

LOS ANGELES COUNTY

**JUSTICE
CARE AND
OPPORTUNITIES**

DEPARTMENT

**JCOD CFCI Community
Listening Sessions**

May 2026 Series

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Today's Goals

- Gather community feedback on services delivered, impact/outcomes, and any gaps
- Public feedback from listening sessions will be used to inform JCOD priorities, including Care First Community Investment (CFCI) spending

Facilitation Team

- JCOD Team
 - Avi Bernard
 - Noah White
- CFCI Advisory Committee
 - Cheryl Blanchette



How to Participate Today

- To help ensure an organized and inclusive discussion, please review the following participation guidelines:
 - Please remain muted unless speaking
 - Use the “Raise Hand” feature if you would like to speak
 - Please keep comments concise to allow time for all voices to be heard
- This session is intended to gather community feedback and perspectives related to CFCl funding priorities and service needs
- Spanish interpretation will be provided
- The session will be recorded for public record



JCOD: How we started

MISSION STATEMENT

Our Mission is to cultivate a person-centered, coordinated continuum of care for vulnerable justice-impacted individuals and their communities. By leading collaborative system improvement efforts, we focus on prevention, diversion, and reentry to achieve community safety, wellbeing, and equitable justice.

COMMUNITY SAFETY | EMPATHY | ADVOCACY | COLLABORATION | HUMAN-CENTERED | INTEGRITY | CREATIVITY

What is Measure J & the JCOD Care First Community Investment (CFCI)?

Measure J

- Measure J was a 2020 voter-approved initiative that requires LA County to allocate 10% of its locally generated, unrestricted revenues to community investment and alternatives to traditional justice system responses.
- The funds are administered through the Justice Care and Opportunities (JCOD) Care First Community Investment (CFCI) program.
- The initiative seeks to address the disproportionate impact of racial injustice through community investment and alternatives to incarceration and prohibiting using those funds for carceral systems and law enforcement agencies.

CFCI

- The Care First Community Investment (CFCI) is a significant investment that builds up our collective capacity to best serve the justice-involved people of Los Angeles County.
- CFCI was created by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and placed under JCOD's stewardship in November 2022 to invest in community-based services and expand access to critical resources across the County.
- Since its launch, LA County CFCI Care Grants have directed more than \$350 million to community-based organizations serving residents across all five supervisorial districts.

CFCI funding is distributed through County Departments and JCOD CFCI Care Grants to Community-Based Organizations

Direct Community Investment

- Community-based youth development programs
- Job training and jobs to low-income residents
- Access to capital for small minority-owned businesses with a focus on Black-owned businesses
- Rent assistance, housing vouchers, and accompanying supportive services to those at-risk of losing their housing or without stable housing
- Capital funding for transitional housing, affordable housing, supportive housing and restorative care villages with priority for shovel-ready projects

Alternatives to Incarceration

- Community-based restorative justice programs
- Pre-trial non-custody services and treatment
- Community-based health services, health promotion counseling, wellness and prevention programs, and mental health and substance use disorder services
- Non-custodial diversion and reentry programs including housing and services

