

CFCI Care Grant

(Care First Community Investment)

Funding Opportunity – Year 5

Strategy 3: Education Access & Youth Development

- Youth Mentorship & Counseling: *Transformative, Culturally Affirming Support for System-Impacted and Underserved Youth*
- School Based interventions: *Trauma-Informed, Culturally Responsive Educational Equity and Wellness Programs*
- Leadership Development: *Youth Empowerment, Civic Belonging, and Culturally Rooted Organizing*
- Youth Engagement & Youth Prevention: *Community-Rooted Programs for Healing, Growth & Belonging*

Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration

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Background

On Nov. 3, 2020, the voters of Los Angeles County approved Measure J, which directed Los Angeles County (County) to set aside at least 10% of the County's locally generated unrestricted revenues to address systemic racism through direct community investment and alternatives to incarceration.

While Measure J was nullified by a court action, the Board of Supervisors (Board) established an Advisory Committee and charged the committee with developing spending recommendations that aligned with the intent and purpose of Measure J, now renamed Care First Community Investment (CFCI). Under direct Board authority, the Board the core Measure J policies through the creation of CFCI programs and budget set-aside.

CFCI adheres to the spirit of Measure J and the above-mentioned budget policy by allocating at least 10% of locally generated unrestricted revenue to be invested directly into communities and alternatives to incarceration to address the impact of racial injustice — in particular within the criminal legal systems. In addition, CFCI prohibits using these funds for carceral systems and law enforcement agencies.

The CFCI Programs budget policy identifies how the County will determine the amount of locally generated unrestricted revenues in the general fund (net County cost) to be set aside for CFCI programs. The County's new Justice, Care and Opportunities Department (JCOD), which was created by the Board in November 2022, is now responsible for the stewardship of CFCI. JCOD continues to follow the guidance of the Board, CFCI Advisory Committee, and Chief Executive Office in ensuring that the CFCI funding goes to those who need it most.

About the Third-Party Administrator & Year 5 Funding Opportunities

JCOD invites community-based organizations to apply for funding through the fifth round of Los Angeles County's CFCI Care Grants. These grants support community-based programs that provide alternatives to incarceration and direct community investments across Los Angeles County. This fifth round of CFCI Care Grant funding was approved by the Board on Dec. 9, 2025, and includes funding for 30 different Program Areas across the five CFCI Strategies. CFCI Year 5 Care Grants will be administered by three additional Third-Party Administrators alongside Amity Foundation: Community Partners, Heluna Health, and United Way LA. This solicitation is for program areas administered by Community Partners.

Strategies and Program Areas

CFCI Year 5 Care Grants are grouped into Five Strategies:

- Strategy 1: Diversion, Behavioral Health & Wellness (*administered by Heluna Health*)
- Strategy 2: Economic Opportunity & Sustainability (*administered by United Way*)
- Strategy 3: Education Access & Youth Development (*administered by Community Partners, more details below*)
- Strategy 4: Housing Stability (*administered by Heluna Health*)
- Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration (*administered by Community Partners, more details below*)

Community Partners was selected to act as Third-Party Administrator (TPA) specifically for Program Areas under CFCI Funding Strategy 3 (Education Access & Youth Development) and Strategy 5 (Reentry & Community Reintegration). To learn more about other CFCI strategies, please visit <https://jcod.lacounty.gov/program/care-first-community-investment-cfci-year-5-care-grants/>.

Program areas for each strategy with award amount ranges are as follows:

Strategy 3 - Education Access & Youth Development

Term begins upon execution of the Contract between the Community Partners and Service Provider. Funds must be spent by 10/30/2029.

CFCI-Funding Strategy 3: Education Access & Youth Development <i>Program Areas</i>	Min – Max Award Amounts Available	Total Funding Amount Available
<i>Youth Mentorship & Counseling: Transformative, Culturally Affirming Support for System-Impacted and Underserved Youth</i> This funding category supports holistic, trauma-informed mentorship and counseling programs for system-impacted, justice-involved, and at-risk youth ages 8-26 across Los Angeles County, with a particular emphasis on youth in SPAs 6, 8, and the Antelope Valley. Programs should prioritize communities historically impacted by disinvestment, systemic racism, and intergenerational trauma - including Black, Latino, Native/Indigenous, LGBTQ+, unhoused, foster, and justice-impacted youth. Carveouts for culturally specific and identity affirming programming - particularly for Black boys and men, LGBTQ+ youth, and Native youth are encouraged. Programs should provide youth with consistent, long-term mentorship that fosters trust, emotional development, academic persistence, and positive identity formation. One-on-one and group mentorship models should be grounded in trauma-informed and culturally responsive frameworks such as restorative justice, cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT), healing-centered engagement, and social-emotional learning. Key program features may include: • Cohort-based or drop-in models that meet youth where they are - whether in schools, community hubs, youth centers, or justice-adjacent settings	• Minimum amount of each award: \$300,000 • Max amount of each award: \$1,000,000 +	\$5,146,500

• Personalized mentorship and care coaching that supports academic progress, college or workforce pathways, life skill development, and healing from trauma • Wraparound supports such as access to licensed therapists, peer healing circles, conflict resolution workshops, and family engagement • Opportunities for creative expression and cultural affirmation through the arts, storytelling, music, fashion, writing, and movement • Paid youth leadership and internship opportunities that build agency, financial literacy, and long-term career readiness • Physical and emotional wellness activities, including nutrition education, mindfulness practices, and safe spaces for play and movement. Programs must center the voices and leadership of youth, including through youth advisory boards, peer mentorship, or youth co-design of services. Intergenerational approaches that engage families and caregivers in healing and support are strongly encouraged. Priority will be given to programs with established community trust, culturally rooted methodologies, and experience working in high-need communities such as Compton, Long Beach, South Central, Pomona, and the Antelope Valley. Programs should demonstrate the ability to build long-term relationships with youth, connect them to opportunity and care, and disrupt cycles of harm with consistency, care, and cultural pride.		
<i>School Based interventions: Trauma-Informed, Culturally Responsive Educational Equity and Wellness Programs</i> This funding category supports a wide spectrum of school-based and education-aligned programs designed to improve student outcomes, school climate, and educational equity across Los Angeles County. These programs serve youth ages 12-26, with a strong focus on middle school, high school, and community college students who are directly impacted by systemic inequities, including students who are justice-involved, reentry populations, and those at risk of disconnection from school or work. Programs in this category are trauma-informed, culturally responsive, and rooted in community-defined needs. They include: • <i>Mentorship and Restorative Practices:</i> School-based mentorship programs that integrate community mentors, peacebuilders, and	\$30,000 - \$50,000	\$257,500

