

The Exchange

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Resources for local small businesses, nonprofits, and community groups.



NEW THIS MONTH

Good Food For All Agenda

FOOD AND NUTRITION SECURITY

Convening

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH
10AM - 2PM, LA TRADE TECH COLLEGE

Los Angeles Food Policy Council

The poster features a central image of fresh produce including bananas, cucumbers, and oranges in a wooden crate. The background is a light green gradient with decorative leaf motifs. The text is in a mix of bold, sans-serif and elegant, cursive fonts.

Upcoming Events

NOV 10

Marketing to Government & Corporate Clients. SmallBiz LA Webinar. [Register](#)

NOV 11

Learn CFO Skills: Financial Modelling Part 1. SmallBiz LA Webinar. [Register](#)

NOV 12

Self Employment & Estimated Tax Payments. SmallBiz LA Webinar. [Register](#)

NOV 13

Food and Nutrition Security Convening. LA Food Policy Council Event. [Register](#)

A Simple Recipe for Social Media Success. LA Chamber Free Webinar. [Register](#)

NOV 14

CA Dep. of Insurance Community Partner Initiative. CDI Webinar. [Register](#)

NOV 19

Together We Thrive Summit. JCOD Policy Event. [Register](#)

Join LA County's Office of Small Business team every 3rd Thursday of the month for training, updates on programs, resources, etc. [Register](#)

Vulnerable Communities Platform

Understand what worsening extreme heat, flooding, sea level rise, drought and wildfire will look like in your community.



CA Governor's Office of
**Land Use and
Climate Innovation**

About the Vulnerable Communities Platform

The **Vulnerable Communities Platform (VCP)**, is a new tool in development by the **Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation (LCI)** to help identify California communities most impacted by climate change. The platform will provide a broad overview of a community's vulnerability, helping to pinpoint key challenges that can be addressed with actions to improve resilience. The platform is now publicly available.

The VCP will help community organizations, local governments, and concerned residents understand where different climate hazards will be most severe, which communities are most vulnerable, and what makes them vulnerable.

The devastation caused by the 2025 Los Angeles wildfires, the 2022 Central Valley floods, chronic statewide drought, and many other billion-dollar disasters throughout the past few years have made it clear that every community needs to prepare for unprecedented circumstances.

The VCP tool shows you what may be coming your way to help you and your community prepare.



Sign for our listserv to be notified of upcoming training events and new resources.

What can the VCP do?

Vulnerability Map

- Shows areas of low, medium, and high vulnerability to extreme heat, sea level rise, flooding, wildfire, and drought.
- Includes individual maps for each social, environmental, and economic factor in the vulnerability index.
- Generates reports that summarize climate vulnerability for any city, town, zip code, or census tract.


Tool Comparison

- Overlay and compare related tools, such as the Healthy Places Index, CalEnviroScreen and archives of federal tools that have been taken offline.
- Guidance on what these other tools can do and how to use them.

Resilience Resources

- Offers a curated list of climate vulnerability resources, including grants, major policy requirements, state and local planning guidelines, and ways to connect to other community-based organizations and regional collaboratives working on climate resilience.

Contact

 climateservices@lci.ca.gov


 Visit our website at vcp.lci.ca.gov

USDA Agricultural Marketing Service
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Many Hats

A Food Hub Operator's Toolkit

To guide the operator as their food hub grows and evolves over time



This USDA Agricultural Marketing Service guide helps food hub operators understand their roles throughout a hub's lifespan and offers peer insights, industry context, and links to key resources on operations, value chains, partnerships, and organizational development. [Read here.](#)

Los Angeles County
ARTS & CULTURE

Host a High School Arts Intern!



