney Jr. LA: In this slide, you will see that we've created some specific depopulation-focused outcome metrics. They're listed on the side of this slide. This is not something that's common across the county, but we felt it was really important, to do this.

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Wil Pinkney Jr. LA: We're establishing monthly meetings with the programs, that we have funded, their fiscal staff, and their, you know, involving their fiscal staff. And in those meetings, we're going to look at spend down, we're going to consider reallocations, as I said, if necessary.

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Wil Pinkney Jr. LA: There will be annual review also for continued funding. We're about to meet with departments this month, or next month, May is tomorrow, to really talk about what's happening in the current year, and really start to, you know, have them make the case for continued funding. But the metrics here are a key piece.

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Wil Pinkney Jr. LA: The funds that we are responsible for are meant to depopulate the jail, and we need to be able to demonstrate that to you and to the public as it's happening.

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Wil Pinkney Jr. LA: So I'll stop there, and I'll take questions if there are any.

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Veronica Lewis: Thank you so much.

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Veronica Lewis: Will, for that presentation, I do have,

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Veronica Lewis: Do you have any numbers, like, outcomes data?

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Wil Pinkney Jr. LA: No, that's what I was saying. That is... that is what we're... start... we've worked with these metrics on the side to start collect... for departments to start collecting those things. So I don't have any right now for the current year. We are meeting with departments this month to talk to them about what's happened in the current year, but I don't have anything right now for the current year.

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Veronica Lewis: Okay, what about the previous year? Do you have any of that information?

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Wil Pinkney Jr. LA: So, the year before the current fiscal year, we just took, you know, I just came in in December of 2024, so I wasn't here that whole year, so I don't know if there was any metrics required of departments in the previous fiscal year.

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Veronica Lewis: I mean, as a follow-up, Aloka, if you can follow up with Will, because I think it would be helpful, in particular, because there's been great interest, you know, you all went from C-SID, I think, to JSID, or about the opposite direction.

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Veronica Lewis: because there's such a significant investment, there's a lot of interest, and I know one of the early things we talked about, and this is when you first got here, right, you're still fairly new, hasn't been that long, was around tracking,

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Veronica Lewis: the actual recidivism stuff, so yeah, if there's any data that exists, and I believe there is some, it would be great if you can get that to...

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Veronica Lewis: a local... because this is gonna, again, inform our conversations, and so it'll be helpful if we have whatever data that is available to you.

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Veronica Lewis: If the committee, and then, of course, if it's published publicly, the broader public will see it as well, but...

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Veronica Lewis: I can't imagine there's no data, and I know we've seen some presentations previously related to this, from the collaborating departments, and so if you can get us something, whatever you may have, it would be appreciated.

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Wil Pinkney Jr. LA: And that's why I said,

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Wil Pinkney Jr. LA: those departments, I think some might have already presented, I don't know if they presented any data, to you guys, but... and some that will. I'll definitely get with Aloka, talk with her. I know JCOD

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Wil Pinkney Jr. LA: did collect some information, I believe they did, so I'll get with her offline. But, and I will, like I said, we'll talk to departments about what they do plan to present, if any, and we'll...

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Wil Pinkney Jr. LA: the... I'll call it rebooking data, not recidivism data. I know we have just started digging in and had the ability to start looking at rebookings.

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Wil Pinkney Jr. LA: I know one of the challenges, quite frankly, with that is that departments haven't collected information in a way where it's easy to look at who came from the jail and look at rebooking information in that sense, but I do know there's been an effort with the CIO's office to do some matching to get an understanding of that.

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Wil Pinkney Jr. LA: Odr, I believe, may have some of that. I know they work with CIO to look at some rebooking data. I know it's really early, so I don't know how much they've done, but a lot of this capacity has just really come online in the last, I'd say, couple of months of this year. How would CIO to do that matching, because it's not...

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Wil Pinkney Jr. LA: it's not a common identifier that allows easily to say, okay, this person, at least from Lawrence, came from jail. How many times have they been back since they engaged with this program? So I know that's what you're looking for, it makes sense to me as well. So...

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Veronica Lewis: In part, and then just the... I think that even though you all have collaborated to distribute your dollars, I think that the dollars that were allocated to Seastead, even though they've gone out, like, if you can... if we could figure out, even if JCOT needs to help you understand the other stuff, right, like the programming data, because I know, like, the number of bids, the number of people that have been served, I know we've seen some of that, but I think that

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Veronica Lewis: aggregately, it would be helpful if JC can produce those numbers, and one other thing I want to offer that the CFCI Advisory Committee has a

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Veronica Lewis: ad hoc, data and evaluation committee that's looking at a lot of different things, so maybe we can invite JC to come there as well. Committee members and members of the public, if you have questions or comments for, CEO JC, please use the Zoom feature to raise your hand at this time.

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Veronica Lewis: I see one more... I do have one more question, and we're gonna go to Member Williams. Can you go to slide 6, Cassie?

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Veronica Lewis: Okay, so just...

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Veronica Lewis: And maybe Jaycock, can you explain the 205% under Jayco Reentry Housing? Like, what does that mean, and where did that other money come from? Did we pull it... did JCOT pull it from somewhere else? Just curious.

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Veronica Lewis: And then, you explained the 35%.

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Veronica Lewis: But I want to understand the 205%, like, just curious to know where... Where they're...

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Wil Pinkney Jr. LA: I believe Nate can answer, but I believe that they got funding, other CFCI funding, that they are using. I don't know if it was with the,

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Wil Pinkney Jr. LA: the money that was pulled back, and I know there was a submitting of, funding requests.

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Wil Pinkney Jr. LA: So, Jaycock enhanced, but I believe that's why you see that 205%.

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Veronica Lewis: Before we go to Member Williams, does anybody from JCAR have a response to this question?

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Aloka Narayanan (she/her), JCOD: If someone is on who leads this program, could you please raise your hand so we can unmute you?

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Veronica Lewis: If not, when you all present in May, it would just be helpful that you can be prepared then.

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Veronica Lewis: Okay.

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Veronica Lewis: Member Williams?

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Joey Williams: Yeah, hi. Can everybody hear me?

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Veronica Lewis: Yeah, I can hear you.

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Joey Williams: Okay, great. Yeah, thank you for that presentation. I know this probably predates you, Will, a bit in the conversations we've been having. I know a couple years back, we had a presentation from Chase It, where I was doing some math about the roll down. It just feels like...

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Joey Williams: for me, like, it's not nothing personal, I know folks are doing great work, but overall, when we think about the board directive to close down the jail, and then we're hearing now that in 5 years it could grow to 14,500, is like, you know, we're inadvertently, like, we're funding

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Joey Williams: It doesn't feel like we're funding closing down, it feels like we're sustaining, and inadvertently, I feel like through sustaining the jail population, we're funding law enforcement inadvertently.

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Joey Williams: And I know that's the whole purpose of us, jail first... I mean, care first, jails last, but it feels like it's jails first, care last, you know, with the amount of dollars that are being spent in this chart here. I just feel like it'd be super helpful to have, you know.

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Joey Williams: More presentation on the close down. What is the close down gonna look like? There was a trajectory that was happening that we got a presentation on.

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Joey Williams: So it'd be good to see that again, because, you know, if I was a board member and I made a directive to close the jail, and 4 or 5 years later it was still optioning, and knowing that 10 years is still going to be functioning, I... this wouldn't sit well with me if I was a board member and I'd give a directive. I know there's

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Joey Williams: I'll just not be nuanced. There's Olympics coming, I know there's reasons why people want to keep this open, but, you know, it's really the lives of people that have been impacted by CSCI that's important, and how we're, you know, promoting thriving instead of incarceration. So I just want to highlight that, but like I said, thank you for the work you all are doing. Just would be helpful to see some of those things.

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Wil Pinkney Jr. LA: I understand. Really quickly, I'll say, I know we just did a presentation to the cluster. We can come anytime, if you want us to come talk about the work we're doing specifically. I know that's not what this is about, but go into more detail about the closure work, we can, and we will be going before the board. It was originally supposed to be

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Wil Pinkney Jr. LA: this month, earlier this month, it got pushed back to May 5th, I think it just got pushed to May 12th. So, May 12th or May 19th, someone in there, we will be going to the board to present.

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Veronica Lewis: Thank you, thank you.

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Veronica Lewis: Thanks, Member Gorman?

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Anna: Hi, thank you so much. Just wanted to say thanks for this presentation, to let you know that, yes, indeed, the Office of Diversion and Reentry does have some outcome data, Will, that we can share if we haven't already shared it with you, so you can, submit some of that to the CFCI committee.

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Anna: And then also just wanted to hear a little bit more about, kind of, future plans. I know, all the presenters at the town halls are talking a little more about future plans. You talked at the beginning about the big, money need, the financial need to be able to close a jail. Can you just share a little bit more about future plans for either this round or future rounds of CFCI funding?

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Wil Pinkney Jr. LA: So, we, like I said, this initial set of actions, you know, we work with departments to do this. We talked about this in our presentation yesterday, and we will again before the board.

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Wil Pinkney Jr. LA: you know, there are going to be more actions, so the cost is not going to be just this. The thing that wasn't in the current report is going to be the impact of these actions. It goes to Mr. Williams' question of, you know, doing this is gonna do what to that 14,500 number? Like, how much can we decrease that?

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Wil Pinkney Jr. LA: And then as we do that, that's where I mentioned we're working with CEO Budget, just to think generally about how these things can be funded. The county, obviously, is...

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Wil Pinkney Jr. LA: having financial challenges right now. And so, you know, I talked yesterday about, you know, maybe putting aside money if things can't be done

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Wil Pinkney Jr. LA: similar to what CFCI is, or, you know, additional money with CFCI, I don't know how that would be, but put aside money to do this work.

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Wil Pinkney Jr. LA: Once we give the full picture. So, I think that's where future rounds could come in. I also think, AB109 is probably another source of funds that may be able to be utilized for this. So, it's an open question right now. I think it depends on the work, the programs.

