



## Steering Committee Meeting June 13th, 2024

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### **Summary Notes**

The meeting covered the timeline and strategy development for the regional plan part two, questions and recommendations regarding key industries and strategy development, fiscal agent updates, geographic planning, and environmental justice events, regional plan part two overview with a suggestion to include tourism, subregional table partner updates, catalyst implementation projects, strategy development subcommittee formation, research updates, upcoming meetings schedule, and final discussions on the scope of work for events. Action items include submitting attendance and proposed items, uploading project proposals, providing feedback on planning forms, developing regional strategies, ensuring steering committee representation, sending out the scope of work for events, and submitting reports for affinity hub leads.

### **Meeting Kickoff (05:21 - 08:44)**

- The meeting started with a welcome and housekeeping items.
- Participants were reminded to submit their attendance and proposed items for upcoming meetings via Google Jamboard.

### **Timeline and Strategy Development (09:52 - 11:13)**

- Armon discussed the timeline for the regional plan part two.
- Geographic and ethnic planning events and environmental justice workshops scheduled for the last week of June.

### **Questions and Recommendations (11:46 - 13:30)**

- Luis asked about the strategy development subcommittee and key industries.
- Charles clarified the role of the seven table leads and the importance of research data.
- Luis recommended bringing a list of industries to highlight in the strategic plan part two for the next meeting. It was stated that the industries have already been highlighted in Regional Report Part 1.

#### **Fiscal Agent Updates (16:05 - 19:19)**

- Paul provided updates on table lead contracts, audit results, and the catalyst contract.
- Kevin requested steering committee representation at the July 12 state kick off meeting.

#### **Geographic Planning and Environmental Justice Events (19:42 - 28:09)**

- Charles and Kevin Clark discussed the planning and execution of these events.
- Concerns were raised about outreach, programming, and capturing information.
- Kevin Clark's organization, Dakar, was awarded the contract for event planning.
- Staff will rework the schedule and SOW and send to SC

#### **Regional Plan Part Two (46:06 - 49:40)**

- Arman provided an overview of the regional plan part two and its sections.
- Luis suggested adding tourism as a key industry.
- Discussion on the importance of equity in the strategies.

#### **Subregional Table Partner Updates (51:48 - 53:48)**

- Chioma updated on the progress of subregional table leads and survey submissions.
- Affinity hub leads were reminded to submit their convening reports and progress reports.

#### **Catalyst Implementation Projects (01:00:53 - 01:12:08)**

- Charles explained the process for submitting project proposals and the importance of collaboration.
- Luis and Tony raised concerns about the clarity of funding and project criteria.
- Jermaine emphasized the need for shovel-ready projects and group funding.

#### **Strategy Development Subcommittee (01:20:57 - 01:30:53)**

- The formation of the strategy development subcommittee was discussed.
- Participants were encouraged to submit their interests via a Google form.
- Clarification on the separation of strategy development and catalyst project subcommittees.

#### **Research Updates (01:30:54 - 01:33:01)**

- Scarlet provided updates on the data and accountability tool developed by Beacon Economics.
- Participants were encouraged to use the tool for insights and informed decisions.

#### **Upcoming Meetings** (01:33:01 - 01:34:02)

- The next steering committee meeting is scheduled for June 27.
- Partners meetings scheduled for June 14 and July 12.

#### **Next Steps and Final Discussions** (01:34:02 - 02:05:01)

- Participants were reminded to provide feedback on the geographic and diversity-based planning forms.
- Discussion on the scope of work for the geographic planning and environmental justice events.
- Motion to give chairs and vice chairs authority to revise the scope of work and budget.

#### **Action items:**

- Submit attendance and proposed items for upcoming meetings via Google Jamboard (08:15)
- Upload project proposals to the designated folder and review the project criteria document (01:06:14)
- Submit interest for the strategy development subcommittee via the Google form (01:24:10)
- Provide feedback on the geographic and diversity-based planning forms via the link shared by Scarlet (01:55:05)
- Ensure steering committee representation at the July 12 state meeting (18:41)
- Send out the scope of work for the geographic planning and environmental justice events to the steering committee (36:01)
- Submit convening reports and progress reports for affinity hub leads (01:00:53)

#### **Meeting Transcript**

**05:21**

Speaker 1

Good afternoon, everyone. Let's give it a few minutes to make sure everybody's on. It's 1259. Okay, sulma got you on that. Thank you for letting me know. We got quite a few folks on. We got 22 on. I'm going to give it one more minute and we can go ahead and get started. Thank all of you. Thanks to all of you who have joined on time. Much appreciated. Few more that are coming in now. See my vice chairs are on. Stella. Andrea. Hey, mister chair, how you doing? Hey, it's a

good day. How about yourself? Right on. Looking forward to Juneteenth next week. Yeah, a lot of food and fun. All right, so this 102 now. So out of respect to everybody that's on time, thank you for being here. We're convening our steering meeting today, June 13.

**07:59**

Speaker 1

Boy, time is passing by so fast. We're going to start with our welcome and housekeeping Reo, this is all yours. Thank you, mister chair. So welcome, everyone. Hope you're having a nice Thursday. So just to start with the housekeeping items, remember to submit your attendance. This is very important for us. I'm going to be sharing the link during the presentation whenever I see that new people are coming in. So like I mentioned, it's very important for us to know that you are attending this meeting. So remember to submit that if you have any proposed items for upcoming meetings, just remember to. You can always use the Google jamboard.

**08:46**

Speaker 1

And whenever you're submitting an idea or an item that you would like us to discuss, make sure that you put your name, your date, and the item that you want the student committee to discuss in the next meeting. Also, we always have the resource tracker where you can find all the important information about the student committee. And if you have any areas of, if you see any areas of opportunity for us, you can always send those to Andrea. Her email, slaterclade.edu, and she will bring that up to us and we can either discuss it directly with you guys or in the next meeting. Thank you. Thank you, Ariel. And for those of you that haven't been around or for a while or are new, we're going to run through the agenda.

**09:39**

Speaker 1

As we get through each agenda item, anyone that has a question or comment, please raise your hand. That way it ensures I'm able to call on you and your voice will be heard. So next on the agenda is our timeline, and Armon Kuyan will take that. All right, thank you, Kevin. And hello, everybody. Hope everyone's doing well. As usual. I'm going to go through the timeline here. So where we currently stand, it's June 13. We announced the table partner lead awardees on May 31. The table partner league convenings are beginning, and they will go on until the last week of July. They're going to have three convenings for our identified industries that identify priority industries for the sake of developing strategies for the regional plan part two. So those are going to continue on.

**10:38**

Speaker 1

In the meantime, the strategy development subcommittee will also be developing regional strategies, we hope, and we're going to be discussing this later in the timeline, in the agenda, that we can begin those meetings hopefully next Thursday, and that'll continue on to develop strategies. Another thing that we'll be discussing later on today is the geographic and ethnic planning events, environmental justice workshops, which will be taking place the last week of this month. That's going to be one in each supervisorial district. Of course, we're trying to get everything to the strategic rider by July 1. But realistically, the final notes is by August 1, we are receiving bids for the strategic rider, and CCF should be making a decision soon.

**11:24**

Speaker 1

And then, of course, finally, we have our regional plan part two, which is due on August 30 and with the month of September, with, where our collaborative can collaborate with the state to make some final edits to that regional plan part two that is more based off of strategy. And I'll also be speaking to that later today. Thank you. Thank you, Armon. I think we have a question from Luis Bartio. Luis, thank you. I was curious two things. One, who's on the strategic, and maybe that we're going to discuss it later, who's on the strategy development subcommittee? And two, have we identified what are the key industries that we're going to want to highlight in our strategic plan part two? Because, well, I know that we haven't done that yet. So, yeah, we're going to discuss the strategy development subcommittee later on today.

**12:14**

Speaker 1

When it comes to the industries, we have the table partner leads that are going to be developing strategies within their industries. So we have those seven already. And then we also have a section in the regional plan part two, which are sector neutral strategies, and that section can be used to develop other strategies outside of those seven sectors, who will be doing the development for those other strategies or who will be identifying those other industries that aren't part of the seven? That'll probably be the work of the subcommittee. I mean, we have the regional plan par, one to refer to, and there's also other sources of information that I know some of the organizations have been, some other organizations have been discussing with me and sending us for the project proposals. So, you know, I think that's the work of the strategy development subcommittee.

**13:08**

Speaker 1

Final comment for me. Can I make a recommendation? And for the next meeting can we bring up a list of industries that we want to highlight in the strategic plan part two so that we can kind of vote as a steering committee on, make sure we're on the same page of the industries that we want to make sure are highlighted in the report. I mean I can't speak to that necessarily. Maybe that's something for Kevin, but I mean we have offered opportunities for the steering committee to contribute to the industries. I mean like when we first released the industry research data we had I mean almost close to two months for folks in the steering committee to contribute while looking at that data and also offering their thoughts on other industries. I see Charles has his hand up as well. Go ahead Charles.

**13:59**

Speaker 1

Yeah Luis, I understand your concern. I'm not exactly sure if this was clear to you, but the seven table leads is essentially a reflection of those industries. So essentially that's already been taken care of. Like the, I can't remember the term used sub, the sub industries. Now that's a different story. But most of this stuff is based on the researches, which is why the California Jaspers program spent so much money and time on the research to make sure that's kind of that the key industries that have the job growth that everything that's aligned with the California jobs first goals and initiatives is presented for. So those again, those tables is a reflection of what you were asking about. And, you know, anything else after that is, you know, kind of, you know, maybe just kind of add ons.

**14:51**

Speaker 1

I hope that kind of makes sense. That was my understanding. But again, when I was doing our outreach to our groups here and I was asking about these are the industries that have been selected. I was told that no, those are not the industries that were selected. So that's why I was confusing. So if that's the seven industries that we're, that our strategic plans to focus on, that's fine. But I didn't see that specifically laid out in the first report. But maybe I missed it. But it is, yeah, I understand that it is in the first report. If that's the seven industries we're going with, that's fine. So, but, so, okay. And Luis, I think I saw someone in the chat. There will be an opportunity for people to step forward for the strategic development subcommittee.

