

The Exchange

ASSEMBLYMEMBER ISAAC G. BRYAN | MARCH | 2026

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



NEW THIS MONTH

Upcoming Events

MAR 19

Future Proof Your Business Workshop [RSVP](#)

MAR 24

How to Set Up Your Google & Yelp Business Profile--SBA Free Webinar [Register](#)

MAR 25

Good Food for All Agenda Launch Webinar [Register](#)

Sales Tax Return Preparation--Free CDTA Webinar [Register](#)

MAR 26

(for women-owned businesses)
Defining Your Audience - The Power of Buyer Personas Webinar [Register](#)

Coverage Ambassador Program--DHCS Webinar [Register](#)

MAR 28

Thrive Wellness Symposium-- Free Event [Register](#)

[Deadline to file Business Personal Property Statement is April 1st](#)

Preparedness for Small Businesses

Outsmart Disaster is your preparedness partner. We guide you step by step through creating a Resiliency Roadmap so you can plan during the calm and bounce back when things get tough. We also provide business preparedness tips and recovery resources.

Together, we can be ready for any interruptions.

[Get Started](#)

2026-2036 GOOD FOOD FOR ALL AGENDA

Join the Los Angeles Food Policy Council for a live conversation introducing the third version of the Good Food for All Agenda -- a shared common agenda and vision for the LA Food System and collective work around policies, programs and resources needed to get there.

[Register](#)

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Executive Director

ANA-ALICIA CARR
Director of Policy & Coalitions

NATASHA WASIM
Senior Food Systems Analyst

WEBINAR LAUNCH ZOOM WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25 12:00 - 1:00 PM



JOIN US FUTURE PROOF YOUR BUSINESS



This half-day educational workshop is designed to turn confusion into confidence. Learn how to use AI and Meta's powerful technology-driven tools to grow your business—no tech background required.

- Instruction by Meta's Blueprint team
- Lunch by Earle's on Crenshaw
- Win a pair of Meta-glasses

RSVP



Thursday, March 19th | 9AM-12:30PM
Baldwin Hills Crenshaw Plaza



ISAAC G. BRYAN
Assemblymember, District 55



www.crenshawchamber.com

Attention LA County Sidewalk Vendors!

Apply Now for a No-Cost Sidewalk Vending Cart from LA County and City of LA!

The Los Angeles County **Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO)** and the **City of Los Angeles** are distributing California Retail Food Code-compliant vending carts at no-cost to eligible sidewalk vendors - providing access to safe, compliant carts that meet public health and safety standards.

APPLY

ARTS DATATHON
KNOWLEDGE

REGISTRATION OPEN

How can our arts communities work together to build and maintain knowledge in a time when facts and reality are under attack?

Join us for Arts Datathon: Knowledge, a day of hands-on data exploration, collaboration, and creation. Everyone is welcome.

Wednesday, April 29, 2026 | 9:00AM - 4:00PM (PDT)
Inner-City Arts
720 Kohler Street
Los Angeles, CA 90021

REGISTER

Please contact research@arts.lacounty.gov with any questions.

JOIN THE TEAM

Want to be a Coverage Ambassador?

- Help deliver important information/messages to Medi-Cal beneficiaries/the community about maintaining Medi-Cal coverage
- Upcoming webinar scheduled.

