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JCOD Celebrates Graduation of Incubation Academy's Sixth Cohort

LOS ANGELES – The Justice, Care and Opportunities Department (JCOD) celebrated the graduation of 24 new organizations today from the Incubation Academy.

Since its inception in 2021, over 135 organizations have successfully completed the program. This year's graduating cohort provides critical services to the community, including housing support, food assistance, employment services, outpatient therapy, substance use treatment, and mentorship.

JCOD's Incubation Academy is committed to supporting grassroots, nonprofit organizations that serve justice-involved individuals. These organizations often face challenges in securing government contracts and funding.

“This cohort exemplifies the innovation and commitment needed to drive meaningful change. By equipping grassroots organizations with the tools they need to thrive, we're fostering community-based solutions that create lasting opportunities for those in need,” said JCOD Director, Judge Songhai Armstead (Ret.). “We look forward to seeing the incredible impact these organizations will have as they continue to grow and expand their reach.”

The Incubation Academy strengthens the capacities of these organizations through 10 weeks of intensive training and provides a year of continued support, including technical help and peer advising.

To date, graduates have received more than \$60 million in combined capacity-building and Care First Community Investment grants, significantly enhancing their ability to serve the community.

The next cohort of Incubation Academy participants is set to begin on Oct. 9, 2024. Organizations interested in participating can apply on a rolling basis. For more information about the Incubation Academy and to apply, please visit: <https://jcod.lacounty.gov/incubationacademy>.

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