**CERF May 20th Meeting Notes**

**Tunua | Center by Lendistry:** We need to ensure that we uplift areas and issues around equity and keep it at the forefront of all that we are doing.

Community engagement is more than a level of input from community but should be the guiding force of how the group goes about the work.

To be successful this group must:

1. Itemize beyond just where physically people are located, but also take into consideration what are some of the barriers that people are experiencing (DV, language needs, re-entry) and understand the characteristics that don’t get captures solely by a geographical lens.

2 Explore different ways of reaching people: Going to people, meet folks where they are, providing what they need for them to be in the conversation (childcare, being there physically, etc.)

**Equitable economic development** to the parts of the region that don’t get resources should be at the forefront of this effort.

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**Matt Peterson | LACI**: Open to LACI serving as the convenor if an alternative stakeholder is needed.

This group should take lessons from the EDA BBB application process to structure the governance and decision-making that can be incorporated into this application process.

Suggests that LAEDC take a pass at a draft of priorities and governance structure. A Venn Diagram view could help display shared workflows in the planning process.

This group should disseminate resources for CBOs to participate for those that struggle dedicating their time.

Going to community will be key à Housing Authority Resident Advisory groups were a good connection. Connecting with community groups that might not be able to organize themselves or self-represent will also be important.

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**David Rattray | UNITE-LA**

Supportive of LAEDC as regional convenor and points to LA DEAL as a great example of how LAEDC can play a convenor for the region.

Supportive of CCF as fiscal agent (low cost and very deferential to governance and good stewards of resources), but also Community Partners (but will be a higher cost)

LA County K-16 proposal led by UNITE-LA would be a great compliment to this grant and this group could look for opportunities to link these funds effectively

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**Hypin Im | FACE LA**

**Collaborative Leadership:** The governance structure of the group should include multiple seats for those voices that are often missed and not represented.

Capacity building is key - people show up to things because they have capacity.

Literal translation to help build capacity of leaders to understand why this is important will ensure that this group won’t have to do multiple levels of translation.

Setting some principles in place of what we are trying to strive for would help coordinate stakeholders better.

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**Vanessa Arayamo | ABC:**

Supportive of LAEDC as the convenor and for the fiscal agent would be supportive of CCF, as well as Community Partners (higher fee).

\* Suggests looking into [Liberty Hill](https://www.libertyhill.org/how-we-work/grantmaking/fund-for-change/) as possible fiscal agent.

Also, wants ABC to engage and coordinate Latino-led and Latino-serving organizations across LA County

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**Andrea Nunn | LA Chamber:** Agrees that this collaboration should be a table of tables and that the LA Chamber would be open to co-convening with their stakeholders

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**Sarah Anderson**

This group must remember that disinvested communities often can’t take time away to come to these meetings because of have limited flexibility à how do we ensure that we can get these communities to the table?

The group should possibly look into getting expertise that has the education, training, and qualifications to speak on behalf of these communities. An expert can help create the infrastructure and architecture of how we’re going to overcome the barriers to get these communities to the table.

This application is an opportunity to do things differently and develop new processes to ensure that we don’t create a cycle of the same communities being affected by the next disaster.

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**Antonette Cordero**

It will be important to identify and prioritize capacity building, since many of the folks that are not on the call who should be or may not even know that this call is happening.

Planning needs to start by going to talk to the community to understand their needs before trying to address them.

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**Zahira | SLATE-LA**

Translation will be key: Not of language but of concepts. There is a disconnect that has caused categories and silos to occur between organizations. Coherent messaging and translation will help to clarify the connection because it is the future of work.

A narrative shift that needs to occur, so people know that this is **a table that they want to be at**, rather than a table that seems like it is for others.

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**Kevin Clark**

Student voice has not been at the table (ages 18-28). His group is currently working with LA County Arts collective to develop a student-generated broadcast to talk about student voice and agency.