First, thank you. We know that many of you, in fact the vast majority of you, are still working, and you’re working harder than ever, on the front lines of this crisis, helping those most vulnerable find shelter and basic services. You are my s/heroes.

As your Executive Director, I assure you we have redoubled our efforts to create service capacity and advocate for people in reentry in this historical moment of heightened need. With the thousands of people being released early from jail and prison, LARRP is aptly positioned to lead the effort to identify both service capacity and provider needs, especially among the smaller reentry providers that do not have the same access to resources as larger County contracted agencies. We need everyone. We can’t leave anyone out of the conversation. We will not retreat from this great challenge. LARRP will continue to be of service during this difficult time. Here are some of the ways LARRP is responding, and stay tuned for frequent updates:

- **COVID-19 Resource Page** – Check back often for important information, resources, and updates tailored for the reentry community. We will also post letters and official orders from government agencies as we receive them.
- **Reentry Housing Assessment** – We have activated L-RAMP (LARRP Reentry Asset Mapping Program) and are currently calling the 130 housing providers in L-RAMP to identify available beds and provider needs. This information is being shared with ODR and other County stakeholders to facilitate the immediate release of additional eligible vulnerable individuals from LA jails.
- If you are a housing provider and did not receive a call yet, please email us directly at info@lareentry.org so we can connect. LARRP is asking the County to pay a comparable daily rate for all beds that are not under ongoing contracts.
- **Flexible State Funding** – LARRP is in ongoing discussions with members of Governor Newsom’s team and CSJ, advocating that he consider flexible funding options to close the gap on additionally needed dollars to support those coming out of the criminal justice system with housing and other services that may be needed. To that end, CSJ is asking all providers to fill out this survey to ascertain the top needs.
- **Virtual Town Hall on COVID-19 Resources** – In April LARRP in partnership with CSJ will be organizing a virtual town hall with County and community stakeholders across the state for the network to learn about the many resources and services available to non-profits and all those serving vulnerable populations. Stay tuned for the date and details.

It is our responsibility and privilege to remind ourselves that we are greater when we are united and when we are singularly focused on protecting those most vulnerable in our communities. To that end, we are taking the appropriate sets to provide ongoing services to our network and community during this time.

We are here for you and we know you are there for us. We are all in this together.

**Rev. Troy Vaughn**  
**LARRP Executive Director**
Employment Committee Meeting via Zoom

Friday April 3, 2020
9:30 - 11:00 AM

This month’s Employment Committee Meeting will be a check-in for employment providers to discuss and share current strategies and protocols.

LARRP April Spotlight

March 3, 2020 Primary Election Results

The March 3rd Primary Election in LA County was an important and powerful moment for criminal justice reform. There were two big races that directly impact the LA justice population and the broader justice reform movement, Measure R and the election of a District Attorney, both efforts that LARRP was and will continue to work on. Overall turnout for the March 3rd election was only 38.5%, compared to 46% for the 2016 presidential primary or 55% for the 2008 primary. With over 5.5 million registered voters in LA County, 2,122,469 people cast a vote in the recent election.

Measure R, which gave the Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission expanded legal powers and requires the County to develop a plan to reduce the jail population and reinvest the savings into treatment, passed with 73% of the vote, a resounding mandate for the reform of LA County’s jail system. As of the final vote tally from the LA County Registrar of Voters, Measure R secured 1,334,277 YES votes and only 497,286 NO votes.

Significantly, Measure R also marked the first time in LA’s history that the people have taken criminal justice reform to the ballot box, and it was only the second citizen’s initiative in LA County history. LARRP was proud to be a Measure R Coalition partner and will support implementation efforts as they move forward.

There was also a hotly contested race for District Attorney of LA County, the largest prosecutor’s office results mean there will be run-off between Jackie Lacey and George Gascón on Tuesday November 3, 2020. The final vote tally showed Jackie Lacey captured nearly 49% of the vote with 869,127 votes, George Gascón reached just over 28% of the vote with 504,088 votes, and Rachel Rossi garnered 23% with 413,231 votes.