CFCI Ongoing Budget

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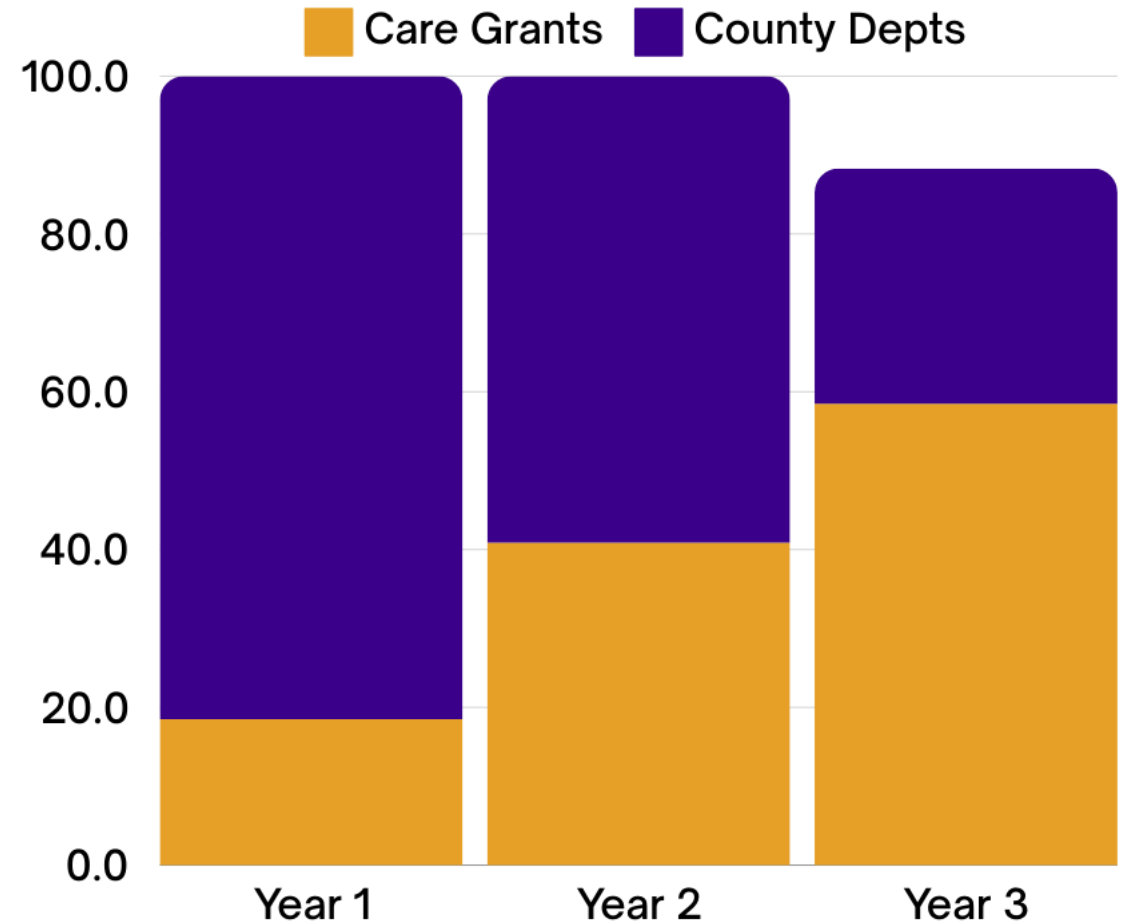
County Departments: \$81.5 million
Care Grants: \$18.5 million

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County Departments: \$59.1 million
Care Grants: \$40.9 million

