

California Jobs First Collaborative Meeting

May 30, 2025

9:00 to 10:00am

Zoom Video Conferencing

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Webinar ID:

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AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Information: NOFO
3. Information: Activation Plans Update
4. Status of Round 1 Catalyst Funding
5. Collaborative Comments and Updates (*time permitting*)
5. Adjourn

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May 30th Collaborative Meeting

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NOFO Round 2

Funding Breakdown

- Available for round 2 - \$4.6 million
- Job Creating Projects - \$3.6 million
- Community Enhancing Projects - \$1 million
- Continuing to honor the work in Regional Plan Part II, while continuing to move towards the State's Economic Blueprint
- [Jobs First webpage](#)

Job Creating Projects (\$3.6 Million)

- Primary goal of business development and growth that then create good paying jobs in the region. Projects supporting the industries of tourism and outdoor recreation, medtech, high- tech hardware, semiconductors & microelectronics, advanced manufacturing, precision manufacturing, healthcare, childcare, education, aerospace and defense, hydrogen, and construction.
- Project must show that there is a significant benefit to Orange County's disinvested communities.
- Workforce development projects must be in connection with a future economic development project or some commitment to partner from an employer(s).
- Stronger projects also demonstrate a positive impact on the climate.

Community Enhancing Projects (\$1,000,000)

- Address any topic(s) in the Regional Plan Part 2, and/or industries not mentioned in the Job Creating Projects section, and/or could not meet the definition of a good paying job/income.
- Although not exhaustive, these would be topics such as housing, healthcare access, green technologies, childcare and climate adaptation.
- For projects that are not primarily climate focused, stronger projects demonstrate a positive impact on the climate.
- Collaborative decides how this funding gets spent.

Scoring Criteria

- **Project Impact** (30 points)
- **Economic Equity/Equity** (30 points)
- **Work Plan** (20 points) - Focus on the [Pre-Development Activities](#)
- **Organizational Qualifications** (10 points)
- **Proposed Budget and Budget Narrative** (10 points)
- **Must provide one letter of reference**
- **Scoring Criteria can be found on pages 12-18 in the NOFO packet*
- **Catalyst Applications can be accessed [here](#).**
- **Reminder:** Conflict of Interest Statement is found on page 26 of the NOFO packet

- **Predevelopment Project Phases:**

- Catalyst Predevelopment Phase Projects will fall into one of three stages: Concept, Accelerate, or Last Mile. There is not a requirement to fund a minimum number of projects in each stage but is used as tool to compare projects that are in the same stage.
 - 1. Concept: Recommend not to request over \$50,000 Grant
 - 2. Accelerator: Recommend not to request over \$250,000
 - 3. Last Mile: Recommend not to request over \$750,000
- All [activities](#) must be fully expensed by September 30, 2026.

- **Selection Process**

- All applications will be accessible to collaborative members
- Applications will be reasonably anonymized
- Triaged by Job Creating or Community Enhancing
- Triaged again by Concept, Accelerate, and Last Mile. No funding guarantees, just for apples to apples comparisons.

Selection Process

- **Community Enhancing Projects:**

- Collaborative will review and score all projects based on the criteria listed above and award activities until all funds are exhausted.
- Optional Virtual Community Enhancing Project Selection Briefing - July 11, 2025
- Online Poll to vote on projects
- Approximate award notifications – July 25, 2025

- **Job Creating Projects:**

- Regional Convener team will propose a list of projects to Collaborative for funding prior to July 18th meeting
- Collaborative will have opportunity to affirm choices and/or recommend alternatives.
- Regional Convener team will decide if any modifications to the original selections need to be made

Applications and Funding Timeline

- Applications are due no later than **5:00 PM Pacific Time on Friday, June 20, 2025**, and must be submitted through the designated grant web portal. Applicants must create an account in the portal to begin their application. Please carefully follow all instructions provided in the portal. The link to the portal can be found [here](#).
- Please submit questions regarding this NOFO to jobsfirst@ocbc.org. Questions and answers will be posted on <https://ocbc.org/cjf/> at the end of each week while the application window is open.
- Catalyst Application can be accessed [here](#). **Let's take a look at the grant web portal.**

NOFO Release



May 19, 2025

Proposers' Webinar



**Job Creating Project
Applications**

May 27, 2025
1 to 2 p.m.