**15:41**

Speaker 1

We'll talk about that later on in the agenda. But knowing the work that you're doing outside of CJF, it might be good for you to step up if you're interested. So. All right, any other questions?

All right, thank you. Good dialogue. All right, so let's go with our fiscal agent updates. Who will be taking that with California Community Foundation? Paul? Yes, sir. That'll be me, Mister Arbery. So, yeah, just a couple quick updates. The table lead contracts were administered earlier this week. I think they went out on Tuesday. Most of the organizations have received and signed, with the exception of maybe one or two at this point. I'm waiting on Paykeeper to provide me. They did a great tracker for the sub regional table that'll let us know when the first disbursement has been made, once they're uploading documents, that sort of thing.

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Speaker 1

But I don't quite have that information yet, so I'll provide updates on that once we receive that. But we are still in the very early phases of getting those contracts administered. Regarding the update or, excuse me, regarding the audit update, I'm very excited to let everyone know we had our exit conference this morning. So we've formally been told by the state that we had no findings. We did great on the audit. So good news there. And finally, the catalyst contract. So as of right now, the contract has been signed. We're just awaiting the advance payment. So we don't have a ton of information right now. We've been reviewing the contract internally and we just met with LADC earlier this week just to go over some of the language and expectations and that sort of thing.

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Speaker 1

We do have a meeting coming up with the state on July 12 that's going to be a formal kickoff meeting. So that'll be us, the fiscal agent, and LAADC will be there as well. And I think they're just going to begin giving us more information around the scope of the project, expectations, that sort of thing. So after we receive that July 12 briefing, we'll be able to circle back here with more information about what the catalyst is going to look like. Finally, we're working on developing a timeline with LADC just to ensure we're aligned ahead of time with planning for our deliverables, which we do have some information on those deliverables already, dates and some, you know, basic information that were able to pull out of the contract.

**18:19**

Speaker 1

But again, after that July 12 meeting, we'll have a lot more information to share there, but that's it on our end. Thanks, Paul. I have two questions. Is that meeting going to be in person or Zoom. See? Let me check my schedule. I believe it's going to be a Zoom meeting. Zoom meeting. Yeah. Yeah. Okay. And we definitely might. Myself and my vice chairs would like to be invited to that meeting, so if you could make sure that we have steering committee representation, that'd be

great. We can talk to the state, and I'll talk internally with the team and see about setting that up. Okay. Yeah. Because for obvious reasons. Sure. Okay. Thank you. All right. And we'll hear back from you on that. What, by before the holidays, right? What? The update from the July 12 meeting? Yeah, yeah.

**19:18**

Speaker 1

I mean, shortly thereafter, you know, we'll start providing information on the next meeting. Okay, great. Thank you. Appreciate it. All right, so we're gonna be next on the. Any questions before we move on, any questions on the fiscal update? All right, so moving to the next agenda item, geographic planning, environmental justice event agenda. Charles. Thank you. So I just want to give it a little refresher. There were initially 18 different events for geographic planning, and was two in each spa, some before the research, and then the other half after. After the research, and then a separate event for environmental justice. Being that time is our worst enemy, we decided to. And you guys voted on, by the way, collapsing those 19 different events into five different events, one in each supervisor district.

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Speaker 1

And so we had to, obviously, move quickly on it once the approval came in to collapse them into five events. We went out to find vendors, a vendor to handle all five events. We actually started with LARC, which probably made the most sense to see if they were available. Regardless, we still needed three competitive bids, but we certainly wanted to, you know, try what we thought would be the lowest hanging fruit. And it was a little bit too difficult for them to put that together so quickly. Just the approval process for securing the venues pretty much eliminated that eliminated them, and a lot of other options, to be honest. So it came down to two organizations, and I'm actually happy to announce that Dakar, Kevin Clark's organization, Dakar, secured the contract to do the planning.

**21:33**

Speaker 1

And not only is he has a point person who is handling a lot of those, securing the events, they're integrating a lot of different components of the. The goals and initiative of job, of California jobs. First into the planning of that, for example, I'll have Kevin speak on this for a little bit. If you're on the call, if you speak on this in a little bit, some of the food that will be catered for each event will be from black or brown businesses, local. And there'd be some kind of workforce development component integrated into it. I don't want to steal too much of your thunder. Kevin



Clark, are you on the call? He's On. Kevin, why don't you speak a little bit about how you plan on. Talk about who you have as the point person and you guys plan.

**22:36**

Speaker 1

Yes, I'm sorry for a lot of the background noise. I'm in an emergency room hospital right now, so I apologize ahead of time for the background noise. Strategic plan for making sure that we meet all the deliverables for the convenings is to integrate apprenticeship programs. We are Descar Foundation, a Department of labor and Department of Apprenticeship standards. Apprenticeship program. We just recently received our pre apprenticeship certification for a multi core program to integrate high schools into our training and certification to link with our apprenticeship program and in the spirit of collaboration, we're working with two subregional tables to bring them into the contract to make sure they deliver services.

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Speaker 1

One of them is a hospitality pre apprenticeship program, and I'll put the information in the link, but they are a program that hires folks from anti recidivism, domestic abuse to learn how to become workers in the hospitality trades. Either line cooks or anybody working in hospitality. And I'll be very proud to showcase them as the people not only delivering the food, but delivering all the other hospitality services that you'll be able to see how this program is preparing these people for services connected to this contract. So I'm here to answer any questions you guys have about how this is going to be effectively integrated into all the things that we have to deliver for the convenings to be successfully executed.

**24:25**

Speaker 1

But how, again, this work is going to be done is what we'd be very proud to showcase how these apprenticeship programs can be replicated by anybody that's interested from the Department of Labor, the Department of Apprenticeship standards, and the Department of Rehabilitation. And all these are things that we've been actively looking to get better at so that we can get our disinvested community members into careers, into jobs that pay a prevailing wage, not an entry level wage. So those are the things that we are tasked to do with our registered apprenticeship programming.

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Speaker 1

And we have plenty of people who are supporting us, and they may be available if somebody would like to get some more official understanding of how all this stuff can help you guys, because all we are is just a model for what were able to do and the time we had to do it. Thank you. Kevin. There are a couple comments in the chat. I'm going to ask that those that place those comments, come on screen or raise their hands and speak. But in the meantime, Louis Portillo. Yeah, I was curious, have they, have you identified when the events are happening, where they're happening, and what is the target like audience level for the sub regional micro table leads? We, each group had to fill out, had to get 30 surveys completed. What's the amount of people we're hoping to get at these events?

**25:54**

Speaker 1

Or is it 150? Because it's about roughly \$33,000 per event, which is pretty good amount. So I'm kind of curious, what's the attendance rate we're looking. Yeah, that's a good question, Luis. So the events are stacked towards the last week of June the 24th, 2024 28. One event each day in each supervising district. And it was no less than 250 people per event. And I can't remember your other question in there. I think you had three different questions. Where. Where are the events? Oh, yeah, of course. So two, the three out of the five locations have been secured. I believe they weren't happy with the last two, or at least one of them. So they went back out and found, and they're currently looking to secure those last two. Kevin, if you want to talk more about that. Sure.

**26:52**

Speaker 1

So before were able to secure the contract or even know about the contract, were starting to think about veterans. I'm not sure if there's anybody in the steering committee or affinity hubs that are dealing with veterans, but we decided to look at veterans as the organizations that could host the events and be included in the actual programming. If there's any interest integrating veterans, they would be hosting the events at the American Legion post. And I can provide the actual addresses for where those posts are connected to the supervisorial districts, the other two venues. Right now, it looks like we're going to do those events at veterans of foreign wars post, and they were going to be the five events connected to county board and supervisor districts. So for the 24 measures that cover the San Gabriel Valley, like, where are our two events?

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Speaker 1

I'm going to. I'm going to provide that list for you. And I don't know if that's something that Charles wants to do, but the 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th and 28th are the dates that we selected,

because these events had to be executed by July 1. No, I agree. But I guess my question, those are less than two weeks away. So where are the events happening in the San Gibraltar Valley if I wanted to share it with folks? Well, if you give me a second, I'll bring up the list. And see if we got that date confirmed. Well, why don't we do this in the interest of efficiency?

**28:20**

Speaker 1

Why don't you send that information out, or at least send it to LADC, and they could publish it in the next newsletter or send it directly to Luis so that he can make sure his folks are informed. Why hasn't that been released? Hold on, Luis. In the meantime, if you want to look and put it in chat, that would probably give Louise real time information. Is that, is that acceptable, Louise? Yeah, I guess I was curious, when were these events going to be announced? They're happening in less than two weeks. And I'm like, if we're open to get 250 people, like, it was, that's like, really short timeframe. And so I'm wondering, like, if any other groups who are part of this effort are going to be just like, hey, share this with your folks.

**29:03**

Speaker 1

And, like, that's why we're having this meeting right now. Louise, again, this all happens so quickly. You have to keep mine also is that the contract hasn't even been executed. So CCF is still working on their contract with Dakar. He's. Dakar is essentially financing this until the contract comes through. So that was, you know, another issue. So, you know, we're moving as quickly as we can. We're, again, three out of the five have been secured. Which districts, I'm not exactly sure. The moment we get them, we'll make sure we send it out so you guys can just, you know, start doing a blast. You know, we have Scarlett on the team. It's going to be helping, but it's almost, unfortunately, this is just where we are. We should have.

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Speaker 1

My final comment would be, this is getting really frustrating that we're getting kind of contracts jammed in at the last minute, having things done very short notice, looking at what needs to happen between now and the end of the year. If anything that needs a contract or needs a major thing, can we just get that, get building some time ahead of time and know what stuff's going to be happening? Because, again, this, I felt like this probably should have gone open to, like, the same way we did with all the contract. Open it up. Some of the organizations who've gotten some of the stuff may be looking at doing that stuff. I don't know if any environmental justice groups were offered to be able to host some of these events in some of those districts opportunity.