People with lived experience in the criminal legal system have long known first-hand about DA’s punitive and racist practices. That lived wisdom is now backed up by more recent data analysis and research showing prosecutor’s discretionary decision-making has been one of the key drivers of mass incarceration and racial injustice. In addition, lobbying by DAs and their associations has been the main driver of statewide legislation increasing incarceration, and prosecutor opposition is often the death knell of even modest statewide criminal justice reforms.
in the country, and the first contested DA race since 2012. Despite early returns placing incumbent DA Jackie Lacey above 50% with the potential of winning the election outright, the final

This graphic demonstrates some of the many powers resting with the District Attorney, including whether to file criminal charges, bail setting, sentencing recommendations, plea bargaining, and pursuing charges against law enforcement. LARRP is a member of the Los Angeles Coalition for DA Justice and Accountability to educate Los Angeles County voters about the powers DAs have and why they should vote for whoever reflects their values.

**Call to Action**

LARRP partner, Californians for Safety & Justice (CSJ), is looking for providers and/or individuals working on the front lines in communities to gather input on the impact of COVID-19 on the reentry community.

*Please take five minutes to complete this survey*

(Please note: This survey IS STILL OPEN!)

Now more than ever we need to complete the 2020 Census to help get much needed resources to our community!

The Census letters have been sent out and everyone should have the access to begin to complete the online questionnaire. The pandemic has interrupted much of our day to day business but this is a priority that has been made extremely simple to complete.

If you have any questions, please contact LARRP Managing Director, Joe Paul

**PARTNER EVENTS**

**Root and Rebound's second weekly virtual video community forum!**

*Wednesday, April 1*

12:00pm - 1:00pm PST,

This Week’s Theme: A discussion of Root & Rebound's current policy advocacy initiatives during the COVID-19 pandemic in California and South Carolina—and what is needed at this time.

**What Faith Communities Can Do?**

COVID-19 & Faith for Liberation Campaign
Presented by: Justice Not Jails and the Interfaith Movement for Human Integrity

*Thursday April 2, 2020*

6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Instructions on how to join us via ZOOM
Click on this link
You can also call in by dialing: 301 715 8592
Meeting ID: 529 548 17
RSVP: Rev. Larry Foy
lfoy@im4humanintegrity.org

Agenda for 1st Thursday Meeting
1. Asdrubal will share with us his insights on the health conditions in detention and in jails. Learn how you can advocate to liberate vulnerable populations in prison and immigration detention centers in light of COVID-19
2. Update on the election results in L.A. County and it implications in the community.

**Understanding the New SAMHSA/OCR Guidance for Telehealth SUD and MH Services**

*Monday, April 6th*

8:00 AM PST

The CoE-PHI is hosting a national webinar on Monday, April 6th at 11:00 AM EST to review new OCR and SAMHSA COVID-19 Guidance about federal patient privacy regulations while providing SUD and MH telehealth services.

Webinar Objectives:
- Describe how the privacy laws apply to telehealth
- Describe OCR and SAMHSA Guidance related to privacy issued in response to the need to rapidly expand telehealth services due to the COVID-19 pandemic
- Facilitate provider sharing to explore practical ideas and innovative approaches to protect patient privacy while providing SUD/Mental Health telehealth services

**Register**

**Online Interfaith Vigil for Liberation**

April 10 at 10:30 am.

For questions, please email larry@im4humanintegrity.org.
In the midst of a season of holy days: Jewish Passover, Christian Holy Week, Muslim Ramadan, Buddhist Hanamatsuri, we are calling for an end to for-profit prisons and detention centers and the liberation of those most vulnerable and held captive.

We will be combining this vigil with our regularly scheduled SF ICE Vigil, starting one hour earlier than usual. Though we cannot physically come together in front of Adelanto Detention Facility, we will connect in the digital sphere.

Join us on Zoom or watch the live recording on our Facebook page.

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**Funding Opportunities**

**Emergency Funds & Other Sector Resources**

Community Partners recommends that if you haven’t yet heard from your funder, do get in touch with your program officer. Many foundations are relaxing reporting requirements, allowing grant dollars to be used for general operations, and finding other creative ways to work with their grantees. As of now, 440 funding organizations have signed onto this pledge with more detail into how they plan to serve their grantees during these times, including loosening restrictions. Beyond that, here is a list of new funds you might be eligible for, along with a couple of surveys to help assess the impact on our sector.

