

The Exchange

ASSEMBLYMEMBER ISAAC G. BRYAN | APRIL | 2026

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



NEW THIS MONTH



Upcoming Events

APR 22

Business Metrics: How Do I Know if I'm Doing Well? Small BizLA Webinar. [Register](#)

APR 23

FHIV Cluster Detection and Response. LACDPH Training Series. [RSVP](#)

HR New Hire Onboarding. Small BizLA Webinar. [RSVP](#)

APR 25

Connect LA. Free networking event. [Register](#)

APR 27

Deadline to apply for World Cup Beer & Wine Garden Vendor. [Apply](#)

APR 29

10 Ways to Improve Your Site's Mobile User Experience. Small BizLA Webinar. [Register](#)

LARC K16 Climate Careers Community of Practice. Virtual Convening. [Register](#)

APR 30

Understanding the Veteran Experience. MVA Training Program. [Register](#)

GET PROTECTED LA.COM Los Angeles County
Ending the HIV/STI Epidemics

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
Public Health
Division of HIV and STD Programs

Join speakers from the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, Division of HIV and STD Programs for the final part of a three part series discussing HIV Cluster Detection and Response (CDR), hosted by the Pacific AIDS Education & Training Center (PAETC).

April 23, 2026
10am - 11am
[Register Here](#)

LOS ANGELES UNIFIED
LA
READY FOR THE WORLD

**PROJECT
LOOK
AHEAD &
NETWORKING**

**PLAN
CONTRACTOR
FORUM
2026**

May 15, 2026 | 9:00AM - 11:30AM

The PLAN Contractor Forum is a free, in-person event hosted by the Los Angeles Unified School District where you can learn about upcoming project opportunities and connect with prime contractors. The event supports the District's Bond Program, which focuses on modernizing and upgrading school facilities to improve student health, safety, and educational quality.

[Register Now](#)

Understanding the Veteran Experience Training Program

www.secure-measures.com/pages/events-calendar

FREE TO ATTEND  **SCAN FOR DATES**

All agencies, departments, and organizations that serve veterans are strongly encouraged to attend.

SAVE-THE-DATE

HOLLY J. MITCHELL
LOS ANGELES COUNTY SUPERVISOR FOR DISTRICT 11

Juneteenth

6th Annual CELEBRATION & RESOURCE FAIR

SATURDAY, JUNE 13

Ways to be part of our Juneteenth Event
If you are interested in providing on-site resources, being a food vendor, performer, volunteer, sponsor or just want to be notified of updates, please click below.


VENDOR **VOLUNTEER**
FOOD VENDOR **SPONSOR**
TALENT **NOTIFICATIONS**

LEARN MORE


department of economic opportunity
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

LA County PERMIT EXPRESS

Small local businesses are crucial to LA County's economic vitality but often face barriers navigating the permitting process. LA County Permit Express streamlines the existing permitting process for small, community-serving projects, to help expedite benefits and boost economic opportunities.

 **APPLY NOW**

Application for World Cup Beer & Wine Garden Vendor Now Available



Organizations with experience in event operations, beverage service, and regulatory compliance are encouraged to apply.
Applications are due by 5:00 PM on April 27, 2026.

The LA County Commercial Acquisition Fund (LA County CAF or CAF) empowers small businesses, nonprofit organizations, and mission-aligned developers to purchase neighborhood commercial real estate and transform vacant and underutilized properties into vibrant, community-serving spaces throughout LA County.

Be the first to know when the applications open! Sign up to be notified when the Cycle Two application releases on May 5, 2026.

Receive Updates

LA County Commercial Acquisition Fund



FUNDING & CONTRACT OPPORTUNITIES

Upcoming Deadlines

Climate Smart Communities Initiative (CSCI)

The program prioritizes funding for communities that include historically disinvested populations at increased risk to climate-related impacts. It is open to US-based project teams composed of a climate adaptation practitioner and representatives from a local or regional government entity and a community-based organization. Dedadline: April 26, 2026. [Learn More](#)

Salad Bars to Schools Grant

The Salad Bars to Schools grant from Chef Ann Foundation funds eligible K–12 schools the equipment and technical assistance they need to successfully implement a salad bar. Close Date: April 31, 2026 [Learn More](#)

LA2050 Grants Challenge

An open call for ideas to make Los Angeles County the best place to connect, create, learn, live, and play. It is unique in that it puts the power of grantmaking in the hands of Angelenos through public voting, with more than one million votes cast to date in support of a brighter future for LA. Application period for Part 1: closes April 22 [Learn More](#)

Food Justice for Kids Prize

Open call for innovative organizations across the United States working to ensure all children can access, learn about, and engage with nutritious, culturally relevant food at school and in communities. The Prize will award grants up to \$100K over two years and is open to nonprofits, Tribes, schools, and school districts. Application closes April 28, 2026. [Learn More](#)

California Arts Council 2026 Grant Opportunities



Applications must be submitted through the CAC online portal by May 12 at 11:59 p.m.