The LA County Bloomberg Arts Internship Program host application is **NOW OPEN**

Deadline to Apply: November 19, 2025 | 11:59 PM (PST)

[GET DETAILS](#)

Leah's PANTRY
The Leading Voice in Trauma-Informed Nutrition Security

[SIGN UP](#)

Free Access to CalFresh Healthy Living Trainings

Leah's Pantry is excited to let you know that all of the CalFresh Healthy Living nutrition and food security training is now free of charge to all. Trainings include Food Smarts, Around the Table, Food Smarts Waste Reduction, Food Smarts for College Students and Emerging Adults, Around the Table for Dads, Wisser Dining, and more.

These trainings are offered in English but materials such as workbooks, instructor guides, and PowerPoint lessons are offered in English and Spanish.



Image of two men and a woman having a discussion | Imagen de dos hombres y una mujer discutiendo

Community Health Worker Diabetes Education Program

The American Diabetes Association (ADA) offers a free Community Health Worker Diabetes Education Program designed to empower CHWs in preventing and managing diabetes within their communities.

This quick, four-module online course covers essential topics like Diabetes 101, Gestational Diabetes, the mental health burden of the condition, and Type 2 Diabetes in Youth. By completing the program, you will gain the knowledge to provide better guidance and ensure community access to necessary care and services. Enroll now to enhance your expertise and earn 1 free CE credit through engaging, 15-minute interactive modules. Visit to the [website](#) to make a free account and begin the online program.

Note: For Spanish translation, follow the [link](#) and select "Spanish" on the top right language button.

This program expires Dec 31, 2025.



Cultural Program for the Olympic and Paralympic Games



If you are interested in volunteering, performing, hosting an event, or partnering with DCA, please fill out our interest form [here](#).

***Arts Grants are available.**



Exciting News! 🌟 The California Department of Insurance (CDI) is proud to introduce the **Community Outreach and Education Partnership Initiative**. This dynamic program is designed to raise consumer awareness about CDI's vital services and expand understanding of key insurance topics and fraud prevention. Become a valued partner and unlock exclusive access to:

- Comprehensive consumer education materials
- Specialized training sessions
- Powerful social media tools

[Become a Partner Today!](#)

FUNDING & CONTRACT OPPORTUNITIES

Upcoming Deadlines

LA County Arts & Culture Arts Internship Program (AIP) Grant

AIP provides eligible LA County arts nonprofits, municipalities, and social justice/social service organizations that offer arts programming with grants to hire undergraduate and community college students for 400 hours of paid work experience. The program will maintain a flexible timeline to be responsive to both students and organizations. Application Deadline: November 9, 2025. [Apply here.](#)

Call for Proposals - Exploring Equitable Futures

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) is accepting proposals to support projects that seed new and unconventional ideas that could radically advance health equity for generations to come. Close Date: November 15, 2025. [Learn more.](#)

Lots of Compassion Grant

Mrs. Meyer's Clean Day and KidsGardening are accepting applications for the Lots of Compassion Grant to support local leaders looking to transform vacant lots into gardens. Close Date: November 16, 2025 [Apply here.](#)

Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation (EEM) Grants

The Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation (EEM) Program, administered by the California Natural Resources Agency, offers grants to support projects that mitigate environmental impacts of transportation facilities. Application Deadline: November 16, 2025. [Apply Here](#)

Land and Climate Grant Program for LA County Land Trusts

The Land Trust Alliance and Open Space Institute are offering grants through the 2025 Land and Climate Grant Program to support land trusts in Los Angeles County. These grants aim to integrate climate change considerations into land conservation, stewardship, policy, or communications plans, focusing on issues such as habitat resilience, carbon mitigation, renewable energy siting, and community adaptation to climate impacts like extreme heat, drought, and wildfires. Application Deadline: November 16, 2025. [Apply here.](#)

California Violence Intervention and Prevention (CalVIP) Grant program

The state's primary source of state funding for community violence intervention programs. Community-based organizations are encouraged to seek this funding for your respective community violence intervention and prevention efforts now. Applications due November 18th, 2025. [Apply here.](#)

