



Steering Committee Meeting January 11th, 2024

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Summary Notes

Fiscal Updates

- There is discussion about the governor's proposed budget and a potential delay in funds for the California Jobs first fund.
- Updates are provided on Affinity Hub Lead payments – first tranche of funding has been disbursed.
- EDD monitoring visits with the Fiscal Agent is being scheduled.
- A Kickoff meeting with Beacon economics is being held to begin work on the Industry Cluster Analysis.
 - Questions are asked regarding the impact of updated industry cluster data from Beacon economics on the report submitted to the state.
- Reminder that phase two funding solicitations will come directly from EDD, with eligibility criteria based on previous pilot solicitations.

Deliverables: Regional Plan, Bylaws, Governance Check, etc

- Alan gives an update on the regional plan and notes that the industry cluster analysis is still in progress. The report for part one of the regional plan is available online.
- Scarlet discusses a proposal for organizations to present to the steering committee and shares a form for interested parties to submit.
- She also explains the requirements for submitting the governance committee roster and meeting agenda and minutes by January 31.
 - There is discussion about providing a copy of the description of how they were created to track their self-description accurately.
- The group aims to complete their bylaws by January 31, with upcoming meetings scheduled to finalize outstanding issues.
- Affinity hub lead training will be conducted virtually or in person, with dates being determined through a survey sent out soon. Sharon mentions remaining items from previous meetings that need further discussion during the next bylaws meeting, including unilateral decision making and conflict of interest topics.

Timeline

- The team is working on a timeline for the remaining action items before the regional plan is due. The SC needs to finalize the application and selection process to seat 90 micro grantees (subregional tables) and start their convenings, as well as identify Table Partners in thematic areas. These critical moments should be completed by April 15.
 - There are also events related to geographic and ethnic planning that need to be organized. Suggestions for choosing micro grantees are made based on prioritized thematic areas and spas served. The goal is to have one organization representing each spa in a specific thematic area.
 - Discussion about the need for organizations to be able to apply for grants across multiple spas and receive a grant per spa they serve.
 - Emphasis on providing support to organizations in each section and ensuring smaller grassroots organizations are not excluded from the process.

Defining Charitable Organization

- Concerns raised about potential litigation and the inclusion of fiscally sponsored organizations in the definition of community-based organizations.
 - Decision made to further discuss the definition of community-based organizations in the next bylaws meeting, with a reminder that there are only two more meetings left.
- Consensus reached on adopting the California attorney general's definition of charitable organizations, but suggestions made to add additional clauses and language regarding fiscally sponsored organizations.

Research

- Armand provided updates on the research progress, including the completion of surveys and interviews for community engagement.
- Beacon Economics was awarded a contract for industry cluster analysis and collecting data on various metrics.
- The final design version of the swot analysis will be submitted soon.
- There were discussions about small businesses in the industry cluster analysis, upcoming meetings, and delays in receiving funding from the state. The meeting concluded with an emphasis on timelines and getting things right before moving forward.

Chat Box

Rudy
02:23
Happy new year!



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ScarletPeralta
03:31
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Bobby Lee Davis III
05:10
Afternoon to all

1 Reply
Alan Cheam
05:35
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Libby Williams, VSEDC

06:27

HAPPY NEW YEAR!! 🎉

Alan Cheam

06:34

Happy New Year!

JNajera

06:38

Hello everyone,

scheduling note for us. We have a kickoff meeting at 2pm so I'll be jumping off at approximately 1:50pm.

Thanks

Alan Cheam

06:48

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ScarletPeralta

06:56

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ScarletPeralta

08:15

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Chioma Agbahiwe

09:50

2024-25 CA Budget:

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Alan Cheam

10:29

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Kelly LoBianco (she/her) - DEO

11:36

Lots of delays in the budget across the board

Arman Koohian

19:12

Correction: Affinity Convenings 3.1-4.15



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Jennifer Zellet (she, her, ella)

23:16

It's the job of technology to keep us humble



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ScarletPeralta

24:46

For context 90 Subregional tables (10 per 9 SPAs categorized by thematic areas) will be provided a 10k grant in this process.

ScarletPeralta

26:14

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Sharon Evans

28:57

@ Luis, The goals was for there to be 1 organization representing each SPA

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ScarletPeralta

31:02

1 per SPA per theme

Sharon Evans

31:11

10 grams per spa

micorgrants

9 spas x 10 affinties

This is truly grassroots

Alan Cheam

31:55

1 hour remaining in the meeting.

Jermaine Hampton - LAEDC

32:13

If your countywide utilize data to drive the area you should support as a micro-grantee....so if you serve families as an example countywide maybe you zero in on the spa in which has the most need and/or the spa which you are showing the highest need etc.... Just a thought

Sharon Evans

32:48

Great comment Jermaine

Rudy

33:35

I agree. Going to be tough!

Jermaine Hampton - LAEDC

35:27

Also part of this is outreach/engagement is to include those who we need representation from. We have over 500 partners. 90 is only 18% participation...

Jermaine Hampton - LAEDC

36:48

Our biggest challenge with these processes is not numbers at this point it's ensuring we make sure folks are aware. So outside of emails we may need to engage our partners differently etc so robocalls etc not just emails since people miss them



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Jermaine Hampton - LAEDC

38:41

I think we are going to get far more than 90. To Sharon's point there are folks waiting on this process to engage but we should have a back up plan to Luis point as well

ScarletPeralta

39:22

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Linda Kelly

39:35

We as the lead need to put the word out. Most of the time the smaller agencies don't hear about the opportunities until almost the deadline. So they are not prepared to answer

2 Replies



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Benjamin Torres

40:42

We are not charity we are about change



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And by change I mean systemic change for our communities.



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Sharon Evans

43:17

Great point

Benjamin Torres

43:53

agree

Sharon Evans

45:07

bylaws were opened for additional comment during the ;last meeting

Alan Cheam

46:46

45 minutes of the meeting remaining.

Sharon Evans

49:36

We will specifically be addressing Conflict of Interest in the next Bylaws' meeting

JNajera

50:34

Logging off now. Thank you and have a great day everyone.



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Sharon Evans

51:14

Do we have categories of presentation that we are seeking as a SC

Benjamin Torres

51:44

Do we have a copy of the final form?