culturally responsive staff into school sites. These initiatives aim to reduce behavioral incidents and law enforcement contact while improving engagement and outcomes for youth, particularly those at risk of involvement with the juvenile justice system. Models such as the Peace Builder framework use restorative practices and positive youth development to build trust and belonging. • <i>Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) and Trauma Resilience:</i> Group-based SEL programs offering structured sessions on mindfulness, emotional regulation, conflict resolution, and trauma awareness, including integration of ACEs (Adverse Childhood Experiences) education. These programs respond to rising behavioral challenges by cultivating safer school environments, student wellbeing, and strong family-school connections. Culturally grounded SEL strategies prioritize healing and belonging, with a specific emphasis on Black, Indigenous, and youth of color. • <i>Media Literacy and Digital Citizenship:</i> School-based leadership programs that develop students into ethical storytellers and influencers, offering digital media training, exposure to creative industries, and portfolio development. These efforts aim to reshape school culture, uplift student voice, and prepare youth for opportunities in the creator economy. • <i>Technology Equity for Reentry Students:</i> Education-aligned programs that support reentry populations such as formerly incarcerated community college students through access to technology (e.g., laptop loan programs), digital literacy development, and early academic onboarding support. These interventions promote educational persistence and employment readiness for youth navigating reentry. Funded programs may be implemented in partnership with County departments, school districts (e.g., LAUSD), community-based organizations, and higher education institutions. Delivery sites include public middle and high schools, continuation schools, and colleges such as Los Angeles Trade Technical College. This funding stream will be jointly administered by the Department of Youth Development (DYD) and Community Partners. DYD will focus on mentorship, school-based programming, and youth justice-aligned services; Community Partners will prioritize community-based		
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implementation and ensuring smaller grassroots organizations are equitably resourced. The overall goal is to increase youth safety, opportunity, and belonging in educational settings, while disrupting school pushout, punitive discipline, and youth incarceration. Priority will be given to programs serving Black youth, Indigenous youth, and students with lived experience of incarceration or systems involvement.		
<i>Leadership Development: Youth Empowerment, Civic Belonging, and Culturally Rooted Organizing</i> This funding stream supports community-rooted, culturally grounded leadership development initiatives for youth and young adults across Los Angeles County, with a focus on populations most impacted by systemic racism, civic exclusion, and structural marginalization. This program area will be administered by Community Partners with a dedicated carveout for civic leadership programming developed in partnership with the Anti-Racism, Diversity, and Inclusion (ARDI) Initiative of LA County. These programs are designed to build leadership pipelines that begin in early youth and extend into adulthood, integrating healing-centered engagement, cultural identity development, mentorship, and community-based civic action. Whether school-based, neighborhood-based, or anchored in cultural and historical frameworks, all efforts must center youth voice, agency, and lived experience. Key features of eligible programs may include: • <i>Civic Leadership and Participatory Democracy:</i> Programs that demystify government structures and equip young people with the tools to shape public systems, including participatory budgeting, community organizing, and policy advocacy. A carve-out in this area will support efforts led by Black community-based organizations focused on increasing Black civic participation, particularly in neighborhoods experiencing civic deserts and low perceived belonging. Programming should be culturally resonant and rooted in local histories and strengths. • <i>Culturally Affirming Mentorship and Rites of Passage:</i> Initiatives that provide intergenerational mentorship, mental wellness education, financial literacy, and rites of passage for boys and young men of color. These programs must be grounded in the	\$75,000 - \$300,000	\$975,500

cultural traditions of the communities they serve and promote healing, identity formation, and long-term purpose. • <i>Conflict Resolution and Peer Mediation:</i> School-based or community-based leadership pathways that train youth to serve as peer mediators, conflict resolution practitioners, and peacebuilders in their communities. Programs should offer structured training and youth leadership roles that foster safer school and community climates and reduce punitive disciplinary practices. • <i>Indigenous Youth Leadership and Organizing:</i> Programs led by and for Native and Indigenous youth in LA County that build leadership and organizing capacity through culturally relevant frameworks such as the Indigenous Lifecourse Framework. Eligible programs may include community-rooted advocacy training, cultural restoration, activism, and campaign development in areas such as education, health, and housing. These programs must explicitly invest in the leadership pipeline of Native youth, recognizing their historic exclusion and ongoing health and civic disparities.		
<i>Youth Engagement & Youth Prevention: Community-Rooted Programs for Healing, Growth & Belonging</i> This funding strategy supports a broad spectrum of community-rooted programs that prevent youth system involvement and foster holistic development through connection, creativity, healing, leadership, and life skill-building. Grounded in equity and a Care First approach, this category invests in trauma-informed, culturally relevant prevention services for youth ages 5 to 25 across Los Angeles County especially Black, Brown, Indigenous, LGBTQ+, system-impacted, and justice-involved youth, as well as those in disinvested neighborhoods. Programs funded under this strategy are designed to keep young people engaged, safe, and empowered - during out-of-school time, evenings, and weekends - through access to transformative opportunities that build protective factors, reduce risk, and promote thriving. Key themes across this portfolio include: • <i>Core Strategies & Activities:</i> Healing-Centered Youth Development: Programs blend mental health support, wellness practices, and cultural identity formation. Services include trauma-informed counseling, expressive arts therapy, mindfulness, life coaching,	\$300,000 - \$1,000,000	\$8,064,000

and peer circles to support youth navigating grief, violence, poverty, or disconnection. • <i>Civic Engagement & Leadership:</i> Youth are engaged in advisory boards, storytelling, civic action projects, and mentorship that develop their agency, voice, and power to shape their communities. • <i>Creative & Cultural Expression:</i> Projects rooted in arts, music, dance, film, theater, VR media, and ancestral traditions give youth tools for healing and visibility. Many programs are led by teaching artists from the youth's own cultural backgrounds. • <i>Workforce Readiness & Career Pathways:</i> Several initiatives include hands-on job training, college and career counseling, union-affiliated internships (e.g., in film/TV production), athletic support services, and digital/media skills development for future facing careers. • <i>Restorative Justice & Diversion:</i> Programs incorporate training for providers to handle serious offenses (including gun and sexual violence), expand mediation skills, and deepen community credibility of alternatives to punitive justice. • <i>Family and Intergenerational Support:</i> Many programs operate in multigenerational settings offering parenting education, community wellness events, and opportunities for youth and elders to build relationships and resilience together. • <i>Financial Literacy & Life Skills:</i> From driver's education and stress management to credit awareness and digital etiquette, programs help youth prepare for adulthood with confidence and competence. Population-Specific Considerations: • <i>Black Youth:</i> Multiple programs center the healing, leadership, and creative expression of Black youth, especially girls who are navigating systemic harm and underrepresented in prevention investments. Programs explicitly respond to alarming rates of suicide, overcriminalization, and lack of culturally affirming care. • <i>Indigenous and Native Youth:</i> A carve-out should prioritize programs that honor and preserve Indigenous cultures through arts, intergenerational storytelling, and traditions of resistance and belonging, particularly in the North San Fernando Valley.		
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• <i>System-Impacted Youth:</i> Many projects specifically target youth impacted by incarceration, foster care, violence, and gang involvement providing restorative alternatives and direct pathways to wellness, education, and opportunity.		
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Strategy 5 - Reentry & Community Reintegration

Term begins upon execution of the Contract between the Community Partners and Service Provider. Funds must be spent by 10/30/2029.

CFCI-Funding Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration Program Areas	Min – Max Award Amounts Available	Total Funding Amount Available
Mentorship Programming Mentorship programs involve adult mentors who have previously been incarcerated and are professionally-trained to provide trauma-informed, evidence-based, and culturally- and gender-responsive curriculum and mentorship to systems-involved youth and adults in Los Angeles. Programming will address the complex needs related to mental health, social-emotional, and identity of this population to improve their overall wellbeing and provide positive change.	• Minimum amount of each award: \$100,000 • Max amount of each award: \$600,000 +	\$1,453,500
General Wraparound Reentry Services Wraparound reentry services provide culturally- and gender-responsive programming for adults and at-risk youth including housing, childcare, mental health support, education, workforce development, and other services to build self-sufficiency and reduce recidivism.	\$300,000 - \$3,060,000	\$3,060,000
General Workforce Development for Youth Workforce development programming for youth supports systems-involved young people such as foster youth and formerly incarcerated youth to promote job readiness and long-term economic stability.	\$250,000 - \$1,147,500	\$1,147,500
Creative Healing for Justice-Involved Individuals Creative Healing for Justice-Involved Individuals supports creative and holistic wellness programming for formerly incarcerated adults and youth that is culturally-responsive and accessible. This can include arts programming like music, poetry, writing; services related to movement such as yoga, meditation; healing circles; and similar programs. This will promote overall wellbeing for individuals reentering their communities after incarceration.	\$150,000 - \$750,000	\$4,207,500