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Wil Pinkney Jr. LA: How... what additional funding sources could be used, but we're looking at, you know, whatever options are out there.

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Aloka Narayanan (she/her), JCOD: Joseph Wise Wiley from JCOD is on, if, if he can unmute and share more on the 205%.

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Joseph JCOD: Hi, can you hear me?

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Veronica Lewis: Yes, we can hear you.

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Joseph JCOD: Okay, great. Sorry, I'm driving, but my name is Joseph Wise-Wiley, and I'm the Division Director of Workforce and Housing at the Justice Care and Opportunities Department.

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Joseph JCOD: And fiscal year 24-25, we had received \$4.25 million, I think, from the Jail Closure Implementation Team and CFCI.

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Joseph JCOD: dollars to fund about 144 interim housing beds. This fiscal year, it was reduced to \$1.25 million, I believe, and that has all been expensed.

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Joseph JCOD: We do have outcomes from both last fiscal year and this fiscal year that we can share, what those funds cover directly.

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Joseph JCOD: we were able to secure CFCI year 5 one-time funds to kind of help supplement the remainder of this fiscal year for the, other beds and some other probation funding.

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Joseph JCOD: I know there was other stuff on RDP's side.

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Joseph JCOD: That my colleagues might be able to answer later, but... but as far as the re-entry interim housing, that was what the funding reduction was.

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Veronica Lewis: Okay, thanks for joining, Joe, and for providing a little bit more context. And Jay Cobb will be presenting, at the May Advisory Committee meeting for anybody who wants to hear more about all of their programming.

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Veronica Lewis: Okay, any other members of the public? Do you have any comments or questions?

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Veronica Lewis: For Will, about the presentation, or any other committee members, do you have any?

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Veronica Lewis: Comments or questions?

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Veronica Lewis: Seeing no hands, thank you, Will, for this presentation, and hopefully, you know, you can get us some additional data from, your collaborative department partners, and get it to a local so the committee

could get a, you know, a fuller picture of how the dollars have been spent.

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Veronica Lewis: by the JSID initiative, even if the CEO's office is not administering it directly. So, thank you so much.

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Veronica Lewis: Okay, we are going to keep going, and so, our third presentation will be from the community-based organization named Afterlife Initiative, and they are about to share about the great work they do under Strategy 5, which is the Reentry and Community Reintegration.

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Veronica Lewis: Category. So, you have the floor.

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Veronica Lewis: Our presenters from Afterlife Initiative.

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keeairradashiell: Hi, everyone! My name is Kiara Deschell. I am the Co-Executive Director of the Afterlife Initiative. At the Afterlife Initiative, we serve formerly incarcerated individuals.

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keeairradashiell: who have been directly impacted by the criminal justice system throughout Los Angeles County. My brother and myself started this organization. We are both former lifers. I spent 14 years in prison, my brother spent 13 years in prison. So we started this organization to help formerly incarcerated people rebuild their lives.

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keeairradashiell: after incarceration. We love the work we do. We are currently funded in programs area 16 and 22. For Program Area 16, it is a reentry-based program. We provide wraparound reentry services. Those services include case management.

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keeairradashiell: Peer support groups, financial support, basic necessities support, wellness services in the form of monthly wellness activities, mentorship.

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keeairradashiell: employment readiness, and just overall support, to formerly incarcerated individuals to help them achieve long-term stability and success in their reentry journey. Under Program Area 22,

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keeairradashiell: We provide housing navigation services, under our HARC program, which is Housing Assistance for Returning citizens. We provide housing stabilization and direct rental assistance to our participants.

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keeairradashiell: If you could move to the next slide, please.

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keeairradashiell: We are currently funded, under Program Area 16, which is our reentry-based program. We have been awarded \$522,068, and under Program Area 22, which is our housing program.

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keeairradashiell: We were awarded \$1,198,693.44. That funding

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keeairradashiell: supports our direct services, our staffing, and the total operation of our program, along with administrative costs. And some of that funding is allocated to emergency assistance, and what we do is we help formerly incarcerated people who are 6 months

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keeairradashiell: out of incarceration, we help them get basic necessities, such as clothing, food, and hygiene. Additionally, with that funding, we provide emergency financial assistance, so if some of our members get in a bind while they're 18 months... within 18 months of release.

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keeairradashiell: We help them, like, get a phone set up, pay their phone bills, just...

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keeairradashiell: Little emergencies that may come up, along the way, we also provide direct financial assistance for that.

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keeairradashiell: Additionally, we provide our participants with transportation services to help them get to and from our programs, and also to and from job.

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keeairradashiell: Job interviews to and from, school, and whatever services that they may need, because most of our members don't have cars when they first get out, so we take care of them.

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keeairradashiell: Some of that funding is allocated directly to rental assistance.

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keeairradashiell: Because we provide our, our members with,

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keeairradashiell: \$1,000 a month for rental assistance, up to 3 months.

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keeairradashiell: Some of that funding has also been allocated to a financial infrastructure for us. It's allowed us to get a CPA, to get a bookkeeper, so that we're, transparent with our financial keeping. It also provides for our staff.

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keeairradashiell: Our wellness outings, we just recently did a wellness outing where we took all of our participants jet skiing for the first time.

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keeairradashiell: We do hikes, we go, we're signing all of our participants up. Right now, we're getting ready to kick off a kickboxing wellness group. So we do monthly outings, and additionally, that money is also... goes towards stipends for our credible messengers.

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keeairradashiell: As members go through our program, and as they face out of our program, we allow them to come back to be alumni, and they're able to teach our support groups, so teach the new members coming in, and we provide them with a stipend for that.

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keeairradashiell: We do have some unspent funds, but on the next slide, I'll go over that. Not a lot. Most of our money, we spend it,

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keeairradashiell: And usually, the reason we have some unspent funds is because there is a 45-day, like, gap period between, when we submit our report and to when we get our next funding, so...

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keeairradashiell: In order to keep our services from being interrupted, we kind of, like, didn't spend money for a month just to have, like, a cushion, because we're a small organization and we don't have a safety net. So that one month of funding is what would be considered unspent, but it's just to ensure that there's no interruption in our services while we're waiting on our next, check.

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keeairradashiell: to come.

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keeairradashiell: If you can go to the next slide, please.

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keeairradashiell: Oh, okay.

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keeairradashiell: So... We have been funded for 3 years, and in Program Area 16, our annual budget was \$174,000, \$222.

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keeairradashiell: Of that spend... of that budget, the total funds that we expended were \$172,369. So, in year one of program area 16, there was only a 16... roughly a \$1,600 surplus that we carried on into the next year. In year two.

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keeairradashiell: Our annual budget was, again, the same, \$174,222.67.

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keeairradashiell: Of that, we spent \$160,480.17, so in year 2, we only had a surplus of \$14,000, which we've carried on to year 3. And we are currently in year 3, and so far.

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keeairradashiell: we have expended \$39,539.31. And so, from Program Area 22, Our annual budget is \$399,000 \$564.48.

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keeairradashiell: Of that, in year one, we spent \$342,519.58. We had a surplus of \$57,000, which we carried on until year two. We are currently in year two on Program Area 22.

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keeairradashiell: And so far, we have spent \$233,000, \$566... \$233,566.34. So we are on track to spend all of our funding, by the completion of this 3-year program.

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keeairradashiell: If you can go to the next slide, please.

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keeairradashiell: So, this is our impact and our outcomes and some of the demographics that we've collected. In Program Area 16, over the course of two and a half years, we have served 485 formerly incarcerated individuals.

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keeairradashiell: In Program Area 22, Which has only been operating for a year and a half.

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keeairradashiell: I think a year and three quarters, we have served 150 formerly incarcerated individuals. Here are some of our numbers. We have distributed \$450,000 in rental assistance directly to our members.

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keeairradashiell: We have distributed \$42,614 in emergency services directly to our members. We have

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keeairradashiell: distributed \$41,884 in stipends to our credible messengers who help run our peer support programs. We have placed 33 members in permanent housing. We have placed 16 members in transitional housing. We have held 24 wellness activities.

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keeairradashiell: 48 peer support groups, and we have provided \$7,884 in transportation assistance directly to our members. And so far, 69 of our members have currently discharged all of their parole obligations, because of their success in our program.

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keeairradashiell: If we can go to the next slide.

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keeairradashiell: Some of the gaps that... some of the gaps and challenges that we faced in... with this funding really came early, along, and it was

really just the weight for the, the weight that we experienced with, getting our quarterly payments. And I think that's kind of, like.

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keeairradashiell: maybe a problem that most small nonprofits go through, because we don't have, you know, surplus funding to... to cushion us, into that next payment. Some of the other challenges that we've experienced were

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keeairradashiell: a long waiting list, these programs grow rapidly as people hear about them, and they grow really, really fast. And so, long waiting lists is something that we've experienced, and of course, that's something that I know that we would have to,

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keeairradashiell: as an organization, we've had to regroup and figure out how to cut that waiting list down, but because the program grew really fast, you know, that was one of the challenges that we experienced. Another challenge was high rental costs in the area. Because we only give our participants \$1,000 for 3 months.

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keeairradashiell: I mean, it helps them, don't get me wrong, it helps them, but we wish we could give them more to really make sure that they're able to save.

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keeairradashiell: So, you know, just high cost in the area was another thing. And then background checks. It was hard to get some of our participants permanent housing due to, their criminal background. But those are things we're working with other nonprofits to help us get around that. And I would say,

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keeairradashiell: The risk of sustainability.

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keeairradashiell: I would just say, there's been, like, an increase in demand for our services, so,

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keeairradashiell: I think, one of the issues was that some of the... some of the..

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keeairradashiell: some of the services come with limits, and I know for housing, a big, a big..

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keeairradashiell: Not... well, a big barrier to our members was the 18-month,

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keeairradashiell: period that you had to be out of incarceration. So that really put, a barrier into... I mean, that really presented a barrier for our members, because when you get out of incarceration, usually the first 6 months to..