Alan Cheam

52:02

Interest Form:

<https://forms.gle/SbcHNwfMv3eCeyTN7>

Thank you all who contributed to this form!



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Benjamin Torres

54:35

Thanks Alan for sending and incorporating many of my additions

4 Replies

Benjamin Torres

57:54

I got to hop off for my Board of Directors meeting good seeing and hearing you all



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Jermaine Hampton - LAEDC

58:37

Thank you all!!!

Sharon Evans

01:01:32

We need to address unilateral decision making in the next bylaws mtg. This item carried over from last meeng

Alan Cheam

01:02:24

30 minutes remaining.

Toni Symonds

01:06:37

Written comment - Can we be sure the Industry Cluster Analysis includes profiles on small businesses, including supply chain?



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Toni Symonds

01:11:30

Tribal funding did not go out.

Sharon Evans

01:11:37

Please , there is a budget negotiation process that happens in CA... We as advocates should advocate for funding for CERF/CJB fundings retention



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Toni Symonds

01:13:10

Thank you. See you on Friday.



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Jennifer Zellet (she, her, ella)

01:13:22

thank you all!

Kelly LoBianco (she/her) - DEO

01:13:29

Thank you!

Transcript

01:16

Hello.

01:17

Hello.

01:18

Okay, cool. Good afternoon, everyone. Hey, Jennifer. Long time no see.

02:21

Long time no see, my friend. Back in the chair where you belong.

02:28

Hey, Rudy. Scarlett. Scarlett. Brady. Drew. Hey, Libby.

02:44

Hey, Kevin. How are you doing? Happy New Year, everyone.

02:47

Happy New Year. Yes, it is indeed. Veronica, Crystal. Good afternoon.

02:57

Good afternoon.

03:00

Good afternoon.

03:05

See Tioma, Charles, and Armand. Thanks for joining us. iPhone. Who is iPhone seven?

03:15

Hello, Mr. Chair. It's Stella. I believe that's me.

03:20

I recognize the voice. Good afternoon, Maria.

03:33

Good afternoon, folks. Good to see you.

03:36

Today.

03:37

We're going to wait a few more minutes. Hopefully, folks will start coming in. Thank you all for being on time. Good afternoon, Jose.

04:03

Good afternoon, Ms.

04:04

Chair.

04:04

Nice to see you.

04:05

You, too.

04:07

Happy New Year.

04:09

Happy New Year. Yeah, glad to see you.

04:13

You look stronger. Look better, healthier.

04:16

Yeah. With this beard I got going here, I like it.

04:22

I can't grow one to save my life. I don't know if I'm disclosing too much information here, but I always admire.

04:28

You guys considering a blessing. One less chore to do.

04:33

Yes, that is true.

04:37

Good afternoon, Ricardo, Jermaine.

04:42

Afternoon, sir.

04:44

Good afternoon. And happy New Year. Happy New Year. I see Bobby Lee Davis on here. Patrick Hawk. Happy New Year. I think Luis just joined us.

05:05

Yes, I did.

05:11

Five.

05:13

So I'm gonna give. I'm gonna give folks one more minute to come on at 105. We'll get started just so that we have a good group here. So bear with us. Again, thank you all for being on time. It's greatly appreciated. It looks like we have a few more that joined. Who else has joined? Blaine blocker. Good afternoon. Selma Hernandez. Good afternoon.

06:01

Hi, everyone.

06:08

Okay, so we got a few more seconds here, and then we'll go ahead and get started. So, Alan, it is 105. Why don't you go ahead and kick it off with welcome and housekeeping? First of all, welcome, everyone. It's 2024. Happy New Year to everyone. Time to get back to work. And, Alan, it's all yours.

06:37

Thank you, Mr.

06:38

Chair.

06:39

So, our usual housekeeping. We do have the attendance sheet in the chat. I'll go ahead and post it again for anyone who just joined, so please make sure you mark your attendance there. And we do have the actionable action items tracker as well as the agenda items. If you'd like to propose an agenda item, use the Google Jamboard and, of course, our resource tracker, where everything's bookmarked for you steering committee members. But with that said, move forward to our fiscal agent update. So I'll pass it over to Maria and or Jose.

07:15

Thank you. Ellen so before I hand it over to Jose to give us an update on the Affinity hub leak payments, I just wanted to let you all know that we had a chance to review the governor's proposed budget. I don't know if you all have seen that. It was published today, and we noticed that the California Jobs first fund for next fiscal year has been impacted. There's a delay of \$300 million for that fund that is listed, and so we are monitoring that and are hopefully going to be learning what that might mean for this fund from the state in the coming days and weeks. We'll definitely be keeping the steering committee and the LaHRTC at large informed on what we learn over the course of the next few weeks.

08:09

And yeah, just wanted to mention that for transparency, and in case you hadn't had a chance to look at the governor's proposed budget to encourage you to do so, if you're interested in learning more about how California jobs first fund may be impacted. And so I'll hand it over to Jose to provide an update on the Affinity hub lead payments, and then I'll quickly cover the kickoff meeting with Beacon and turn it back to Jose for the EDD monitoring.

08:48

Thank you, Maria. Hello, everybody, and happy New Year. I'm happy to report to give an update on the Affinity hub league payments. All contracts have been executed and all payments have been issued with the exception of one organization that we had some questions that we needed to finalize. I'm happy to report that they've been addressed and that we're continuing forward with that execution of that agreement to make sure that we issue payment as soon as possible. So super excited to report that on that end, and I'll kick it back to Maria. Well, actually, you know what, Maria? If you don't mind, I'll do the add monitoring and you can do the beacon at the end for EDD monitoring. We got a communication, EDD, discussing and informing us that they're going to be commencing agency reviews.

09:36

They're going to be reviewing all of the surf projects, or now California job first, the chief regulatory office, or CRO office will be the team that's going to be leading these monitoring site visits. They're tentatively, as of right

now, scheduled from March through June of 2024. So they're just giving us a heads up and letting us know what the process is and what that entails. So we'll be preparing accordingly. Throughout this, just please know that as fiscal agents, we take pride in making sure that we're administering these funds appropriately for us. A monitoring exercise is not just an audit once a year, twice a year event. We're doing everything to stay in compliance throughout the year. So when these monitoring visits hit, we have everything in order and in line in order to be able to pass the audit with flying colors.