Unique Employment Opportunities Unique Employment Opportunities will provide pathways for formerly incarcerated adults to secure employment in creative, unique, and/or nontraditional careers, including, but not limited to, pet care, creative arts, urban farming, culinary arts, hospitality, etc. Programs will provide hands-on, practical experience along with culturally-and gender-responsive, accessible support related to housing, mental health, physical health, income, and other needs that can be barriers to reentry.	\$300,000- \$600,000	\$3,060,000
General Systems Navigation Services General Systems Navigation Services will provide individuals reentering their communities after incarceration with immediate and individualized services that will ensure they have the tools and skills necessary to navigate the various systems available to them after incarceration. Programming can include addressing immediate needs like documentation (e.g., drivers license, social security cards, etc.), benefits, transportation, and housing; wraparound services; holistic case management; and vocational and educational opportunities.	\$300,000- \$1,000,000	\$6,502,500
Reentry Symposiums in Antelope Valley and Pomona Reentry Symposiums are day-long conferences that feature panels related to reentry services and keynote speakers. These symposiums will provide communities in the Antelope Valley and the Pomona community, two areas with some of the highest needs in Los Angeles County, with information about the programming and services available to justice-impacted individuals and their families.	\$40,000- \$76,500	\$153,000
TPA: Empowering and Mentoring TGI Aging Populations Strengthen intergenerational mentorship, community building, and empowerment for system-impacted aging populations. This project will build off of the Trans, Gender Expansive, and Intersex Mentorship Project which is currently supporting and allowing for re-entry services, peer support, and leadership development.	\$300,000- \$2,677,500	\$2,677,500

Organizations must address at least one or more of the required services. Organizations **are not required to address all of the service areas of any individual Program Area.*

† Note: Organizations may submit applications for funding higher than the maximum totals. Any requests that are higher than the annual/total amounts will be evaluated based upon funding availability.

Community Partners Contact

Community Partners staff is available to provide assistance with understanding the application requirements,

navigating the online submission portal, and/or addressing any technical issues that you may encounter. If you need additional help completing or submitting your application, please contact us using the information below.

- Phone: 213-900-6857
- Email: CFCicaregrants@communitypartners.org

Funding Available/Award Limitations

- CFCI Year 5 Care Grants are available in a range of award sizes unique to each Program Area within each Strategy.
- Award amounts will range from \$30,000 to \$3,060,000 based on demonstrated need, available funding, and alignment with program requirements.
- Requests outside of this range will be considered only with clear justification and supporting documentation demonstrating exceptional need.
- Organizations that have not received direct funding from LA County, including CFCI awards shall be prioritized for award.
- Applicants are encouraged to request budgets that reflect the scope and needs of their work. Funding may be requested at an amount higher than the maximum totals. Any requests that are higher than the maximum will be evaluated based upon funding availability.
- Applications within the award thresholds may be increased, reduced, not awarded, or multiple awards may be made from a single application.

Contract Term

- Selected CFCI programs and projects shall begin upon full contract execution on or around October 19, 2026.
- All funds shall be spent within 36 months of contract start date, but no later than November 30, 2029.

Eligibility Criteria

Prioritization:

- Organizations with annual operating budgets under \$1,500,000
- Organizations that have annual budgets of over \$1,500,000 (larger organizations) will be considered for decisions that have been made on applications from organizations with annual budgets under \$1,500,000. If larger organizations submit a proposal that includes subcontracts with smaller organizations (below \$1,500,000 annual budget), that proposal will be prioritized among the remaining larger organizations for awards, subject to available funding.

- Organizations that have not previously been awarded money by CFCI or LA County
- Organizations serving highest need, lowest services ZIP codes using JENI JESI indices
 - Justice Equity Needs Index (JENI) will be used to help determine high need. You can find the JENI at the link below: <https://www.catalystcalifornia.org/campaigntools/maps-and-data/justice-equity-needindex>
 - Justice Equity Services Index (JESI) will be used to help determine low services. You can find the JESI at the link below: <https://www.catalystcalifornia.org/campaigntools/maps-and-data/justice-equity-servicesindex>
- Past performance as a CFCI grantee, defined as:
 - On-time and accurate deliverable submission for the first invoice of the quarter (e.g., Q1.1, Q2.1, Q3.1, Q4.1) more than 85% of the time.
 - No open PIPs or CANs or equivalent from TPA.
 - Must not have been terminated for cause by TPA.
- Organizations that completed the Justice, Care and Opportunities Department (JCOD) Incubation Academy.

Minimum Mandatory Requirements (Eligibility):

- 2 years of experience: Applying organizations must have provided services (served clients for at least 6 months out of the last 2 years through direct service or other means depending on client population) within the County of Los Angeles for at least two years prior to the date of application, in the area they are seeking funding for.
 - Proof may include but is not limited to: letters of recommendation, copies of contracts, attestation of experience.
- Must be one of the following:
 - Non-profits with 501c3 status.
 - Tribes in Bureau of Indian Affairs Office and tribes in CA on the contact list maintained by Native American Heritage Commission.
 - Business entities (LLC, professional corporation).
 - Fiscally sponsored organization.
- Organizations through a fiscal sponsor:
 - By the submission deadline, you must have a signed agreement in place with a fiscal sponsor. An acceptable fiscal sponsor will be a nonprofit organization that demonstrates sufficient experience. Experience includes providing fiduciary oversight, financial management, insurance, and/or other administrative services to smaller organizations outside of / in addition to the applicant.

- Fiscal sponsors must be based in California, must be registered with the California Secretary of State for a minimum of one year prior to the application deadline, and must have a status of “Good Standing” with the state.
- The fiscal sponsor must be willing to obtain insurance at the required amounts of coverage, and name the applicant (provider organization), the County, and TPAs additional insured.
- TPA will, at its sole discretion, determine if a fiscal sponsor’s documentation is sufficient and acceptable, or if additional information is needed. TPA reserves the right to not accept an applicant based upon review of a fiscal sponsor’s experience and documentation.
- Good Standing: All applicants (or fiscal sponsors, if the applicant is applying with a fiscal sponsor) must be registered with the California Secretary of State for at least one year prior to the application deadline and have a status of “Good Standing.” You can check your status at <https://bizfileonline.sos.ca.gov/search/business>
- Registered to do business in LA County/LA City: Organizations / fiscal sponsors (if applicable) must be registered to do business in Los Angeles County / City of Los Angeles (business license/tax registration certificate) at the location where services will be provided. Documentation will be required prior to contract execution.
- No terminations for cause: If your CFCI grant funding has been terminated for cause through a previous grant round, your organization is not eligible to apply.
- If your organization has ever had a contract terminated for cause by Los Angeles County, your organization is not eligible to apply.
- No funding toward current TPAs: Funding may not go to projects that benefit the Year 5 TPAs including Amity Foundation, Community Partners, Heluna Health, and United Way, nor any Amity Foundation, projects that take place on TPA campuses. Funding that may benefit the TPAs in any way will not be considered for award.
- No applications to fiscal sponsor: Organizations with fiscal sponsorship for current grants (CFCI and other funding sources) through any of the Year 5 TPAs including Amity Foundation, Community Partners, Heluna Health, and United Way may not apply for solicitations run by their fiscal sponsor.
- No funds are to be used for law enforcement purposes.
- Geographic requirements:
 - Applying organizations must have provided services (served clients for at least 6 months out of the last 2 years through direct service or other means depending on client population) within the County of Los Angeles for at least two years prior to the date of application, in the area they are seeking funding for.
 - Fiscal sponsors must be based in the State of California.
 - Applicants must demonstrate organizational headquarters within the County of Los Angeles.

- Applicants must identify the specific locations of their organizational headquarters as well as for proposed services and must provide ZIP code information that corresponds to those addresses.

Selection Criteria

The Care First Community Investment Funding Opportunity is intended to benefit direct service community-based organizations that have historically not received contracts from LA County.