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keeairradashiell: 6 to 9 months, you're in transitional living, right? So you don't really need, rental assistance, and most people don't get out of transitional living till about a year, you know, so we felt like that 18 months should be extended, because usually when people get out of incarceration, for the first year, they're on stop funding, so they don't really need that help. It's after, after they phase out of the stop funding, and after

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keeairradashiell: they phase out of the transitional homes. That's when they need the rental assistance, but they don't meet that 18-month

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keeairradashiell: criteria, so that was another barrier that we faced. Other than that, we are so happy, that we received this funding. We've been able to help so many people, and it hits home because we're helping people just like us. I went through reentry, I went to transitional housing, I had to live from couch to couch with my family, and, so being able to provide these services and help so many people in the short amount of time.

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keeairradashiell: That we've had this funding has been, just tremendous. So we want to thank you guys.

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Veronica Lewis: Thank you so much, Kiara, and I don't know if you saw throughout the presentation, people were giving you hearts and thumbs up and stuff, so folks were positively reacting. Thank you for sharing part of your story, and you and your brother's story, and for the amazing

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Veronica Lewis: work you all have done, and the great outcomes. If you can go back to the outcomes page. I... I have one question for you.

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Veronica Lewis: you talked two different times about you all having to be strategic and thoughtful, trying to make sure you have enough money to operate, right? And so.

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Veronica Lewis: if you're comfortable saying it in this space, would love to understand a little bit more from you what you think can be done, what can be improved on in terms of how CFCI dollars are administered to

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Veronica Lewis: Reduce the cash flow burden that you all experience as a part of operating this program, if you're comfortable saying it in this space.

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keeairradashiell: Yeah, absolutely. So I know there's, there's, there's a 45-day period, and to...

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keeairradashiell: that the contract stipulates that 45 days after reporting, they... they have to give you your check. I would say maybe, like, if the reporting is, like, maybe give at least a percentage of it.

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keeairradashiell: You know, because it's...

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keeairradashiell: I mean, I don't really know how you do it, because of course you have to make sure we're doing our work, right? You don't want to give us money, and we haven't... and we haven't, completed that... that quarterly report, but,

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keeairradashiell: I really... I really don't know. I've been trying to figure that... figure it out. I know for us, we're looking into getting a, a line of credit.

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Veronica Lewis: No, no, I want to be clear, the burden should not be yours.

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keeairradashiell: Oh, okay, okay.

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Veronica Lewis: That is not what I'm asking. That is the complete opposite direction that CFCI is intended to go.

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keeairradashiell: Okay, so I would...

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Veronica Lewis: It shouldn't be yours, it should be...

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Veronica Lewis: the counties with their third-party administrators to figure out how to reduce the burden. So it's not about you. You're not doing anything wrong. I'm asking what can be improved?

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Veronica Lewis: On the county side.

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keeairradashiell: 5 days, because 45...

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Veronica Lewis: 5 days.

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keeairradashiell: 45 days is a long time, and then sometimes it doesn't come in 45 days. Like, there's been times where we've waited 50, 60 days. So if we can just... if the county could get just... maybe reel in, like, maybe 15 days,

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keeairradashiell: 15 to 20, just shorten that 45-day period, I think that would really help out a lot of small nonprofit organizations.

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Veronica Lewis: Well, small, medium, and large.

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keeairradashiell: Yeah, yeah.

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Veronica Lewis: But, so you... just so I'm clear, you submit invoices and reports

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Veronica Lewis: 3 times... I mean, every 3 months, and then after that, you gotta wait 45 days? Is that what you're saying? Yes.

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Veronica Lewis: Or, at minimum, 45 days.

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keeairradashiell: At minimum, yes.

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keeairradashiell: But the thing is, you're already... you're already running out of funding, because everything is...

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keeairradashiell: a line item budget, so everything is allocated the way it's supposed to be. So, if my funding is from January to March, by March, usually, we don't have any more money, if you're... if you're spending most of it, which we do. So by March, we don't have any money to go to April, so sometimes we have to stop our services. Even our pay, like, we're late with our pay, too, we have to stop our pay and stop our services until we receive

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keeairradashiell: The next, the next chat.

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Veronica Lewis: Okay. Really hopeful. I'm sorry that that has to be your experience, and I want to be clear, this is not about your organization.

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Veronica Lewis: the... our hope and goal of doing third-party administrator in the first place was so that CBO, we could remove some of those burdens, and so these...

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Veronica Lewis: Inputs and challenges that you all share are very helpful, because as a committee.

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Veronica Lewis: We want to go back and push to try to improve your experience so that you don't have to wait, be paid, sacrifice your own pay to make sure other people are paid, like...

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Veronica Lewis: all that stuff should not be happening, so this is really helpful. I don't control anything, but I'll push, and I'll fight, and I'm sure many of the other members here are going to be really trying to work along J... work alongside Jay Codd and other folks to figure out how to resolve this issue, because it's not our first time hearing it, so thank you for sharing.

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keeairradashiell: You know, your thoughts. Thank you.

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Veronica Lewis: Committee members or member of the public, any questions or comments? If so, raise your hand at this time.

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Veronica Lewis: for Kiara.

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Veronica Lewis: Afterlife Initiative, any comments or questions from anybody in Era?

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Yanira A. Lima - DPH-SAPC: Yes, hi, and Kara.

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Yanira A. Lima - DPH-SAPC: Thank you very much for, sharing your story, and it's very admirable, you know, when we... at least for me, when I hear

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Yanira A. Lima - DPH-SAPC: stories about individuals being released from... from a prison and or a jail setting, so... so my hat's off to you. My question is in reference to your program. Can you speak a little bit about

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Yanira A. Lima - DPH-SAPC: the referrals and connections and how they come to you. I'm trying to assess, like, particularly because we have so many individuals in this room, right, virtual room, about how best to kind of, like, access some of your services. So if you could speak maybe a little bit about that.

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keeairradashiell: Yes, yes, so, what we do is we... we have, like, what we call an inside-outside connection, and so every... every...

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keeairradashiell: quarter, CDCR puts on what's called resource fairs within the prison. And you can just sign up on their website, or you can contact the CRM at the prisons, and you can get yourself on a waiting list. And so once a quarter, we actually go into prisons, and we pass out our flyers. We tell the incarcerated individuals about our program.

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keeairradashiell: what we have going on, and so a lot of them, the first contact they have with us is inside. Usually they,

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keeairradashiell: Usually make sure that people who are, like, 2 years to the gate.

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keeairradashiell: with our Two Years to Freedom are... they make sure that they're present at those resource fairs, so that's our first line of contact. We also... what we did was we went and passed out our flyers to the local probation, offices, and so they give our flyers to people who are coming on probation and parole. They give our flyers to people who are

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keeairradashiell: coming home. We also go to... we partner with other organizations for events,

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keeairradashiell: ARC, Homeboy Indi... not Homeboy Indices, ARC, Free From Hardship LA. So we do a lot of partner work. We also make sure that we're out in the community at almost every, like, resource or table and event.

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keeairradashiell: we go to. And so you get a lot of people who are going to those tabling events, and then they contact us,

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keeairradashiell: But I would say that the biggest... what's been the biggest help for us is going to the resource fairs inside, and anybody's welcome to come, and so that they know us already when they're getting out.

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Veronica Lewis: Thank you. Kane?

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Veronica Lewis: You should be able to unmute now.

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Kaine Nicholas: Yes, thank you for the opportunity. My name is Kane.

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Kaine Nicholas: I have a... Maybe a dumb question, but I'll ask it.

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Kaine Nicholas: When it comes to the people who are returning home, what type of business opportunities, are available to maybe start their own business? I know funding may be a challenge, but in terms of that type of avenue to secure, income.

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Veronica Lewis: I think that's a great... oh, Kiara, you can answer, but I think, broadly, that's a great question. I don't know if JCAD has any information to send to Kate. Kiara, I'll let you respond to that.

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Veronica Lewis: But if JCOD has any information to share, I don't know if any of our...

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Veronica Lewis: programs, focus on that at all? If so, we can get you that information, Kane. Kiara, I'll let you briefly respond, and then I've got a... I see a couple more hands.

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keeairradashiell: So it is, it is difficult, but you do have some organizations. Defy Ventures is probably one of the,

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keeairradashiell: best organizations in that... in that field right now. They also go inside and help incarcerated individuals get ready to build a business profile. The thing is, they help you with the steps, they show you how to do it, but there's not really capital involved in it. So, there is opportunities for formerly incarcerated individuals to learn the steps.

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keeairradashiell: But after they learn the steps, the issue is the capital.

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Kaine Nicholas: Okay.

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Veronica Lewis: And you said DeFi Ventures? D-E-F-Y?

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keeairradashiell: Yes, DEFY, the 5 inches.

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Veronica Lewis: information. Thank you.

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Kaine Nicholas: Thank you.

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Veronica Lewis: And then, again, if somebody from JCOT can see if we have any actual specific programs that are just CFCI-funded that do something like that, hopefully we can get that information to Ken and the... everybody here. Great question, thank you. Member Lobianco?

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Kelly LoBianco: Thank you so much. I actually just wanted to respond, Chairless, on that... that point, too. So, the Department of Economic Opportunity oversees an Office of Small Business.

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Kelly LoBianco: So we offer education and training and technical assistance and capital for entrepreneurs and small businesses, so, we can make sure to get some information about our office, and we also fund a number of partners.

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Kelly LoBianco: that host entrepreneurship academies, have free legal aid, and connect to grants and loans, some of which I'll describe later in this presentation, that are funded by CFCI.

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Veronica Lewis: Thank you, Kelly.

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Kaine Nicholas: Thank you.

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Veronica Lewis: Okay, so be on the lookout for DEO. So, any other comments or questions for, after... for CURE Afterlife Initiative before we move on?

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Veronica Lewis: Great work, keep up the great work. Thank you for, sharing. You definitely have given the committee something to work on related to continuing to try to improve the cash flow, minimizing cash flow issues, and, great work. So thank you for all that you were doing, Kiara.

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keeairradashiell: Thank you.