**Community Enhancing
Project Applications**

May 29, 2025
11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Applications Due



June 20, 2025
5 p.m. PST

Approximate Award Notifications



July 25, 2025

End Date



Activities must be
completed by
September 30, 2026

Proposer's Webinars

- **Regional Investment Initiative Informational Webinar** recording found [here](#).
 - Overview of the foundational work leading to the Catalyst pre-development Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)
- **Job Creating Project Webinar** please register using the link [here](#).
 - Tuesday, May 27, 1:00 pm
- **Community Enhancing Project Webinar** please register using the link [here](#).
 - Thursday, May 29, 11:00 am
- **Support for Applicants: Grant Writing Mentors**
Request up to five hours of mentorship by emailing jobsfirst@ocbc.org.

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Questions

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Round 3 Funding

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- \$ 1 million
- Release on July 7th
- Will close August 1st



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Activation Plans Update

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Status of Round 1 Catalyst Funding



R1 Awardee Update

California Jobs First

Regional Investment Initiative - Catalyst

May 30, 2025

Agenda

- 01. Overview of Awardees and Contracting Process**
- 02. Current Status and Upcoming Milestones**
- 03. Advanced Payment Process**
- 04. Themes and Challenges**
- 05. Q&A**

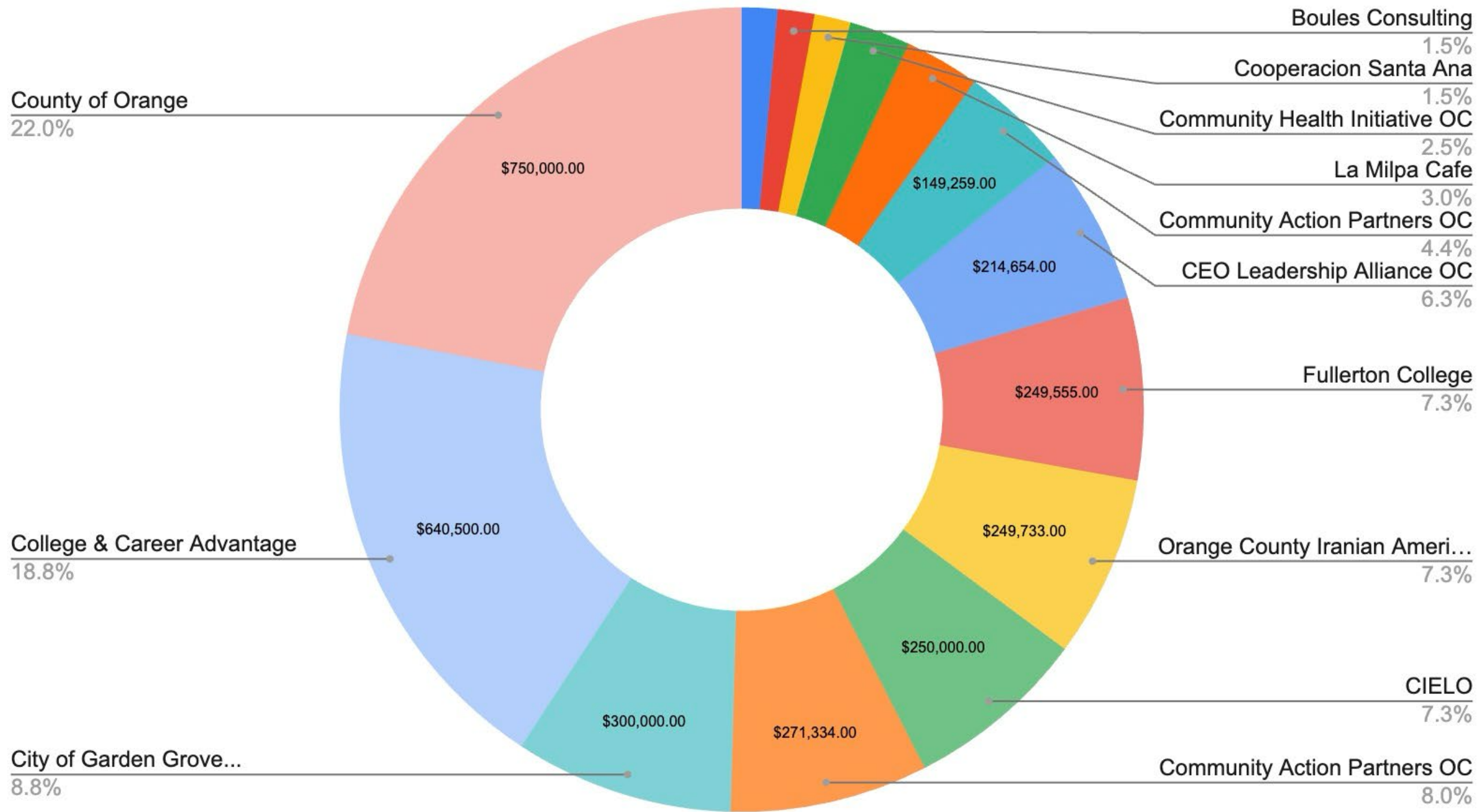
Thank you, collaborative members, for the time, care, and thought you put into this process

