Office of Racial Equity and Social Justice

## African American Holistic Wellness and Resource Hub Steering Committee

February 10, 2025





## \$1M for African American Wellness Services

**October 31, 2024** | Request for Proposals (RFP) for African American wellness services closes. Total of 53 applications received in the following five priority service categories:

- Behavioral health supports 9
- Food and/or housing insecurity services 8
- Maternal and infant health services 5
- Community healing supports 8
- Youth development support services 23

## ORESJ convened 7 review panels with 20 participatory review panel members

- Black community members who live and/or work in Contra Costa County
- Education, social services, mental health, maternal/infant health, violence prevention, training, and consulting.
- Six (6) are County staff, six (6) work for local school districts, three (3) are formerly incarcerated, at least one (1) is formerly in foster care, and an even 50% split between men and women.

**November 1 – 12, 2024** | Participatory review panel members independently reviewed and submitted their respective scores for each proposal.

**November 13 - November 15, 2024** | Seven participatory review panels met, respectively, and deliberated collectively on their assessments of the proposals, and ranked applicants.

**November 16 – November 25, 2024** | Youth Development review process extended to allow for a second review of the top-ranked applications to ensure a fair and robust review process that honors the large and competitive field of applicants.

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## Timeline

December 16, 2024 | Equity Committee receives recommendations

January 2025 | Board of Supervisors approves grant recommendation

**February 2025** | Finalizing contract with East Bay Community Foundation, BOS-approved community foundation

**February - August 2025** | Establish and orient cohort of African American service providers; service providers meet with East Bay Community Foundation to finalize scope of work; submit mid-cycle progress and impact report

March 2026 | Providers submit final progress and impact report

**April 2026** | ORESJ & EBCF present collective wellness outcomes / final impact report to the Board of Supervisors



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