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Veronica Lewis: Okay, one note that, we moved the CEO presentation up, but there was a second part to that, so we'll hear the rest of CEO's presentation, at the end, but now we're gonna move on to...

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Veronica Lewis: We're finding a community-based organization presentation for today, and we're going to hear from Two Lifestyles who will be presenting on the great work they're doing under, CFCI strategy number four, related to housing stability. You now have the floor representatives from Two Lifestyles.

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La Toyia Conway Hampton: -Oh.

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La Toyia Conway Hampton: Here we go.

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La Toyia Conway Hampton: Can you all see my PowerPoint?

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Veronica Lewis: Yes, we can. We see... we don't see it in presentation format, but...

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La Toyia Conway Hampton: Oh, lordy, you're.

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Veronica Lewis: That's okay.

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La Toyia Conway Hampton: Okay.

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Veronica Lewis: We can see it, though.

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La Toyia Conway Hampton: I can see it. Okay, so I'm gonna look what I can see. So, thank you all, and I first wanna say I appreciate this opportunity. I'm excited about the stuff that we get to do in the Antelope Valley, and I'm also excited about all of the people that went before me, and all of the hard work that you're doing. So, good job, and congratulations. My name is Latoya Conway-Hampton, I'm the CEO and founder of Two Lifestyles.

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La Toyia Conway Hampton: the IMPACT program, and what the IMPACT mean is improving my personal assertive communication techniques.

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La Toyia Conway Hampton: So, along this journey, we work with mothers who've experienced domestic violence, sexual assault.

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La Toyia Conway Hampton: all types of violence and abuse. Now, here in the Antelope Valley, we recognize, because geographically, there's not a lot of spaces and places that people can actually go and feel comfortable, or also go and see a person that looks like them, that makes them feel uncomfortable.

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La Toyia Conway Hampton: So, we provide domestic violence for survivors, as well as batterers, anger management, and we just got approved with the Batterers Intervention Program.

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La Toyia Conway Hampton: So I'm really, really excited about that, because that was one of the barriers. Although the work is amazing, and it was done previous, before COVID, I was in it, everybody was doing it, because I've been doing this for 27 years.

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La Toyia Conway Hampton: However, after COVID, so many people got interested in making the community a better place, and everybody went, virtual. So, for us, it was like, okay, who are you, where you come from, and it was a strategy trying to get in. Well, now we are approved, and as they call it, the VIP list.

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La Toyia Conway Hampton: Which is going to help us with ramping up, because some of the people will enroll in our program.

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La Toyia Conway Hampton: And because once they get to court, whether they've known us for a very long time or they're unsure of who we are, sometimes they have to leave the program and go to one that's on this list that we just got approved of, which is the LA County Batterers Intervention Prevention Program.

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La Toyia Conway Hampton: We also help parents to navigate the child welfare system, teaching them the WIC 300, how do I access services? What is my roles? What are my responsibilities? Because they're all just as involved, the entire family, and as we know, it becomes generational.

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La Toyia Conway Hampton: I, myself, a survivor of domestic violence. I am in recovery, I have 27 years sober, and I... and because I lost my children, I understood that there were some barriers just because of the color of my skin.

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La Toyia Conway Hampton: Now, I didn't take it personal, I just utilized it as a launching pad to move forward. And because of that work, I've done it across the country with child welfare and a whole lot of other things that's not important today.

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La Toyia Conway Hampton: However, the trauma-informed services is also culturally responsive and supportive. So, as an African American person, having families that come to our agency, you would think originally they're gonna come, that's the African American person. It's been a barrier. It's been a barrier geographically, it's been a barrier financially.

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La Toyia Conway Hampton: Because of that, we're not able to... we was not... it's looking good, and I'll share that in another one.

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La Toyia Conway Hampton: Things are looking really good and moving forward, but I want to say, in the beginning, it's because of this process.

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La Toyia Conway Hampton: I've done this all of these years, like probably a lot of them, off of my retirement military funds. So to now be impact court approved with DV, that is going to allow us to ramp up, and not only ramp up, but also have... we extended our reach with, inviting men to our services, so we now increased our men's suite, so they have a place to go, and it's totally separate.

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La Toyia Conway Hampton: From where the women were housed.

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La Toyia Conway Hampton: We help parents with high conflict.

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La Toyia Conway Hampton: Why that's important? When there's abuse and violence and there's no safety in communication, learning how to

communicate with, high-conflict parenting classes gives them an opportunity to really understand emotional intelligence, how do you, how do you co-parent, and then the difference between parallel parents and co-parenting.

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La Toyia Conway Hampton: Also, supporting them with emotional healing, accountability, and just basic life skills. Prior to this.

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La Toyia Conway Hampton: I was not aware of all of the opportunities that I recognized that people was not able to just do the basic things, and not because we don't know, it's because we didn't... well, not because we are ignorant, it's because we haven't had access.

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La Toyia Conway Hampton: So, I didn't read until I was 29 years old. I am now a published author of 4 books. I've written curriculum all across the country that some of you may be aware of, that deals with child welfare and the PIP program and the icebreakers. Because, when you go through things, it builds that character and helps you move forward.

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La Toyia Conway Hampton: So, the funding activity that's utilized is going for our direct service.

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La Toyia Conway Hampton: We provide, groups, case management.

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La Toyia Conway Hampton: Transportation, we have a vehicle where we, if they request a ride in transportation, we pick them up, or funding.

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La Toyia Conway Hampton: We're also supporting them with housing, and not just food inside the facility when they come, because once their kids are removed and they're in trouble, I mean, we have people that are homeless come to our program. So not only are we providing them, food and clothing, we're also giving them hygiene and stipends to get those items as well.

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La Toyia Conway Hampton: the staffing, we have facilitators, care managers, and peer mentors. Now, this is one of the areas where I think, the original spend.. the original overflow came, is because we had an allotment for a therapist, and I've checked high and low for therapists, and they was like, with that amount

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La Toyia Conway Hampton: money, I'm not doing it. Which, I understand, I truly understand, but, you know, we gotta get the help where we can get it, right? So, the program operations and the community engagement, I heard someone else mention.

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La Toyia Conway Hampton: I've been doing this for a very long time, but I've been in a silo in my office doing the work, because not only was I being a technician in my company.

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La Toyia Conway Hampton: You know, I'm running it and a technician, so I'm trying.. I was trying to do everything, but because of this, I was able to not have to do everything to hire on people. I did not have any staff members, full-time, part-time, any staff members, before I got this grant. So, it makes...

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La Toyia Conway Hampton: it makes me emotional, because I've been doing this a long time in the trenches, right? And I've always given to everybody in all of the programs.

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La Toyia Conway Hampton: But it was my husband's like, it's our retirement, babe, as long as we can eat, we could.. we got this. And I'm sure it's a lot of people that say the same thing on his line, but for me, I feel like..

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La Toyia Conway Hampton: being able to have all of these services, we will be able to spend down our funding now that we've been approved with the Batterers program.

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La Toyia Conway Hampton: And the men's program, and they're actually coming. And that's what makes me excited, because

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La Toyia Conway Hampton: When you've been raised in a house with chaos and drama and all those things that it come with, and then someone tells you that it's unacceptable for you to cuss out your wife or fight, because that's what they said was normal in my life, you know, that's what everybody do. But that's not the truth. And so, we've been able to bring the men in.

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La Toyia Conway Hampton: We have a male facilitator for the men on Zoom, and after, June 20th, we're opening up.. well, we already have it, but we're doing our grand opening, and then the space for the men, which is going to be my husband and I, who's all certified facilitators to do that work.

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La Toyia Conway Hampton: So, we definitely, have that initial wrap-up, but it takes time to get the trust from the community. It takes time, because when you invite them in and they're upset and angry, they won't stay.

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La Toyia Conway Hampton: They, in the space where they're like, I'm not listening to you, can you all still see my PowerPoint?

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La Toyia Conway Hampton: Where am I going first now?

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Veronica Lewis: We, we see two different ones, I think..

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Veronica Lewis: I see Cassie's and yours, so Cassie, I think... Whose screen can we see?

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Veronica Lewis: Whose screen can everybody see? Because I see two different ones.

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La Toyia Conway Hampton: Whoever you.

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Veronica Lewis: Okay, we can see it again. I don't... we see the one that says impact and outcomes, is that the one we're supposed to be looking at?

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La Toyia Conway Hampton: That's just what I... what I want to talk about.

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La Toyia Conway Hampton: So, who we serve, right here, we serve women. Now, when I heard you do the introduction, I now heard 4. Originally, I had 10, but they all collective, they all do the same exact thing. So, we have the funding for 10, which is safety in the community, and then we have the pre-child and reunification. It's all the same work, because once the kids are removed from the parents.

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La Toyia Conway Hampton: Now, they... there's criminal charges, domestic violence, all of these things that eliminate us from having,

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La Toyia Conway Hampton: safety in the community is now an issue. So we have dozens of families that are impacted, and I have some numbers right here. Right now, in that program that I recently... originally talked about, we had 115 total people that enrolled in the program, and remember I mentioned some of them could not stay, because once they went to court and the judge said, well, you know what, they're not on this VIP list that I'm now honored to be a part of.

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La Toyia Conway Hampton: They had to leave. So, 62 of our program families have already moved toward reunification.

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La Toyia Conway Hampton: court closure, community service, or probation. Now, we're talking about people that's been, had criminal felonies. Sometimes they are dropped down if you do this, that, and the other. We've had 55 children to be...

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La Toyia Conway Hampton: safely reunified at home with either mom alone or with dad and mom at home. And because of that, we started what we call a Couples Relationship Reset.

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La Toyia Conway Hampton: So, I'm an author of a reset book, and because of that book, we took all of that information, turned it into a workshop, and so we support the families when they come in on effective communication and all of the things that falls under, healthy relationships, if it's safe. Now, you can't do that always, but if it's safe, definitely.