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Speaker 1

But so that's, we can't do much now, but going forward, if we can look at anything that has like major contracts going forward or deadlines. Can we get those ahead of time so we can start planning for ahead of time so we don't have to brush these things like we're happening now. Thank you. So, Louise, you're at your. That's a great comment. I agree with you. And this, actually, I wish we could kind of rewind when CCF was going over, you know, going over the contract, because when we had to kick off a few days ago, one of the issues that concerned me was making sure that we don't have these type of bottlenecks. Everything up to this point has just been going by the policies and rules that the steering committee has set up.

**31:22**

Speaker 1

And unfortunately, this is how we got to this point. We couldn't have done it anyway any other way. It could not have gone any quicker than where we are, and that is a problem. So you want to try to prevent that going. I'm sorry. What was the kickoff event? It was any of those, anybody that's during committee invited. This was the signing of the contract between the. The state and CCF. And CCF. And LADC for the catalyst phase. Okay. So let's move on. Hi, Penn. Hey, Penn. I'm here. Yeah. So, yeah. So I respectfully ask first, Charles, anyone else, when you're talking about opportunities for contracting or whatever opportunities.

**32:23**

Speaker 1

When you mentioned black and brown, I respectfully request that it also includes AAPI, probably also our native american brothers, unless there was a specific reason why it was just going to be black and brown. I guess I feel for the leadership who is trying to implement everything by a certain deadline. But at the same time, again, the whole contracting thing, maybe I missed an email, but it sounds like everyone else wasn't aware of how this would run. And so, just like with Tony, I am still experiencing the sense of frustration that the ethnic outreach, especially within two weeks, is going to be very limited. And I would, again, I think the contractors already been selected, but I would like to know, like, what kind of experience do they have? What are their plans?

**33:25**

Speaker 1

To reach out to different ethnic groups and in particular for the AAPI community. And, you know, so I would actually like to hear that. What is the plans? What is your expertise in reaching

the AAPI community? Hi, Kevin. Kevin, do you want to answer that before she answers? Before he answers, let me apologize. And you're right, black and brown can come across as exclusion, excluding other ethnic groups. And that was not my intention. So I'll make sure. Reword that. Oh, good. So just. I would like to again, just, it's not you targeted you, Charles, just, again, I know that I'm in so many rooms in La county that we're black and brown, which is, I think, great in terms of solidarity, but don't forget the Asian probably, and the native american brothers and sisters as well, for equity's sake. So thank you, Charles.

**34:27**

Speaker 1

Yeah, no, absolutely. It's funny, I have a buddy who's asian. He considers himself Brown. So that's. My brain goes there. But not everyone thinks the same way he does. So I'll keep in mind. Thank you, Charles. Really appreciate it. Thank you. Well, thank you for speaking up. I think it's important. Thank you. All right, Tony, you're up next. Well, actually, is Kevin going to answer that question about his expertise in reaching the, his plans for reaching the AAPI community? Hold on, Tony. Go ahead, Kevin. Well, as far as expertise, most of my expertise is in hiring people in my apprenticeship program. They come from all communities. Three of our apprentices of our eight are from the Asian Pacific islander community.

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Speaker 1

As far as any specific things that you want to ask me, as far as how I plan on reaching the Asian Pacific Islander community, this is open source. I still haven't gotten the contract, nor have I gotten any funding. So if you have some ideas on how we can make sure you're engaged and we make sure that you're part of everything moving forward, I'm open, I guess. So your response kind of is, again, not to you, Kevin, but this whole process is something that raises a lot of questions for me, particularly because this whole idea of ethnic planning, the fact that there were going to be so many, and now it's being reduced into, you know, like five events, you know, one for each supervisor district.

**36:04**

Speaker 1

And so when we have a contractor that, you know, is selected, that really doesn't necessarily, again, Kevin, nothing specific to you, but, you know, that raises a lot of concerns and questions for me in particular. Like, even on the steering committee, I'm like, that one Asian. I don't know if there's anyone else, please speak up. But it's not that many of us to be a voice for the AAPI. And so I feel this huge weight on my shoulder to be constantly, like, interjecting. And so again, the idea of this ethnic planning strategy was, I thought, one opportunity where there would be an

intentionality to bring the API community's voice and contribution. Thoughts, whatever. It now really concerns me.

**36:52**

Speaker 1

And there is a \$33,000 budget per event, and I'm not sure I would like to figure out some way that expertise could be hired in that budget so that the AAPI community can be intentionally included. Thank you. Kevin, did you want to respond? Well, I'm open to any suggestions that the leadership can give me as to what should be in the contract and how I should execute it. So if you can give me some ideas on what you think should be the next step, I'm open.

**37:32**

Speaker 1

At minimum, I would say whether it is API outreach organizations or consulting firms that can be part of this process, I think would be something that will be helpful so that in all the different each the API focus, again, I know you're reaching everyone, but again, without that intentionality, just like you're on the steering committee, it's like, muah, you know, and I would say majority of all this, like the API, which is what I kept on pounding throughout this whole process, has been a major concern. So I'd be happy to talk to you, but whoever is the, I don't know who the decision making process goes. Right, but I want to put that out there. I'm sorry, I need to cut in just because there's two different things that's going on.

**38:19**

Speaker 1

There's who's going to plan, like book the venues and essentially do the party planning, and then there's the actual, the agenda of what's going to happen once inside there. And that's where anyone will be able to. We haven't gotten to that yet, where anyone on the call will be able to essentially help discuss what's going to happen there. So we have something set up where yourself, anyone else on this call essentially will give suggestions on what will happen inside these events. Yes. So what happens inside is important, but also how do you get people inside the room is also important. And that's the piece that I'm concerned that without some intentionality and focus, I know the AAPI community's voice will not be there. And that's my big concern that I've been raising throughout this whole process.

**39:19**

Speaker 1

And even when we looked at restructuring this as well, I hear what you're saying and I totally

understand it, but at this point, no one's voice is being heard, which is why we have to be on this call for everyone to talk about what's going to happen in there so we can start that outreach. That's what this call is going to be about. I got to agree on that because there are so many voices of so many other ethnicities when API represent the second largest group in the county, and that our visible presence is so, like marginal. I question that, but I'm going to just leave it at this for now. So I think all points were made. I think there's an openness to receive your recommendations. Apen by Kevin Clark so we're going to move tony Simons. Thank you.

**40:17**

Speaker 1

So the American Indian Chamber of Commerce of California asked that I just raise the make note. We decided not to vote on the not to vote first. We would just suggest maybe we always have an option for abstaining when we're doing voting. And the reason for the abstention is that these intentional spaces that were supposed to be for diverse populations that are often minimized or excluded, have been in the plan since the beginning. So it was very disappointing that we had not started a year ago, six months ago, whatever seemed appropriate. And so, yes, we absolutely recognize that we're down to the short time and that things need to move forward. But so the chamber decided not to vote. And just to express our deep concern that we unfortunately did not properly plan to include these important events. Thank you.

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Speaker 1

Thank you, Tony, and we appreciate your comments. Next up is Sharon. Good afternoon, and thank you. I've got some. I'm gonna leave my camera off because it's. Cause I'm a ghost. What I am twofold. One, I'm sorely disappointed that this wasn't brought back to the steering committee to go out so that we could see the scope of work. That is our responsibility according to our bylaws, and were deprived of that. However, we are where we are at this point. I am concerned with what I'm hearing, the content. The geographic and racial planning forums had a purpose, and it's very clearly outlined, and not only in our proposal, but in our contract. And its purpose is not apprenticeships.

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Speaker 1

Its purpose is to ensure that we're able to share the findings, results of both our formalized research and our community driven findings, reports with community, so that they could understand what is happening in their spas, now, their districts, and we are able to collect and have their feedback in terms of what is wanted and needed in their communities. This is their part of the planning. And I'm concerned that we put forth something that is just another talking to

eventually, rather than an inclusion, they get to come forth with their needs, their ideas, their understanding of their geographies, the growth opportunities and project proposals for catalyst and implementation. So I do believe that we need to have see the scope of work and dialogue about it, and ensure that there is not only that in the planning component for community.

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Speaker 1

But there is also the part that we promise to community, a separate breakout and dialogue to address racial planning for every single community. And that was something why that was, it was couched this way. And we need to make sure that's a part of the agenda. Hapen was promised that, as was every ethnic group, because they were about to go to war originally. And I think this is our opportunity to ensure that the distinctions of our communities are heard and included as we go forward. So I just got to put it out to you that way. I'm heartbroken. This is a lot of money. And the agenda needs to be shaped by the steering committee with the scope of work, not by an independent contractor that is doing something, maybe that has a great intention, but it cannot move their purpose.

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Speaker 1

It has to move ours. Thank you. Thank you, Sharon, I appreciate your comments. And there were some other comments around that it appears that the scope of work has not been set yet, so there's still opportunity here. Charles, that's. Thank you, mister chair. That's exactly what I was going to say again, addressing back to how I replied to hapen, is that we're about to give you guys all the opportunity to give your suggestions of what we would discuss inside of those, because there is no planning, there has not been anything planned inside of the event. So everything that you are, that you're mentioning, Sharon, can be discussed in there. We just need to see it on this, on a suggestion sheet that we're about to send out to you all. Okay?

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Speaker 1

So this is going to be the last question because we have a lot more items to get to. If there are still questions or comments after we complete our agenda, we'll circle back to this. All right? Okay. Hey, Penn. So I reached out to Kevin, and Kevin was kind enough to also respond. He is saying that the scope of work that he's being paid for, the 135,000, doesn't include outreach and engagement. It focuses renting venues, chairs, av equipment solely. So for me, that just feels like a lot for which it's just logistics. And there is no intention in the RFP for outreach. And we have two weeks left. And so I'm very concerned, very unhappy, very concerned. And, yeah, Julie



noted. Hey, Pat, thank you for your final comments. Okay, so we're going to move to the regional plan part two. Armon. Yeah.