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So I look forward to the monitoring visit so that we can. For me, I look at this as an opportunity to show off everything and all the good work we've been doing. So that's a personal and professional perspective I have had when it comes to these monitoring visits. Again, I'll continue to keep you guys posted as I get more information and the results, obviously, for full transparency and information purposes. If there's any immediate questions, please let me know on the items that I discussed. If not, I'll pass it over back to Maria to discuss the other item.

10:55

You do have one question from Luis Portillo. Sure.

11:00

Question.

11:03

I kind of caught half of it, and I wasn't sure if this goes to Maria. Did you say in the budget proposal, they're proposing to take back the 300 that was left for what was previously known as Serf?

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It's \$300 million delay in paying the fund. We are not sure what that means. It's from the state general operating fund, is where the \$300 million would be held back. So we don't know, though, from what fiscal year and the implications that might have on our current grant and operations for fiscal year 24, 25.

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Louise said there's some. Chioma just posted a link to the budget.

11:54

Yeah, I'm looking at it. Right. Thank you.

11:59

So if there are no further questions. Maria, back to you.

12:05

Great. Thank you so much. So I'll just wrap up our comments by talking a little bit about the kickoff meeting that we had with Beacon economics. We had that meeting on January 5, and happy to report that we were able to kick off that meeting and establish a warm handoff between us as a fiscal agent to LAEDC to work directly with Beacon on the industry cluster research. And so over the course of the next eight weeks, Beacon will be working with LADC and the LAHRTC on conducting that research with a delivery date of eight weeks from the fifth. And that's it for us.

13:01

All right, any questions for Maria? Okay, thank you. Maria, we have a question from Sharon. Sharon, you're on mute.

13:13

Yeah.

13:14

Happy New year and thank you. Hey, I have a quick question. In terms of the since Beacon, I know there was stand in data inserted into our December 31 report to the state. How do we anticipate the updated Beacon economics industry cluster data? Affecting our report that we just submitted. That's a great question, Sharon, and I'll defer to LADC to respond on that point.

13:54

You can probably speak best to it. You can feel free to discuss what you talked about with Beacon.

14:03

Yeah, of course. And that's a great question. It's hard to say exactly in this current moment how it'll change. My prediction is that ultimately, the sort of industries that are captured in the current report, it's not going to be that much different, but it's going to be a whole different report that's going to be given to us from Beacon Economics. It's going to be a lot more substantial what we receive from them, obviously.

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I guess the question is, will we be amending our regional report that we filed with the state? That's really what I'm getting at the heart of it.

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Maybe my team members could speak better to this. But, yeah, the plan will be updated also, at least the one that we have published online. We're also going to be getting another version, which I'll be speaking to this, of the swot analysis and the regional summary in the coming weeks.

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I can probably answer a little bit better for you, Sharon. Happy new year to everyone. By the way. Essentially, the report is going to be updated and a little bit more simplified, and we'll submit that to the state so they can have that updated and simplified report, and ultimately it'll be for you guys to make a better informed decision.

15:22

Thank you.

15:24

Okay. Thank you. Luis, you're up.

15:27

Yeah.

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Since, you know, I think we kind of always pick up kind of just planning for the worst. So if the money does get delayed for the foreseeable future in the budget, the state had divvied out some monies to the region. I think it was through the catalyst program. How much money did we get, and how do we start trying to get access to those funds?

15:48

The funding for the catalyst program hasn't been released by the state. We actually haven't been notified that we've been awarded the grant. We did submit the application in time for the November 30 deadline, but we haven't heard back from the state that we've been awarded. So we don't know if the catalyst dollars are available or if they will be awarded and whether or not we'd be able to access them to cover the \$300 million delay for the planning grant. All of these are really great questions to ask. We are going to be in communication with the state in the coming days and weeks to learn more about exactly the impact and again, kind of like how they might try and mitigate this delay. But for now, unfortunately, we don't have any answers.

16:54

Thank you.

16:55

Great question, Luis. Inquiring minds want to know. Thank you, Maria. Thank you, Jose. So let's go ahead and move to the next agenda item. Subregional, actually, before that, I believe, according to the agenda, are we going to hit time? There we go. All right, so we're going to talk about a timeline for this work. Charles, why don't you go ahead?

17:22

Thank you, Mr. Chair. So the team and I would put together a tentative timeline for the remaining action items before the regional plan is due on June 29 to June 30. We have a lot of work to do before then. And if we just

kind of go in order, starting pretty much as soon as possible, getting the sub regional table leads, getting that process in place, just in case some of you guys hadn't been on some of the earlier calls, the subregional tables are the micro grantees, part of those 90 micro grants. So getting a process to choose who those micro grantees will be, we need to identify that, actually identifying the, go through the process of choosing the micro grantees, and then work out a process for them to start their convenings.

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And part of those convenings will be them talking with some of the research, with the two research firms that we've outsourced to conduct the research and bring back data. Armand talked a little bit more about that later on. But just going forward, the table partners, actually, thematic areas is another action item that needs to be done for the program. The table partners who will be in those thematic areas and then start the kind of basic overall affinity convenings.

19:06

So.

19:06

They can oversee their respective areas and start gathering that data and have you guys validate, challenge, and put everything together so we can start making informed decisions. Then going forward after that. Those are kind of the critical moments. And that timeline, again, this will be, I believe Scarlett put this up on the website. But paying attention to those dates, we have a lot to do before then, before April 15. Going forward, there are some events that we need to put together, that part of the contract, the geographic and ethnic planning events in the spas. We need to get that underway. We have a little time to get that going, but it's important that we get those Michael grantees and the table partners and thematic areas identified, and then going forward, straight from there.

20:08

Know, just kind of winding down, getting everything ready as if we're applying for a grant, identifying the grant writer, making sure that we submit the material to the writer. Getting notes back from. I'm sorry, getting the draft from the writer so you guys can provide notes. And we like to have at least two rounds of notes for you guys before we do our final submission on the 30 June.

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Does that conclude? Yeah.

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Any questions, Charles, before we move forward?

20:49

Okay. Hearing none, I'm sure there will be later, but hearing none, thank you, Charles. I just like to say that thank you for putting some dates to this. Thank you for moving forward. I've said it many times, we all got our jobs, but this is going to help us to be able to manage our work, our day jobs, with this very critical timeline. It's important that we meet these dates in order to be able to submit what's needed in terms of putting our best foot forward. So thanks again to the planning team and just want to emphasize that it's critical for us to get a lot of the work done that we have planned over the next couple of weeks with the bylaws and wrapping all these things up so that we can get to the real.

