

The Exchange

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



NEW THIS MONTH

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

DOING BUSINESS ***
with **LAUSD**

February 18 through April 22, 2026 | 10:00AM - 12:00PM

Participate in a 10-week virtual training program that offers a step-by-step overview of The Los Angeles Unified School District's (LAUSD) procurement lifecycle, giving participants the knowledge and tools to compete confidently for contracts.

[Join Now](#)

Upcoming Events

FEB 17

Human-Centric Leadership: Leading Responsibly in an AI-Enabled World. LA Chamber Event. [Register](#)

FEB 18

Immigration Enforcement Community Action Plan. Virtual event. [RSVP](#)

FEB 21

E-Mail Marketing Essentials For Business. LA Chamber Webinar. [RSVP](#)

FEB 23

Deadline to register for ACCESSC Small Business Summit. [Register](#)

FEB 24

Standing Out in a Crowded Market Without Spending More on Ads. SBA Webinar. [Register](#)

FEB 27

Food Justice for Kids Prize. Informational Webinar. [Register](#)

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



RECRUITING IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS FOR THE



HEALTHY HABITS FOR LIFE INTERVENTION

The Healthy Habits for Life Intervention Study is a fun, family-centered health program led by the Gasol Foundation that supports children ages 8–11 (3rd-5th grade) and their parents in building healthier daily habits. The Gasol Foundation is currently seeking community partners and program sites to host the intervention activities.

[View Flyer](#)

THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
OFFICE OF BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY
CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO ATTEND THE

ACCESSC SMALL BUSINESS SUMMIT '26
AI, Small Business Growth & Resiliency

Wednesday
March 4, 2026

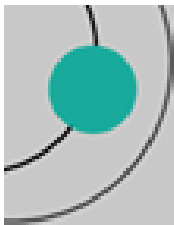
8:30 AM - 12 PM
Resource Networking 12 PM - 1 PM

USC HOTEL BALLROOM
3540 South Figueroa Street
Los Angeles, CA 90007

PARKING
Figueroa Street Structure \$20

PLEASE RSVP BY MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23 AT
Summit '26 Registration





SMALL BUSINESS MOBILITY FUND



economic mobility initiative

department of economic opportunity
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Launch Grants

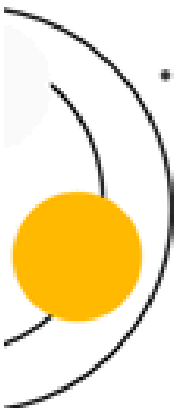
Entrepreneurship Academy Grants

Helping businesses launch in LA County

Up to \$10,000 Available

The Los Angeles County Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) wants to help businesses launch and grow with the **Small Business Mobility Fund**:

- **Launch Grants**, which provide grant awards ranging from \$5,000 to \$10,000 to help businesses launch a new brick-and-mortar location in the unincorporated areas of LA County
- **Entrepreneurship Academy Grants**, which provide grant awards of up to \$2,000 to help graduates of DEO's EMI Entrepreneurship Academy launch their business or take their business to the next level



Apply Now!

For full eligibility requirements, FAQs, technical assistance support, and application portal:



opportunity.lacounty.gov/SBME



Multilingual application support available.



Connect with us! Follow @EconOppLA.



Protect Your Athletes From Sudden Cardiac Arrest

TOOLKIT FOR NEVAEH YOUTH SPORTS SAFETY ACT



The Eric Paredes Save A Life Foundation supports California state law for community youth sports teams to have a cardiac emergency response plan with access to an automated external defibrillator (AED) to protect young hearts. We encourage youth sports communities to create a culture of prevention by using our free Keep Their Heart In the Game toolkit to comply with the [Nevaeh Youth Sports Safety Act](#):

- By January 1, 2028, athletes have access to an AED during any practice or match
- By January 1, 2027, coaches are CPR/AED certified
- By January 1, 2027, teams have a written cardiac emergency response plan that includes:
 - the location of any AEDs and procedures to be followed in the event of a sudden cardiac arrest
 - the responsibilities of coach, administration and athletes during the event
 - how coach, administration and athletes will be notified and trained on the emergency response plan
 - an electronic communication to parents or guardians of enrolled players to share location of AED/s and response plan

Cardiac Emergency Response Plan Toolkit

- ✓ Checklist with easy template to prepare the plan
- ✓ How-to drill video with set-up and evaluation worksheets
- ✓ AED maintenance tips
- ✓ Responsibilities for AED ownership
- ✓ Messages to communicate plan to sports community
- ✓ Sudden cardiac arrest prevention videos and resources
- ✓ Tips for purchasing AEDs or acquiring access to existing AEDs

GET TOOLKIT



SMALL BUSINESS BOOT CAMP

SPRING 2026



March 11 through May 6, 2026 | 5:00PM - 7:00PM

Sign up for free virtual and in-person trainings offered by The Los Angeles Unified School District's (LAUSD) Facilities Services Division training for construction contractors and subcontractors at all levels, focused solely on LAUSD's facilities construction and maintenance projects.

[Register Now](#)

JUSTICE
CARE 
OPPORTUNITIES



FROM VISION TO REALITY

A three part series

- 2/23 @ 4:30 PM-6:00 PM
- 3/02 @ 4:30 PM-6:00 PM
- 3/09 @ 11:00 PM-2:00 PM

Are you passionate about serving BIPOC, LGBTQIA+, and justice-involved communities in Los Angeles County but haven't yet received your 501(c)(3) designation?

RSVP by 2/13/26 at 5pm. Limited spots available

JCOO's From Vision to Reality helps early-stage changemakers launch organizations serving underserved and justice-involved communities. Parts 1 and 2 will be held virtually, with Part 3 taking place in person.

Please note: You must attend all three sessions to complete the series and receive certificate.

Questions? Contact us: incubationacademy@jcod.lacounty.gov

FUNDING & CONTRACT OPPORTUNITIES

Upcoming Deadlines

Whole Foods Market Foundation's Garden Grant Program

The Garden Grant Program provides a \$3,500 grant to support a new or existing edible educational garden located at a K–12 school. Application Period: February 1, 2026 – March 1, 2026 [Learn More](#)

Local Data for Equitable Communities

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation invites eligible nonprofit organizations in the U.S. to apply for a grant to collect, analyze, and use data to address inequities in the physical, economic, and social conditions of a place under the Local Data for Equitable Communities grant program. The program will offer up to \$50,000 in funding to 30 community-based organizations. Application Period: January 27 - March 3. [Learn More](#)

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: March 26, 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: January 26 - 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 period: February 17 - April 28, 2026. [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



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



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business.ca.gov



California Financing Coordinating Committee

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State of California Department of Industrial Relations

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