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ICJIA Invests Nearly $51 Million in Fourth Round Restore, Reinvest, and Renew (R3) Grants to Empower Historically Underserved Communities

Grants represent largest funding commitment to date, scaling support for critical community-led programs

CHICAGO—The Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority (ICJIA) today announced 147 grants to organizations totaling $50.8 million in the latest round of Restore, Reinvest, and Renew (R3) Program funding. These grants continue the state's commitment to uplifting communities that have experienced systemic racism and historic disinvestment.

"Illinois is proud to make historic investments in neighborhoods that have too often been left out and left behind," **said Governor JB Pritzker.** "This new round of R3 funding — the largest investment of its kind to date — marks another meaningful step toward justice, empowerment, and opportunity for the Illinois communities most impacted by systemic racism and the war on drugs."

The R3 Program is funded by 25% of state tax revenues from adult-use cannabis sales, as established by the Cannabis Regulation and Trust Act. R3 grants are specifically designed to empower communities most affected by the long-term consequences of systemic racism and the war on drugs. Grants were awarded to organizations that serve residents of designated **eligible R3 zones**.

"R3 was created to turn a promise into action, and as Chair of the R3 Board, I am proud to see that promise continue to reach communities across Illinois," said **Lieutenant Governor Juliana Stratton.** "These investments recognize the talent, resilience, and leadership that already exist in neighborhoods that have too often been overlooked. By supporting local organizations that are advancing safety, opportunity, healing, and economic growth, we are helping build a future

where every community has the chance not just to recover, but to prosper."

Of the $50.8 million awarded for Cohort 4, about $35 million was awarded to organizations that support community reentry from the justice system, economic development, and civil legal aid, and about $15 million was awarded to organizations dedicated to youth development and violence prevention.

"The R3 program is the backbone of our commitment to equity and restoration," said **ICJIA Executive Director Delrice Adams**. "Black and Brown communities have been profoundly impacted by systemic disinvestment, the cycles of violence, chronic unemployment, and the overuse of incarceration. These funds are not just an investment. They are a vital catalyst for the healing, stability, and future prosperity that these families and residents deserve."

Organizations submitted 780 applications. Application reviewers included 194 members of R3 grant-eligible communities, university students, subject matter experts, and individuals with work or lived experience in at least one of the five R3 program priorities (economic development, violence prevention, reentry, youth development, and civil legal aid).

Grassroots organizations with operating budgets of less than $2 million were prioritized to ensure equity. Organization capacity building plays a significant role in ICJIA's grant administration process. Hyperlocal organizations often face challenges in managing grant administration, financial compliance, data tracking, and strategic leadership, diverting critical resources and time away from direct intervention work. ICJIA's Institute to Innovate (i2i) program offers tailored grant readiness and administration, organizational development, and performance and data management training designed to set R3 grantees up for success.

Since the R3 Program's inception in 2021, ICJIA has awarded more than $290 million to organizations in communities across Illinois.

R3 Awardees for State Fiscal Years 2027 and 2028 include:

Grantee Organization	Designated Amount
101 Ways NFP	$513,453
3D LEGACY ALLIANCE NFP	$162,007
Abundant Faith Ministry	$108,108
ACTION FOR A CAUSE, INC	$235,792

Alternatives, Inc.	$216,009
Angel's Youth Center	$61,219
ASPIRE REBUILD TRANSFORM NFP	$176,844
B7ue Lotus Media	$162,162
Bella Ease	$118,308
Bethel Family Resource Center	$530,697
Beyond Athletics Chicago	$353,687
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Illinois	$108,108
Black Educational Advocacy Coalition	$285,000
Black Lives Matter Will County	$316,177
Black's Academy of Excellence NFP	$300,000
Boone County	$266,596
Box United	$300,826
Building New Communities	$527,629
CASA of Franklin & Hamilton Counties	$133,647
Center for Changing Lives	$248,834
Centro San Bonifacio	$106,643
Challenge II Change	$754,708
Chicago Arts Partnerships in Education	$176,844
Chicago Community Justice Foundation	$1,000,000
Children's Home & Aid Society of Illinois dba Brightpoint	$118,308
Children's Safe Harbor, Inc.	$114,255
Chinese Mutual Aid Association	$106,643
City of Carbondale	$37,840
City of Springfield	$230,078
Claretian Associates, Inc.	$825,123
COACHS Corner	$341,090
Communities United	$100,238
Community & Economic Development Association of Cook County, Inc.	$235,792
Decatur Community Partnership	$108,108
Destined Joy's Kreations Inc	$150,000
Divine Empowerment Network, NFP	$999,908
Dream Big Youth Foundation	$262,500
East St Louis SD 189	$123,408
EDDR Foundation	$266,596
Elgin Community College	$261,920
Elite Youth Services Inc	$722,698