- Your feedback directly shaped where this round of funding went
- Because of your involvement, we're supporting proposals that reflect the values and priorities we share

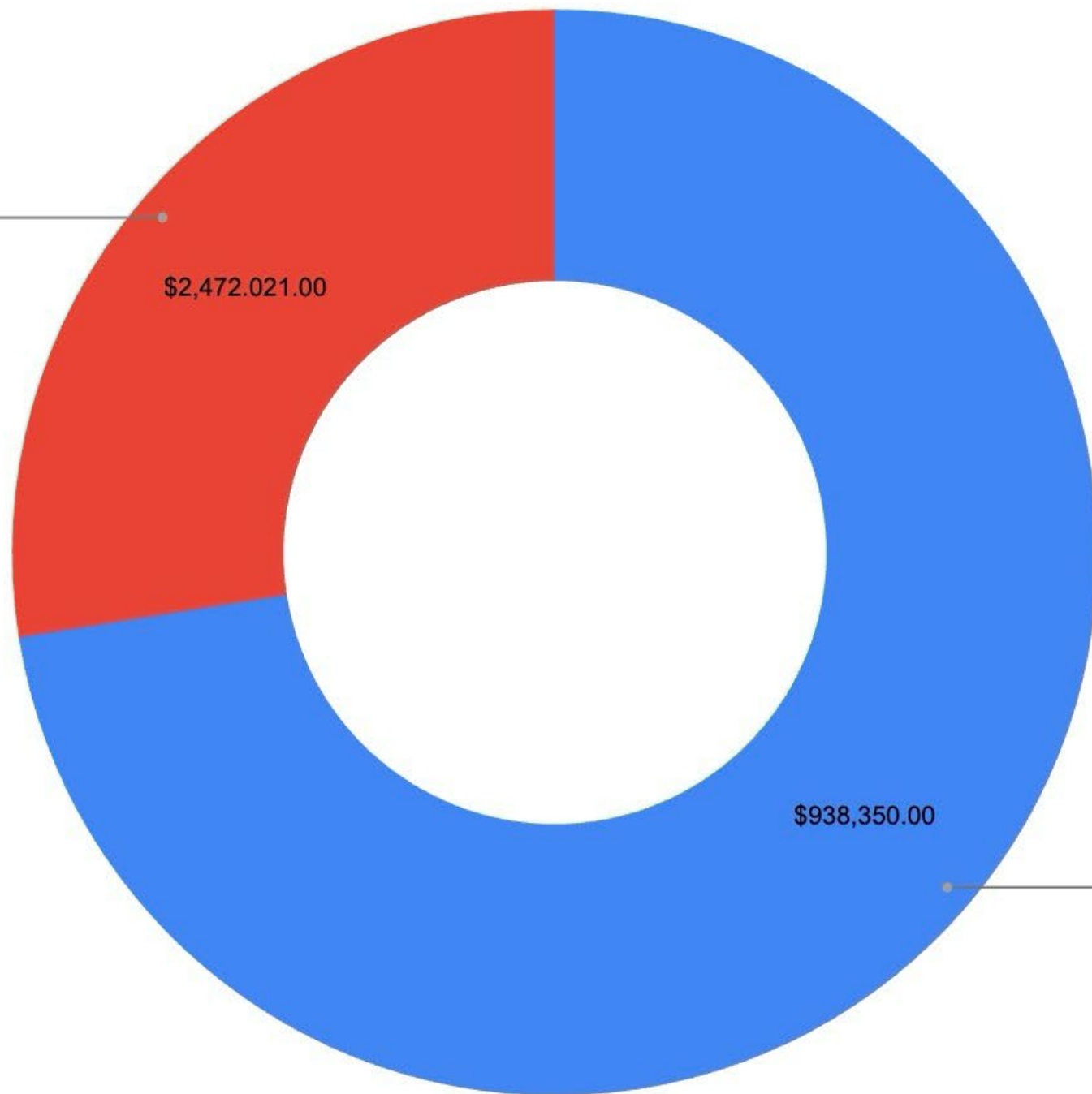
We're excited to give you a quick update on where things stand as awardees are being contracted