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And anyway, again, thank you and thank you all. Okay, so the next agenda item will be the sub regional table leads.

21:56

Right. So this is also me, Kevin. Mr. Chair, thank you for we, the team and I, we put together maybe a suggestion of at least how to start thinking about choosing those micro grantees. Again. This is a critical piece that should be in place so the researchers can kind of increase their sample size to collect some of that, as you guys call it, live data experience. However, let me see if I can share my screen. I hope this doesn't scare you guys away because it is pretty robust.

22:44

Okay.

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For somebody who had a tech company, where is. I'm sorry, guys. I'm trying to figure out how to share the screen on this. I'm so used to teams.

22:56

Look for the green button.

22:58

Yeah. Where it says share screen. That big thing right in front of my face. Yeah.

23:01

Okay.

23:01

Sorry about that. Some of you guys may remember this. When we were proposing vote by spa for some of the micrograntees, kind of tweaking some of that notion a little bit is kind of finding a way to apply by spa. So some of the CBO organizations that are applying for the micro grant, we came up with a few different ways, a few questions to consider as you move forward and see if I can do this. One of the things that we thought about is to make sure that the application should list all twelve thematic areas, and the applicant should prioritize areas where they focus. For example, a CBO from spot 2 may say, hey, they serve families first, you second place based third, immigrants, so forth and so on.

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And going along with that concept, it may be where the application should have list all spas, which spa that they prioritize first in order. So again, example, a CBO may say, hey, we serve spy eight first, spa six eight second, so forth and so on. These two come into play only in terms of when there are organizations that are vying for one micro grant. So there are some areas that may. Thematic areas that may lack a number of applicants. So thematic areas that lack applicants can be open to accept applications from the applicants that serve other themes. So, using that as an example, let's say there's no applicants for immigrants in spot two, but all the other thematic areas in the same spa have chosen micrograntee recipients. And there's one applicant in the entire spa.

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So this is only one applicant who did not receive a micro grant. So this applicant may be able to receive microgrants under immigrants even though they initially chose youth. Again, these are suggestions. This is not law, just something you guys start wrapping your brains around, trying to think of a way that's equitable and unfortunately, somewhat efficiently and quick, because we don't have a lot of time and we can send some version of this out. But if there are numerous applicants for one thematic area, runners up may be eligible to serve on other thematic areas. I think you guys kind of get the point there. I don't want to kind of beat it to death, but a couple of the areas where were really just kind of trying to figure out how do we deal with this.

26:21

In general, thematic areas that have more than one applicant, whereas there's stiff competition, what's the process for choosing them? We don't have time for voting the way that we did last time. So if we wind up using a rubric, what is that going to look like? So, again, this is something you guys can think about. Spas that don't have enough applicants. So let's say each spa, again, probably will have nine micro grants equaling \$90,000. So what if there's only seven? And so there's \$20,000 remaining. How those remaining funds are going to be divided up, shoot that spa kind of equally, distribute that 20,000 within the seven that did apply. All of these issues are something that you guys may want to just kind of think about, and we can circle back with you later on to figure out what the result could be.

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Luis, I believe that's you with your hand up.

27:31

Yeah.

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So let's say someone applies to do serve families in spa three and they get approved for that, they get a \$10,000 grant, right?

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Yes.

27:42

What if someone else applies to serve families and they say, hey, we're, because of the regions we serve spas, six, seven, eight. So they're covering three areas. Are they still only getting 10,000 or do they get 10,000 per spa?

27:55

No, only 10,000. It's only once.

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So there is some instances in which someone may not, even though they may be serving multiple areas, may not be getting what, even though they're only getting it once.

28:09

Correct. That's why we're asking the spas to kind of prioritize the areas that they serve. Even because there are some organizations that are county wide, but for the purposes of the micro grant and it's spa based, we're asking you to kind of prioritize.

28:30

I guess I'm just kind of curious, what was the thought process behind that? I understand, like, hey, yeah, there should be kind of economies of scale, but if someone, let's say we're serving families through all twelve spas, or however many spas there are, that they're still only going to get 110 thousand dollars grant. That's a lot of work. And even though someone else is just doing one small area. So I worry it's going to put us in a situation where someone's going to be disinclined to try to do the broader service because they're not going to get the resources necessary to be able to provide that work.

29:05

Well, the service they'll be providing will be within the spa that they were chosen for. That the micro grant was chosen for. Not for the countywide.

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No, but I'm saying. But they could be chosen for multiple spas and still only getting 110 thousand dollars grant.

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No, they can only be chosen for one spa. For one spa.

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What do you mean? So you got me confused there. I don't understand. Let's say my organization is a countywide organization, so I want to serve families. I can only apply for one spa or I can't apply for to serve families in spas one through five.

29:41

You're going to prioritize the areas that you serve. So like I said, be this one, you're going to prioritize the areas that you serve. So if you're county wide, you're going to go through, look at and say, okay, only for this Michael Grantee process, I'm going to list that, say, okay, I'm going to serve spy eight first six a second, six b, third spot, fourth. So this is only, again, if you're going for spy eight and you don't get it. And there's something open in six a just like. Okay, well, he didn't get spy eight because someone else got it before him. But six a is open so he can slide in and do his work there.

30:29

Okay, so Sharon, correct when she says the goal was there would be one organization is going to be representing one spa or serving one spa?

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Yes. In one thematic area?

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No, but I'm saying. So let's say for spa two, how many possible grants are you envisioning could be given out for spa two? Is it just one, or is it possibly one per section? One for family, one for youth, one for civic, one for immigration.

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There's, there's so in spa two, there's going to be a micro grant going out for an organization serving youth, one serving families, one serving homeless.

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So ten grants per spa. How many spas are there?

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Nine.

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So 90 organizations, possibly. In order for everything to get, we'd have to get about 90 different organizations we have to apply. Is that just not realistic?

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Let me turn it over to Chioma. She probably could probably explain it a little bit better than I am.