Resources from [Community Partners](https://communitypartners.org)

**Sempra Energy Foundation COVID-19 Nonprofit Hardship Fund**

We recognize that just as small businesses are struggling, so too are small and medium-sized nonprofit organizations. Community needs are increasing, costs are rising and key fundraising activities are being moved or canceled altogether. This combination of factors can create pressures on an organization’s viability and sustainability over the longer-term – and just when services are most needed.

Through our COVID-19 Nonprofit Hardship Fund, we will provide grants ranging from $500 to $50,000 to small to medium-sized non-profit organizations serving people and families significantly affected by COVID-19.

[More Info](https://communitypartners.org/coronavirus)

**NIMHD Exploratory/Developmental Research Grant Program**

(NR21 - Clinical Trial Optional)

NIMHD invites applications to support short-term exploratory or developmental research projects that have the potential to break new ground in the fields of minority health and/or health disparities or extend previous discoveries toward new directions or applications that

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**Correctional Adult Reentry Education, Employment, and Recidivism Reduction Strategies (CAREERRS) Program**

FY 2020 Competitive Grant Solicitation

CFDA # 16.812

Grants.gov Solicitation Number: BJA-2020-17104

Application Deadline: April 27, 2020

The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) is seeking applications for funding under the Second Chance Act to develop a strategic plan for integrating correctional and employment programming and systems in order to help facilitate the successful reintegration of offenders returning to communities after a prison or jail sentence. This program furthers the Department's mission to enhance public safety and to reduce crime and recidivism.

[Download the RFP](https://www.grants.gov)

**CCHCS had released an addendum to the Request for Proposal (RFP) # SD19-00092**

**Lived Experience Project - Local Level.**

To view the Solicitation, please follow the steps below:

1. Go to [Cal eProcure website](https://sct.ca.gov/egov/call/eProcure/)
2. Click on “Get Public Procurement Information”
3. Click on “See Current Bids”
4. Enter Event ID: 0000015899
5. Click on your Solicitation that will pop up under “Events”
6. Click on the yellow button “View Event Package”
7. Then click on gray button “View” to open attachments.

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**Updated Information For The Proposition 64**

**Public Health And Safety Grant Request For Proposals (Rfp)**

**Submit Date Delayed Pending Further Action**

SACRAMENTO – (March 25, 2020)Due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) and its widespread impacts across the state, the due date for responses to the Proposition 64 Public Health & Safety Grant Program has been postponed. At its April 9th meeting, the Board will establish new due dates and timelines for the grant. It will be proposed that the RFP due date will be extended to Friday, June 5, 2020. In the interim, do not submit a proposal. Please continue to [check our webpage](https://www.sacramento.ca.gov) for additional information as it...
can directly contribute to improving minority health and/or reducing health disparities in the U.S.

Open Date (Earliest Submission Date): May 16, 2020.

Learn more

NEWS

Featured News Story

A Plea To Governor Newsom: Don’t Abandon Elderly Incarcerated People To Die From Covid-19

Today, California is incarcerating thousands of elderly and infirm people in their 50s, 60s, 70s, and even 80s. These are the people who are still living out the consequences of California’s failed “tough on crime” era of the 1980s and ‘90s and have not seen much relief under the sentencing reforms that former Governor Jerry Brown came to embrace in his second term.

As a person who just four months ago was serving a life sentence under California’s Three Strikes law, my thoughts, anxieties, and fears are primarily with the people I left behind. I was, to use Governor Gavin Newsom’s recent language, a person he would consider a “violent criminal.”

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California to release 3,500 inmates early as coronavirus spreads inside prisons
LA Times March 31, 2020
By Paige St. John

Lawyers for Gov. Gavin Newsom on Tuesday told a panel of federal judges the state is taking "extraordinary and unprecedented protective measures" to slow the spread of the virus and protect those who live and work within California’s 35 prisons. The accelerated prison discharges — affecting inmates due to be released over the next 60 days — come in the face of pressure to do much more.

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Longer average stays are keeping the population

California’s State Juvenile Justice Agency Freezes New Detention Commitments
March 25, 2020, by Jeremy Loudenback, Senior
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CalMatters, by Kelly Lytle
March 29, 2020

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