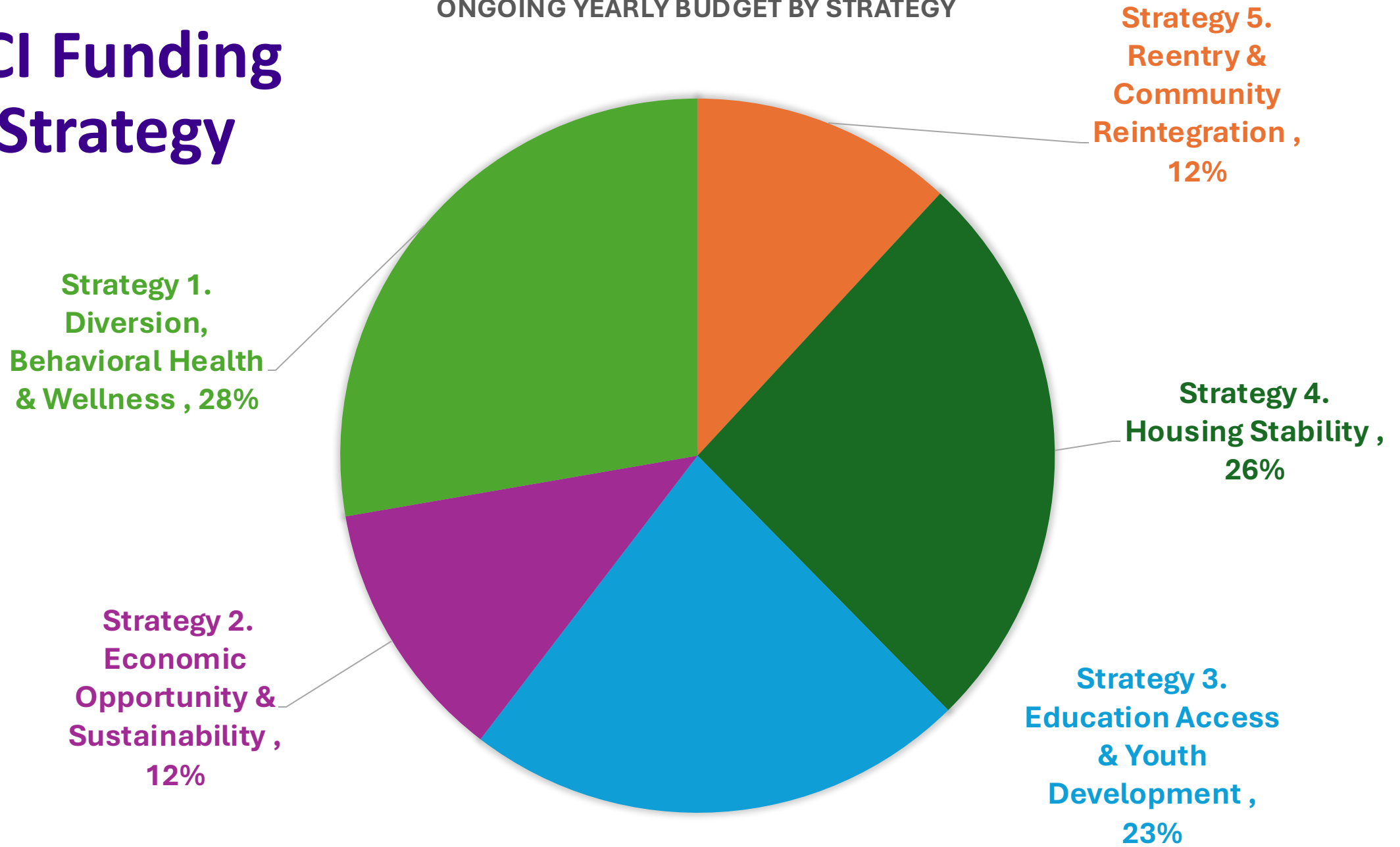
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County Departments: \$29.8 million
Care Grants: \$58.5 million



CFCI Funding by Strategy

ONGOING YEARLY BUDGET BY STRATEGY



*one program funded at \$600,000, unassigned to a strategy

The CFCI Advisory Committee makes recommendations for allocating funds, including money that was not spent or set aside for a specific time period

- Select responsibilities of the Committee:
 - Weighs community needs and concepts from County departments, service providers, and individuals who are systems-impacted to use CFCI funding for new programs and/or extensions and expansions
 - Makes recommendations for CFCI funding allocations

Your input today will inform how the Committee recommends allocating funds that were previously allocated but not spent from July 2025 to June 2026!

CFCI seeks to address the disproportionate impact of racial injustice partly through direct community investment. What do you think needs funding to address that in your community? Please share more about where you're from and why you think these investments are important where you live.