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I was just going to make sure I mentioned to the group again for clarity on themes and the spas. On the about page has the best graphic for everyone to see. It shows the nine spas. Remember, La county has eight spas, but for the purposes of California jobs first, spa six is divided up by using the harbor freeway as the dividing factor. And there's east and west, a and b. And so for the purpose of this initiative, there are nine spas service planning areas in La county. But if you take a look at the La surf.org slash about page, you'll see that graphic. And I think that will help everyone in thinking about how many organizations, what are themes? Because it's clearly here, thanks to scarlett. But youth, families, homeless, veterans and seniors, employers and businesses is one. Economic development is another one.

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Then you have civic engagement and place based coalitions. Then you have sustainability, then you have underemployed adults, then you have labor and workers, then you have immigrants, then you have institutional governments, and then you have academia. So those are what we're calling thematic areas. And then you have nine spas. And so comes up to 90 spa based grants, service planning area based grants that we are to distribute out into the community.

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I'm not. My final comment. Then I'll go mute. I would recommend that I think when we run this, we're going to inherently find there's a lot of area. If you're limiting it to one organization getting one grant per, I mean, in one spot, that's it. We're going to have a lot of areas with nobody applying to serve them and even not enough organizations to apply, I would say allow for organizations to be able to apply, to do that type of service across multiple, in multiple spas and provide them a grant per each spa, that which they serve. I think that would probably increase the likelihood of one more competition for grant requests. And then two, ensure that each one's going to get in the support they need for the work that they're doing in each section. So that would be my recommendation.

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Sure.

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If I could comment real quick. It's interesting because if you have one organization that has a high level of expertise, right, and they have the capacity to serve more than one spa, Luis brings a strong point. But the hope is to identify organizations across the spas that we may or may not know of that are willing to prioritize and have the ability to deliver the same level of service, maybe that the stronger multi spa organization would. So it's going to be interesting to see how this plays out. Yeah, Sharon has a question.

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I don't. I just wanted to say this is a good discussion, and I'm glad to see people chiming in on it, but the whole

idea of making sure that we had the 90 micro grants fees is that to make sure that our smallest organizations, who are grassroots on the front lines, working with their constituencies, are not excluded from this process. They are the ones that we're targeting to have these small grants. And along with that \$10,000 grant is an additional \$3,000 for them to ensure that their representatives, excuse my language, I believe it's a 3000. Maria, delete me. Mess up the numbers. But so that they are compensated to participate in the process. Because it is the sub regional table leads that actually make up the affinity hub. It is.

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The affinity hub is one organization from every single spa in that theme to make sure that when we're talking youth and the voice of youth and the needs of youth, that the youth in Antelope Valley, their needs are being shared, just like the needs of the ones in South Bay. And so all of them come together. If it's one big organization, we could have just given a grant to the affinity hub and said, go do that work. But the smaller groups are often not included. And so that was the goal. And I think we have a lot of them that have come to the table and they just don't have a role yet. And they're asking in the HRTC, it's why we got so many 400 members. They're asking when are we getting a chance at this? When is that coming forward?

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How do I get in? So they're kind of waiting.

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Thank you, Sharon. It's interesting because I think were saying the same thing. There might be a stronger organization, but if the grassroots organization gets left that, then we're doing business as usual, which we don't want to do. Luis?

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Yeah, I would know. I agree with Sharon's point.

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Yeah.

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We should be giving those smaller organizations, for lack of better term, first priority, to try to get some of those grants and be able to get some resources to be able to do some of that work. But again, as a backstop, if all of a sudden we put out this request and there's 90 possible grants and we get 30 applications, then that means 60 of us have nobody get. So as a backstop, I would at least like to have some of those other larger organizations who do have the resources and the bandwidth to serve multiple, across multiple regions to be able to fill that in absence of other smaller organizations applying for them. So essentially give the small organizations first priority, first opportunity.

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But if that doesn't fall through, I think to limit those large organizations to just 110 thousand dollars grant, even though they're going to be doing work in, let's say, ten to 15 different spas and affinity groups, I think it's going to one, be burdensome for them and make them less inclined to want to do that. And if we're going to ask them to do that, we should provide them the resources to do it.

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Point well taken. Luis. I think in the interest of moving through this agenda, we got to go ahead and move to the next agenda item, please. All right, Alan, defining the nature of community based organizations and charitable organizations.

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Thank you. All right, screen is back up. So as you all know, we did have that survey sent out in regards to defining the definition of a CBO along with the charity, which I'll go into in the next slide, but just wanted to share the results that came out of this poll. So the most voted from this question about the definition of a community based organization was that most people wanted to have a further discussion regarding this definition. So we did speak about this with our leadership team and what we will be doing in terms of this discussion. It will be held during the bylaws meeting next Friday. Anyone have any other questions about this.

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I would like to say, alan, first of all, thank you and thank everyone for voting. I wish we would have had more

votes cast. But the bottom line is that we are going to tackle this at the next bylaws meeting a week from Friday, a week from tomorrow. And just an FYI, we have room for two more bylaws meeting, maximum. So when you come to that meeting to lean in on this, please make sure that you have some recommendations that can be implemented. Because we cannot afford not to get this closed out. We should be finished with these bylaws, optimally next Friday. So those of you that can make that meeting, please come prepared with language. And let's all come in with the mindset that we are going to reach consensus and put this to right.

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All right.

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Thank you. Alan. Go ahead, please.

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Thank you, Mr. Chair, for that and for our charitable organizations. In terms of defining that, it seems like the consensus was that most folks agreed with the California attorney general's definition that was shared in the poll, so no action needed there, and we will implement that in the bylaws. But I see a question from Sharon.

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Thank you so much for that. I'm really happy to hear that because I had been advised by one of the council members that could open up us up to litigation. But I do want to chime in on and ask that this item also be discussed in the next bylaws meeting. There have been some concerns that we might want to additional clauses and language in addition to adopting the attorney general's definition. And we discussed that in our last meeting. Particularly, there had been some requests and dialogue about ensuring that we offered opportunities for organizations that were fiscally sponsored, that language be in there. It is in the attorney general's guidebook to nonprofit management, and I'm happy to share that with the entire committee. But that is something that we have at least three members of our steering committee and organizations.

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There are many common organizations that are fiscally sponsored. So that was a request, and I want to make sure that, again, if we don't include it in our bylaws or we discuss it at the bylaws committee meeting and it's silent, we leave it open for folks to be able to make unilateral decisioning that could impede or impact people's ability to access funding.