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La Toyia Conway Hampton: We've,

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La Toyia Conway Hampton: We've helped 16 of our participants secure employment. We've had to have some of our women... sometimes we... like, the one I'm thinking of, excuse me for overstepping, but some... the one that I'm reminded of is she can't drive, she's,

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La Toyia Conway Hampton: She was in a relationship, the relationship was very abusive, she wasn't allowed to do anything. Now we're going to send her to driving school. She's been driving, but he took away that power. Well, she gave it, and then he took it, and so now we want to help her pursue a driver's license for independence.

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La Toyia Conway Hampton: We've also helped our clients seek work?

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La Toyia Conway Hampton: School, and housing. So we've housed 10 women.

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La Toyia Conway Hampton: in the hospital with a maximum of 5 days to 7... well, 5 to 7 days is the highest. We have an access point where they come to our agency based on our alphabet and what's needed. We assess where they are, we assess what their needs are. If they need emergency shelter or housing, we can't... we don't have shelter.

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La Toyia Conway Hampton: But we can link them to either our local shelter, put them in safety, do a round and help them get housing, or we bring them into our computer lab and teach them how to do some basic computer skills.

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La Toyia Conway Hampton: I did not understand that there were so many of us that still wasn't email savvy. So, we're making sure they get their emails, and all of the basic things that you and I could do today, just really quick, and log on, even though I'm having PowerPoint problems, but...

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La Toyia Conway Hampton: they, they weren't able to do that. And then the next one is,

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La Toyia Conway Hampton: being able to really be supportive and support them in court. We've increased awareness in relationships and violence prevention.

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La Toyia Conway Hampton: I myself was raised in a house with abuse and violence, abuse and violence, so what I did, I did the same thing to my children.

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La Toyia Conway Hampton: And because of it, with that high-conflict parenting class, domestic violence intervention and prevention, which is two different things, working on that

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La Toyia Conway Hampton: Would our parents have made a major outcome as to how they communicate with their PO, their social worker, accountability?

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La Toyia Conway Hampton: Our mothers are really progressing toward family reunification. The stronger engagement that they have with the courts and the child welfare system is the sooner the reunification. If you're fighting and arguing and fussing because you haven't yet learned to express your emotions.

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La Toyia Conway Hampton: Then, of course, it looks like you're aggressive, and I'm...

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La Toyia Conway Hampton: I'm 5'9 and a half, 250 pounds. If you see me coming, you think I'm mean, but I'm sweet as pie. If I'm not having a good day, you see that, so I'm always teaching them how to take care of their Affleck. How do you communicate? So, the next one is expanded system impact, and what that means for me is being on that VIP status.

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La Toyia Conway Hampton: Y'all don't understand. I... it's so important to me. Why? Because my grandmother was abused, my father was abusive.

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La Toyia Conway Hampton: I was abused, and my older children is now learning how to have healthy relationships. This is generational, but if we don't have these candid conversations, we don't know what to do next.

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La Toyia Conway Hampton: So, let me go to the next one. Can you see me?  
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La Toyia Conway Hampton: And I can't see it either. I should..

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Veronica Lewis: Yeah, so we can see.. I mean, Cassie can share, I think you just have two more slides if it's easier.

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La Toyia Conway Hampton: Okay.

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Veronica Lewis: For her... for us to unshare. You got... you got about 4 minutes left.

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La Toyia Conway Hampton: Okay, go ahead.

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Veronica Lewis: Cassie, can you share? So we can get through the remainder? I think she has, like, 3 more slides left, that way she doesn't have to worry about that.

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La Toyia Conway Hampton: Thank you!

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Veronica Lewis: Okay, thank you.

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La Toyia Conway Hampton: Okay, now I need to see it. Alright, so...

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La Toyia Conway Hampton: The challenge is, is it takes time to build a relationship with high-risk populations, because we don't trust somebody. You know, I've been called the ops so much, and I was like, I don't understand what it means, but I'm going to teach you how to communicate effectively so you can move forward. Helping them build balance.

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La Toyia Conway Hampton: Going back to work, right? If you've...

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La Toyia Conway Hampton: I haven't had an opportunity to work to teach people how to work.

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La Toyia Conway Hampton: to give people opportunities. I'm an entrepreneur, so my first thing is, is if you don't have a job, then create one.

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La Toyia Conway Hampton: Teaching them how to understand to read the court reports, the minute orders, the last-minute information, all of these things is very helpful, but if I can't keep them in a room, it's problematic.

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La Toyia Conway Hampton: Staff capacity is the... the demand is high, and, you know, we're very small, but we're mighty, so I've just been holding on, as I've always known to do.

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La Toyia Conway Hampton: But the most important part is if I can keep working with the community, because this was my first grant.

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La Toyia Conway Hampton: Again, I've been doing it a long time. This was my first grant, but this gave me the confidence to go out and look for more. So I feel good about where I am and all of the training that you all gave us. The uncertainty around funding

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La Toyia Conway Hampton: beyond, it was originally beyond February 26th, I was crazy. So that stability, I was like, I don't know what I'mma do, because we hire all of these people under the funding, and I don't know if they're gonna, you know, if they take the funding away, you know, I'm, like, waiting for the money to hit the account, do I have to lay people off? So that...

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La Toyia Conway Hampton: That is uneasy, but that's something that I need to do a little bit more about learning about all of these grants and how to apply for them.

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La Toyia Conway Hampton: The delays in the referrals and the system had a lot to do, as I mentioned earlier, with, the BIP program, because we was not on that VIP list. But we are on an anger management list, we're on a VIP list, and I've been on DCFS list, and I've been working with the department, but without, the probation, but without being on that list, they wouldn't accept our work.

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La Toyia Conway Hampton: Real talk, we're doing real impactful work, and, you know, that was... sustainability was the biggest concern, but I've created a plan for that. I've created an opportunity, because if you all go, this work don't stop. Again, I've been doing it a very long time, so I have to look at it differently.

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La Toyia Conway Hampton: So, can somebody please go to the next one?

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La Toyia Conway Hampton: I'm getting there.

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La Toyia Conway Hampton: opportunities, what's working? The strong partnership with DCFS and our new probation department.

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La Toyia Conway Hampton: That relationship is working. I already had one, but now this new one, I'm gonna keep highlighting, because it feels real good, it was just recent.

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La Toyia Conway Hampton: The trust-based support, approach... approach, excuse me, and our lived experience. I think that gets me in with a lot, because I'm a recovering gang member, and when they look at me, they don't see that, but when they see how far I've come with nothing.

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La Toyia Conway Hampton: It gives them support and opportunities. So these are some of the people, when they complete the program, they can now become peer mentors. They can now help me navigate the other people that I wasn't able to reach.

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La Toyia Conway Hampton: Opportunities is really, just really increasing staff.

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La Toyia Conway Hampton: And I'mma be honest, because I've never had funding like this before, it was personal funding, I'm always thinking, okay, they're gonna take it away, then what am I gonna do? I can't go back to where I was at. So, for me, you know.

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La Toyia Conway Hampton: having that opportunity not to have that fear, but I think with all of the training and information that you guys have given us, it feels a little better. The next steps?

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La Toyia Conway Hampton: Scale services across the probation and, the child welfare and the probation. Now, what I mean by that is always moving forward and getting out of the office, stop being a technician,

because I need to be in the community so they can know who we are and what I'm doing.

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La Toyia Conway Hampton: continue building, execute long-term sustainability plan. I have that. That's what helped me. And I put that's what's needed because it has to go beyond 2027.

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La Toyia Conway Hampton: And the investment that you all made in Two Lifestyles, I'm honored and grateful that with this, we're able to help with, housing and permanency for these people that are fleeing for safety, or women that are getting their children back, because they're homeless. You can't get your kids if you don't have a house.

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La Toyia Conway Hampton: And then, last but not least, is that it?

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La Toyia Conway Hampton: Boom.

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La Toyia Conway Hampton: Alright, here we go.

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La Toyia Conway Hampton: That's us.

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La Toyia Conway Hampton: We want to combat it, we want to break cycles, we want to help the incarcerated people by exposing marginalized families to information

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La Toyia Conway Hampton: Housing and legal support.

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La Toyia Conway Hampton: We help them transform their lives. I mean, when you see, there's a lot of reviews that we have, but when you see the women or the men come in completely afraid to walk out with their head held up high, and not afraid that as soon as I turn the corner, I'mma get arrested because I'm looking some type of way, or because of being judged.

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La Toyia Conway Hampton: It's completely amazing to watch. With this partnership across the Department of Child Welfare.

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La Toyia Conway Hampton: I think it is positioned to create a real, real, real change, and an impact. And so, for me, I just want to say thank you all. Because of this opportunity, and you guys invested in us, we've been able to do more, and as they always say, to whom much is given, much is required. Thank you.

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La Toyia Conway Hampton: Question?

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Veronica Lewis: Thank you so much. Thank you for sharing your incredible story.

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Veronica Lewis: And taking your story and turning your pain into love and support for all these other folks that you've helped along the way. Thank you so much. I don't have any questions. I,

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Veronica Lewis: members or members of the public, committee members or members of the public, if you have questions or comments for Latoya, please raise your hand at this time. Latoya, I don't know if you can see the screen, but while you were talking, there were lots of hearts and thumbs up. Yes. And at the end, you got lots of hearts. Okay. All right, April?

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April Amey: The question I had was, I heard you mention a few times about VIP. What exactly does that mean?

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La Toyia Conway Hampton: Okay, that's my terminology, but it's the batterer's list.

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April Amey: Okay, okay.

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La Toyia Conway Hampton: It's the batteries list for LA County.

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April Amey: Okay, thank you, and appreciate the work you're doing as well.

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Veronica Lewis: The list of approved agencies to serve veterans. Yes.

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April Amey: No, I'll just...

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Veronica Lewis: Okay Thank you.

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Veronica Lewis: Any other questions from CFCI committee members or the public, or comments?

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Veronica Lewis: For Latoya?

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Veronica Lewis: Well, I think, you know, you did a very comprehensive job, but it was amazing. I don't know why there's no comments, but amazing work, and thanks again for sharing parts of your personal story.