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Overview of Awardees and Contracting Process



Community Enhancing
27.5%



Jobs Creating
72.5%

In this partnership, Charitable Ventures:

- Executes and manages contracts with awardees,
- Reviews invoices and process payments, and
- Provides ongoing support throughout the subcontract term

For any questions or concerns related to finances or contracts, please contact subcontracts@charitableventuresoc.org

Contracting Process

- Review materials from awardees and confirm compliance with legal and financial requirements
 - W-9 & SoS status
 - Insurance
 - SOW– budget
 - Procurement justification
- Send contract draft— negotiate or clarify terms, if needed
- Route contract for signature internally and with the awardee

This process takes anywhere from 4-8 weeks to complete



Current Status & Upcoming Milestones

Current Statuses

- Announcement of awardees share 04/11 and contracting process started soon after
- Of the 14 awarded proposals, 14 are eligible for funding and have been contacted to complete the contracting process
- **ALL** contracts have been sent out for execution

Contract effective dates are either 05/01 or 06/01

Upcoming Milestones

Awardees can start billing as early as the effective date of their contract and effective dates are based on the date that all required documents are reviewed and approved by OCBC and/or CV (1st of the month)

We are happy to be able to offer Advanced Payment of up to 25% of the proposed award



Advanced Payment

- Advanced payments are meant to support awardees for early project activities
- The use of the funds is flexible
- Up to 25% of the awarded amount may be requested
- 2 documents need to be completed for consideration/approval:
Statement of Need & Timeline of Spend
- Turnaround time is 1-2 weeks from submission to be considered for approval then 2-3 weeks for payment



Themes & Challenges

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- There was slowdown from the State on approving proposals/funding
- There was confusion with the SOW
 - Moving forward, awardees do not need to complete it– the workplan from the proposal will be in the SOW.
 - If there needs to be changes in the work, OCBC will receive and process change orders
 - If there needs to be changes in the budget, CV will receive and process any budget mods (greater than 10% of total shift)

Our goal is to get the awardees contracted and ready to do work as soon as possible

- We remain open/available for questions– please email inquiries to subcontracts@charitableventuresoc.org
- We will provide awardee updates at all future collaborative meetings
- We will meet with all awardees at least once during their contract term to review adherence to the contract (program and budget)



Questions or Concerns

THANK YOU

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SHARING MORE
UPDATES AT THE NEXT COLLABORATIVE MEETING



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