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Thank you, Sharon. The purpose of the vote and the work that we put in was to be able to move forward on this language. And a lot of this language came from yourself. But people had an opportunity to lean in, and we're open to hearing. If there is a consensus that there needs to be more discussion, that's fine, but we had a vote, and the vote is done. So the door is never closed for change. These are bylaws. They are not cast in stone. And I just want to make it clear that whatever we decide today, if down the road we decide that this is not functional, then we have the power to change that. Tony?

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Yeah. On the agenda for the Friday meeting, if we could also include as part of the discussion how the definitions would be used, because we're silent. I realize it's a definition section, but I don't believe we use the term charitable organization and how we use the other definition. So if we could put that as part of the agenda for that meeting, that would be great.

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Okay. Well, Alan, if you could make a note of that, please. Soma.

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Yeah.

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Thank you, chair.

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So, yes.

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So I co sign what Sharon is indicating, because we are an organization that is fiscally sponsored by community partners. A lot of our partners, people from Mobility justice, move LA, doing a lot of great work in LA county to do equity work and try to get people jobs, are under a fiscally sponsored organization. And so it would be very inclusive to incorporate language that goes over how, if you're not a 501, but you're being fiscally sponsored by an entity, then you can also qualify for some of this funding.

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Thank you so much. I appreciate these comments. And I want to say this, that if we are going to continue to move forward on these timelines, what we can't afford to do is give everyone an opportunity to lean in, and that doesn't occur. Votes take place, and then we continue to go back and deal with these issues that now are reopened. So my thoughts are this. We had a vote. The vote took place. If it's a consensus of the group that shows up next week, that we need to do this, then out of fairness to the group, then fine. But please come in with a mentality that we cannot split hairs. Your points, Sharon, Salma, Tony, are very well taken, but let's make sure we get this work done next Friday so that we don't continue to push this forward. Is that fair?

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I see heads bobbing. Okay. All right. Chioma.

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Hello. I just wanted to add, when it comes to the funding, I just want to put out a reminder that for the phase two, the planning, implementation, funding, phase two solicitations will come directly from EDD. And so the language will be in that solicitation as to the type of organizations that will be eligible to apply for that. And they have told us that it will be based on the pilot solicitations that came out early last year. And so we have that to refer to. But we're still waiting on guidelines for phase two application guidelines that we're supposed to receive early this year. Just a quick reminder.

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Last question, Sharon.

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It's just. Thank you, Chioma. That was such an important comment, and I think it will be important to our bylaws committee meeting in the actual contract with the state. And last week, Ellen, you shared it with us all last week, the state contract with CCF. The contract with EDD has a section on the very top where it asks, you have to check off, is this a community based organization? Is it a charity? That's why this is conversations coming from a nonprofit charity. It says that in the application, there are five categories that come out in the EDD's grant, and you have to be in one of those boxes. And so the CCF one shows as a nonprofit for our current grant.

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But going forward, I think the goal is that we are very clear about what those definitions are, so we don't leave it to the discretion of whether someone is or isn't eligible for which box. And that's really why I'm pushing this issue. I hate to have someone feel that they have been excluded when they actually meet the definitional and statutory definitions of what's on that edd document.

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Thank you, Sharon. Your points well taken. And I'm going to say it again. We're going to move to the next agenda item, but before we do, when you come to the meeting, we got to get the work done at this meeting. Okay. Because what took place here is that we had an opportunity to lean in and to modify ten votes agreed with the attorney general's definition of charity. And I believe, Sharon, you submitted a lot of that verbiage, and three votes were against. And so your points are important, I feel are important, and we will discuss it at the meeting. Alan, make a note of that. But we've got to get it done next week. All right. And then we put it to bed, please. All right, let's go on with the next agenda item on the regional plan. Alan.

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Thank you, Mr. Chair. So just a quick update about the regional plan, part one, since this is our first meeting back in the new year, so our team did submit it to the interagency team. So very happy to say that we have that in. Although just wanted to note that RFP number two, industry cluster analysis, as you all know, they're just getting started on their work on this report. However, Armand did work with our existing industry cluster report

from the Institute for Applied Economics to the best extent possible. Until we have the industry cluster report from Beacon Economics. And the report regional plan part one is available for viewing on the website. So feel free to click on the about page and scroll all the way down, and that's where you'll find all the documents that you need.

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Does anyone have any questions before we move?

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Right.

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Doesn't look like it.

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All right, thank you, Alan. Seeing none. Let's move on. Okay, let's go with Scarlett on the proposal for bringing organizations relevant to the California jobs first to the steering committee meetings.

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Yeah, I can actually speak on this slide since Scarlett will be speaking on the next couple ones, but for our interest form to present to the steering committee. As you all know, we did try to develop a form for companies organizations interested in presenting to the steering committee to submit their interest. So we do have that form created, and we'll have one of our team members drop that in the chat. And if you can, please forward that link to anyone who expresses that they'd like to present to the steering committee, that would be great. We'll take that submission and that will be reviewed, and we'll respond to them accordingly. Any questions on this item?

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Just a point of clarification, Alan, that we got a lot of feedback and incorporated probably 90%, if not 100% of that feedback. And in order not to discourage companies, organizations, or institutions from wanting to present, this is just about presenting to us. That's it, right? They're going to present to us. But I think that we just don't want anybody walking in off the street wasting our time. We got to know who they are, what their intentions are, and hopefully it will get some mileage out of this. So there are some mandatory areas that they're going to need to fill out and some optional areas. And my thoughts are, as an individual, those that take the time to give us a more complete view gives us more insight. Those that don't, give us less.

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You, Mr.

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Chair, and Sharon. These categories, they've been out, so all that you can find, and they've been out for a while now. Let's go on to the next agenda.

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And we'll have Scarlett go ahead and speak on this one.

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Yes.

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Thank you so much. Happy New Year, everyone. Based off of our last meeting, we did have the steering committee request specifically what is being required from our La HRTC for the January 31 deadline. Deliverable and so our HRTC is required to submit our governance committee roster, which basically entails the contact information and stakeholder group for each member of our governance committee, which is our steering committee. The governance committee also must be operational by January 31, 2024, fully operational in terms that every seat must be filled. Every seat must be onboarded and filled. As well as participating in the meetings, each region must submit the governance committee meeting agenda and meeting minutes to satisfy this requirement. This is something a practice that we have already been implementing for the past year.