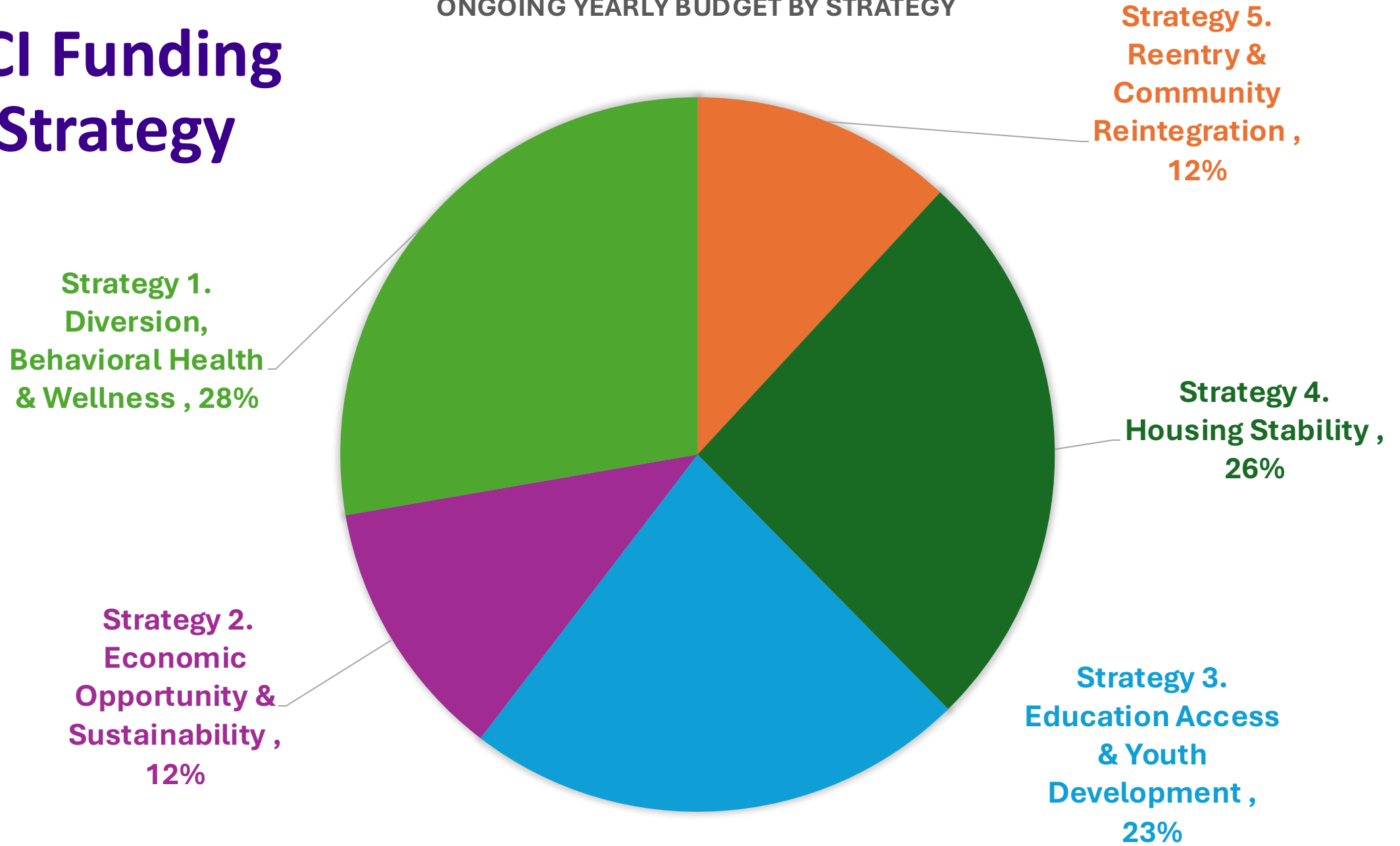


CFCI currently funds programs in these categories, with the most funding going to diversion, behavioral health and wellness. Do you think more funding should go to any of these categories over others? Why or why not?