Culver City Performing Arts Grant Program

The City of Culver City offers grants to support dance, music, and theatre performances. This program brings performing arts to the community and helps make them accessible to everyone. Application Deadline: November 26, 2025, at 5:00 PM. [Apply here.](#)

2025 Community Grants Program to Promote Health Equity

The UCLA Kaiser Permanente Center for Health Equity is accepting applications for projects to promote health equity by addressing health disparities among underserved populations in and around Los Angeles County. Grants of up to \$5,000 each are available to support local community organizations in these efforts. Close Date: November 29, 2025. [Apply here.](#)

FUNDING & CONTRACT OPPORTUNITIES



Upcoming Deadlines

Marian and Pink Happ Fund

The Marian and Pink Happ Fund is offering up to \$10,000 grants to nonprofit organizations that work with underprivileged children in California. Close Date: November 30, 2025. [Apply here.](#)

Google: \$6M in Water Reuse & Recharge Funding

Google is calling on Los Angeles County agencies, water districts, and nonprofits to submit bold, shovel-ready projects for sustainable water infrastructure in key U.S. watersheds, including Southern California. Deadline: [November 30, 2025, 5:00 PM PST](#) [Apply here.](#)

LA County Arts & Culture Organizational Grant Program (OGP)

OGP provides Los Angeles County nonprofit arts organizations funding to address priority needs and ensure cultural services for our diverse communities. Application Deadline: November 30, 2025. [Apply here.](#)

LA County Arts & Culture Community Impact Arts Grant (CIAG)

CIAG supports arts projects and programming taking place at nonprofit social service and social justice organizations enabling these organizations to deliver a wide variety of cultural services to County residents. Application Deadline: November 30, 2025. [Apply here.](#)

LA County Regional Park & Open Space District (RPOSD): Competitive Grants

Funded by Measure A, RPOSD's competitive grant programs are designed to invest in eligible programmatic or capital projects consistent with or similar to those identified in the [Parks Need Assessment](#) and bridge the equity gap. Deadline: November 30, 2025. [Apply Here](#)

Food as Medicine

Elevance Health Foundation is funding for programs that improve clinical health outcomes for individuals with diet-related conditions and increase access to nutritious foods for populations experiencing food/nutrition insecurity. Close Date: November 31, 2025 [Apply here.](#)

Nordstrom Community Grants Program

The Community Grants program is designed to support hyper-local grassroots organizations addressing critical community needs like food, shelter, workforce development, scholarships, and others. Deadline: November 31, 2025. [Apply here.](#)

Kroger Zero Hunger, Zero Waste Grant Program

Through this grant, Kroger prioritizes support for nonprofit organizations and programs that aim to end hunger and waste in communities. Foundation grants are reviewed on a quarterly basis, with the upcoming deadline set for December 5, 2025. [Learn More](#)

GEICO Philanthropic Foundation

The contributes \$6–8 million annually to initiatives that promote education, community engagement, and equity, with a focus on diverse communities, STEM, financial literacy, environmental conservation, and social justice. Close Date: December 31, 2025 [Apply here.](#)

FUNDING & CONTRACT OPPORTUNITIES



Upcoming Deadlines

Nourishing Neighbors Innovation Incubation Fund

Nourishing Neighbors, a program of Albertsons Companies Foundation, is accepting applications for new and innovative ideas or concepts that help end hunger forever. Close Date: Rolling Basis. [Apply here.](#)

Healthy Eating Research (HER) Grants

HER has launched a special call for proposals focused on understanding how recent changes to nutrition policies and programs at the federal, state, and local levels impact nutrition, health, and economic outcomes among diverse families living with limited incomes. Proposals will be accepted on a rolling basis until all funds are committed. Grants will be awarded up to a maximum of \$50,000 and 10 months in duration. [Learn More](#)

FUNDING & CONTRACT OPPORTUNITIES Cont'd

Ongoing Opportunities

U.S. DOT Discretionary Grants Dashboard

The [DOT Navigator](#) is a resource to help communities understand the best ways to apply for grants, and to plan for and deliver transformative infrastructure projects and services.