Applications will be reviewed and scored by independent reviewers using uniform scoring criteria. There is no process for appeal. Applicants with the following will be prioritized for consideration:

- Organizations with annual operating budgets that total \$1,500,000 or less shall be prioritized for the award.
- Applications will be accepted from larger organizations (annual revenue greater than \$1,500,000). Large organizations may receive preference points if their proposed project includes subcontracts valued at >50% of their total project budget with small organizations (<\$1,500,000 annual revenue.) Subject to available funding.
- Organizations that have never received funding from LA County, including CFCI funds or LA County Contracts will be prioritized for award.
- Organizations in and serving ZIP codes determined to be lowest services / highest needs will be prioritized for award.
- Highest need, lowest services ZIP codes will be prioritized:
 - Community Partners will use the **Justice Equity Needs Index (JENI)** to help determine high need. You can find the JENI at the link below: <https://www.catalystcalifornia.org/campaign-tools/maps-and-data/justice-equity-needindex>
 - Community Partners will use the **Justice Equity Services Index (JESI)** to help determine low services. You can find the JESI at the link below: <https://www.catalystcalifornia.org/campaign-tools/maps-and-data/justice-equity-servicesindex>
- Organizations that have completed the JCOD Incubation Academy (any cohort) will be prioritized for funding
- Specific Program Areas may have other considerations for priority. Please refer to full Program Area descriptions noted in this document for further information.
- Community Partners reserves the right to clarify information in a submitted application, including verification through outside sources such as websites or other sources; reaching out to the organization; site visits; or other measures. If, through the verification process, inaccurate or false information is shown to have been included in the application, Community Partners reserves the right to disqualify the application and deny funding.

Awards Decisions are Final

- Evaluation is based upon the criteria outlined in these guidelines. The evaluation and award process is considered final and there is no process for appeal.
- Community Partners may offer application feedback to declined organizations and individuals upon request, as well as recommend training and support that could help to strengthen their organizations and/or their applications for future funding opportunities.

Key Dates

Activity	Date
Application Period Opens	Friday, July 24, 2026 at 9:00 AM PDT
Application Informational Webinars	July 29, August 5, August 12
Application Office Hours	July 30, August 4, August 6, August 11, August 13, August 18, August 19
Written Questions Accepted	July 24 – August 11, 2026, 5:00 PM PDT
Application Due	Monday, August 24, 2026 at 11:59 PM PDT
Application Review	Tuesday, August 25, 2026 – Wednesday, September 30, 2026
Awards Announced	Thursday, October 1, 2026
Service Provider Contracts Signed	Friday, October 2, 2026 – Friday, October 16, 2026
Expected Contract Start	Monday, October 19, 2026 or Upon Approval
Contract Initiation Payment	Within 45 Calendar days from contract start date*

** W-9, ACH form, copy of voided check or letter from the bank, fully executed agreement, and proof of required insurance are all required to receive contract initiation payment.*

Application Informational Webinar and Office Hours

The team at Community Partners understands that there is no one-size-fits-all approach when working with organizations at vastly different scales of size, experience, and capacity. To assist with clarifying any solicitation

questions, Community Partners is hosting multiple application webinars and office hours to review this funding opportunity and answer any questions.

Application Informational Webinars

Webinars will be held via Zoom and are completely optional (there is no requirement to attend). You are welcome to attend one or more webinars, though the content for each webinar will be the same.

Register for an **application informational webinar** on one of the dates below [HERE](#).

- Wednesday, July 29, 2026 - 2:00 PM
- Wednesday, August 5, 2026 - 6:00 PM
- Wednesday, August 12, 2026 - 10:00 AM

Application Office Hours

We are committed to ensuring that all interested organizations have equal access to this funding opportunity. Technical assistance is available to support applicants through the application process at no cost.

Join us on any of the dates below to ask about eligibility, program requirements, or any other aspect of the application process. Our program staff will be available to help clarify any questions. There is no formal presentation during office hours, so you are welcome to join any time.

Register for **application office hours** on any of the date below [HERE](#).

- Thursday, July 30, 2026 - 11:00 AM
- Tuesday, August 4, 2026 - 11:00 AM
- Thursday, August 6, 2026 - 11:00 AM
- Tuesday, August 11, 2026 - 6:00 PM
- Thursday, August 13, 2026 - 11:00 AM
- Tuesday, August 18, 2026 - 11:00 AM
- Wednesday, August 19, 2026 - 6:00 PM
- Thursday, August 20, 2026 - 11:00 AM

To request any accommodations for attending either the application informational webinars or office hours please notify Community Partners at CFClcaregrants@communitypartners.org with at least a week in advance.

Submit Written Questions About the Application

- Questions about the funding opportunity and application will be accepted until **Aug 11th, 2026, at 5:00 PM PDT**.
- Written questions will be incorporated into public FAQs to ensure that all applicants have access to the same information.
- You may send your written questions to CFCicaregrants@communitypartners.org
- “Written questions,” refers to questions you may have ABOUT the application. Please **do not** email your application responses or any attachments—all application information must be submitted through the online application portal.

How to Apply

- Click [HERE](#) to view and begin your application.
- All applications must be submitted along with required documentation via Submittable by **August 24, 2026, 11:59 PM PDT**.
- Organizations must apply through the online application portal at Submittable.com. If you do not have a Submittable.com user account, you will be prompted to create one.
- Submittable should be accessed on Chrome, Edge, FireFox or Safari (Internet Explorer is not supported). It can be accessed through a computer or mobile device.
- If you experience technical difficulties with the online submission portal or need guidance on how to use it, please reach out to us directly at CFCicaregrants@communitypartners.org and we will work with you to resolve the issue. We encourage you to reach out early to resolve any issues, well before the application deadline. We may not have the ability to resolve last-minute requests.
- Applications will be reviewed and scored by independent reviewers using uniform scoring criteria. There is no process for appeal.
- In the case of technical issues please contact CFCicaregrants@communitypartners.org. Please note, for website-specific technical troubleshooting issues, visit the Submittable.com Support Page at <https://submittable.help/en/collections/185534-help-for-applicants>.
- To request any specific accommodation to participate in the application process, including language assistance, accessibility support, or any other need, please contact us as early as possible so we can make the appropriate arrangements if possible.
- If you do not have access to a computer or internet connection to complete your application, please contact us at 213-900-6857 or CFCicaregrants@communitypartners.org. We will work with you to identify a solution so that lack of technology access does not prevent your organization from applying.

Budget Guidelines

All applicants must submit a detailed line-item budget using the Budget template provided. Please refer to the “READ FIRST” tab on the budget template for further instructions.

The budget submission must include:

- A breakdown of costs by category (e.g., personnel, fringe, supplies, equipment, travel, indirect/administrative)
- A budget narrative/justification explaining how it supports the proposed activities

If the proposal includes compensation for partner organizations:

- Partner costs must be clearly itemized in the budget and explained in the budget narrative.
- If awarded, a signed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) or Letter of Commitment will be required to demonstrate that the organization has an established partnership, outlining roles, responsibilities and scope of work.

Payments/Grant Distributions

Funded organizations shall receive a contract initiation payment within forty-five (45) calendar days from the contract start date or upon the submission of all required contracting documents and attachments, whichever is later. Payments thereafter are expected to be disbursed quarterly (every three months), upon the completion of program/project deliverables and/or milestones.

Data Collections and Reporting

All awardees will be required to collect and report services and outcome data monthly using a pre-defined system as well as submit quarterly reports. If an organization is fiscally sponsored, the organization (not the fiscal sponsor) is responsible for submitting accurate data and milestone reports.

County Contract Provisions/Insurance Requirements

- Los Angeles County contract requirements will be included in the service contract and will be provided to potential awardees during the contracting phase.
- **Proof of insurance will be required before award contracts can be executed.** Awarded organizations must obtain insurance policies in the categories and amounts listed below in order to contract for Year 5 CFCI Funding Opportunity funds.

Insurance costs are an allowable line item on an applicant’s budget. Insurance costs added to your project budget must be directly attributable to and associated with the proposed project site. To the extent that an insurance policy extends organizationally beyond the proposed project site, costs must be proportionally allocated across all sites covered by that policy.

Community Partners may require substantiation documentation and supporting calculations to verify any costs billed to the insurance budget category.