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And we also must submit a summary of the governance committee selection process, which details no more than 350 words that provides a summary describing how we selected our steering committee. As you know, it was a very intensive, months long process, election process, to see our steering committee. And so that summary will be provided with those details. And that is due by January 31. So we did want to go ahead and follow up with this request for additional information and provide that to you all. If there are no questions, we can go ahead and move forward with the next slide.

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See no questions. Next agenda item. All right. Oh, you have multiple. No, no. This next agenda item. Okay.

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Looks like Tony has a question.

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Tony.

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Ok, I just thought, could we get a copy of what gets turned in to the state relative to the description of who we are and how we got created? It'd be great. Could just be put on your cool excel sheet. It doesn't have to go into a mail out or anything, but it's always good to keep track of how we're describing ourselves.

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Yes, we can definitely make that available.

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Thank you.

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All right.

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And just to also add a little bit on that, a lot of the information that we are using is based off of the onboarding form that was submitted by every member that had previously onboarded to the program. If we can go to the next.

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Slide question from Sharon Scarlett on this submission. Are you representing as far as this particular January 31 report to the state? Are you representing when you're using the governance structure, are you providing this on the steering committee or are you providing this on the steering committee and the affinity hubs and the sub regional tables? Because we haven't finalized that process yet.

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Yes, I can actually speak on that, Scarlett, if you'd like. Yeah. So I did actually reach out to Matt Phillips, our representative at OPR, to gain clarification on that, and he did say that it would be our steering committee.

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Okay. Thank you.

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So we should be good to meet this deadline.

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Thanks for clarifying.

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All right, seeing no more questions. Next agenda.

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Yes, next is our bylaws which I know we have discussed previously in this meeting. And so our goal in order to be compliant with our collaborative governance check is due January 31. So we are trying to aim in having these bylaw documents completed by January 31. This also has been a very long process that we have been very inclusive as far as I think, dating back from probably late summer that we've started in regards to these bylaws, we are very near in completing them. And so we did have a meeting Friday, January 5 to review some of the open items that were remaining.

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We are having an additional meeting scheduled for the 19th, an hour and a half allocation to allow us the opportunity to really close out these open items and have staff be able to then go through the bylaws, ensure that all the revisions are completed in time for this collaborative governance mandate that we are seeking to have by January 31.

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Thank you, Scarlett. If I could just add to that, we're real close, folks, and it's really important that when we go through these processes and we go through the voting and all this, that's our chance to lean in. If we miss that window and we continue to delay, we're not going to get it all done. Now, this is the upside. We have an opportunity for three more hours of work split into next Friday and if necessary, the following Friday. Let's try to make sure that we get this done next Friday because we all got jobs, and I'm not going to play my violin for you. But bottom line is that I know we all need to get this done. I do not want it to be at the cost of accuracy and what's best.

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But if we all lean in when we have the opportunity to, and come prepared with recommendations, this group is intelligent. You guys know how to compromise. We will reach consensus and we will get there. So next Friday, come prepared for the outstanding issues on cbos, on charitable, on conflict of interest. Okay. Those are the main areas that we're going to have to focus on and get done. And it's not a lot. Right. We're going to recognize what's best. So let's do what's best, put it to bed and move on. Thank you. And remember, if, as a group, if we get anything wrong, it doesn't mean that we can't go back and change it. I'm telling you now, in my other job, I've done it, so I'll leave it at that. Thank you for hearing my piece. Next, agenda item, affinity hub training.

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Yes. So this is an additional component that Chioma and I are currently working on, but we would like to host an affinity hub lead training, which is more of a kickoff for our Affinity hub leads who are now fully contracted to begin their convenings. So we will be sending out a survey for our Affinity hub leads to basically have an understanding of whether they are available virtually or in person, as well as providing some dates, update options to have this first kickoff. We're hoping at latest by the beginning of February, seeing that we are again in a very tight deadline to begin this work. So we will go ahead and have that survey out by this week so that we can ensure that we are being accommodating to everyone's schedule.

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And in that training and kickoff, we will be speaking about the reporting process and deliverables and content that is being expected from our affinity hub leads, as well as what we hope to accomplish with these convenings that are forthcoming. So please stay tuned. We will be sending this out shortly so that we can go ahead and begin the planning process for this specific kickoff for affinity hub leads.

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All right, everyone, this should make you excited. This is what we've been waiting for, right? Demystifying this process, getting ready to get into the real. So one thing I want to ask you, Scarlett, I guess you said you're going to post to see when we're going to start, because I know we had talked about February. We talked about January. January is crazy for me. But when will we know when the first meeting is going to be scheduled so that we can get it on our calendar?

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Yeah, we can hopefully send out the poll by today, if not tomorrow morning. And to give everyone some time to fill out the poll, I would say by Monday, end of day, we should be able to have an understanding of when that meeting can happen.

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Is that going to be a doodle poll?

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Yeah, it'll be just survey poll that will be sent to our affinity hub leads emails. So please check your emails and submit your preference for whether it's virtual or in person. And then as well as we'll provide about three option dates and depending on how that pulse check is, we'll go ahead and choose the one that's the most popular. So if we're able to send it out by today, if not tomorrow morning, I would say end of day Monday, we should have a response in regards to that meeting. And we'll send out a calendar invite as well to everyone.

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Okay, very good. All right. Very good. And then let's see here. Before we go on to the next item, Sharon, you want to expand on what you put in chat?

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Well, there were some items of discussion that were some bylaw recommendations that had been put in to the bylaws that were going to cover in the last meeting. But unfortunately I was ill and hadn't had a chance to really chime in. So we rolled those over to the next bylaws meeting. One of those, oh my goodness, I'm running out of power. One of those involved unilateral decision making, the role of our stewardship committee. There were three items that rolled forward from last meeting into the next bylaws meeting. So I want to make sure that those are there. In addition to discussions on conflict of.

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Interest, obviously, we're going to do what time permits, and if there are specific areas in the bylaws that need comments, and you should put those in there so that we can get them done.

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All right, thank you.