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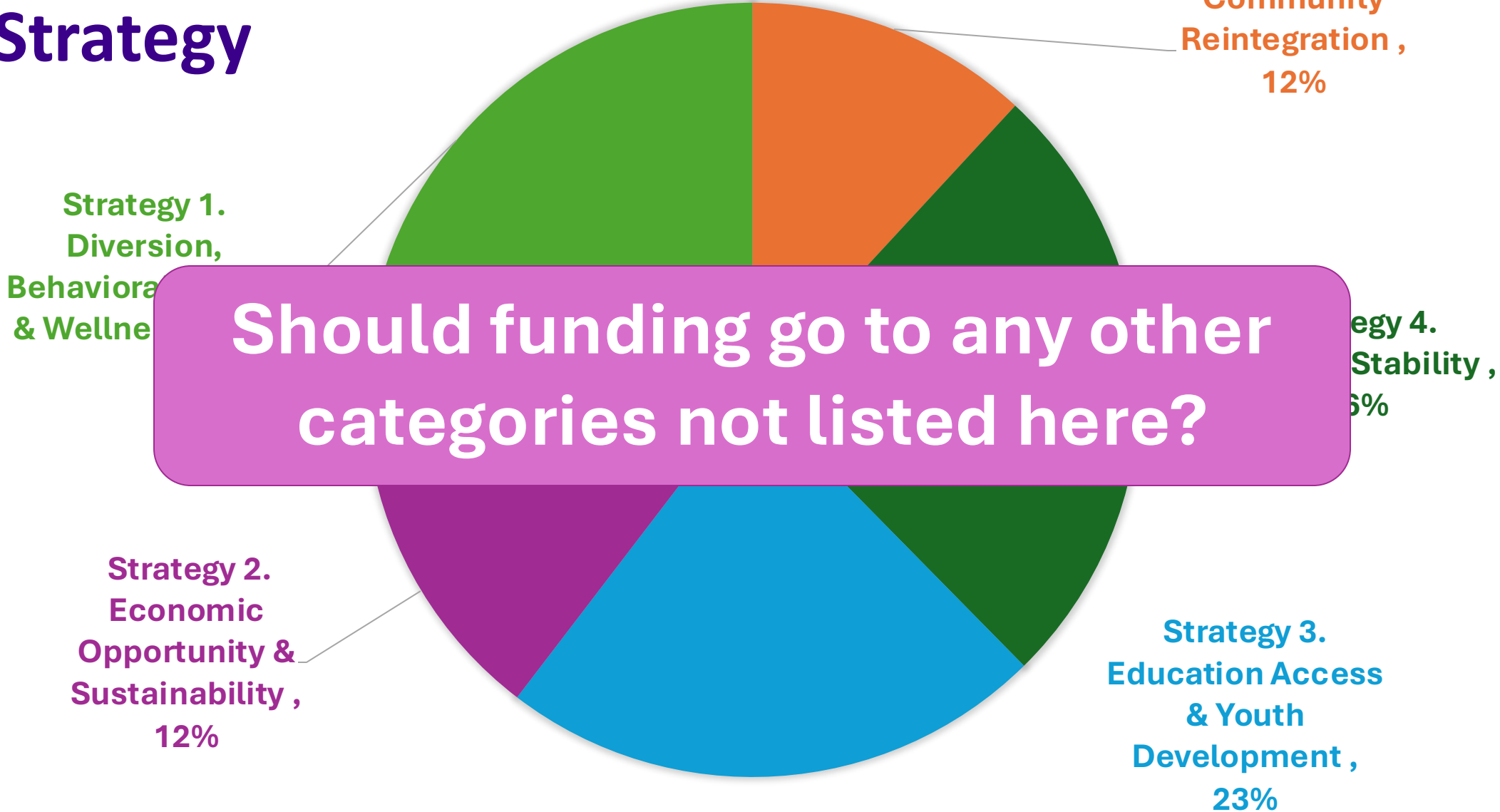
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What are the biggest barriers to accessing services in your community?



How familiar are you with CFCI-funded work? How do you keep in touch with CFCI? E.g. read newsletters, review website, come to meetings. What's the best way to share information with you and to get your feedback?



Tell us what the greatest strengths are in your community. What changes have you been most excited to see in recent years?



What comes next?

- JCOD will analyze the data from May 2026 Community Listening Session series to inform priority program areas or community needs for funding
- JCOD will share information with the Care First Community Investment Advisory Committee to inform recommendations for allocating any available funds

Other Opportunities for Feedback

- Attend and spread the word about upcoming listening sessions:
[Community Listening Sessions Schedule - May Flyer](#)
- Attend a CFCI Advisory Committee meeting
 - Next Regular Meeting: [June 18, 2026](#)
 - Location: Earvin Magic Johnson Park
- How to contact us for additional information or to provide feedback:
 - CFCI@JCOD.LACOUNTY.GOV
 - [JCOD CFCI Website](#)

We Need Your Help!

- We are looking for community reviewers for the 4th CFCI Funding Round Supporting Native American Indian Communities.
 - Selected reviewers will receive a stipend for their participation.
 - Individuals interested in serving as a reviewer can complete the reviewer interest form [here](#).
 - Interested reviewers should also submit a resume to TPAgrants@amityfdn.org.