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Veronica Lewis: And doing all that you are doing, so...

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Veronica Lewis: Last chance for comments or questions for Latoya?

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Veronica Lewis: All right, well, thank you so much. Keep up the great work.

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Veronica Lewis: Latoya, thanks for being here.

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Veronica Lewis: Okay, we're gonna move to, a presentation from the Los Angeles County Department of Economic Opportunity, and I think we're turning it over to Kelly.

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Kelly LoBianco: Awesome, thank you so much.

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Kelly LoBianco: Alright, let me just get myself organized here. Hi, CFCI,

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Kelly LoBianco: Committee and listeners, my name is Kelly Lobianco, and I'm the Director of the LA County Department of Economic Opportunity.

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Kelly LoBianco: And we're excited to talk to you about our CCI Investments.

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Kelly LoBianco: Alright, next slide, please.

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Kelly LoBianco: All right, so today we want to focus on, our portfolio, a snapshot. You're going to see that there's quite a bit of investment and many, many programs, so we're going to try to do the best we can in a short amount of time.

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Kelly LoBianco: And I've said this in a bunch of advisory board meetings in the past, but when you're... when CFCI is going to a department, we want to explain to you why it's going to a department and the impact that that will have. So, helping you understand how CFCI is helping us seed new approaches for systems change.

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Kelly LoBianco: Through some of our key and flagship programs.

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Kelly LoBianco: And provide status and progress on those, outline what's coming next, and then obviously answer any questions that you have. Next slide, please.

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Kelly LoBianco: Okay, so this is just a quick snapshot. We, have 13 programs under our purview here. It's a total amount of \$70 million, but a caveat there is that \$20.5 million of that is

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Kelly LoBianco: Care First Community Investment, and \$50 million of that is American Rescue Plan. So, aligned programming to the Care First Community Investment.

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Kelly LoBianco: values and, priorities. So they align to concept areas, but not funded through CFCI. So we're just focusing in today, knowing

that we have many, many programs that are CFCI, but we'll... we'll let you know where they're leveraged and aligned.

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Kelly LoBianco: So of the programs, we've got 7 in progress, that means they're launched and rolling. We have 4 that are closed with funds fully exhausted. We have one program that's actively in competitive procurement, and so we'll talk a little bit about the component parts of that, and one pending launch of a competitive procurement next month.

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Kelly LoBianco: Of our programs, we have spent, \$11.89 million of our CFCI and our full ARBA, allocation, and we have a balance of \$8.63 million that is in progress to be spent with many of these programs that we'll talk about shortly.

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Kelly LoBianco: Alright, next slide, please.

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Kelly LoBianco: Okay, so a little bit more detail on the actual portfolio.

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Kelly LoBianco: So, we were funded, through CFCI, and we're very privileged and grateful as the county's economic development agency to have so many concepts that the community lifted up that are aligned to our work.

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Kelly LoBianco: the first three that you see here, job readiness, general, job readiness, and training for non-justice, involved populations, and our ethical AI and art for community college youth programs.

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Kelly LoBianco: We, aligned these under a High Road Training Partnership initiative, so we'll talk a little bit about that. It's aligned with, and braided with American Rescue Plan funds to bolster that program.

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Kelly LoBianco: We also, invested in county pipeline programs through our Preparing Los Angeles for County Employment program.

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Kelly LoBianco: And we'll talk a little bit about that. This is for Pathways Into County Jobs. We will not talk today about Careers for a Cause, but I will say that is a high-road training partnership model for the social and homeless services sector.

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Kelly LoBianco: Next slide, please.

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Kelly LoBianco: The other areas we'll, we were, funded are, support for small and cooperatively owned businesses, and that's... we're rolling that out through our Employee and Worker Ownership Initiative. We're really excited about that.

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Kelly LoBianco: General access to funding for small minority-owned businesses. There's 3 programs that are related to this funding, allocation, including the LA Region Small Business Relief Fund for fire, wildfire relief, launch and growth grants, and our Cannabis social equity program, so more to come on that.

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Kelly LoBianco: And finally, the most recent allocation, the LA County Safe to Work Business Interruption Fund, and this is a small business resiliency fund for small businesses impacted by immigration enforcement actions.

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Kelly LoBianco: Again, below, you'll see some of our ARPA-funded programs. We look forward to coming back to the committee and sharing some of those in the near future as well.

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Kelly LoBianco: Next slide, please.

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Kelly LoBianco: Okay.

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Kelly LoBianco: So, I said this at the top, and for those of you that don't know the Department of Economic Opportunity well, we're a three and a half year old department. We were created by the Board of Supervisors in July of 2022, coming out of the pandemic, and we are,

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Kelly LoBianco: We are here to create a more equitable economy with thriving local communities, inclusive and sustainable growth and opportunity, and mobility for all. We do that through

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Kelly LoBianco: our workforce development lens, so we, oversee America's job centers and, hiring and training services through our Office of Small Business, as I mentioned earlier, to, someone who had asked a question about entrepreneurship and small business services.

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Kelly LoBianco: Helping folks with startup and growth and connection to county contracting opportunities, as well as broad community development and placemaking.

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Kelly LoBianco: Dollars for Care First Community Investment that have come to the department, are really important for us to do a few things here. Piloting new approaches to workforce development and economic mobility.

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Kelly LoBianco: Building a foundation for longer-term systems change. You know, not just a job or a business start, but really thinking about wealth generation, anti-displacement, and,

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Kelly LoBianco: You know, economic mobility.

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Kelly LoBianco: We're also, investing in creating new partnerships and strengthening our partnerships by helping smaller organizations that typically could not access county funds. We are advocates and a key partner in the county's Equity and county contracting initiative.

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Kelly LoBianco: And we also are a department that more than 70% of our own budget goes to organizations to deliver services and programs on the ground. We know that, community-based organizations, educational institutions, labor partners.

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Kelly LoBianco: Employers themselves, are often the best folks to deliver services, and that is key to our success and part of our, delivery model.

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Kelly LoBianco: And we also are using these funds to help us inform future strategies and investments. So we are really, really grateful for these funds and what we've been able to do for them so far.

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Kelly LoBianco: Next slide, please.

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Kelly LoBianco: All right, we're gonna do a deep dive first on the workforce and economic mobility, funding categories. Next slide, please.

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Kelly LoBianco: All right, so I mentioned a couple of those categories that you saw that are funding what we're calling high road training partnerships.

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Kelly LoBianco: This is really a new workforce strategy that is going from what we've seen in the past, which is these traditional workforce strategies, to worker-centered, industry-informed training models delivered in partnership and that yield job quality, equity, and sustainability outcomes.

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Kelly LoBianco: So when you think, just to sort of root ourselves in this.

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Kelly LoBianco: Some of the traditional workforce strategies, you know, are those that are very linear. They recruit, they train, they place, they exit, they're known as sort of training and praying. The primary goal is to fill jobs quickly.

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Kelly LoBianco: They are often, you know, led by a training provider, and then, you know, seeking employers that might hire folks in the future, but don't have, sort of, labor partners and employers and worker organizations and training providers all together, bought in from the beginning to meet a challenge or opportunity and deliver the workforce.

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Kelly LoBianco: Like we said, employers are often brought in at the end. And, support services are usually short-term and limited. The dollars usually go to the training itself, the upskilling, itself, or the credentials, meaning that folks that are interested in enrolling in these programs and transforming their own lives.

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Kelly LoBianco: there's an opportunity cost that often doesn't allow them to stay in the program or achieve their long-term employment goals. And so the hybrid training partnership really turns this model on its head, as I described. So this is... this is something that was,

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Kelly LoBianco: created at the state level. There was a demonstration project. We've brought it in-house here in the county, have partnered with folks like UCLA Labor Center that are helping us develop a community practice of partners.

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Kelly LoBianco: And, you know, evaluate and share our results. And I just want to say that there's a key part of this that equity and worker voice are central to this.

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Kelly LoBianco: So it's all about making sure we reduce barriers for workers who face challenges to entering or advancing in the labor market, that we are thinking about individuals who have been impacted by poverty, the justice system, homelessness.

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Kelly LoBianco: That may lack skills or credentials and have other barriers, and that their voice is core to the design of the program, not just meeting an employer need, but

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Kelly LoBianco: Making sure the programs are delivering for them so that they can be the most competitive candidate. And really focused, again, not just on that job, not just on that initial wage.

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Kelly LoBianco: But long-term mobility, so retention, wage growth, career advancement, job quality, and overall making sure that our small businesses, our major industries have qualified local talent that enables inclusive growth in the region.

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Kelly LoBianco: So,

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Kelly LoBianco: With Phase 1, we started with American Rescue Plan funds. We supported 8 different partners, for, H RTP models in construction and trades, early care and education, film and digital media, and others.

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Kelly LoBianco: With the CareFirst Community Investment Funds, we were able to braid remaining ARPA funds to launch what we called the High Road Training Partnership, or H RTP Fund, in April of 2025, with over \$17 million available in grants.

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Kelly LoBianco: We had over 100 applications through a competitive process. 20 awards were granted.

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Kelly LoBianco: And we're in the active implementation of these training programs now, and we are also in the process of extending Phase 2 grants for the initial training providers, and we'll have a third phase of grants with an application opening in the fall.

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Kelly LoBianco: Next slide, please.

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Kelly LoBianco: We wanted to give you a snapshot of some of the partners. Like I said, it's hard at this, you know, the forest level to really see the breadth of folks that we're investing in here and partnerships. Right here, you're going to see the lead partners, but all of these bullets and partners

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Kelly LoBianco: are actually a partnership of, like I said, training providers, worker orgs.

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Kelly LoBianco: labor orgs, employers at the table who've all committed to deliver these programs. So we have partners across aerospace, healthcare, the creative economy, construction, technology, hospitality, and the public sector. We're very excited about

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Kelly LoBianco: The theories of changes behind all of these, programs that are meeting an industry and population need, through really creative, interventions with lots of support, including a worker equity fund that helps, offset issues with

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Kelly LoBianco: Rent, or childcare, or, you know, a broken-down car, or something that might prevent you from, continuing to engage in the program.