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Speaker 1

So as I noted in the timeline, the regional plan part two, we've been receiving bids for the strategic rider, and the regional plan part two will be submitted to the state on August 30 originally, and then the month of September will be used to work with the state together to develop some of those, some of the strategies in there and any final touches just going over, we've received the outline for the table of contents in the regional plan part two. So of course we have the vision and goals, which will just be a general summary of the narrative and some of the region's goals and outputs. For the strategy development process. We're going to have a regional snapshot and swot, which is just kind of a condensed version of the analysis from the regional plan part one and a summary of our swot analysis.

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Speaker 1

A very important part is the regional strategies. We have section three a, which is the target sector strategies that the table partner leads will be developing over the next month. This is going touch upon many different aspects of their sectors, not limited to, but including workforce development, alignment with state strategies for equity, climate, job quality and access, etcetera. And then we have our sector neutral and economic mobility strategies. These are, as the name says, they're sector neutral. So they could just be more general strategies for our region when it comes to achieving the similar goals for increasing economic diversification, job quality and access, etcetera. And then the section three C is just additional regional community development strategies. This is recommended. It's just description of strategies that are critical to building our region, but are outside the scope of this specific initiative.

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Speaker 1

And then finally we have our path forward, which is a recommended section of just how we, how our region plans to maintain partnerships with the collaborative and the governance structure beyond CJF. So, as was the case with the regional plan part one, you know, I'll be working with the strategic writer and the strategy development subcommittee will also be giving their infant on the strategies along with the table partner needs. So, yeah, I just wanted to give an overview of what's going to be on the regional plan part two. Thank you, Armand. Does anyone have any questions for Armand? Luis? Yeah, again, so, and I. Maybe someone can just email it

to me. I didn't see it in the document that someone shared earlier about the report where we identified that those were the seven groups.

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Speaker 1

If someone can forward that and tell me where I can find it, that'd be great. But secondly, if those are the seven groups that we're going with, it does appear that we do have some wiggle room to additional ones. Can I recommend that tourism be added to that? We have a lot of major tourist attractions that play a major role in Dark county and I think it would be good to at least list those as a possible industries that we want to add. So if the report can include something on that, I think it would be helpful. Okay. Got it. Yeah. Luis, in the report, you can find the seven industries in the stakeholder mapping section. It's the first section. It's identified when we're going over the governance model and you'll see it's listed out with the eight.

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Speaker 1

And when it comes to the hospitality and tourism, we could also have a further discussion offline if you like. It is one of the largest employers in La county. And I think just the reason that it wasn't included in that original seven was because the average page was not very high. But, you know, we can discuss offline as well. So thank you for your comment. Thank you, Luis. Very good point. Okay, so we're going to move to subregional table partner updates. Chioma. Hello all. Good afternoon. So our update we have is that the. Well, the affinity hub leads have concluded their convenings as of the end of May.

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Speaker 1

And so we still had quite a few sub regional tables who were looking to engage more and partly because these affinity hub leads that they were to attend the affinity hub lead meetings, but they were on different schedules and so an extension was provided. Oh, I'm sorry. Arielle, can you refresh the screen? I don't. Maybe. Because I think. Yeah, that is updated. Yeah. So there was an extension provided to the sub regional table leads till this coming Monday, June 17, for them to engage more of their residents and their designated spas and to submit the survey. So, as you're aware, each part of the scope of work for the sub regional table leads is to engage residents in their designated spa and to submit, have them submit up to 30 surveys as a minimum.

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Speaker 1

Some have exceeded 30 surveys and so that would be 2700 total. And so we have received quite a few. Not quite a few, over a thousand. Armand would know the exact number. But I think last I saw, were at over 16, 1700 surveys now have been received. And so there were a few replacements that were made. We, as mentioned before, the. There were a few subregional table leads that could not fulfill the scope of work due to capacity, the quick timeline, different reasons. And so replacements were made. And so we're expecting our subregionals who have not submitted surveys to have this done by the 17th. Many of them were very appreciative of the extra time and they're having events and meetings, convenings in their designated spot this week. And then after that, the analyzing of the data will take place.

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Speaker 1

That's the update I have for the sub regional table chioma. If I could also provide just a reminder for the affinity hub leads that the progress reports were sent out and are due as soon as you can get them at the quarterly reports. So I'll be working on mine tomorrow and this weekend, so. All right, thank you. Sure. All right, let's go to the table partner leads on the agenda. Armon. Yeah. So with the table partner leads, you'll see the organizations that have been assigned according to their industries. Well, of course they apply for their industry. These were announced on May 31, of course, and I believe their contracting is either completed or it's just being finished up at the moment. I held individual meetings with seven of the eight so far.

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Speaker 1

Just having one more meeting with the healthcare table partner lead, just to kind of prepare them and give them a more in depth overview of their role. If we go to the next slide, this is essentially their deliverables. They're going to be having three convenings with employers within their industry sector by July 24. We're asking that they engage at least five employers in their sector within La county for each of these three convenings. This will also include a quite short summary, maybe one to two paragraphs, of what happens in the convenings, along with attendance details. Organizations represented. When it comes to the organizations, we're also trying to push. The table partner leads to engage countywide, not just within a specific spa or specific area of the county. As this is a county wide initiative.

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Speaker 1

So we would like to have employers from throughout the county to reflect that geographical diversity. And then ultimately they will be developing a target sector strategy. So it's going to be a five to ten page document which will address the topics listed in section three a of the regional

plan, which is the target sector strategy. And that will be submitted by July 31. I'll be working with them to make sure that they're on track and also having that strategy be county wide. As I said, I've referred them to the regional plan, part one, as a preliminary data source, along with some links to state, federal, and county grants and strategies, which they can use for section four, for example, line up with safe strategies. And so that's. That's what the table partner leads will be working on.

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Speaker 1

Okay, before I call on folks that have raised their hand, there was one question on the prior slide. What does the asterisk mean? The asterisk? Yeah. Apparently there was an asterisk in the prior, previous slide one of the bullet items. If you can go back one. Oh, can you go back? Yeah, under bioscience, I'm not too sure what those asterisks mean. There's no specific. I think it's just a typo or maybe they hadn't been contracted yet, but it means nothing right now. Okay, thank you. Thank you, Luis Portillo. Thank you. Can you go back to the previous slide? I was curious, do we, have, we verified that each of these organizations selected have experience in their particular area that have been assigned?

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Speaker 1

I work with, we work with Unite LA very frequently, but I always understood their folks to be more education focused, not necessarily clean energy. Yeah, no, I think that's a great question. So for United LA, specifically, they have partnerships with clean energy organizations. I can't quite remember it off the top of my head, but if you just Google search, Unite layout, green Energy, there will be like a host of things that come up. They also have a partnership with Avantis, which is a clean tech. Clean tech organization. So they do have experience in those industries. Yeah. Thank you. And then the final one was, we're asking to do just meet with five employers at minimum. Yeah, I mean, we had to think of what is like a minimum threshold because, you know, some of these industries are larger.

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Speaker 1

Some of them have more organizations represented throughout the county and some don't. So, yeah, we just set, the minimum is five employers, and having those employers wanted them be a large size employer, one medium size and one small size with. It's up to them for the other two. Yeah, it seems like it's, again, it's like a \$50,000 grant. And I think we asked the micro sub regional table to do at least 30 different surveys and they got ten. So it just seems a little bit, you would think it would be higher than the other one. But anyways, there are some comments. Luis,

to your question around United LA, the other comment I'd like to make is that, you know, five employers, it would be good to see an employer in each spa to make sure we have complete countywide coverage.

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Speaker 1

I don't know if that's something that can be enforced, but it certainly suggests it. And I'm going to recognize, Tony, really, on that same issue. I think five employers is really way too low to be, like, the way that we're going to do an entire strategy for an industry. I do have a suggestion, because I realize you need to have a number if you can build into that, an opportunity for. I know our chamber works in a number of them. There's a bunch of chambers and business groups that are on the steering committee and the partnership to be able to make comments on what in their development process rather than the super short timeline once they deliver what their strategy is. Maybe a way to have some engagement there.

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Speaker 1

The other is that for those that there's not a lot of businesses, maybe you think there's only a handful of, quote, aerospace. Some of these have huge supply chains. And so I may not be a aerospace industry. I don't make a spaceship. I might put the enamel around products that are used. So I hope that they're thinking supply chain and not just, you know, what is your nasics code. But yeah, five is very limited for an entire industry strategy. Thank you, Tony. Benny. Yeah, I just wanted to check in and a couple of us, many of us have been talking about the equity criteria component to this.

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Speaker 1

And so where is that going to fit in to the process of how these seven groups are developing strategies that are going to make sure that we are not only fulfilling the requirements of these dollars, but also the values that we've been working on for the last two years. Yeah. So to answer that question in the regional plan part two, and this is part of their. So I would also like to say that, you know, as a part of their deliverable, it's not just to engage these employers and have meetings. We are also asking them to submit a five to ten page document that will be included in the regional plan part two. And so in this document, one of the topics that they touch upon is equity, of course.

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Speaker 1

And so to read out what that is, it says explain how the target sector strategy will provide indirect and slash or direct community benefits, particularly to disinvested communities. Describe how the needs and interests of disinvested communities impacted the selection of the strategy as well. And so they will be discussing how they can increase equity in their sectors. And that's one of the topics. Also along with that is climate, which is also very closely tied in with equity, job quality and access. So that's going to be addressed in their document that they submit. Thank you, Armand. Okay, folks, so we're going to move to the next agenda item, Affinity hub lead convening deliverables. Oh, yeah. Yeah. So I just wanted to provide a quick reminder to any of the affinity hub leads that are on the call.