Emmanuel Temple Family Life Center	$108,108
etiKID Academy	$142,845
Eye Realty Housing Solutions	$194,416
F.O.C.U.O.S.	$210,785
Five Hands Foundation, Inc	$357,945
Fox Valley United Way	$210,785
George Washington Carver Association	$236,617
George Werden Buck Boys & Girls Club	$108,906
GIA Community Development Corporation	$92,556
Girls Inc. of Chicago	$397,253
Give Something Back	$210,785
Good Samaritan Ministries of the Metro East	$123,408
Greater Future, NFP	$813,698
Greater West Community Development Project	$504,022
Healing The World Foundation Inc	$350,000
HEALTHCARE ALTERNATIVE SYSTEMS, INC	$550,181
Heart of Hope Ministries	$97,208
Heart of Illinois Big Brothers Big Sisters	$118,308
Her Voice Media Inc	$41,661
Holy Family Ministries	$197,401
Home For Good Inc.	$641,513
Hope Haven of Southern Illinois	$61,552
House of Mercy and Grace Organization	$750,000
House of Mercy and Grace Organization	$504,022
Howard Area Community Center	$248,834
Illinois Coalition to End Permanent Punishments	$379,000
Illinois Coalition to End Permanent Punishments	$376,725
Illinois Coalition to End Permanent Punishments	$170,650
Illinois Coalition to End Permanent Punishments	$204,250
Imagine Englewood If	$395,193
Infinity Recreation	$350,000
Intricate Minds	$80,142
J & P Consulting Group LLC	$368,605
JF Fresh Start	$209,059
Journey of Hope Home	$184,500
LAW AND THE FAM LLC	$285,689
L-E-D-G-E OF HOPE FOUNDATION	$350,000
Legacy Reentry Foundation	$491,831
Lessie Bates Davis Neighborhood House Inc.	$61,552

Life After Justice	$637,610
Life Impacters Foundation	$497,667
Lights of Zion Ministries	$593,387
Local Legend Crew NFP	$1,000,000
MAC Institute of Beauty LLC	$266,533
Maes Heart Community Services NFP	$350,000
MED DASH PHARMACY NFP	$162,162
Midwest Hawks NFP	$350,000
NDICA	$999,358
NDICA	$924,231
New Covenant CDC	$504,022
New Day Employment Network	$359,520
Next Round Life Champs NFP INC	$61,552
Nia Incorporated NFP	$107,800
Olive-Harvey College	$970,856
One Level NFP	$250,000
ONE Northside	$106,643
PRIME FOR CHANGE, NFP	$489,994
Proactive Community Services	$462,895
Produce Progress	$202,249
Project Hood Communities Development Corporation	$464,941
Reach Community Development Corporation	$477,259
Reestablishing Hope Inc.	$321,485
REIMAGINING ROSELAND COMMUNITY COLLECTIVE	$477,259
Revolution Workshop	$504,022
River City Community Development Center	$216,609
Rockford Area Arts Council	$114,255
Roseland Ceasefire Project Inc.	$235,772
Safe Places Coaching & Development LLC	$350,000
SAL Family and Community Services	$41,661
Serving People with a Mission	$243,750
She Virtuous Foundation	$350,000
smokehouse academy	$347,848
SOLVERA HEALTHCARE CENTER, INC.	$552,062
South Side Heroin Opioid Task Force	$1,000,000
Southern Illinois University Carbondale	$133,360
Southside Restoration	$521,420

SPARK 618	$143,622
Spring of Living Waters Ministries	$350,000
Springfield Public School District 186	$252,252
Strengthening Our Community Alliance	$477,259
Teamwork Englewood	$678,860
The Aura Foundation	$265,000
The Corporate Breakup, LLC.	$319,932
The Etiquette Series	$662,081
The FIRM Family Foundation	$624,504
The Higher Law Firm LLC	$248,458
The House Of Mary	$504,426
The Safe Haven Project	$748,670
The West Side Justice Center, Inc.	$504,022
This Grow Round	$92,556
Trilogy, Inc.	$883,703
Two Five Three Two Corp NFP	$216,009
United Builders	$504,022
Uptown People's Law Center	$225,000
Urban Roots Alliance, NFP	$987,682
Vision for Chicago	$125,000
Walls Turned Sideways	$266,305
What's The Formula Mentoring Academy	$287,423
Why We Care NFP	$644,500
Wiz Kids Foundation	$432,019
Wocc, NFP	$213,163
Wocc, NFP	$324,014
Women in Need Recovery	$285,689
YBMC dba YouthBuild McLean County	$50,000
YWCA McLean County	$257,403
YWCA of the Quad Cities	$188,750