

CFCI Care Grants Strategy 3 and Strategy 5

Frequently Asked Questions (updated 7/24/2026)

Eligibility

Do we have to be a 501(c)(3) to apply?

No. We will accept applications from 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations, fiscally sponsored projects, tribal entities, LLCs/corporations/businesses who meet all eligibility requirements outlined in the solicitation.

Are churches eligible to apply?

Yes, churches and faith-based organizations may apply if they meet all eligibility requirements outlined in the solicitation.

Are businesses eligible to apply?

Yes, for-profit businesses may apply if they meet all eligibility requirements outlined in the solicitation.

Are tribal entities eligible to apply?

Yes, tribes in Bureau of Indian Affairs Office and tribes in CA on the contact list maintained by Native American Heritage Commission

Can organizations apply to more than one Program Area during this funding round?

Yes. Organizations may apply to more than one Program Area across all TPAs. Those applying to multiple program areas administered by Community Partners must submit program specific questions and attachments for each Program Area separately. Organizations applying through multiple TPAs must submit a separate application for each Program Area and each will be reviewed independently.

Are organizations previously awarded CFCI funds eligible to apply for this Year 5 funding opportunity?

Yes, they are eligible. However, organizations that have not previously received funding from LA County, including CFCI funds in Program Areas 1-46, shall be prioritized for award.

Does being a sub-awardee under a County contract affect eligibility for priority points related to organizations that have not received LA County contracts and/or CFCI funding?

Being a sub-awardee under a County contract does not disqualify an organization from applying. However, eligibility for priority points will be determined based on the specific criteria outlined in the RFP, including whether the organization has held a direct Los Angeles County contract or received direct CFCI funding. For application scoring purposes, being a sub-awardee does count as receiving direct CFCI funding and/or a direct County contract.

If an organization received funding through the JCOD Incubation Academy, does that count as prior CFCI funding?

In this round, organizations that have completed the JCOD Incubation Academy (any cohort) are prioritized for funding, and are encouraged to apply.

Eligible Use of Funds

Can funding be used for subcontractors or consultants?

Yes. Funding may be used for subcontractors or consultants if those costs are allowed under the Program Area and aligned with the scope of work, and RFP requirements.

Can funding be used to purchase vehicles, equipment, or software?

Yes, funding can be used for one-time purchases if considered reasonable for program needs. One-time costs may only occur in Year 1. In this case, you will need to apply whatever funds you allocated to the one-time cost in Year 1 to a different line item in Year 2 and 3. Typical one-time costs include equipment like computers or phones, or insurance (although insurance can be an annual or monthly cost).

Application Process

How do I submit an application?

The application can be accessed [here](#). To submit an application, you must first create a free, Submittable.com account: <https://manager.submittable.com/signup>. The email address associated with your account will be used to communicate about your application. Please be sure to use an email account that is readily accessible and that you check often. **Submittable should be accessed on Chrome, FireFox or Safari (Internet Explorer is not supported).**

How do I submit an application to another CFCI program area?

Community Partners is administering program areas under Strategy 3 and Strategy 5. To apply for other CFCI program areas in Strategy 1, Strategy 2, and/or Strategy 4, please visit <https://jcod.lacounty.gov/program/care-first-community-investment-cfci-year-5-care-grants/>

Is there a way to talk with someone to get help with my application?

Yes, please email Community Partners at CFCIcaregrants@communitypartners.org or leave a voicemail at (213) 900-6857 and one of our team members will respond. You can also attend our informational webinars and/or office hours. Dates and Times are listed at our website www.communitypartners.org/CFCIcaregrants.

How do I get help with Submittable?

For technical assistance related to Submittable, please contact Submittable Customer Support: <https://www.submittable.com/help/submitter/>. They are available between 9am – 5pm Mountain Time and aim to respond within 24 hours. Additional help for applicants can be found here: <https://submittable.help/en/collections/185534-help-for-applicants>.

Do I need to have insurance prior to receiving an award?

You do not need to show proof of insurance at the time of application, however proof of insurance will be required before award contracts can be executed.

Grant Awards

How long is the grant period?

Grant terms shall begin on or around October 19, 2026 with a 36-month term ending no later than November 30, 2029. All funds shall be spent within the grant period, no later than November 30, 2029.

What reporting will be required?

All awardees will be required to collect and report services and outcome data on a monthly basis, 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.