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Delivering on Key Equity Goal, Pritzker Administration Awards \$31.5 Million in First Ever Restore, Reinvest, and Renew Program Grants to Organizations Across the State

Historic R3 program awards grants to organizations in communities hit hardest by gun violence, unemployment, and criminal justice system overuse

CHICAGO— Using revenue from adult-use cannabis sales, the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority (ICJIA) today announced 80 grants totaling \$31.5 million to organizations to help the communities hardest hit by the failed war on drugs. The organizations' work includes violence prevention, legal aid, and re-entry services.

The grants are part of the Restore, Reinvest, and Renew (R3) Program, which was created as a key equity element of the Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act (CRTA), signed by Governor Pritzker in 2019. The law requires that 25 percent of all cannabis revenue be used to support communities impacted by economic disinvestment, violence, and the severe and disproportionate damage caused by the war on drugs, largely and disproportionately impacted low income Illinoisans and communities of color.

Awardees include nonprofit organizations, local units of government, tax-exempt faith-based organizations, businesses, and other community organizations that serve residents of—or are based in—designated [eligible R3 zones](#).

“Following a successful first year of cannabis sales, the Restore, Reinvest, and Renew grant program is delivering tens of millions of dollars to our communities most impacted by the war on drugs. I’m so proud to see this key equity goal in cannabis legalization move forward and I applaud the leaders in the General Assembly, ICJIA, and stakeholders across the state who made this moment possible,” **said Governor JB Pritzker**. “By awarding this first round of R3 grants, we are taking another important step toward undoing the harms of the past, and Lt. Governor Stratton and I will continue to ensure equity is a top priority as the cannabis program moves forward.”

“The R3 program will tackle chronic problems that have gone unaddressed for far too long in our underserved neighborhoods,” **said Lieutenant Governor Juliana Stratton**. “The collaboration between the Justice, Equity, and Opportunity Initiative and ICJIA is innovative and reinvents the grant process with community inclusion and promotes a standard for equity and success that other states will hopefully take note of and emulate.”

The funds will be administered in the 2021 calendar year and include \$28.3 million to support service delivery and \$3.1 million for assessment and planning initiatives.

ICJIA received 398 completed applications, which were reviewed by criminal justice practitioners, community stakeholders, and formerly justice-involved individuals. All reviewers received implicit bias training along with training on application review. In addition, the Justice, Equity and Opportunity Initiative played a pivotal role in ensuring equity and restorative justice frameworks were centered in every decision throughout the review process. Funded programs will offer evidence-based, promising, or innovative practices within the R3 Program Priority Areas of civil legal aid, economic development, community re-entry from the criminal justice system, violence prevention, and youth development.

“We are incredibly proud of the groundbreaking work we’ve participated in to transform how grantmaking can be used to address local needs and build capacity within our communities,” **said ICJIA Deputy Director Charise Williams.** “Our research and grants units have worked tirelessly to ensure the organizations on the frontlines of renewing our communities receive the support they need.”

Areas eligible for funding were identified using community-level data on gun injury, child poverty, unemployment, and state prison commitments and returns, combined with disproportionately impacted areas previously identified by the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. See the full list of grantees below.

ICJIA is dedicated to improving the administration of criminal justice through work in the areas of grants administration, research and analysis, policy and planning, and information systems and technology. Visit www.icjia.state.il.us.