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Speaker 1

We still have not received all of the convening reports from Affinity hub leads, so it's very important that we can receive those as soon as possible, because then the sooner we can receive that, the sooner it can begin to be synthesized and then incorporated into discussions as we move forward with strategy development. Thank you, Armand. I concur with that. And again, wanna point back to the progress update email that went out probably yesterday. I guess that needs to be done also. So. All right, we're moving next to the catalyst implementation projects proposals criteria. You can skip this one. It's just a convening summary, what it is. Okay, Charles? Okay, thank you.

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Speaker 1

So the catalyst phase we're technically in right now, and one of the things that the team did was create a folder, a portal for anyone with ideas to upload into those, upload their ideas into that folder. Now, it's a little early to do that, but it's a good idea for the region to start thinking about the projects. A lot of other regions have already started actually working on implementation, but I think we have, we created the folder, and we have, I think, three or four different projects in there right now. In a second, we're going to go help you guys understand how to the logistics of actually uploading those, your ideas into that folder.

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Speaker 1

But one of the first things we wanted to make sure, because the state can circle back with each region and provided a scoring rubric that had a criteria that they're going to, that they really encourage each region to base their scoring on. So the team, California jobs first team, we pulled the criteria from that rubric, and we created a separate document. So as you develop your ideas

for your projects, your strategic projects, you can keep those in mind. If you've already submitted your idea into the folder, you may want to go back, read that criteria, and if you need to make the adjustments into yours, you know, by all means, do so. Excuse me.

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Speaker 1

If, Ariel, I don't know if you can show this, show the process of what the folder looks like, but essentially, if you only have one document, then it's, the process is very simple. It's all simple anyway, but we want to make it easy for anyone that you're sharing it with. So if, for example, if there's only one document, if my organization, if I had an organization and I'm submitting only one document, I would create a folder for Charles Johnson organization and just throw that one document in there that explains what the project is from a to z. But what I found was that some of the proposals that have been submitted, they have numerous documents. And what you don't want to do, what you want to, you know, be careful of, is just submitting so many documents in there.

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Speaker 1

And when you're sharing with other people. They're not exactly sure what to read first. So a suggestion is for you to create a folder. Whatever documents you want to put in there, put Charles Johnson read first. Charles Johnson read two, Charles Johnson read three. Just so the people you're sharing it with, everyone in the steering committee, they can understand the process of your thought process as you're going through it. So we take all of those one, two, three, put it in one folder, label it ChARles Johnson's, you know, strategic project. And you would drop it inside of this. Proposals, slash, upload proposal ideas here, that first link there. All you have to do is just drag and drop it in there and then you're done. But right underneath there is project where it says project criteria.

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Speaker 1

That is, we're going to clean this up a little bit later on for you guys. Is that criteria that the state is expecting us to adhere to in order to strengthen our probability of receiving the most amount of funding? So it's a good idea to read that project proposals criteria document first, and then as you develop your projects, integrate those concepts into your project and then submit it again. The team is going to clean this up to make this a lot more easier, more streamlined. So it'd be extremely easy to follow if you guys have any suggestions on how to do it. You think that worked better? You know, we're open to your ideas, but we definitely wanted to start with this,

give you something, what we feel is simple right now to start uploading your ideas. Thank you, Charles. Louise, thank you.

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Speaker 1

I'm curious, where is the, where can we find the link to this folder? Is it on the website? Is it in the chat? Where is it at? And then. Oh, I can put it in the chat right now. But has it been shared already before? It has been shared before, yes, but we want to do, you know. Yeah, just keep, you know, remind, know, when I was going through the, and I sent an email to the California jobs first team about this. We, the proposal that we got approved for the proposals, unclear in the sense that it made it seem like every program can get up there, every proposal can get up to \$200,000 for funding and that were trying to give each region 1.8 mil, each spa, 1.8 million for catalyst program funding.

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Speaker 1

I know ultimately the state's going to be the one who's going to give the ultimate direction as to how much projects can get, what they're supposed to be doing. But I wanted to see if we can start having some discussions to make sure everybody's on the same page, so that as we're looking to do proposal ideas, we can identify, like how much are we asking for? Are we asking for 100,000 or asking for 2 million? What is it that we think would be good? And then finally, is there a form or something that you want us to fill out for? Not exactly sure where to start. Well, I think it's important that you know that July 12 is that catalyst kickoff. There's going to be more direction from the state for the. For the catalyst programs move forward.

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Speaker 1

It's probably best that before you start convening to, you know, discuss some of those issues that you were just mentioning right now, that you just wait until after that catalyst meeting, that kickoff meeting, and it probably give you all a little bit more, give us all more clarity on how to move forward. But what we do know is that the reason why I'm bringing up about the uploading your project ideas is that you will need ideas. So if you want to start, you know, uploading your ideas now, you have a portal to do. So you want to view some that's been uploaded, you have the portal to do so. But going too deep into, you know, a full blown strategy, you may want to just wait until after July 12.

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Speaker 1

The other issue is that the funding, because of the budget cuts, the funding has changed and the distribution of that funding has changed, and it may. By July 12, it may change again. So again, I would just encourage everyone to wait until July 12. So is it true then, that it's dropped from 300 to 150? But I heard some buzz that it might drop even further down to 125. Yeah, well, I mean, there's a lot of different rumors out there about what works. I believe the. I still think that needs to. I believe it still needs to go through legislation in order to drop it to 150. But it's. It seems like that is going to be the case. Okay.

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Speaker 1

The other thing is that if that's all 13 regions, if there's any way that we can influence on how they're going to disperse that money, that they don't do it the same way they did the first time and do it evenly, but do it based on return on investment. So my question is there any way that we can influence that process or state our case? It's definitely more of a CCF question because technically they're in charge of the contract, so maybe they want to speak to it, but my guess is they'll probably say wait until after July 12, but Maria or Paul, I'll let you. You guys speak to that? Well, for the July 12. Hey, Louise. Louise, there are two people in front of you, three people. So raise your hand and I'll get to you. If CCF wants to comment, great.

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Speaker 1

If not, then let's go with Luis. One other thing, Charles, is this is one reason why it's so important to have the Elyse chairs and vice chairs invited to that meeting to make sure that we're there. Luis? Oh, I was going to say, just so, for clarity, the money we have for sure right now is the 9 million that was given to our region as part of the catalyst program funding. That's what we have to spend and start getting proposals on. I'm not worried about the other 300 million. Whatever about that the legislature may or may not give. The one we have right now is 9 million. And I want us to kind of start getting clarified how much we can ask for, even internally here, because when I read that proposal, my first understanding was that we could ask for whatever we want.

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Speaker 1

Then when I read what was actually approval we submitted, it said that each region was looking to, each spa was looking to get 1.8 million, and of those organizations can receipt request up to 200,000. So it made it seem like the most you could get, you could apply for was 200,000. So I don't think that was the intention. So if we can get clarify at some point on this doesn't have to be

now, but that 9 million is what is the immediate pressing matter. Thank you, Louise. Tony? Yeah. I think it'd be very helpful if we had a formal process that was clear, that everybody would know that we're now looking at the catalyst selection process and the catalyst selection criteria.

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Speaker 1

The state is encouraging there a set of criteria, but totally aside from what the state has, we need to make comments on how many rounds of funding do we want to have between the three categories of the types of catalyst funding did we want to specify an amount so that not all of it is last mile? There's a whole range of things that go into that. The other is the process. What is the outreach? So I think that we need to get on the agenda, something that has us do that. My suggestion is that we don't ask people to upload project proposals because they believe they've submitted something. Perhaps we could do a letter of intent. I'm very concerned about transparency, that people know where they are in the process.

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Speaker 1

If they've done a letter of intent, then they would know they need to check back and that there'll be these other steps. So, as I said, I think the steering committee needs to approve formal process, formal selection criteria. I understand what the state's encouraged, and I think that we need to move to letters of intent and not submittals. Tony? It's interesting because I have seen something along those lines, a letter from Ted. But Charles, you know, we'll rely on you guys to give us an update on that, because I have seen something on that, and I can't comment on it right now. You know, there's a lot of moving parts, a lot of different components that you want to. I got you. Yeah. When there's something firm. Right. Because I don't want to announce something and then have to retract it. Sharon?

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Speaker 1

By the way, folks, we got 22 minutes, and we have at least one more important agenda item, so just want to give you a heads up. Go ahead. Sharon, thank you so much. I really appreciate that we are moving forward along with last week's last meeting's agenda discussion about this. Yeah, I would want to. I would like to have our steering committee chairs be able to speak to our, the steering committee's desires and wishes in that meeting so that the discussion with the state doesn't come back as this is what the state said we have to do. It comes back of understanding the framework that we have created for community inclusion and optimizing the steering committee's desires. And so I want to make sure that we have a dialogue in our next meeting that puts some proposed, at least, ideas around structure.

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Speaker 1

I know we talked about getting nine people that could work together and put together, you know, come up with ideas, but I'm hoping that we're going to have some kind of a tiered, you know, funding structure that could allow for, you know, tiers of project funding, whether larger, medium size, or small, so that money can be spread more widely. And we don't just have large projects. And I think in the last meeting, we also were very clear in our dialogue that we will be focusing on catalysts separate from implementation, because implementation is so unclear, uncertain, and the state's going to make those calls, whereas we have way more influence within this committee on the catalyst. And so I'd like us to really kind of hone our talents and really look to what Tony just said. There are different types of catalyst funds.

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Speaker 1

We kind of need to come up with a proposed framework as a steering committee and make sure that our chairs are aware of that when they go to the table. Thank you. Thank you for that. Sharon, your points were well taken, and shared by many. I'll leave it at that, Jermaine. Thank you, mister chair. Yeah, I was just going to add a couple quick things, because I think you asked a question around implementation at pot. I mean, based on the community practice meetings, it looks like it should hopefully be three tranches of funding. Anywhere from 40 to 50 million is what that could potentially look like. So I would say this, we can't wait. When it comes to implementation, it's about projects that are shovel ready.