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And if there's anything that we committed to in previous meetings as a group that we have not covered, then it's our fiduciary responsibility to get them covered. Okay. But again, I'm going to say if there are any comments, remember, we got to have a consensus on implementation of any comments. And then in addition to the comment, come with a recommendation. All right, please. Because we're not going to carry this any further. So we got to close it out. You know, we got to use an hour and a half. We use another hour and a half. We use it, but let's just be efficient. That's all I want to say. Thank you. Thank you, Sharon, for your comments. All right, let's move on to the next agenda item, research updates. Armand?

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Thank you, Mr. Chair. Hello, everybody. I'll be giving the research updates as usual. So I spoke with civil economics yesterday, and they shared that they finished the 800 surveys, which is part of their community engagement. This is a representative sample divided equally across the spas, and we discussed it previously. The other part of their community engagement is interviews with some of the largest employers in La county, and they're currently drafting the survey at the moment. Apart from that, they're working on developing the index and making sure that it is robust and useful. It is as robust and useful as possible for all of us. They're ensuring that they cover their bases with the various definitions of disinvested. This was something we discussed thoroughly yesterday, and we should be receiving the final version of February. Moving on to the industry cluster analysis.

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Beacon Economics was awarded the contract to conduct this analysis over the next eight weeks, as it is an eight week contract. I would like to note that the sooner we are able to gather lived experience data from the convenings, the higher the chance that the research vendors themselves are able to take that data into account. Beacon and I had our first meeting regarding the industry cluster analysis earlier this morning. We spoke about how they are almost done with their preliminary data collection. This is including, but not limited to employment, industry wages. Of course. They have found a very useful source for environmental data at the industry level, and that'll be providing metrics on things like non hazardous waste, GHG emissions, mineral extraction, pesticide use, and several water related metrics, along with many others.

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So the way that they're going to be going about this, at the beginning at least, is they're going to be investigating the existing industry clusters in La county and their sustainability metrics, and that'll be able to help them guide

the rest of the report. Finally, I want to speak on the swot analysis. So the final design version will be submitted by the end of the week, which is tomorrow. Beacon was just fixing some issues with some of the graphics, so you may have seen some of the pictures. We're covering some parts of the written aspect, but that'll be fixed. They're going to be adding some explanatory footnotes and also adding to the executive summary. And that's it for the research updates. Thank you.

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Any questions for Armand on research updates? Saying none. Let's go to the next agenda item. Thank you, Armand.

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All right, and wrapping it up.

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Hold on, we have a written comment in chat. Tony, do you want to speak to that or do you want a response or you just wanted to make.

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No, no, just a note. I thought putting in writing might be helpful.

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So can we be sure the industry cluster analysis includes profiles on small businesses, including supply chain. Armand, you got.

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Well, I could just respond to that. Yeah, I will bring that up with Beacon. And that's something also that I can go through the documents that Beacon and I have shared with each other already, and I'll speak to them about it.

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Thank you, Tony. Thank you.

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Okay, next agenda item, Alan, on upcoming meetings.

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Thank you. So our next steering committee meeting is the fourth Thursday of the month, which is two weeks from today, January 25, same time, 01:00 to 02:30 p.m. We do have our lovely partners meeting tomorrow morning. So we'll be able to see our HRTC from 09:00 a.m. To 10:00 a.m..

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Tomorrow.

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And of course we have our La HRTC bylaws meeting, as Mr. Harbor spoke about is next Friday on January 19, which is allocated an hour and a half.

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Thank you. I will have someone representing me. I will be traveling tomorrow morning, but I will have one of my colleagues standing in for myself. Okay, next steps. Charles.

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I think I'll take this one, Mr. Chair. This one.

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So since I'll have someone there taking notes for me, but Andrea will be standing in for me in terms of steering committee leadership for tomorrow morning.

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Thank you for that. That is noted. Ok. Thank you, Mr. Chair. So, yeah, we just have a few next steps here. So the first one is from the last meeting, catalyst award expected by the end of 2023. So to let you know, no, we

have not heard from the state regarding catalyst. I think that was mentioned earlier in the meeting. They did tell us we would hear by the end of December, but we have not as of yet. And then it says here, catalyst work period and funds to be available May 1, 2024. So that is what were told as of the end of last year. But as the state budget delays have been mentioned, we will share any new information as we receive it from the state.

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Gentlemen, do you think that those two are tied together? As a white, I mean, first of all, I think they should offer the professional courtesy of explaining why. Right. It shouldn't be a mystery, but I guess we could put two plus two together.

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Yes. So, hearing the budget details that came out yesterday, I sat on an OPR webinar, listening to the different state agencies discuss the budget and the budget delays in all the different categories. So when I listened to that, I thought about the fact that we hadn't heard about the catalyst award. So there is a meeting next week. The state is having to inform conveners and fiscal agents. So as soon as we are aware of any new information and how maybe catalysts or phase two implementation funding may be affected, we will share that information for sure as soon as we have it. But this is the information we had as of the end of December 2023. And so the graph you see here, the surf phases, image you see here on the left, as we know, still stands. We are in phase one.

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We are in the planning phase that began March 1, 2023, and ends September 30 of 2024. And then there was the pilot projects. There is the catalyst that is set to begin May of this year, and then tribal funding that went out last year. And the implementation, which is implementation funding also, aka phase two funding, that is, as we know, as of today, is still set to be released July 2024. So again, okay, Tony says tribal funding did not go out yet. Okay, well, that's good to know. And I know those applications were available last summer. So the state does have some delays. So we'll stay informed as much as possible and share that information with you on how any of our catalysts or phase two funds may be affected by the state's delay. That's in the proposed budget.

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But this is what we have still as of today. So the next meeting, we may have something new for you. That's all I have for you to end the meeting. So thank you.

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Okay, let's see here. I think there are a few other notes in here. Point well taken on Sharon. Definitely should be advocating for funding after this year and a half over coming up on two years now investment that we've think any and every opportunity possible that we should be taking advantage of that. Want to thank you all for showing up again today, leaning in passionate. I appreciate it. Still would like to emphasize the point that these timelines that were presented today are very important and not to minimize the importance of getting it right when we can. So let's get it right on the bylaws, come prepared with your information, and then we put it to bed, and then let's get into the real fun stuff, the work that we've all come together for. Okay, thank you all. See you tomorrow.

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Well, you guys will see each other tomorrow, but I'll see you next week. And you guys take care and be safe out there.