ICJIA R3 Grant Awards

Agency	Award Amount	Program Area(s)	Region
1863 FWD LLC	\$444,245	Violence Prevention, Re-Entry	Cook- Chicago Southern
Academic Development Institute	\$830,000	Economic Development, Violence Prevention, Youth Development	South Central
Alternatives Inc.	\$513,997	Youth Development	Cook- Chicago Southern
Black Oak Center	\$38,285	Economic Development	Collar
Center for Community Academic Success Partnerships	\$365,000	Violence Prevention, Youth Development	Cook- Suburban
Center for New Horizons	\$1,952,403	Economic Development, Violence Prevention Services, Re-entry	Cook- Chicago Southern
Centralia	\$86,442	Youth Development, Economic Development, Violence Prevention	South Central
Chicago Torture Justice Center	\$231,169	Re-entry	Cook- Chicago Southern
Chicago Urban League	\$182,148	Economic Development	Cook- Chicago Southern
Chicago Urban League & Safer Foundation	\$1,911,570	Economic Development, Violence Prevention, Re-entry	Cook- Chicago Southern
Chicago Youth Boxing Club	\$40,000	Violence Prevention, Youth Development	Cook- Chicago Western
Children's Place Association	\$553,237	Violence Prevention, Youth Development, Economic Development	Cook- Chicago Western
City of Harrisburg	\$25,548	Economic Development	Southern
City of Kankakee ECDA	\$28,723	Economic Development, Youth Development, Violence Prevention, Re-entry	Collar
City of Madison Police Dept	\$92,291	Youth Development, Economic Development, Violence Prevention	South Central
City of Rockford	\$520,790	Violence Prevention, Youth Development	Northern
City of Springfield	\$80,000	Economic Development	Central
Communities United	\$208,316	Civil Legal Aid	Cook- Chicago Northern
Comprehensive Community Solutions	\$199,813	Youth Development, Violence Prevention Services, Economic Development	Northern
Cook County Justice Advisory Council	\$600,000	Civil Legal Aid, Violence Prevention, Youth Development, Economic Development, Re-Entry	Cook- Suburban
Cornerstone CDC	\$250,000	Economic development, Re-entry, Violence Prevention.	Cook- Suburban
DuSable Museum	\$264,600	Economic Development, Re-entry	Cook- Chicago Southern
East Springfield	\$728,093	Violence Prevention, Re-entry	Central
East Springfield Community Center Commission	\$80,899	Youth Development	Central
Emerald South	\$2,500,000	Youth Development, Economic Development, and Violence Prevention	Cook- Chicago Southern
Family Counseling Center	\$253,906	Violence Prevention, Youth Development	Southern
Family Resources	\$20,438	Violence Prevention, Youth Development	Northwest
First Defense Legal Aid	\$82,682	Violence Prevention, Youth Development, Civil Legal Aid	Cook- Chicago Northern
GameTime	\$378,188	Violence Prevention, Youth Development, Civil Legal Aid, Economic Development	Collar
Garfield Park Community Council	\$177,968	Violence Prevention	Cook- Chicago Western
Girl Scouts of Northern IL	\$249,345	Youth Development, Violence Prevention	Northern
Girls In The Game	\$205,827	Violence Prevention	Cook- Chicago Western
Hope Center Foundation	\$346,519	Youth Development	Cook- Chicago Southern
Illinois Collaboration for Youth	\$79,758	Violence Prevention, Youth Development	Northern
Illinois Legal Aid Springfield	\$32,874	Civil Legal Aid	Central
J. Blunt LLC	\$94,707	Youth Development, Violence Prevention	Cook- Chicago Western
Kankakee School District	\$732,032	Violence Prevention, Youth Development, Civil Legal Aid, Economic Development	Collar
Key City Community Development Corporation	\$86,694	Economic Development	Collar
KFACT	\$186,245	Youth Development	Northern
Knotty Luxe	\$586,301	Civil Legal Aid, Re-entry, Youth Development, Economic Development	Cook- Suburban
Land of Lincoln Legal Aid	\$57,486	Civil Legal Aid	Northeast Central
Land of Lincoln Legal Aid	\$114,918	Civil Legal Aid	Central
Land of Lincoln Legal Aid	\$57,640	Civil Legal Aid	Southern
Law And The Fam LLC	\$838,890	Civil Legal Aid, Re-entry, Violence Prevention, Youth Development, Economic Development	Cook- Chicago Western
Lawndale Christian Development	\$134,292	Economic Development, Re-entry	Cook- Chicago Western
Local Initiatives Support	\$501,267	Economic Development	Cook- Chicago Northern
Lutheran Social Services	\$228,702	Re-Entry	Southern
Macon County CASA	\$60,212	Violence Prevention, Youth Development	Central
Martin Luther King Community Center	\$245,577	Youth Development, Economic Development	Northwest
Maywood Social Enterprise - Loyola University of Chicago	\$157,595	Youth Development, Economic Development	Cook- Suburban
Metropolitan Family Services	\$1,169,729	Economic Development, Violence Prevention	Cook- Suburban
Monroe Foundation	\$220,189	Violence Prevention, Youth Development	Cook- Suburban
NAACP Westside Chicago Branch	\$1,816,615	Violence Prevention, Youth Development, Economic Development, Re-entry	Cook- Chicago Western
National Diversity & Inclusion Cannabis Alliance	\$369,625	Youth Development, Economic Development	Cook- Suburban
Northern Illinois Recovery Community Organization Waukegan	\$225,000	Re-entry	Collar
Peoria Public Schools	\$858,669	Violence prevention, Youth Development, Civil Legal Aid, Economic Development	Northwest Central
Perfectly Flawed Foundation	\$91,069	Youth Development and Violence Prevention	Northwest
Phalanx Community Services	\$451,398	Violence Prevention, Youth Development, Re-entry	Cook- Chicago Southern
Prairie State Legal Services	\$531,675	Civil Legal Aid	Collar
Prairie State Legal Services	\$216,576	Civil Legal Aid	Northwest Central
Prairie State Legal Services	\$154,508	Civil Legal Aid	Northwest
Prairie State Northern Illinois	\$193,085	Civil Legal Aid	Northern
Project Oz	\$201,344	Violence Prevention, Youth Development	Northwest Central
Public Interest Initiative	\$29,805	Civil Legal Aid	Southern
Safer Foundation	\$809,000	Violence Prevention, Re-entry, Civil Legal Aid, Economic Development	Cook- Chicago Northern
Sherrod's Independent Mentoring Program	\$100,387	Violence Prevention, Youth Development and Re-entry	Central
Springfield Urban League	\$419,702	Youth Development and Economic Development	Central
St. Leonard's Ministries	\$111,877	Economic Development, Re-entry	Cook- Chicago Southern
St. Leonard's Ministries	\$227,143	Economic Development, Re-entry	Cook- Chicago Western
The Link and Option Center	\$80,000	Youth Development, Civil Legal Aid, Re-entry	Cook- Suburban
The Trep School	\$255,401	Economic Development	Northeast Central
Torito Arts	\$79,723	Violence Prevention, Youth Development, Re-entry, Economic Development	Northern
United Way Greater St. Louis	\$829,240	Economic Development, Violence Prevention, Youth Development	South Central
United Way of Adams County	\$25,000	Youth Development	Northwest Central
University of Illinois	\$312,883	Youth Development and Violence Prevention	Northeast Central
Urban League	\$991,365	Youth Development, Economic Development	Cook- Suburban
Urban League Tri County	\$440,747	Youth Development, Economic Development	Northwest Central
Will County	\$151,697	Violence Prevention,	Collar
Will County	\$881,700	Violence Prevention, Youth Development, Civil Legal Aid, Economic Development	Collar
YMCA of Rock River Valley	\$86,357	Youth Development	Northern