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Speaker 1

There's many that are already kind of happening across the region that align with our regional plan and also just carbon neutrality in general. So we should uplift those, including, you know, there's folks that are going after like EPA grants as an example. Many of those projects will align with the work that we're doing. So that's one thought that's separate. But those three tranches of funding will probably be how the funds are given out in terms of catalysts. Just think about it as pre development. So you've got exploratory. So things that you're exploring. Right. And then you have after that, your last mile projects. And so those are all things that we need to be thinking about. And yes, we absolutely need to come up with what the criteria will look like collectively. But in terms of collaboration, that's the big piece, right?

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Speaker 1

We don't want to encourage singular organizations or individuals to go after funding. It should be group funding because of the fact that it's only \$9 million. So coming together around those industries of focus and really working together collaboratively would be the best way forward with that. Thank you, Jeraine. Last question, Charles. Yeah, sure. I just want to piggyback on what Jermaine said, because that's a good point of catalyst versus implementation. Implementation definitely is surrounding shovel ready, and catalyst is about development. And keep in mind that this has always been surf slash California jobs. First is to not work in silos. So the purpose of having those, the folder to upload ideas is so everyone can start thinking of ways to work together, piggyback off someone else's ideas or integrate theirs into yours.

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Speaker 1

However, whichever way you want to look at it, a letter of intents are great if they are, if they define and explain what the project is. Otherwise, you risk the Los Angeles region, risk working in silos, and that will dramatically decrease our chances probability of getting being competitive and that remaining funding. So thank you, Charles. So, you know, just to make sure I understand that concept is okay. So we're going to build a, you know, we're going to build a plane. Right. And there are going to be different organizations that specialize in different, building different parts of that plane to have the optimal, you know, aircraft, if you will. And so if you take that approach, then you have collaboration baked into the process. Correct.

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Speaker 1

So it used in that example that you gave, if we're building a plane that could be looked at as the infrastructure implementation project and catalyst could essentially be like, okay, let's find a way to make this a smart plane, you know, using, you know, eco friendly seats and windows. And Stella's organization is supplying this and your organization is supplying that. This is just, that's just one way of thinking of it. But you have to find a way to really think about keeping in mind that you need to work together on this also. So rather than that, say Benny's and Lisa's and Rudy's and Sharon's and. Got it. All right, thank you, folks. We're going to move to the next agenda item, which I'm sure will interest you, are our strategy development subcommittee. Armon is going to speak on that. Hi.

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Speaker 1

Armon had to leave to attend another meeting. Okay. He got away. All right. He did. It's past 02:00. He stayed on as long as he could. So. Yes. So as many of you remember, we discussed creating subcommittees in the last two meetings, a discussion around a strategy development

subcommittee. And then what we will wait on is the catalyst project subcommittee. That subcommittee formation will wait till after this catalyst state kickoff meeting. So for today, the strategy that needs to be included into the regional plan, part two, that is due August 30, 2024. I think there's time enough for at least, I think, five meetings for a strategy development subcommittee.

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Speaker 1

This subcommittee, as set by the chairs proposed, I should say by the chairs, would include nine members, three table partner leads, three from the general steering committee and three from the steering committee that were, I should say, still affinity hub leads. And so let's see. I read this first part, though. You know, work with the California jobs first team, the research analyst Armon, to finalize the La county collaborative regional strategies to include in the regional plan part, due again due August 30, to inform on the investments and the projects and the catalyst and implementation phases. And then also this is all referring to the deliverables that's in the SFP, but also the updated deliverable guidelines that were received from the state as of April 18. And I believe that you can find that on the about page.

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Speaker 1

So the team has, is working on a simple Google form where those who are interested in being on this strategy development subcommittee will be able to just enter your name, your email, and then like, there'll be a drop down for like, which category do you fit in? Right. The three categories. Again, you're on the steering committee. You are either an affinity hub lead and then the chairs would like three of the table partner leads to also sit on this subcommittee. So that is what I have. Unless, mister chair, you'd like to add on anything? No. The whole idea behind forming where the volunteers come from is to make sure that we have the appropriate level of expertise.

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Speaker 1

But to be clear, this, you know, went around and around on this and we want to make sure that we have the best decision makers possible with subject matter expertise. So that's how we arrived here. And unless anybody has any questions, this is how we're going to move forward. I was going to say, I see Sharon's comment where it says strategy. Sharon, you want to come on and speak? I'm a little confused, and please forgive my lack of understanding. No, Sharon, it's hard to believe you're confused. I am confused. This is left field for me. So I'm a little confused about the objective.

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Speaker 1

If the objective is the objective to talk about strategies to enhance employment and regional plan in these clusters, or is the objective to dial in on projects for catalyst and implementation, I'm lost, because again, there's two bifurcated objectives here that neither appear to be real clear on how they align back to what our community feedback is telling us. So I am confused. I just don't understand what we're trying to, it's like, what are we doing? We're creating a new pathway somewhere, but I don't know how it links back to what we're doing right now. I know regional plan is we're taking feedback from community, we're coming up with strategies, people, we're going to have geo planning forums. You're going to give their feedback. They're going to come up with proposals. They're going to say, here's what we need. Here's what.

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Speaker 1

You guys don't know why our folks don't get jobs, right? Because that's really what's going to happen out of the, what I'm seeing happening out of sub regional tables. I mean, it's like people are saying, you don't know what's going on in my sector and, but I don't know how that affects two different objectives, one subregional plan, part two. The other one is about the investments and catalysts. So what strategy are we trying to accomplish Armand's not on the call, but I, I can help a little bit here looking at the updated. It's called the planning phase deliverables. Right. It's the updated deliverables that the state provided from us. And it's on the about page. There's a link to it. But that is what we need. What strategies will be included now to get to that point?

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Speaker 1

Yes, it takes into consideration the feedback from all of the data, the 2700 surveys, but also the research that we have, the research that we secured from civil and beacon and so in a few other documents. And so we have to take in consideration the plans that are already ongoing in the region. There's quite a few things that have to be taken into consideration. And so that's my answer on that. Charles? Charles? Yeah. Thank you. Yeah, I just, I think, Chioma, that you summed it up in a very kind of simple fashion, is we're using. We have the research, you know, we're getting the community feedback from those surveys. Everything is going to be combined. And now the strategy going forward is, you know, let's get a subcommittee together just to figure out the way to move forward.

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Speaker 1

I mean, I think we just try to keep it as simple as that. I want to be mindful of everyone's time. There's a few more updates, but it's very important that we. Scarlett, if you're still on the call, you can pull up that or drop the link in there so everyone can give their feedback on the geographic, planning, environmental justice event. Just to give a sentence or two, a paragraph, whatever you want on what you think should be discussed and what should be on those agendas. Scarlett, are you still there? Scarlett. Yes. I'll drop that in the chat. Okay, thank you, Charles. Tony has a question. We have. By the way, folks, we got seven minutes. We still have at least two agenda items. Yeah. I don't see why there's a reason to combine projects with the development of strategies.

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Speaker 1

One, you're going to really eliminate a lot of people that might work on the strategy development because at some point, some organization that they possibly belong to might want to apply for implementation dollars three years from now. It's very problematic. I think you need to do strategies right now that follow the state guidelines. They're quite complex. There's a lot of work to do and keep your project development in a separate timeline. Yeah. Mister chair, can I answer that? This is for the strategy development subcommittee. The catalyst projects subcommittee will be forthcoming after the state catalyst kickoff meeting. That will be a separate subcommittee.

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Speaker 1

But in the write up, at least as I'm seeing it, both in the first paragraph and the lap, and in the conflict of interest that if the PeR, if the group plans to apply for catalysts, which we don't know what the rules are yet, or implementation, which is a multi year funding, then you can't participate in strategy when the strategies will have a lot of things like workforce development, infrastructure development. So if you don't do projects inside your strategy, you don't create that conflict of interest because nobody's going to be able to advance their project because you're not doing projects there. An early document said that part two should include projects, that guidance has been changed. Yes, that guidance was updated. It was.

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Speaker 1

And so when we send out the Google form, we'll have the updated information because this is just for strategies, not projects. Thank you for answering that, Chioma. I was going to say something, but thank you, Tony, for your comments. Okay, Luis, thank you. Louise is the last one. We're going to move to the next agenda item. We'll circle back. So I just want to be, one

thing was before the end of the meeting, can we clear clarification as to what the contract for those events requires of the vendor to do? I can wait till we get done through the other two agenda items, but I just wanted to get clarification what's on. We talked about with Kevin Clark. Yeah. Let's go forward. Give us, let us get to this next agenda item and then we'll circle back. Thank you.

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Speaker 1

If we, if I, if we don't before, catch me before I have Jaron, Louise. All right, thank you. Promise to get back to that. Okay. All right, folks, let's move to the next agenda item. Research updates. Armona is not here. Is anyone going to cover for him? Yeah, I can go ahead and cover, mister chair. Okay. Thank you. So, yes, Arman had worked with Beacon Economics to develop a data and accountability tool. So this is currently on our website under the research tab. It's also on our front homepage where our updates or most recent updates and news is located. And this is basically a comprehensive resource that analyzes various industries, occupancy, wages and education providers across Los Angeles county.

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Speaker 1

And so this tool just features, specifically features five tabs that offer detailed insights and allows the ability to track trends within each service planning area. And the data spans at least a decade, even in some cases up to 20 years. So we do invite our partners to take advantage of this free tool to just gain a deeper understanding of their specific areas within Los Angeles county and help make informed decisions and really stay up to date to the latest trends and developments within your specific region. And so this really came from the research that was conducted through Beacon and this process with California jobs first. So we want to make sure that everyone has access to this. And it also was shared in our last newsletter to our LaHRTC partners. Thank you, Scarlett. All right, we're going to hit one more upcoming meetings, Ariel.