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Kelly LoBianco: We also have a number of other partners that aren't reflected here, in the High Road Training Partnership Fund that I mentioned were in early phases of our ARPA investment.

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Kelly LoBianco: Next slide, please.

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Kelly LoBianco: Okay, so some outcomes to date. We are on track through the HR2B Fund to enroll over 1,800 folks.

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Kelly LoBianco: We've, been... we're actively training. I, you know, it's apprenticeship week this week, and I think I'm going to 4 different graduations, so lots of really exciting outcomes, and we look forward to continuing to share, but we have over 121 employers as committed partners.

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Kelly LoBianco: Right now, over 1,200 participants are enrolled in training. As I said, these are... these are ongoing trainings. We've got cohorts enrolled now.

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Kelly LoBianco: Graduations happening every day. But already, in progress, we have 292 participants in registered apprenticeships, 239 participants gaining employment.

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Kelly LoBianco: Medium wage 22, with pathways to advancement and long-term measures underway. And like I said, we are going to be, we are going to be,

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Kelly LoBianco: you know, measuring both, sort of program-level outcomes as well as systems change outcomes, and reporting them through a, public report that we're going to be issuing with the UCLA Labor Center.

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Kelly LoBianco: We do have a video, but I... in the interest of time, I'm going to... I'm going to move on from that, just because I... I do want people to be able to see the stories behind these, but I know we've got short time, so if we have time later, we can come back to it, or we can share it around.

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Kelly LoBianco: Next slide, please.

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Kelly LoBianco: All right, so the next program I had mentioned is, the PLACE program, and this is, for the public sector. So, public sector and civil service jobs are, we know that they're effective pathways out of poverty because they have stability, comprehensive benefits, and structured career advancement.

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Kelly LoBianco: Oftentimes much, much in excess of what's available in the private sector, and there's certainly high road employment, and we see this as our very own county high-road training partnership.

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Kelly LoBianco: So this program is to provide access and pathways for county residents facing barriers to employment into county employment, high-quality entry-level county employment. We... it brings together worker

voice and industry-informed training, employers, all of the almost 40 county departments.

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Kelly LoBianco: And a training provider partner to prepare folks for employment. This is a partnership between DEO, our Human Resources.

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Kelly LoBianco: department and all of our county departments as employers. It includes job readiness, civil service preparation and prioritization.

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Kelly LoBianco: And has been very successful to date. This is a board priority, and all of our county departments are committed and held to performance standards for engaging with program... county programs like this.

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Kelly LoBianco: And just to give you a sense of scale, there's over 100,000 county jobs, and we're just one of the public sector employer partners in the region with 80, you know, 80, 8 cities, and many other, different, public sector entities.

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Kelly LoBianco: So there's... there's a great pathway for folks into... into these jobs. So through this investment, we'll be serving 250 participants, with over 180 gaining permanent employment with county departments. Next slide, please.

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Kelly LoBianco: So this program, we had been running it for a number of years. Our, our past training provider, could no longer continue, so we are procuring this and opening it up to, other organizations, up to two of them, to come on board and be part of the PLACE program with the county. We'll be releasing our procurement in May of 2026.

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Kelly LoBianco: And we spent some time, to take a look at the program, which launched in 2019, make some refinements that improve the job readiness components.

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Kelly LoBianco: think about, customized pathways for folks who might need more job readiness or civil service prep, or those that can go on a more expedited pathway into county employment, and bringing on more providers that are able to offer it. So we're very excited about this opportunity and continuing to grow it over the time, and even though it's a tough time in the county, we need quality local employment across

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Kelly LoBianco: every kind of job, including at DEO.

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Kelly LoBianco: Next slide, please.

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Kelly LoBianco: All right, we're gonna get into the small business, portfolio, and like we said, it's not just startup and growth, generational wealth building, and we're excited to talk about how some of these innovative models are helping us do this.

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Kelly LoBianco: So the first one is employee and worker ownership. Employee and worker ownership has typically been an under-supported model within county-funded small business development programs, so this is really cutting edge for a public sector to be investing in.

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Kelly LoBianco: We, we know that this is an alternative and a more sustainable business model that promotes shared prosperity, collective wealth building, and inclusive entrepreneurship.

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Kelly LoBianco: And these create pathways for communities and individuals who have been historically... who have historically lacked access to resources and capital and sports to start or grow a business.

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Kelly LoBianco: So we've... we've been dabbling in this space for a couple of years. The county first, ceded some investment by Supervisor Solis about 6 years ago. We tested an expansion with ARPA funding, and with this CFCI funding and the leadership of Supervisor Mischel's office, we are deepening our work with a fuller suite of business services that support existing businesses to transition to worker ownership.

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Kelly LoBianco: And new worker-owned businesses launching from the ground up.

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Kelly LoBianco: And just very briefly, because I know this model may be new to some folks, there's a variety of different worker ownership models. Co-ops, folks know, employee stock ownership plans, there's a couple different ways that people might become a worker owner.

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Kelly LoBianco: But just for the impact and why we're interested in leveraging CFCI with you all to support this, is that

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Kelly LoBianco: you know, there's some data that backs it up. You know, a recent study found that young employee owners, ages 28 to 34 had 33% higher wages and 92% higher household wealth compared to non-employee owners. Some other,

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Kelly LoBianco: the National Center for Employee Ownership and some other reports have shared that, ESOP companies, those employee stock ownership plans, were 3 to 4 times more likely to retain staff and less likely to cut pay than non-employer-owned companies.

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Kelly LoBianco: That they're gaining some traction, so companies like this, there's over 6,000 in the U.S. with 14.2 million participants that hold \$1.4 trillion in assets. This is a way for folks to gain wealth.

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Kelly LoBianco: And overall have been, associated with stronger firm performance, productivity, job stability, and likelihood of surviving economic downturns. And coming out of COVID, fires, immigration enforcement action. This is important. Thank you. Thank you, Chair Lewis. I'm gonna speed through the rest of this.

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Kelly LoBianco: Okay, so employee and worker ownership, a couple, a couple just points to... to hit here.

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Kelly LoBianco: Let me see how I can...

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Kelly LoBianco: Cut a little bit down here. So we've worked with an advisory group over the last year, and the employee and worker ownership has come out of a couple of board motions, as part of our economic mobility initiative and a worker ownership initiative. So we've convened an advisory group.

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Kelly LoBianco: With 12 leaders in the, employee and worker ownership space that have helped us think through, the models, the needs of the LA County market and small business community, and worker community, and design the best way

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Kelly LoBianco: to purpose these funds. And so that was really important for us, and I want to lift that up because it was a community-driven process that identified how we will spend these funds, which are now in active procurement to bring on providers and deliver services.

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Kelly LoBianco: Three main components include technical assistance and business support that are hands-on guidance from startup to growth, so business planning, operations, governance, and transition support.

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Kelly LoBianco: Marketing that is going to build regional awareness of employee and worker ownership models that is culturally responsive and with multilingual marketing and outreach.

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Kelly LoBianco: And then capital access that supports the actual business transition to worker ownership. We also want to lift, because I know it was mentioned earlier, capital and legal support are embedded in part of this, because we know

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Kelly LoBianco: It's one thing to want to provide ownership and share ownership with your employees, or start a cooperative. It's another thing to be able to actually make that happen, and so this embeds those supports.

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Kelly LoBianco: Next slide, please.

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Kelly LoBianco: So very quickly, these are in active procurement. Marketing is a \$400,000 contract, TA and education is a \$1.5 million, and the capital axis is \$1.

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Kelly LoBianco: \$2.1 million, and we are going to have providers on and start our services, later this summer, in August with staggered onboarding of those other services.

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Kelly LoBianco: Next slide, please.

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Kelly LoBianco: I also wanted to lift up how the funding of CFCI has contributed to weathering the crisis and improving the resiliency of our workers and communities with a very tough year. We were proud to be able to contribute with this group.

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Kelly LoBianco: a million dollars, to the worker... the LA Region Small Business and Worker Relief Fund, in that, a program that was opened within 30 days of the start of the fires.

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Kelly LoBianco: And provided support to,

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Kelly LoBianco: it provided support to, as you can see here, over 2,000 businesses and nearly 3,000 workers. And this, fund...

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Kelly LoBianco: prioritize folks that were going to be hardest hit, and also those that would be... have hardest time bouncing back, or accessing other state or federal resources. So the... the funds were extended to folks that do not typically, are not typically able to receive unemployment, maybe in the informal economy and beyond.

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Kelly LoBianco: So really proud that we were able to connect with folks and get them, cash in hand, within... literally within days, and months of the fires, knowing that it's going to be a long road to full recovery. Next slide, please.

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Kelly LoBianco: These are a couple stories. Mrs. Jones of Altadena and Bevel Coffee, we hope... we have some videos that we can share so that people can see those. Next slide, please.

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Kelly LoBianco: We also, were proud to be able to put,

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Kelly LoBianco: \$5.1 million in CareFirst community investment towards the Small Business Resiliency Fund. This is a capital fund for businesses that were impacted by immigration enforcement action. We have our final few grants that are going out in the next few days. I think there's only 7 left to distribute, but we have supported,

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Kelly LoBianco: 1,327 businesses directly, and this includes brick-and-mortar, customer-facing home-based businesses, and sidewalk vendors.

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Kelly LoBianco: There are two other grant programs that we've been able to provide capital to as part of CFCI. One is the Entrepreneurship Academy Grant Program. We supported over 800 new entrepreneurs in starting businesses after going through an Entrepreneurship Academy funded by American Rescue Plan, and through this, we were able to help those

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Kelly LoBianco: Folks that had developed their first business and marketing and financial plan with up to \$2,000 to get going. So 70 entrepreneurs, received those grants. And we also are funding, brand new brick and mortars.

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Kelly LoBianco: With a focus on fire-impacted areas, and we've got 12 launch grants already dispersed, many of those in Altadena.

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Kelly LoBianco: Next slide, please.