REGISTER

dpss.lacounty.gov



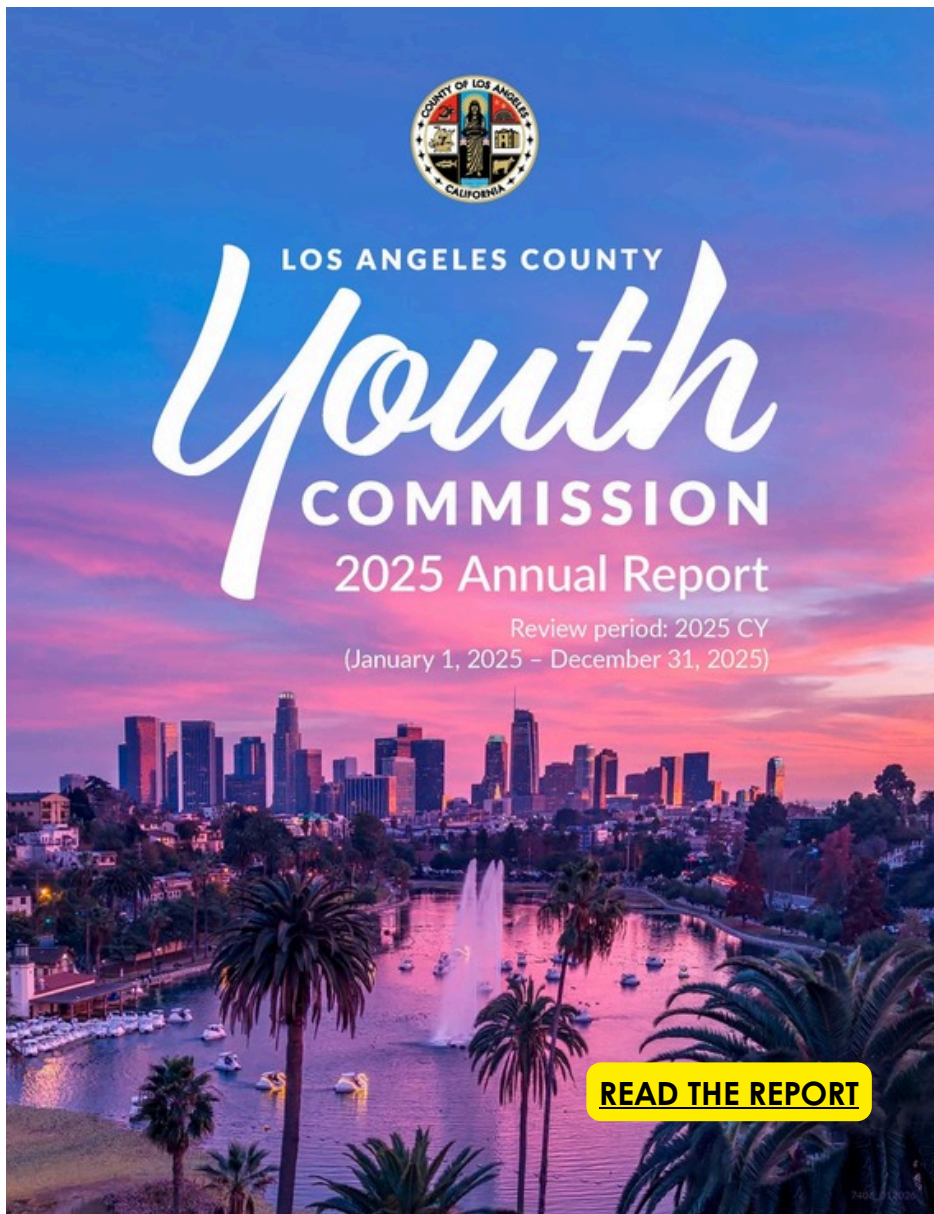
REGISTER HERE


CALIFORNIA
Supplier Diversity
SYMPOSIUM

MARCH 18, 2026 | PASADENA

**Next Level Inclusion:
Procurement for All**
*Connecting Small and Diverse Suppliers
to Statewide Opportunity*

The banner features a geometric design with blue, orange, and yellow triangles and hexagons. Three inset photos show diverse groups of people in professional settings: two people in hard hats, a group of four people in business attire, and a man in a wheelchair talking to another man.





LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Youth
COMMISSION

2025 Annual Report

Review period: 2025 CY
(January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025)

READ THE REPORT

The cover features a vibrant sunset over the Los Angeles skyline, with palm trees in the foreground and a fountain in a park. The text is white and yellow against the blue and orange background.



YOUR VOICE MATTERS: IHSS ADVOCACY AND COMMUNITY SUMMIT 2026

**Presented by: Personal Assistance Services
Council (PASC)**

Join IHSS Consumers, Providers, Advocates,
Health Plans, & Other Exhibitors!

Friday, June 5, 2026

California Endowment Center

1000 N. Alameda Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012

9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

- Panel Discussion on CA's Budget & Advocacy
- Advocacy Organizations, & Peer Mentoring
- Exhibitors, County Organizations, & More
- Workshops, Group Discussions, & Counseling

Click the link below or scan the QR code to let us know you're coming!

https://pascla.formstack.com/forms/your_voice_matters_ihss_advocacy_education_summit_registration



FREE PARKING AVAILABLE!

In consideration of attendees who are sensitive to environmental odors created by chemicals and perfumes, restrict the use of fragrances at this meeting. Thank you.

2026 GRANTS COMING SOON

Public Investment. Real Impact.

Stay tuned! The 2026 California Arts Council grant cycle coming soon.

This isn't just funding. It's infrastructure.

These grants fuel:

- Community arts programming
- Youth arts education
- Creative workforce development
- Cultural preservation
- Rural access initiatives



When we invest in the arts, we invest in local economies, in classrooms, in Main Streets, and in neighborhoods that deserve visibility.

Public funding for the arts isn't symbolic. It's structural.

The California Arts Council is committed to launching the most accessible grants programs. and we are finalizing the grants application portal and guidelines that will be opening this month.

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: March 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: March 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](#)

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



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



California Financing Coordinating Committee

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



State of California Department of Industrial Relations

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