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Speaker 1

Yeah, so the next upcoming meetings, we have the next steering committee meeting in two weeks, which is Thursday, June 27. And we have. Oh, actually, I'm sorry I did not update this one. We have one partners meeting tomorrow at 09:00 a.m. And then the next one will be next month on July 12. I apologize about that, but yeah, so the next partners meeting will be tomorrow at 09:00 a.m. All right, thank you, Ariel. Thank you, chairman. Next steps. And then we're going to hit Louise as well. Just have barely enough time. Yes. Okay, so this one I have not



updated, but, you know, I would say as far as implementation goes, look out for the updated state budget that we should know of before our next meeting.

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Speaker 1

We might know by the end of this week that will determine the funds available for all the regions regarding implementation phase. The affinity hub leads. Just please submit your summaries and your reports. The sub regional table leads, if you have any. We do have a couple of subregional table leads on this call. If you have any more meetings, please have them and have all of your surveys submitted by Monday at the latest. Catalyst. Remember, catalyst, we are now in the planning phase, which ends in September. And we are also in the catalyst phase, which began in May and goes on to 2026. So we are at the beginning of the catalyst phase. I know some of you are ready to get into the catalyst work.

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Speaker 1

As staff, we would like to wait for the state catalyst kickoff meeting and receive some more guidance on our next step so that we can have a timeline that is nice and set early. And so please read the regional plan part one, the updated version. I think Armon mentioned the feedback we received from the state. We received positive feedback from the state from our updated regional plan part one. And that's all I have. Thank you. Okay, is Kevin Clark still on the call? Luis, could you state your question again or put it in chat? And then, Charles, can you get back to this question? Because we need answer on it. So I guess, well, somebody, I think, earlier asked, I think it might have been Sharon.

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Speaker 1

Did we ever get the contract or the RFP was awarded, can we see a link copy of that? And what is expected of the vendor? Because somebody said, made the mention that the vendor is only in charge of getting the location organized, getting the necessary equipment, but doesn't include outreach or programming. So we'll send a scope of work out right after the call. The scope of work that all of the candidates used, we'll send that out to everyone. Can you just tell us what the scope of work says? No, it's going to take too long. We'll just send it out and then you can just read it yourselves. Is that, is the representation that it's only. It does not include outreach or programming, correct. Or capturing information. I'm sorry. Or capturing of any information that is produced at the meeting either.

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Speaker 1

It certainly includes capturing information, but in terms of programming, that's where you guys will come in. So Scarlett, if you look in the chat at 224, Scarlett dropped a feedback form for the geographic and diversity based planning forms for you guys to give your feedback on what you would like to discuss in those convenings. We'd like to have a uniform across each convening. So each day will be a new convening in a new district, and hopefully that each district will be discussing the exact same things. But we like to hear from you guys. What are the topics that you really want to discuss? I have a question. So the go ahead hiking. Yeah, the contract, I mean, the dollar amount and the criteria and everything else, where was it specified?

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Speaker 1

I guess, as I said earlier, I'm just concerned that, you know, it's not doing some key components and it's too weak. So is the deadline absolute also, for sure? Yes. Everything is locked in. My guess is that Kevin may be off the call, so he can deal with that. I think he has actually some family issues as well. But being that we're moving so quickly, and again, we don't have a contract in place, it's just been very difficult trying to organize this essentially under a month. Is there any way that we could ask the state for some extension? We've asked for numerous extensions for numerous reasons, and this was certainly. I can't see this being any type of priority for the state to give any extension. It's. When was the contract published and how many proposals did we get in? We've been announced.

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Speaker 1

We announced it. My brain is Jello. It's been announced that we needed to do these forms. On the last intercommittee call, it was. There was a vote to collapse the 19 different events into five and the steering committee voted on collapsing those. And then from there it's just been a race to find the vendor. So did we at all put it out to, you know, say, hey, here's the contract request for proposals or submittal applicants? There wasn't a request. Request for proposal. The scope of work was put together by the California jobs first team and submitted to different candidates. As I mentioned, LARC was the first one that we reached out to for the obvious reasons. That would have been the easiest one to go with and we had to just keep finding candidates from that point on.

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Speaker 1

Is there a reason why that it wasn't shared with the at least minimum the steering committee, if not the broader, just like all the other contract opportunities. If you look at the process mapping from how we started with process mapping. Every opportunity, there's two ways to do it. The RFP process is long and arduous. Then that would take, you know, easily over a month. Then the next, the other opportunity is, the other option is if it's under a certain threshold, you put together a scope of work, you start interviewing, you know, different candidates. Some are being suggested from people in the HRTC or steering committee now and we reach out to them, make sure that they're compliant and that a part of the compliance is giving the background of their experience and expertise and what the job description is.

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Speaker 1

And then you move from there. I guess for me, again, the concern, and I know that it's tough, right. You have an absolute deadline and you're trying to move a lot of folks all within a short period of time. But particularly on this is kind of like where the rubber meets the road. So I feel like it is a high priority, at least from my vantage point. And the fact that there was like no opportunity, at minimum when you sent out that it would be at least shared with the steering committee so that we could also share to our network of folks who may be able to bid for it. I think I want to make sure that process is in place because I'm thinking the steering committee is supposed to help with this process too.

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Speaker 1

So like I said, I am more than concerned about how this is done and based on what the contractor is saying that he needs to do. And he's kind of up in there too, because he doesn't even have a contract as stated. And so he's kind of going on faith as well. So I have heart for him as well. But it seems like we need that contractor to be doing a lot more than what is there. And within two weeks, we don't even have a location fly or nothing. Yeah, doesn't seem to do justice to what its intent was for. So can we get at least some kind of understanding of going forward that these kind of opportunities, that there will be at least a heads up with the steering committee? Yeah, I understand your concern and I agree with you.

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Speaker 1

However, the heads up was there. In fact, one of the first suggestions that we got was from a steering committee member about working with an organization that did an event for the DEO. And they did it very quickly. We reached out to that organization and they were one of the bidders on the project. However, it goes right back to the amount of time, the amount of funds

that needed to be expended upfront in order to start securing the locations, and the factoring in the time that CCF would need to execute their contract. We just did not have much time. I know you'd rather. I do have a bunch of comments in the comments section that are all relevant questions. So I'll just mute myself right now. Pass on to others please.

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Speaker 1

Yeah, I would say this is, again, this is a very big contract, I think. I'm sorry, I know you're going to send it out, but I can press. Can you give me like the top five things that the contract requires of the vendor to do? It would best if I just send everyone the scope of work. This is concerning because I don't feel like that's a very complicated question and I can't get a very like, just a simple like. It's record. I don't have it memorized, sir. I just. I just don't have it. If I can send you the scope of work, or on the share drive or somewhere, we can just hypen mentioned what Mister Clark told her directly. It's very basic. It's no outreach, there's no content of program, it's no engagement of targeted populations. It's an event coordination. Hosting the food.

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Speaker 1

There's nothing in there about program development and there is nothing there about capturing information. According to what Mister Clark said, it's an event planning contract. It's not a targeted, specific focus event. Let's be real about it. That's what it is. Real quick. If I could step in real quick. Charles or Scarlett, can someone just drop the scope into the chat real quick? All of the members are still on this call, so just drop it in the chat. If it's unavailable, then that's a different story and we'll address that after this call. I don't have it right now. I'd have to dig for it. But I want to make sure that it's the final one that we share with CCF. That's why, that's why I'm hesitant to just drop it in there. So, our apologies.

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Speaker 1

Steering committee, our apologies on behalf of the LADC team here. We will get that out expeditiously today. We'll try to get that done by within the next hour to all of you, and let's get on a call real quick, team, right after this. Thank you, Jermaine. Thank you for that. I appreciate that you. That you're taking that leadership, mister chair. I'd like to be recognized. Well, I will recognize you. Hey, Penn, you've been recognized. So I'm going to go straight to Sharon, unless your hand, is your hand up? Because you had another question. If you can lower your hand. Thank you, Sharon. This is a really simple request based on what the purpose of this is.

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Speaker 1

The scope is not what has been represented by Kevin in terms of his scope, will not fulfill our objective and will not provide us the meaningful outcomes we're looking for. So I applaud you for willing to hear feedback on programming from the committee. But what I would also like for you to do is open up a document where we can also put in content on additional services that we're going to want to add into the scope or have subcontracted. I think that's our role as steering committee. We should have had a vote on. We have a vote on every contract that's in our bylaws.

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Speaker 1

So I think we need to be able to be prepared to modify that scope so that we, that subcontracting or whatever is necessary to fulfill the objectives of what this forums are intended to do, that we can ensure that's going to be done. \$165,000 for logistics is ridiculous. That's how much it costs to do the milk and global forum. That's outrageous. So I think we need to. We need to really look at it a little bit more realistically in terms of what we're buying, getting for our dollars and what we need out of it. And so whatever format you can provide us with, along with that scope, I would. I would beckon our steering committee members to make this a meaningful activity to help steer regional plan part two. Thank you, Sharon. All right, Tony, I just think.

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Speaker 1

But before we go, can we entertain a motion to give the chair and vice chairs the authority to work with La EDC to ensure that if we need interpreters, if we need an outreach contract, because you're going to need to pay a specific group with intention. Do we need to hire a group that will come in and collect the information and report it back within a timeframe that it's useful? I feel like we shouldn't leave the meeting without, you know, addressing the authority to allow actions to go forward. And I personally would feel comfortable if the chair and vice chairs could be our proxy. This all should have been brought to us previously, but we're here. So I would make that motion to allow the.

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Speaker 1

And I'm hopefully, I'm not putting it on the spot, make the chairs and the vice chairs have the ability for this event, these events, to make sure that we have the programs and services. So I like the idea of the list, but we actually need authority to spend money. Tony, can I make one recommended change to your motion? I would agree to defer to allow the chair and the vice

chairs to work with the contractor who's been, I guess, identified thus far, to either revise the contract to include some of the scopes that we've discussed or lower the amount so that LAEDC has funds that it can direct to some of those other groups in case the current vendor isn't able to meet that.