Required insurance limits are as follows:

- 1MM Commercial General Liability; policy must name LA County, its agents and Community Partners as additional insured
 - \$2MM General Aggregate
 - \$1MM Products/Completed Operations Aggregate
 - \$1MM Personal and Advertising Injury
 - \$1MM Each Occurrence
- Professional Liability- Errors and Omissions
 - \$1MM per claim
 - \$2MM aggregate
- Automobile Liability (if applicable, for instance, transporting clients)
 - \$1MM Bodily Injury and Property Damage for each single accident
 - Includes owned, leased, hired, and/or non-owned automobiles
- Employers' Liability/ Workers Compensations
 - Coverage with limits not less than \$1MM per accident
- Sexual Misconduct
 - Limits not less than \$1MM per actual or alleged claim of sexual misconduct and/or molestation, abuse, harassment, mistreatment, or maltreatment of a sexual nature
 - \$1MM aggregate
- Unique Coverage
 - Crime coverage Fidelity Bond \$1M per occurrence and in the aggregate
 - Technology Errors & Omissions Insurance \$2M+ aggregate
 - Cyber Liability Insurance \$1M per occurrence and in the aggregate.
- All conditionally awarded applicants must provide proof of insurance in the required amounts of coverage and include County of Los Angeles and the Community Partners as Certificate Holders (additional insured) prior to a contract being issued.
- Waiver of subrogation against Community Partners and the County must be included.
- All contracted grantees must maintain appropriate insurance throughout the life of the contract and provide confirmation documentation upon request. Failure to provide documentation of appropriate insurance coverage may result in payment delay, contract suspension, or termination.

- For organizations applying with a fiscal sponsor, the fiscal sponsor must be willing to obtain insurance at required amounts of coverage, and name the applicant (provider organization), the County and Community Partners as additional insured.

Application Review & Scoring Criteria

All proposals will undergo preliminary screening to ensure completeness and that minimum eligibility requirements have been met. Independent reviewers will be instructed to use the following tool to score each proposal.

Screening & Priority Points	Total Points Possible
Application is complete; organization is viable & eligible.	Pass/Fail
Organization has an annual revenue under \$1,500,000.	10 priority points
Organization has never received a Los Angeles County contract for services.	5 priority points
Organization services are provided in LA County in high-need, low service areas and populations.	10 priority points
If a current grantee, organization has performed well in its first round of CFCI funding	10 priority points
The organization's executive board and leadership live in Los Angeles and reflect the communities they serve.	15 priority points
Organization has never received CFCI funding in any funding opportunity round.	5 priority points
Organization has completed the Los Angeles County Incubation Academy (any cohort)	5 priority points
POINTS POSSIBLE	60 priority points

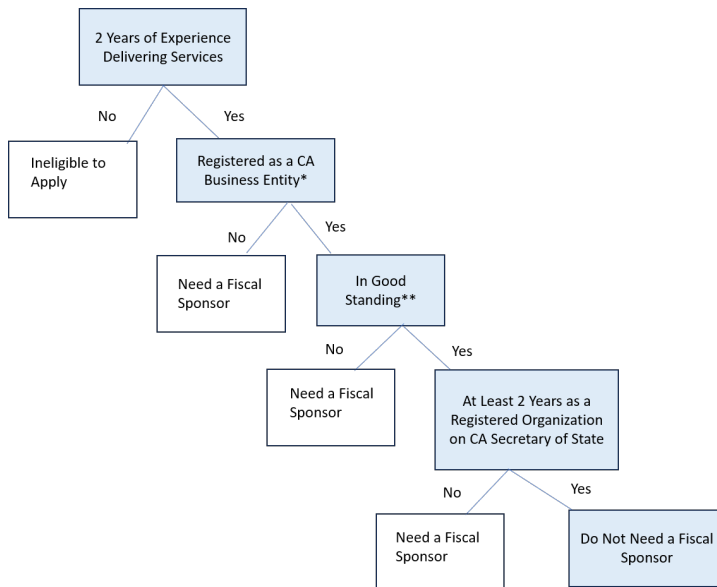
Once an application passes screening and is scored for priority, independent reviewers with subject matter expertise and experience will utilize the following scoring rubric to evaluate each proposal that has passed the technical screening. *Applications that do not pass screening will be declined.*

External Review	Points Possible
Organizational experience & capacity	
Mission of the organization ties directly to one or more services listed in the program area description	15 points

Years of documented experience in providing services that are reflected in the program area with max points reflecting 10 years or more. _ 2-4 years = 5 points; 5-9 years = 10 points; 10+ years = 15 points	15 points
Organization can demonstrate that it is a trusted provider, has a strong track record providing impactful services to the target population	15 points
Linguistic/cultural competence for serving the proposed target population	15 points
Program is achievable and relevant; budget is feasible and reasonable	
Population served is reflective of the program area target population	15 points
Proposed services are needed, and reflect at least one or more of the required services in the program area description	15 points
Project Impact to participants is clearly defined, outcomes are specific, and measurable (e.g., access to services, job placement rates, education enrollment, financial capability gains) and there is strong alignment with clearly identified disparities and community-needs	15 points
Budget reflects reasonable costs for proposed project (Examples of reasonableness include: salaries are according to nonprofit standards; benefits rates do not exceed 30% of salary totals; operational costs reflect service targets and proposed services; insurance costs are within industry standards; only costs necessary to achieve project are included; monthly rents are within the normal range for Los Angeles County; facility costs are within the typical range for the type of service provided; if consultants are used, these consultants are named, relationships with any of the staff members are disclosed (such as family, friends or other business associates) and have professional skills and experience required to provide the service; all costs and calculations are described clearly and tie directly to the proposed services.)	15 points
TOTAL POINTS POSSIBLE	120 points

Priority points and external reviewer scores will be added to create a final score.

Does my organization need a fiscal sponsor to apply?



After the application deadline, the tool to the left will be used during preliminary screening to determine some of the standards of eligibility that organizations must meet in order to apply.

Applicants whose organizations meet requirements of 2 Years of Experience; Registered as a business entity with the Secretary of State of California, In Good Standing with the Secretary of State of California, and 2 Years in Existence will move to review, barring other ineligibility.

Applicants should apply with an identified fiscal sponsor agreement. Applicants whose organizations are found to need a fiscal sponsor must have an approved and appropriate fiscal sponsor in place by completion of the application review process or they will not be eligible.

Notes:

*Registered with CA Secretary of State. This includes corp., 501(c)(3), and must include local business license tax license (if applicable).

**Cannot be terminated, suspended, etc. as listed on the California Secretary of State website: www.sos.ca.gov.

Application Attachments

Attachment #1 – Documentation of Organization’s Annual Revenue

To fulfill this requirement, upload your organization’s most recent Income Tax Return (2024 or later). You may submit an IRS form 990, 990N, 990EZ, 990 postcard, 8879-TE, 568, or 1120-S.

If you are applying with a fiscal sponsor, do not provide the fiscal sponsor’s annual budget information for Attachment #1. All organizations should provide their own annual budget and financial documents to fulfill the requirements for Attachment #1.

The CFCI Funding Opportunity is intended to benefit direct service community-based organizations that have historically not received contracts from LA County. (CFCI funding is not considered a contract from LA County). Organizations with annual revenue that total \$1,500,000 or less will be prioritized. Applications will be accepted from large organizations (annual revenue greater than \$1,500,000). Large organizations may receive preference points if their proposed project includes subcontracts valued at >50% of their total project budget with small organizations (<\$1,500,000 annual revenue.) Subject to available funding.

Attachment #2 – Documentation of Organization’s Professional Status

CFCI funds are intended to benefit organizations that provide direct services to individuals and families and that have a minimum of 2 years of experience providing services in the Program Area for which they are applying.