[General Operating Support](#) – Up to \$30,000 in direct funding to arts and cultural organizations in support of ongoing operations.

[Arts and Youth](#) – Up to \$25,000 in support of meaningful arts participation and learning in diverse settings and contexts for infants, children, and youth ages 0-25 by prioritizing programs that directly bridge barriers to access and participation.

[Impact Projects](#) – Up to \$25,000 in support collaborative projects that center artists and artistic practice in responding to issues experienced by California's historically and systemically under-resourced communities.

[State-Local Partners](#) – Up to \$75,000 for support and technical assistance for county-designated local arts agencies.

[State-Local Partner Mentorship](#) – Up to \$50,000 in support for the establishment by an existing State-Local Partner of a county-designated local arts agency in counties in which no such agency has currently been identified.



Lots of Compassion Grant

Mrs. Meyer's Clean Day and KidsGardening designed the Lots of Compassion Grant program to support local leaders looking to transform vacant lots into gardens to help grow compassion in their community. Deadline to apply is Monday, June 15, 2026. [Learn More](#)

FUNDING & CONTRACT OPPORTUNITIES



Upcoming Deadlines Cont'd

The Social Impact Funds

The Social Impact Funds comprise an impact-focused venture program that supports organizations tackling social drivers of health including high-quality, accessible health care, food security and economic empowerment, so that more people have the opportunity to live longer, healthier lives. Close Date: Rolling basis [Learn More](#)

Community Resilience Centers in LA County

California Strategic Growth Council is offering funds for new construction and upgrades to neighborhood “resilience hubs” that can provide safe shelter and critical services during emergencies (extreme heat, wildfire smoke, power outages, etc.)—plus year-round programming that strengthens community resilience. Applications due Fall 2026. [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](#).

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](#)

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



Phone: 888-211-0644 510 S. Vermont Ave., 11th Floor Los Angeles, CA 90020 LA County
WDACS



<https://dyd.lacounty.gov/>



U.S. Small Business Administration

Los Angeles District Office
Phone: 213-634-3855 312 N. Spring St. Los Angeles, CA 90012
www.sba.gov/district/los-angeles



444 South Flower Street, 14th Floor Los Angeles, CA 90071
213-744-7164
711 for TRS (formerly TTY/TTD)
ewdd.lacity.gov/



Phone: 1-877-345-4633 1325 J Street, Suite 1800 Sacramento, CA 95814
calosba.ca.gov/



Phone: (844) 663-4411 200 North Spring Street, Room 101 Los Angeles, CA 90012
<https://finance.lacity.org/>



STATE OF CALIFORNIA Franchise Tax Board

Phone: 800-852-5711 (213) 897-5196 300 South Spring Street, Suite 5704 Los Angeles, CA 90013 Email: FTBSmallBusinessLiaison@ftb.ca.gov



Phone: 213-309-8849
Email: info@laedc.org
633 West 5th Street, Suite 3300, Los Angeles, California 90071
<https://laedc.org/>



ROB BONTA

Attorney General

Charities: (916) 210-6400

Advocate for Small Business (SB) and Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (DVBE) and Small Business Liaison: (916) 210-6358
Advocate@doj.ca.gov



Culver City Business Hotline
(310) 253-5765

City of Culver City - City Hall
9770 Culver Blvd. Culver City, CA 90232



Business Licenses: 213.974.2011
Email: businesslicense@ttc.lacounty.gov
<https://ttc.lacounty.gov/>



Phone: 1-877-345-4633
business.ca.gov



California Financing Coordinating Committee

<https://www.cfcc.ca.gov/>



State of California Department of Industrial Relations

Email: DIRInfo@dir.ca.gov
<https://www.dir.ca.gov/>



TEL | 1-866-588-SBDC
smallbizla.org



510 S. Vermont Avenue Los Angeles, CA 90020
Phone: 844-777-2059
deo@opportunity.lacounty.gov
opportunity.lacounty.gov



<https://infrastructurela.org/>