STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY POWER TO TRANSFORM NEIGHBORHOODS

The Equity in Community Investments program equips Black, Indigenous, and people of color with the tools necessary to win sustainable investments.

- IN-DEPTH BUDGET ANALYSIS
- FUNDING TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY
- BUDGET TRAININGS & CAPACITY BUILDING

Fighting racial disparities almost always requires the commitment of public dollars, but every advocate for equity has been told “there’s just no money for that.” Our work helps communities get funding where it’s most needed and will make the biggest difference.

Imagine a California where low-income and Black, Indigenous, people of color (BIPOC) communities win equitable investments to transform their neighborhoods, creating communities full of parks, accessible public transportation, fully funded schools and youth development, health, housing, and other services that support people in need rather than incarcerating them.

We perform in-depth budget analysis to identify and assess new opportunities to invest in community needs, and help translate community demands into actionable proposals. We support advocates, residents, and youth by breaking down budget and policy processes that are inaccessible to BIPOC communities, to ensure their involvement in the policy-making process and decisions that impact their communities.

CURRENT KEY ISSUES

JUSTICE REINVESTMENT
Providing budget analysis and campaign support to help justice reinvestment advocates move dollars towards equity.

HEALTHY BUILT ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE JUSTICE
Bringing change in the well-being of communities suffering disproportionately adverse health outcomes.

WEBUDGET
An easy-to-use tool to see how LAUSD is investing dollars to improve student outcomes.

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
Improving youth outcomes by supporting them with education, job training, mentorship, and arts.

FUNDING RACIAL JUSTICE: BUDGET ADVOCACY TRAINING FOR COMMUNITY POWER
Bringing together advocates invested in their city and county budget process.

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Desired Outcomes

- Powerful, knowledgeable, and engaged communities who are armed with the tools they need to advance a racial equity policy and budget agenda.

- An inclusive and transparent government that makes the public decision-making process accessible to the most-impacted communities.

- Equity-based policy and funding decisions that repair racial disparities and allow Californians of color to thrive.