*To fulfill this requirement, upload **ONE** of the following:*

- A. Proof of nonprofit 501(c)(3) status as determined by the Internal Revenue Service (501c3 IRS Determination Letter).
- B. If you are not a 501(c)(3) organization, provide documentation that confirms that your organization is a business entity (e.g., limited liability corporation (LLC) determination, professional corporation, determination or certificate of Good Standing from the California Secretary of State)
- C. Fiscal sponsor documentation (see the definitions below)

Experience will be verified using the documents provided in Attachment # 2. Community Partners will, at its sole discretion, determine if documentation is sufficient or if additional documentation is needed.

Fiscal Sponsor Criteria

- Fiscal sponsorship is often used by newly formed nonprofit organizations that are not yet recognized as tax-exempt under Internal Revenue Code 501(c)(3), though some organizations choose to remain with their fiscal sponsor long-term. Fiscal sponsorship helps mitigate the potential for fraud, abuse, or waste by service providers. A fiscal sponsor can assist with financial management, compliance, funds disbursement, human resources, and general grant agreement.
- An acceptable fiscal sponsor will be a nonprofit organization with at least two (2) years of experience as a fiscal sponsor providing fiduciary oversight, financial management, insurance, and/or other administrative services to smaller organizations outside of / in addition to the applicant. (Community Partners will provide technical assistance to service providers in a variety of areas but will not have access to the day-to-day fiscal operations of service providers.)
- Fiscal sponsors must be based in California, must be registered with the California Secretary of State, and must have a status of “Good Standing.”
- The fiscal sponsor must be willing to obtain the insurance required to contract at the coverage listed (see the list under Attachment #3, below), and name the applicant (provider organization), the County, and Community Partners as additional insured.
- Community Partners will require a copy of the Fiscal Sponsor contract between the Fiscal Sponsor and the Applicant prior to any award. Community Partners, at its sole discretion, will determine if the documentation is sufficient and acceptable or if additional information is needed. Community Partners reserves the right to disqualify an application based upon review of a fiscal sponsor’s experience and documentation.

Attachment #3 – Proof of Insurance Documentation Required

To fulfill this requirement, upload **ONE** of the following:

- A. *Certificate of Insurance (COI) with your current insurance provider.*
- B. *An insurance cost quote on the above listed coverage from an insurance broker.*

If you cannot provide either (A) or (B), attach a letter signed by your authorized official stating that “[NAME OF ORGANIZATION] attests that we do not have any insurance policies or coverage at this time. [NAME OF ORGANIZATION] understands that we will be responsible for meeting required insurance limits prior to contracting.”

Organizations that receive awards through the Year 5 Funding Opportunity application process will be required to meet mandatory insurance limits. Organizations do not need to be currently insured in order to apply.

Insurance costs are an allowable line item on an organization’s project budget. Required insurance amounts are as follows:

Commercial General Liability: policy must name LA County, its agents, and Community Partners as additional insured

- \$2MM General Aggregate
- \$1MM Products/ Completed Operations Aggregate
- \$1MM Personal and Advertising Injury
- \$1MM Each Occurrence

Professional Liability- Errors and Omissions

- \$1MM per claim
- \$2MM aggregate

Automobile Liability (if applicable; for instance, transporting clients)

- \$1MM Bodily Injury and Property Damage for each single accident Includes owned, leased, hired and/or non-owned automobiles

Employers’ Liability/ Workers Compensation

- Coverage with limits not less than \$1MM per accident

Sexual Misconduct

- Limits not less than \$1MM per actual or alleged claim of sexual misconduct and/or Molestation, abuse, harassment, mistreatment or maltreatment of a sexual nature
- \$1MM aggregate

Unique Coverage

- Crime coverage Fidelity Bond \$1M per occurrence and in the aggregate

- Technology Errors & Omissions Insurance \$2M+ aggregate
- Cyber Liability Insurance \$1M per occurrence and in the aggregate.

Organizations do not have to pay for this coverage prior to applying for funds. However, organizations must meet the insurance limits listed above in order to receive a contract for funding.

Attachment #4- Proposed Project Budget Form Requirement

All applicants must submit a detailed line-item budget. Only budgets submitted using the Budget template provided will be accepted.

Only .xlsx files will be accepted for this attachment. You must ask for the same budget amount in each program year.

The budget submission must include:

- A breakdown of costs by category (e.g., personnel, fringe, supplies, equipment, travel, indirect/administrative)
- A budget narrative/justification explaining how it supports the proposed activities

If the proposal includes compensation for partner organizations or subcontractors:

- Proposed subcontractor or partner must be clearly itemized in the budget and explained in the budget narrative.
- If awarded, a Letter of Agreement, signed by the partners authorized official will be required to demonstrate that the organization has an established partnership, outlining roles, responsibilities and scope of work.

Program / Project Budgets are subject to approval by Community Partners and may be collaboratively adjusted as necessary.

Attachment #5: Two Years of Recent Financial Statements (*audited preferred, if available*)

Please upload the last two years of your organization's most recent financial statements; audited is preferred, if available. For organizations applying with a fiscal sponsor, include both your organization's financial statements and your fiscal sponsor's.

Note: In California, a nonprofit is required by state law to undergo an independent financial audit if its annual gross revenue reaches \$2 million or more, excluding government grants that require separate accounting. Additionally, federal law mandates an audit if the nonprofit expends \$750,000 or more in federal funds in a fiscal year.

Attachment #6: Business License*

Applicants (or fiscal sponsor, if applicable) must be registered to do business in Los Angeles County/City of Los Angeles at the location where services will be provided. Please upload documentation (business license/tax

registration certificate) which demonstrates your organization meets this requirement.

Attachment #7: Fiscal Sponsorship and Project Agreement, if applicable*

For fiscally sponsored organizations, please upload a signed copy of your agreement that outlines the nature of the fiscal sponsorship relationship.

Attachment #8: Additional Supporting Documents (OPTIONAL)

Please upload any additional supporting documents, such as news articles, flyers, or other examples of past programming.

Attachment #9: State Good Standing*

Please upload your organization's current CA State Good Standing.

Application Questions

CFCI Care Grant Funding Opportunity – Year 5

Strategy 3: Education Access & Youth Development

Strategy 5: Reentry & Community Reintegration

All CFCI funds shall be used to transform Los Angeles County with programs that serve historically under-resourced communities and address negative outcomes caused by racially driven criminal legal system inequities and long-term economic disinvestment.

Helpful Application Tips:

- Creating a free Submittable account is required to submit your application. Once you've created an account, you can sign in and reset your password as needed.
- Some applicants prefer to use a word processing tool (e.g., Microsoft Word, Google docs, etc.) to prepare responses and then cut and paste answers into the Submittable application to avoid losing work. Submittable also includes an auto-save feature.
- To ensure that you are receiving all communications related to your application, it may help to safelist these addresses with your email service provider:
notifications@email.submittable.com and
notifications@email.auth.submittable.com
- Submittable automatically creates a draft when you open a submission form. You may start your application and return to your draft as needed before submitting.
- Organizations can allow multiple users to collaborate on applications, however, only the primary user (the one who started the submission) can submit.

- For how-to instructions and guides to frequently asked questions, please visit <https://www.submittable.com/help/submitter> and <https://submittable.help/en/collections/185534-help-for-applicants>
- Please review all application guidelines and requirements listed in this solicitation to confirm eligibility.