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Speaker 1

But again, ultimately, I'm fine with deferring to our chair advice, chairs to work with La EDC and the contractor to knowing what we've kind of, what hearing the feedback you've gotten today, what the steering committee is looking for at these events, and how do you think we would best achieve those. So I'm good with that amendment, except for not the part about lowering the contract to the business that is already or nonprofit that it's already agreed to. I just. Maybe it's too high, but I I. I'm uncomfortable in taking back something that someone's agreed to and started to do work. The only reason I said that is because if, let's say, they're not able to provide translation services, do we, are we, do we. Are we allowed to go above the 165,000 that we've gotten approved? Because if the vendor is not willing to.

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Speaker 1

Yeah, I think you have to. I mean, it's not fair to say, hey, will you please do these three things and then add stuff? No, I'm just saying the state has been very, it seems, at least from what I always keep hearing, is very particular about we have a budget that's been approved, we have to live with it. And if we're spending all this money one vendor, and that vendor is telling us they cannot provide some of those other services that we want, whether it's the outreach, whether it's translation services, whether it's programming, then we either need to get authorization, suspend additional funds from elsewhere for that purpose, or get them to lower that amount that contract is for, so that we can use that money for those other purposes. But again, I don't think we can make the vendor take a lower cost.

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Speaker 1

But, you know, if we say, here's what we're looking for, but again, that's for the chair and the vice chairs to figure out, I can tell you there are line items, Sharon, you haven't been recognized. You haven't been recognized. Hi, Pim. Was before you. Then I'll call on you. Hi, Pim. So I do feel like there is this sentiment that the \$165,000 should include more than what we believe is what the contractor believes he's doing. So whether the contract, if people feel uncomfortable lowering the amount because this person is on a limb trying to do it, then at least there should be clarity of that. These are the expectations. And maybe he subcontracts or hires expertise if there

isn't. Or also add some additional dollars, but it seems like \$35,000 each for bringing 250 people together. Seems like a lot. Yeah.

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Speaker 1

Okay, so these are the things that we have to consider. I think we have ten people on here that are not steering committee members, and the rest are. But before we go on, Sharon, you had your hand raised. I want to recognize you. I just want to be clear. I can go back and pull it, but I did work with Mister Chun Steven on the budget originally, and particularly on these line items, because when the state was contracting, I got a call, because I was doing this for hours, budgeting this stuff for outreach. And I don't think we're going to have a problem. Waste in terms of line items, outreach, subregional tables. And the contract. This was under contract.

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Speaker 1

I got asked three times about it, because it was a contract for these geo planning forms, and it was contract line for, in the same line item for the environmental expert, the 60,000 or whatever, 30,000 for the environmental. So I don't think we're going to have a problem moving the line items that should be flexible. However, we should have some dollars also available. We should have some dollars left over, because I do not believe we awarded all of the sub regional table contracts. I think there were a few that were outstanding. And I know I got a call from somebody that turned it down because they said they couldn't deliver it in eight days. But if those funds are available, those are outreach dollars that we could, by our vote, repurposed, because it's under the de minimis amount that we can move line items.

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Speaker 1

Thank you. So let me say this. I don't have a problem taking on the additional responsibility. I doubt that Andrea and Stella do either. But we need clear, a clear. We have to reach consensus on what it is that you want us to represent from the group, because I heard a lot of opinions and ideas, and somebody's going to be left out and come back and say, well, you guys, and, you know, whatever. So if we go down this path, number one, just based on the bylaws and the number of people that are on here, can we make that decision? And then, number two, if we do make the decision, it needs to be accurate so that it doesn't come back to bite us in terms of whatever decision we make. Charles, thank you. So, I think that a couple of things.

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Speaker 1

CCF is going to have to verify whether or not any funds from the sub regional tables can be redirected towards this event, because that may require a formal budget modification. And my understanding is that we've already exhausted those. So that will be a CCF question. The second thing is that link that Scarlett dropped into the chat for everyone to discuss what they would like to tackle, what they would like to have on the agenda for each of those meetings, that essentially can be the blueprint for what we need to spend moving forward. This is why it's important for everyone. Obviously, we could not program everything without the steering committee, which is why this meeting is happening. And it's important for everyone to really just. I don't. It's unlimited word characters.

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Speaker 1

Just discuss what you would like to happen in that event, and then that can determine what's needed going forward. Okay, so let's do this. Assuming that we are within compliance with the bylaws, the motion is for the chairs and vice chairs to consider additional criteria for the scope of work, for that, for the geo agenda item under Kevin Clark and environmental justice. So what I need. What I'm going to need is either put it in the opportunities or, I guess, the jamboard or opportunities. But I need an accurate capture of the things that you want us to represent so that we do the job right. That's what I'm asking for. And unless anyone objects on this call, we'll move them up the motion forward. Does anyone object?

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Speaker 1

We'll just call a question now any other discussion before we call a question, any other question, discussion, I just call for the voters. Anyone object to what has been recommended? The vice chairs and the chair, take that information and integrate it into the scope of work. And also look at the budget and whether it's the appropriate level of funding for the work that's being done. Anything that you are recommending, if you could please give some narrative so that we could better understand how to make a decision. Mister chair, do we have quorum? We do not have quorum. Thank you. We do not have quorum. So, I mean, you know, at the end of the day, in order to do this, we need to do this.

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Speaker 1

I mean, if were in compliance with the bylaws, as I stated in the beginning, this would have to go out electronically to everyone because we only have, you know, probably less than twelve steering committee members on here. So that means it stays as it is. I just want to be clear, Luis. I



mean, Benjamin chair, what I hear, a critical mass of the steering committee is asking and recommending that you and the co chairs work as best you can to represent the interests that have been raised in this meeting for the last 2 hours, which is that we want to make sure that these meetings happen and are funded to support the things that have identified targeted outreach content of programming.

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Speaker 1

So I don't think we need a motion to just encourage you to please get involved in that contract and make sure that it captures the essence of what people are saying. I don't think it needs to be a full motion. You know, I could run with that, Benny. And to be clear and transparent, it is something that I brought up as a question prior to this meeting. So, bottom line is that I think, you know, the CJF leadership team on LAEDC side understands what the position is. I still need to hear from you guys as exactly. And we can do it as best we can based on what I've heard. Right. And better yet, why don't we do it now? Because I'm going to be late for my 03:00 as it is. Probably. Let me capture it again real quick on paper.

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Speaker 1

Give me number one, let's get these down. Number one, outreach. Outreach in terms of whether we can actually get 200 people, be specific. Outreach to historically disinvested community members. And the purpose is to make sure that we include. All right, yes, well, we're supposed to target ethnic groups as well as environmental justice groups. I think our reach to those two key industries are. Must. Hold on 1 second, Louise. I'm writing this because I want to get it right. Outreach, historically disinvested communities, and EJ groups, environmental justice groups. Okay, but when you said. When you say historically disinvested groups, I think the digital funding was for outreach to ethnic groups. So minority communities of color in LA county. So not just disinvested communities of color. Yeah, I would think all the communities of color are disinvested sufficiently in Los Angeles, but.

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Speaker 1

Okay, I'll go with communities of color. I get the message, and I get the spirit of the intent, since I am part of that group. Disinvested in community, the pillar. Well, look at me. Please don't forget our women. Please don't forget our women. Thank you. Thank you. And I have two daughters, and I will not. All right. And they're just like me. So there. Okay, I think she listed. Hold on. Okay, Benny, let me capture, because I got to get off this call. So. Benny, I'm done. If you look at the chat, mister chair, there's a pretty good outline there, but Sharon, put it up. Yeah,

I need to write it down. Can you just give it to me real quick? Sharon, you want to read off this? Hold on a second. Hold on. Let me see here. It was placed at 249. Yep.

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Speaker 1

I just repost it. You did. Okay. These eyes should be clear. The scope, work, the geoplan. Maybe what I can do, copy and paste this. And while you're writing the clarification of not just data findings, but to report out on the data findings, I'm thinking there was something in the proposal called findings reports. And the findings report was supposed to combine the lived experience data with the market research data so that it could be presented at these firms. Back to community. I see. So then just for clarification, there is no documentation, then, of this actual convening. That's not their job. Number six, community feedback. Because community feedback could be one, but actually documenting it might be another clarification. I got a 03:00 meeting, so I caught. I got two out of the chat. I've got a shutdown. I got my business to do.

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Speaker 1

So is there anything else other than the two? I got the. I couldn't pace it from Sharon and Tony. And I got the feedback from. From Tony. The programming, the outreach to historically disadvantaged ethnic groups and communities of color, including women and environmental justice groups. And then the two that were posted from. Yeah, okay. But also the programming. So I think it should be expected that they'll do the presentation, whatever they need to do for the presentation of the event, because otherwise, we. Sorry. Say that, again, the programming for the event. And what about it? That they would. That would be something that they would do.

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So something as simple as, like, hey, getting the speakers, whoever it may be, if they are going to be presenting or if they are going to bring in somebody from LEDC or from other groups, that they would be in charge of the programming, because otherwise, we're going to have people showing up and nobody's handling the program. If we're going to give a vendor, the contractor do this, they should do the advertisements, the logistics, and the programming and the after market deliverable. So reporting out. Okay. All right. Okay, folks, I got it. Gotta adjourn. Charles, we can circle back on how this is gonna get done, but I'm in support of. I got to be the voice of my steering committee, so we got to move forward on this. Any comments or feedback on that? No, none at all. Okay. All right. Thank you all.

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Actually, one, if everyone can please make sure that anyone that's not on this call to still reply to that link that Scarlett sent out, because that would aid in what we just discussed, and then we can discuss this at the leadership meeting tomorrow. Tomorrow morning? Yes. Okay. All right. Thank you. Folks, it's 03:00 I got to go. Thank you. Appreciate you hanging in.