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Kelly LoBianco: And one of our final points here is, we are partnered with the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs.

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Kelly LoBianco: On the Cannabis Social Equity Entrepreneurship Program, we just talked about the Entrepreneurship Academies. We're taking that successful model, and we're, embedding all those principles around, business startup and growth with

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Kelly LoBianco: DCBA's work to set up the Office of Cannabis Management and the new cannabis ordinance that... and the social equity program that will prioritize

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Kelly LoBianco: historically impacted communities by the justice system, by the war on drugs, for licenses to start retail and delivery cannabis businesses when that goes live in LA County, and so this entrepreneurship program, which is launching next month in partnership with DCBA, will, will get folks ready for those licenses.

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Kelly LoBianco: See what those businesses look like, and we're really excited for that to launch next month.

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Kelly LoBianco: And I think this is it. Next slide.

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Kelly LoBianco: And you can see what we're doing. We're still launching these programs, we're measuring the outcomes, and we look forward to coming back, and presenting more, but thank you, Chair Lewis, for indulging me. We just... we had a lot, and I know we haven't had a chance to share this with this advisory group in town hall yet, so thank you all for your time.

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Veronica Lewis: Thank you, amazing breadth of work. I know I saw 26... I said 26 slides! But thank you for getting through it. If you... I don't know if, the video slide had links, but if not, if you all can add the links, so that when the... they're shared publicly, folks can look at the stories, that would be great.

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Veronica Lewis: Any questions or comments for...

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Veronica Lewis: Kelly, and then we do have a few minutes left of the second end of the CEO's presentation as well. Oh, go ahead, Anna.

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Veronica Lewis: You're muted.

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Anna: Yes, thank you so much, Kelly, for such a comprehensive presentation on all the different programs. Would just love for you to talk just a tiny bit about how some of these programs, or specific programs help reduce incarceration or reincarceration for some of our population in LA County. Thanks.

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Kelly LoBianco: Yeah, thank you. I would say, all of these programs, and frankly, all the programs that the Department of Economic Opportunity offer prioritize,

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Kelly LoBianco: communities that have been historically, disinvested or impacted by the justice system. So we serve thousands of justice-impacted folks per year in our workforce programs, and they're prioritized through these programs, so that is a thread throughout all of them.

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Kelly LoBianco: Some of them are very specifically tailored to the justice-impacted community. You saw us talk at the very end about the Cannabis social equity program. But...

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Kelly LoBianco: a lot of our work is really around prevention, and promotion. So, like, we are... we know that, economic security and then putting folks on a path to.

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Kelly LoBianco: Economic mobility and, through job quality or through business ownership, spaces that people previously haven't had access or haven't had the ability, to... to leverage fully, is a way to...

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Kelly LoBianco: to support, like, anti-recidivism and outcomes like that that you heard us talk about at the very beginning around jail closure. But we can get more into that, because I, like, I have a lot more to say on this topic, but we know that economic investments like this

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Kelly LoBianco: have Multiplying impacts.

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Kelly LoBianco: For the CFCI community.

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Veronica Lewis: Great question, Anna, and thank you. Thank you, Kelly. A lot of amazing work to support economic stability and mobility, so thank you so much.

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Veronica Lewis: I'm gonna turn it over to Christina Mesa. There was a few more slides I wasn't aware of from the CEO's office, and Christina, you have the floor to close us out.

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Kristina Meza: I'm gonna power through it, and I'm gonna do, like, the 3-minute version.

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Kristina Meza: Good afternoon, everybody. Excited to join you all. This is my first time presenting, to CFCI Town Hall. We just were allocated some funds earlier this year. And so if we can go to the next slide, Christina Massam, the Executive Director for Poverty Alleviation Initiative, which is a countywide, initiative that was built, and brought forward, actually, by Supervisor Mitchell.

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Kristina Meza: to have this lofty charge of trying to alleviate poverty for the county of Los Angeles through strategic initiatives, and one of those, which was brought forward with us when we were first established, was through guaranteed income, right? Like, the power of giving folks direct cash, and making it easy for folks to achieve economic mobility by giving them autonomy over

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Kristina Meza: how they use the resources the county can allocate to them directly. So, that created BREAVE, which is LA County's Guaranteed Income Program. This slide just lifts up the fact that BREAVE has, launched at the same time Poverty Alleviation did, and then if folks are interested.

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Kristina Meza: I highly encourage everyone to visit our website to learn more about our work around BRIEVE, but also around, anti-poverty-related initiatives as well. We could go to the next slide.

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Kristina Meza: And so that is what brought us to the funding that we received. We got, we were allocated about \$817,000 this year, to expand BREAVE to include, folks that were directly impacted by recent immigration rates.

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Kristina Meza: We worked really closely with community partners, specifically, friends over at Immigrants are Los Angeles. I don't know if we've got folks joining us from that group, but really supportive, a group of folks that had been advocating for a couple of years now to do guaranteed income directly, for those folks that have been impacted by immigration rates.

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Kristina Meza: But specifically the fastest growing, impacted community, which were our senior residents, not just by these immigration rates, but by poverty broadly in the county. And so that is what came together to help shape the design of our project, which will be giving individuals \$1,200 a month of guaranteed income for a one-year period.

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Kristina Meza: \$817,000 is not a whole lot of money, but it is still a significant investment for us to do work in this space. And so with that, we'll be able to serve 47 senior residents in the county that reside in zip codes that have been hit hardest by these immigration raids.

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Kristina Meza: We also wanted to focus and target resources to immigrant communities.

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Kristina Meza: And so, one of the criteria of eligibility will, of course, be that you're over the age of 65 and you live in one of these zip codes, but we're also looking at folks that are not currently receiving state or federally funded cash benefits. You all know, through the implementation of policies like HR1 by the federal administration, one of the hardest-hit communities is our immigrant community. And so.

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Kristina Meza: The thinking is here, we can prioritize some of those folks that are impacted, not just by the federal justice system, but also by the federal policy changes that are moving really quickly. Next slide.

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Kristina Meza: Just a breakdown of our funding, like I said, we have \$817,000.

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Kristina Meza: So, the vast majority of that, just shy of \$700,000, will go out as direct cash. The rest will go to our brief program administrator, which is the CBO, community-based organization, to provide some limited case management, but also to support just any basic needs, when it comes to making sure folks are receiving their cash, running the application, running the selection process.

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Kristina Meza: And we're anticipating to launch this in July of next year. Next slide.

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Kristina Meza: Impact and outcomes, so we will select participants from all five supervisorial districts. I already mentioned the zip code data that we'll be using to try and direct

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Kristina Meza: resources a little bit more equitably for those zip codes that were impacted the most. And then we have four research domains that we do across the board for all of our guaranteed income efforts, and that's housing and homelessness, economic well-being, justice involvement, prevention, and then stress and health.

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Kristina Meza: Next slide.

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Kristina Meza: Okay, I saw that it was 6 o'clock, so I wrapped it up. I know that was super high level, but I wanted to make sure we end on time.

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Veronica Lewis: Thank you so much. I think there's lots of interest in the guaranteed income, and folks are grateful for that. Thank you, Christina and Kelly, sorry to rush you out. At this time, if there's any general public comment, we will take it at this time. Please raise your hand. If you're a member of the public and you want to make any general public comment about

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Veronica Lewis: the presentations today. We will take those at this time.

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Veronica Lewis: All right.

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Veronica Lewis: Leanne? Did I say that right?

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Elianne Rodriguez (She/Her/Ella): Yes, Elaine. Hi everybody, Elaine Rodriguez, Executive Director for, LEAF. We are one of the

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Elianne Rodriguez (She/Her/Ella): recipients of DEO's program, so we're one of the many community partners that they work with. And, I just wanted to, one, say thank you to this committee for, you know, the funding that has been, you know, both granted to the DEO for all the work that they do.

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Elianne Rodriguez (She/Her/Ella): As Kelly mentioned, overall, all of the programs that we run are always targeted to the hardest-hit communities, which include a lot of the communities where recipivism and

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Elianne Rodriguez (She/Her/Ella): systems, impact... directly impact the community members. So, I myself, work with a lot of those communities, and the Five Ventures are some of our partners as well, which we work closely with to ensure that folks have access to, opportunities pre and

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Elianne Rodriguez (She/Her/Ella): and post, incarceration. And, the Employee Worker Initiative, too, is something that we've seen a lot of, progress on. So, again, I just wanted to say thank you and give a shout out to this committee for always supporting our work.

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Veronica Lewis: Thank you, and thank you for all the work that you're doing.

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Veronica Lewis: Any other public comments before we adjourn?

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CFCI Advisory Committee Town Hall: There's one other hand raised, Sabra Williams.

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Sabra Williams: I just want to say thank you so much to JCOD CFCI, we are grantees. I just really want to encourage you, we serve people who are currently or formerly incarcerated.

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Sabra Williams: And, really, really want to encourage people to still please keep funding programs inside of LA County Probation.

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Sabra Williams: Camps and halls, because...

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Sabra Williams: a lot of people are taking money out of the programs that serve our kids while they're inside, so we serve youth inside and also when they come home. And I really hope that JCART and CFCI will continue to fund programs for our young people at this crucial moment. We have a civic engagement program in there.

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Sabra Williams: It's an election year, more than ever, our kids need to understand about the importance of voting, so thank you.

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Veronica Lewis: Thank you so much. Any other public comment?

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Veronica Lewis: Okay, seeing no hands, I'm going to close it out. Thank you to all of our presenters.

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CFCI Advisory Committee Town Hall: There are no more entries.

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Veronica Lewis: Come on.

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Veronica Lewis: for all of the amazing work that you all are doing, and thank you to the public for showing up to hear about the impact of CFCI dollars. Take care, everybody. I guess you could leave... I saw... yeah, there's some upcoming listening sessions.

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Veronica Lewis: On the screen, make sure you sign up for the JCOD email list if you are not signed up already to get information about the special community engagement meetings that are happening in the coming month. Take care, everybody. Have a good evening, and thank you again for being here.