Section 1- Organizational Information and Background

1. Agency/Organization Name
 - a. Please enter your organization's full legal name exactly as it appears on your IRS determination letter or other official documents. Do not enter a DBA ("doing business as"), trade name, or acronym
2. Organization Employer Identification Number (EIN)
 - a. Please provide your organization's Tax Identification Number (TIN). Do not enter a Social Security Number (SSN) or any other personal identification number. The TIN should match the number registered with the IRS for your organization.
3. Organization Website
4. Has the Organization every been debarred?
5. Will you be partnering with a fiscal sponsor?
6. Fiscal Sponsor Name
7. Fiscal Sponsor Employer Identification Number (EIN)
8. Fiscal Sponsor Address
9. What is your organization's mission? *(Try to limit your response to 100 words).*
10. What direct services does your organization currently provide in Los Angeles County? *(Try to limit your response to 250 words).*
11. How are the services that you currently provide relevant to the program area in which you are applying?
12. Describe the impact of your services and how you measure the impact of your current services.
13. How many years have you been providing these services? *Note: We are seeking organizations or executive staff that have at least 2 years of experience providing direct services that are relevant to the Program Area that they are applying for. (Enter number only).*
14. Address where Organization's Administrative Office is Physically Located (Headquarters):
15. Main telephone number of Organizations Administrative Offices where applicant can be reached
16. Do you provide services at the address provided?
17. Please explain exactly where your services are provided (address, school district, neighborhood, Indigenous community, church community, etc.). Give as much detail as possible about the location where people go to receive your services.
18. Are you currently only providing services outside of LA County?
19. Is the mailing address the same as the organization's administrative office?
20. Please provide the organization's mailing address.

Staff/Board and Leadership Characteristics

Diverse and Representative Staff and Leadership: This funding opportunity is intended to benefit community-based organizations that are led and staffed, at least in part, by Black, Brown, Indigenous, People of Color, Transition-Age Youth, Transgender, Gender Nonconforming, Intersex, LGBTQA+, and People with Lived Experience.

21. Please list all current board members of your organization in the table provided. Be sure to include every board member so that the table reflects your organization's complete and up-to-date leadership.
22. What are the percentages of Board and Executive Leadership who identify as / reflect the following races / ethnicities?
 - a. Asian/Asian-American
 - b. Black/African-American
 - c. Caucasian
 - d. Hispanic/Latine
 - e. Multi-Racial
 - f. Native American
 - g. Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander Other
 - h. Other (please describe)
23. Which community characteristics below best describe your organization's Board and Executive Leadership?
 - a. [AYAY SUD] Adults, Young Adults, of Youth with Substance Use Disorder
 - b. [AYAY unhoused] Adults, Young Adults, or Youth experiencing homelessness or housing instability
 - c. [AYAY foster] Adults, Young Adults, or Youth impacted by the foster care system
 - d. [AYAY unable trial] Adults, Young Adults, or Youth who are found legally unable to stand trial
 - e. [AYAY incarc] Adults, Young Adults, or Youth who are Incarcerated
 - f. [AYAY preg or parent] Adults, Young Adults, or Youth who are pregnant or parenting
 - g. [AYAY reentry] Adults, Young Adults, or Youth who are reentering the community from incarceration
 - h. [AYAY mental health] Adults, Young Adults, or Youth with mental health needs [Econ. challenged] Economically challenged
 - i. [Family of reentry] Family of Adults, Young Adults, or Youth who returning home from incarceration
 - j. [Immigrant] Immigrant
 - k. [Disability] Individual with a disability
 - l. [LGBTQA+] Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Queer / Questioning, Asexual, +
 - m. [OY - TAY] Opportunity Youth / Transition-Age Youth
 - n. [Other] Other (please describe)
 - o. [TGI] Transgender, Nonbinary, Gender Nonconforming, Intersex (TGI)
 - p. [Women] Women
24. What are the percentages of direct services staff/volunteers who identify as / reflect the following races / ethnicities?

- a. Asian/Asian-American
- b. Black/African-American
- c. Caucasian
- d. Hispanic/Latine
- e. Multi-Racial
- f. Native American
- g. Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander Other
- h. Other (please describe)

25. Which community characteristics below best describe your organization's direct services staff/volunteers?

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- l. [Disability] Individual with a disability
- m. [LGBQA+] Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Queer / Questioning, Asexual, +
- n. [OY - TAY] Opportunity Youth / Transition-Age Youth
- o. [TGI] Transgender, Nonbinary, Gender Nonconforming, Intersex (TGI)
- p. [Women] Women
- q. [Other] Other (please describe)

26. Please describe the historically underserved communities your organization serves and how your leadership reflects or engages with those communities.

27. What percentages of the communities you serve identify as / reflect the following races / ethnicities?

- a. Asian/Asian-American
- b. Black/African-American
- c. Caucasian
- d. Hispanic/Latine
- e. Multi-Racial
- f. Native American

- g. Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander Other
 - h. Other (please describe)
28. Describe your organization's experience and the impact of your efforts in working with Los Angeles communities related to the program area identified in your application. Include partnerships, cultural connections, shared lived experience, and/or community ties. Include specific examples and statistics that demonstrate your service track record in working with these populations.
29. What was your total annual organizational operating budget (expenses) in FY 2025?
- a. Under \$150,000 a year
 - b. \$150,000 to \$500,000 a year
 - c. \$500,000 to \$1,000,000 a year
 - d. \$1,000,000 to \$1,500,000 a year
 - e. Over \$1,500,000
30. Enter your organization's total revenue.
- a. Number only
31. If you would like us to consider any additional information with respect to your total revenue, please provide it here.
32. If your annual organizational budget is over \$1,500,000 a year, do you intend to subcontract at least 50% of your proposed budget to organizations with annual revenues of less than \$1.5M? If so, how do you plan to do so?
33. Does the applicant have any outstanding audit financial claims in the last 5 years?
- a. Please describe the nature of the financial claim, the amount, and the date of the claim. Be sure to clarify if the issue has been resolved, or if it is ongoing, and why.
 - b. When do you expect the issue to be resolved?
34. Have you ever received a grant, funded contract, and/or funding from Los Angeles County?
35. What was the amount of funding received and what was the funding source (department or office that awarded the funds)? If you have received many County grants and contracts, list the largest three from the last 12-24 months:
36. Is your organization currently receiving CFCI funding in Program Areas 1–46?
- a. Please list the specific program(s).
37. What financial system do you currently use for your organization's accounting (e.g., Quickbooks, SAGE, NetSuite, MIP, SAP, etc.)?
38. Please select the strategy and program area(s) that you are applying for:
- a. Youth Mentorship & Counseling: Transformative, Culturally Affirming Support for System-Impacted and Underserved Youth
 - b. School Based interventions: Trauma-Informed, Culturally Responsive Educational Equity and Wellness Programs
 - c. Leadership Development: Youth Empowerment, Civic Belonging, and Culturally Rooted Organizing

- d. Youth Engagement & Youth Prevention: Community-Rooted Programs for Healing, Growth & Belonging
- e. Mentorship Programming
- f. General Wraparound Reentry Services
- g. General Workforce Development for Youth
- h. Creative Healing for Justice-Involved Individuals
- i. Unique Employment Opportunities
- j. General Systems Navigation Services
- k. Reentry Symposiums in Antelope Valley and Pomona
- l. TPA: Empowering and Mentoring TGI Aging Populations

Section 2: Program Area Questions

1. Describe the services your proposed project will deliver to participants/community that will relate directly to this program area.
2. How will participants find out about your program and enroll in your program?
3. Describe your intake and/or screening process.
4. In which languages will you provide services? Note: You can list languages spoken by staff and languages for which your organization has access to interpreters / translation.
5. What are your techniques for engaging diverse participants using culturally appropriate outreach and services? For example, if you serve Indigenous or Transgender or Youth participants, what are the things you will do to reach them, and how will you keep them engaged in your program?
6. On which days of the week and between what hours do you intend to provide services? (e.g., Monday, 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.)
7. How many total hours per week will your project provide direct services?
8. How many unduplicated people/participants per year do you intend to serve with the funding amount that you are requesting?
9. What project accomplishments do you plan to achieve over the first year of your program (Q1-Q4)? For instance, will you recruit, hire or train new employees or deliver a specific quantity of services, or engage new participants? List four accomplishments that relate to implementing your proposed project, one for each quarter.
10. What are some measurable outcomes related to the implementation of your accomplishments?

How will your accomplishments and outcomes meet the needs of the Program Area, your service population, and community?

11. What is the total amount of funding that you are requesting for the 36 month grant period?
12. What is the estimated cost per student/participant per year for this program?