Thriving Communities Program | US Department of Transportation

This fall the DOT and the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) will be issuing Notices of Funding Opportunities for organizations interested in providing technical and capacity building assistance. It is expected that states, local governments, nonprofits, and philanthropic entities will be eligible. [Learn more.](#)

California Financing Coordinating Committee

The California Financing Coordinating Committee (CFCC) combines the resources of four State and two Federal funding agencies to provide a one-stop shop for available grants, loans and bond financing for infrastructure projects. [Visit](#)

Become a City Vendor – Culver City

Culver City welcomes the opportunity to foster business relationships with high-quality suppliers and service providers at the best value for our city. The Purchasing Division is responsible for the procurement of equipment, goods and services for all City departments, divisions and offices. To register: [Become a City Vendor](#)

Procurement Division of The Department of General Services (DGS)

Supports the State of California's small business (SB) and disabled veteran business enterprise (DVBE) firms through outreach, education, advocacy and certification services. This branch processes certification applications, addresses certification inquiries, conducts outreach to businesses, and supports buyers throughout the state to work with SBs and DVBEs. Call 800-559-5529 or visit [Procurement Division \(ca.gov\)](#) to learn more.

Cal eProcure

The State of California's home for state procurement and certification programs. Through this system business owners can learn how to sell to the State, search bid opportunities, get certified as a Small Business (SB) or Disabled Veteran Business Enterprises (DVBE), and find training and resources. [Visit Cal eProcure](#)

Small Business (SB) / Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (DVBE) Advocate Directory

The State of California agencies, boards, departments, and panels that have SB/DVBE Advocates can be found in the SB/DVBE Advocate Directory. The directory can help you find and connect with the advocate for the agency you would like to work with to learn more about their department's procurement needs and future contracting opportunities. **Some agencies have chosen to have a SB/DVBE First Policy. Click here to learn more about that designation. [Find Your SB/DVBE Advocate](#)

FUNDING & CONTRACT OPPORTUNITIES Cont'd



Division of Procurement and Contracts (DPAC) at the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)

Caltrans commits to an overall Small Business contracting goal of 25 percent and Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise goal of 5 percent. Interested businesses can call 916-227-6000 or visit [Procurement and Contracts \(DPAC\)_|_Caltrans](#).

California Underserved and Small Producer Program

Direct relief producer grants for small and medium scale California agricultural producers, or small and medium scale socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers are available through partnering organizations, and available on a rolling basis. [View grant opportunities](#).

Fruit Tree Orchard Grant

The Fruit Tree Planting Foundation is donating fruit trees and plants to alleviate world hunger, combat global warming, strengthen communities and improve the surrounding air, water and soil. Applications accepted on a rolling basis. [Learn more](#).

TOOLS & SERVICES

Small Business Services

CalOSBA Small Business Centers

CA Office of the Small Business Advocate

Small business technical assistance centers in over 30 languages. No-cost one-on-one-consulting and low-cost training services and programs. [More Info](#)

L.A. Business Navigator

Los Angeles County

Info and tools to plan, start, and manage a business. [Visit](#)

Sidewalk Vending Program

LA County Dep. of Economic Opportunity

Resources to support and advance permitted sidewalk vending within the unincorporated areas of LA County. [More Info](#)

Free Legal Support for Small Business

LA County WDACS

Free legal aid and rent relief to small business owners affected by COVID-19 & natural disasters. [Visit here](#) or call 1-866-375-9511.