13. We understand that the JENI and JESI tools do not necessarily capture all high need populations with low services access. If you believe the JENI and JESI do not capture needs of your service population, tell us more, below. Feel free to use the above community characteristics, such as low income, Black, recent immigrant, etc. Enter "N/A" if your service ZIP code is highest need / lowest services or if this question is otherwise Not Applicable.
14. What is the Supervisor District that corresponds to your **Administrative Offices / Headquarters address**? You can find this at LA Vote Precinct Maps by using the address lookup tool.
- a. Supervisorial District 1 – Hilda L. Solis
 - b. Supervisorial District 2 – Holly J. Mitchell Supervisorial
 - c. District 3 – Lindsey Horvath
 - d. Supervisorial District 4 – Janice Hahn
 - e. Supervisorial District 5 – Kathryn Barger
15. In which Supervisorial District are the **services** you are proposing going to be physically located? Select all that apply. You can find this at LA Vote Precinct Maps by using the address lookup tool.
- a. Supervisorial District 1 – Hilda L. Solis
 - b. Supervisorial District 2 – Holly J. Mitchell Supervisorial
 - c. District 3 – Lindsey Horvath
 - d. Supervisorial District 4 – Janice Hahn
 - e. Supervisorial District 5 – Kathryn Barger
16. In which Service Planning Areas (SPAs) are your **organizational headquarters** physically located? For more information or for help identifying which Service Planning Areas to select, take a look at the LA County Department of Public Health Service Planning Areas.
- a. SPA 1 – Antelope Valley
 - b. SPA 2 – San Fernando Valley
 - c. SPA 3 – San Gabriel Valley
 - d. SPA 4 - Metro Los Angeles
 - e. SPA 5 - West Los Angeles
 - f. SPA 6 - South Los Angeles
 - g. SPA 7 - East Los Angeles
 - h. SPA 8 - South Bay
17. In which Service Planning Areas (SPAs) would the **services** you are proposing be physically located? Select all that apply. For more information or for help identifying which Service Planning Areas to select, take a look at the LA County Department of Public Health Service Planning Areas.
- a. SPA 1 – Antelope Valley
 - b. SPA 2 – San Fernando Valley
 - c. SPA 3 – San Gabriel Valley
 - d. SPA 4 - Metro Los Angeles
 - e. SPA 5 - West Los Angeles
 - f. SPA 6 - South Los Angeles

- g. SPA 7 - East Los Angeles
- h. SPA 8 - South Bay

18. List the ZIP codes you intend to serve with the project or program that you are proposing in this application. Only list ZIP codes where you provide the majority of your services and/or conduct most of your outreach and recruiting.
19. Select the ranges below that best describe the ages of the people your program or project will serve. Select “All Ages” if you will serve all ages; otherwise, select as many as apply. PLEASE DO NOT SELECT EVERY RANGE
- a. All Ages
 - b. Infants (0-2)
 - c. Children (3-9)
 - d. Preteens (10-12)
 - e. Adolescents (13-17)
 - f. Young Adult/Transition-Age Youth (18-26)
 - g. Adults (27-64)
 - h. Seniors (65+)
20. Select the options below that best describe the race/ethnicity of the people your proposed program or project will serve.
- a. Black/African American
 - b. Asian/Asian-American
 - c. Caucasian
 - d. Hispanic/Latine
 - e. Multi-Racial
 - f. Native American
 - g. Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
 - h. Other (please describe)
21. Select the options below that best describe the gender of the people your program or project will serve.
- i. Women
 - j. Men
 - k. Transgender, Gender Nonconforming, Intersex (TGI)
 - l. Other (please describe)
22. Select the characteristics below that best describe the population your program or project will serve.
- m. Individuals with Disabilities
 - n. Economically Challenged
 - o. Immigrants
 - p. Adults, Young Adults, or Youth who are pregnant or parenting
 - q. Adults, Young Adults, or Youth with mental health needs
 - r. Adults, Young Adults, or Youth with Substance Use Disorder
 - s. Adults, Young Adults, or Youth impacted by the foster care system

- t. Adults, Young Adults, or Youth experiencing homelessness or housing instability Adults,
 - u. Young Adults, or Youth who are legally found unable to stand trial
 - v. Adults, Young Adults, or Youth who are incarcerated
 - w. Adults, Young Adults, or Youth who are reentering the community from incarceration Families of Adults, Young Adults, or Youth returning home from incarceration Opportunity Youth/Transition-Age Youth
 - x. Other
23. What areas of technical assistance are you interested in?
- a. Becoming a 501c3 or becoming incorporated/federally recognized
 - b. Becoming part of a coalition/starting a coalition (organizations, community members, etc.)
 - c. Budget development
 - d. Building administrative capacity
 - e. Building/developing a Board of Directors
 - f. Creating or developing policies and procedures
 - g. Data collections and evaluation
 - h. Finding a fiscal sponsor
 - i. Finding insurance
 - j. Fundraising/proposal writing
 - k. Program creation, planning, development
 - l. Staff and professional development
 - m. None
 - n. Other (please describe)

Section 3: Attachments/File Uploads

1. **Attachment #1: Documentation of Organization's Annual Revenue***
 - a. Most Recent Tax Return (2024 or later) (IRS form 990, 990N, 990EZ, 990 postcard, 8879-TE, 568, or 1120-S)
2. **Attachment #2: Proof of Professional Status***
 - a. Upload **one** of the following:
 - i. Proof of nonprofit 501(c)(3) status as determined by the Internal Revenue Service.
 - ii. Fiscal sponsor documentation.
 - iii. Documentation that proves the organization to be a business entity with at least one (1) year of administrative experience in the Program Area for which the service provider is submitting the application (e.g., Limited Liability Corporation (LLC) determination, Professional Corporation determination, Certificate of Good Standing with the State of California).
3. **Attachment #3: Proof of Insurance documentation (upload COI)***
 - a. Only ONE of the following is required:
 - i. Certificate of Insurance (COI) with your current insurance provider.

- ii. A cost quote on the above listed coverages from an insurance broker.
 - iii. If you cannot provide either (i) or (ii), attach a letter signed by your authorized official stating that “[NAME OF ORGANIZATION] attests that we do not have any insurance policies or coverage at this time. [NAME OF ORGANIZATION] understands that we will be responsible for meeting required insurance limits prior to contracting.” Please name your attachment: Attachment 3 - Insurance Documentation - Name of Organization
- 4. **Attachment #4: Completed Application Budget Form***
 - a. Only budgets submitted using the Budget Template provided by Community Partners will be accepted. Only excel files will be accepted for this attachment. Please name your attachment - Attachment 4 - Budget - Name of Organization
- 5. **Attachment #5: Two Years of Recent Financial Statements (*audited preferred, if available*)**
 - a. Upload the last two years of your organization’s most recent financial statements; audited is preferred, if available.
 - b. For organizations applying with a fiscal sponsor, include both your organization’s financial statements and your fiscal sponsor’s.
 - c. *Note: In California, a nonprofit is required by state law to undergo an independent financial audit if its annual gross revenue reaches \$2 million or more, excluding government grants that require separate accounting. Additionally, federal law mandates an audit if the nonprofit expends \$750,000 or more in federal funds in a fiscal year.*
- 6. **Attachment #6: Business License***
 - a. Applicants (or fiscal sponsor, if applicable) must be registered to do business in Los Angeles County/City of Los Angeles at the location where services will be provided.
 - b. Please upload documentation (business license/tax registration certificate) which demonstrates your organization meets this requirement.
- 7. **Attachment #7: Fiscal Sponsorship and Project Agreement, if applicable***
 - a. For fiscally sponsored organizations, please upload a signed copy of your agreement that outlines the nature of the fiscal sponsorship relationship.
- 8. **Attachment #8: Additional Supporting Documents (OPTIONAL)**
 - a. Please upload any additional supporting documents, such as news articles, flyers, or other examples of past programming.
- 9. **Attachment #9: State Good Standing**
 - a. Please upload your organization's current CA State Good Standing.