Learn How to Contract with LA City

City of Los Angeles Partner

Interested businesses can unlock contracting opportunities and receive free support services. [More Info](#)

Small Business Concierge Service

City of Los Angeles

Provides direct support for businesses to navigate the Los Angeles City government. [Visit](#)

BusinessSource Centers

LA City Economic & Workforce Development Department

No-cost consulting, training, and technical assistance. [More Info](#)

Connect with LA County's Office of Small Business

LA County Dep. of Economic Opportunity

LA County's one stop shop dedicated to help small – micro business owners and entrepreneurs kick start and grow. [Visit](#)

Economic Mobility Initiative

LA County DEO Partner

Provides tailored info, technical assistance, and resources for small businesses and nonprofits. [More Info](#)

Business Assistance Program (BAP)

LA County Economic Development Corporation (LAEDC)

Confidential, no cost consulting for all businesses in LA County. [Visit](#)

Savings & Incentives

CA Business Incentives List

Governor's Office of Business & Economic Development

A list of state-funded incentives for businesses. [More Info](#)

Business Incentives

CA Office of the Small Business Advocate

A list of state-funded incentives for businesses searchable by industry, business function, and incentive type. [More Info](#)

Business Assistance Program

LA County Economic Development Corporation (LAEDC)

Provides tax incentive details on all 88 cities, the County of Los Angeles, and state incentives. [More Info](#)

Empowering Small Business

LADWP

Energy saving guidance and saving opportunities for businesses by industry. [More Info](#)

Discover Savings & Programs

SoCal Gas

Energy efficiency incentives, third party programs, and industry-specific resources. [More Info](#)

Energy Solutions for Your Business

Southern California Edison

Energy efficiency incentives, business rates, and consulting services for businesses. [More Info](#)

Tax Services

Apply for Tax Exempt Status

CA Franchise Tax Board

Tools and guidance for charities and nonprofits seeking tax exemptions. [Visit](#)

Online Taxpayer Services

LA County Treasurer and Tax Collector

Pay property tax and apply for a business license. [Visit](#)

Online Taxpayer Services

LA City Office of Finance

Services, forms, tax education, and FAQs. [Visit](#)

Tax Guide for Nonprofit Organizations

CA Dep. of Tax and Fee Administration

[Visit](#)

Taxpayers' Rights Advocate

CA Dep. of Tax and Fee Administration

Assistance with rights violations in the audit or collection of taxes or fees. [Visit](#)

Helpful Tools

Parklet Permits

Parklets are permanent installations to expand outdoor restaurant dining, create a customer waiting area, display art, or plant a garden.

Culver City [Parklets - Culver City](#)

LA City [Parklets | \(lacity.org\)](#)

EDD Employer Services Online

Payroll services, eWOTC, and SIDES E-Response. [Employer Services Online \(ca.gov\)](#)

Let's Volunteer LA

A directory launched by Los Angeles Mayor Garcetti in partnership with Inspiring Services.

Nonprofits in LA County can post their information and locals can find places they to volunteer. [Lets Volunteer LA](#)

LA Law Library

Self-help resources, legal research, free consultations, classes, & events. Free and low-cost. Main library located Downtown.

[lalawlibrary.org/](#)

DIR Small Business Portal

CA Dep. of Industrial Relations

Guidance on workplace laws. [Visit](#)

DineOut LA County

LA County Public Works

Guidelines and permits for outdoor dining in unincorporated areas of LA County. [Visit](#)

California Grants Portal

CA State Library

One destination to find all grants and loans offered on a competitive or first-come basis by California state agencies. [Visit](#)

Free Training & Educational Resources

The CalOSBA Business Learning Center

CA Office of the Small Business Advocate

Resource Guides to start, manage and grow your California small business. [Visit](#)

Start a Business in Culver City

City of Culver City

Information on the requirements to do business in Culver City. Connect with the Business Resource Center.

[More Info](#)

Charity Registration & Guidelines

Office of the Attorney General

Register a charity, submit annual disclosures, learn best practices, and review charitable giving laws. [Visit](#)

LA SBDC Network

America's Small Business Development Center

No-cost virtual workshops for small business. [Visit](#)

FOR MORE INFO & SERVICES



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