

The Exchange

ASSEMBLYMEMBER ISAAC G. BRYAN | APRIL | 2023

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



NEW THIS MONTH



AS EMERGENCY ORDERS END, LIFESAVING COVID-19 TOOLS REMAIN READILY ACCESSIBLE THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES COUNTY

For Businesses:

[Best practices](#) [Request a mobile vaccination clinic](#) [COVID-19 in the workplace](#)

Applications Open for \$54 Million in Grant Awards



Economic Opportunity Grant Program will award more than \$54 million across 6,800 grants to eligible regions and organizations in Los Angeles County adversely affected by COVID-19. Open to eligible microbusinesses, small business, and nonprofits. Apply [HERE](#).

Contract Pre-Qualification Process *Boot Camp*

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS, APRIL 18, 20, 25, 27 | 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM

This four-session program is designed to help small contractors improve their bidding capacity and learn about the pre-qualification process for the Pre-Qualified Service Provider (PQSP) bench contracts for projects ranging from \$25K to \$5M.



[Register Here](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

APR 4

Commercial Leasing Basics for Small Business. LA Law Library Zoom Webinar. [Register](#)

APR 6

How to Get a Business Loan. Live Webinar. Baldwin Library [More Info](#)

APR 10

How to Start a Business. SBA Webinar [Register](#)

APR 11

Telling Your Story and Creating Your Brand. LA Law Library Zoom Webinar. [Register](#)

APR 18

2023 Taxes Due
Find guidance on filing taxes for small business at the [California Tax Service Center](#) (www.taxes.ca.gov)

Branding and Marketing 101. LA Law Library Zoom Webinar. [Register](#)

Protecting Your Intellectual Property Rights. LA Law Library Zoom Webinar. [Register](#)

APR 24

How to Start a Business. SBA Webinar [Register](#)

NEW FUNDING OPPORTUNITY!

LA County has allocated \$7.65 million to assist justice-focused community-based organizations' recovery from the impact of COVID-19.

DEADLINE
APRIL 21, 2023
5:00 PM PST

INFORMATIONAL WEBINARS

March 14, 2023 at 12:30 PM
March 15, 2023 at 5:30 PM

Los Angeles County invites justice-focused community-based organizations to apply for two-year grant funding of \$100,000 to \$500,000. As part of the County's commitment to its CARE FIRST, JAILS LAST vision, the County has allocated \$7.65 million in American Rescue Plan funds to assist justice-focused community-based organizations' recovery from the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. Full instructions and links to applications are available [here](#).

NEW!

FOSTER & PROBATION YOUTH BENEFITS ELIGIBILITY FINDER

The new Foster and Probation Youth Benefits Eligibility Finder is LIVE!

The Office of Child Protection (OCP) and its partners have launched a new electronic Benefits Eligibility Finder, which allows foster and probation youth in our County—and their families, caregivers, and social workers—to search a large online database of public benefits for which they may be eligible, depending on their age and circumstances. View the eligibility finder [here](#)



PERMANENT OUTDOOR DINING PROGRAM LISTENING SESSIONS

Los Angeles County wants to hear your input about the **Permanent Outdoor Dining Program**

Join us on any of the following dates:
March 16, 2023
April 20, 2023
May 18, 2023
From 11am-12:30pm

Register at:
<https://bit.ly/LACoOutdoorDining>

- WE WILL TALK ABOUT:**
- Community Feedback
 - Program Overview
 - Existing Regulations
 - Resources

Comment period for the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Annual Update
The Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (LACDMH)

The documents are posted on the LACDMH website [here](#).

The public is invited to review this update and provide feedback through **April 22, 2023**, either by filling out this [online survey](#) or by direct mail to:

L.A. County Department of Mental Health
Attention: Darlesh Horn
510 S. Vermont Ave., 17th floor
Los Angeles, CA 90020

A Public Hearing will be hosted by the LA County Mental Health Commission on [Thursday, April 27, 2023](#). LA County residents are invited to attend this event to provide feedback about the Annual Update.



Reconnect and rebuild with innovation! We invite you to attend our 10th Annual Foodservice Equipment Expo. Discover new labor and operational savings and performance tools. Network and renew industry relationships while learning about new products and technologies for success.



Date:

April 25 & 26th, 2023
Attend any day at no-cost!



Time:

10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.



Location

SoCalGas Energy Resource Center
9240 Firestone Boulevard
Downey, CA 90241



Phone:

(562)-803-7323

Register or visit socalgas.com/expo for more information.

[Register Now](#)

Your registration is not completed until you receive a confirmation email.
Register by April 20th, 2023.

FUNDING & CONTRACT OPPORTUNITIES

UPCOMING DEADLINES

LA County Economic Opportunity Grants Program

Small businesses, micro businesses, and non-profits in LA county may qualify for financial relief through our Economic Opportunity Grants (EOG) program. EOG offers \$54+ million in grant awards, technical assistance, and other County services to help businesses recover, stabilize, and grow! Grants will be available over multiple rounds starting in January 2023. [Sign up today](#) for additional information and next steps!

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Environmental Justice Grants

Availability of \$100 million under TWO environmental justice programs:

[The Environmental Justice Collaborative Problem-Solving Program \(EJCPS\) Cooperative Agreement Program](#) will provide \$30 million to community-based nonprofit organizations with projects that address public health or environmental issues in their local communities.

The [Environmental Justice Government-to-Government \(EJG2G\) Program](#) will provide \$70 million for state, local, and tribal governments with projects that address public health issues in their communities. Partnerships with community-based nonprofit organizations is required.

Applications for both programs *extended to April 14, 2023*. [Learn more](#).

CalRecycle Organics Grant Program

CalRecycle is announcing the application release for the Organics Grant Program, Cycle 7. CalRecycle will be awarding \$154,960,671 to four project types, including the newly added in-vessel composting project. Applications are due on April 20, 2023. For more information, click [here](#).

ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES

Build Back Better with LA County Contracting Opportunities

With resources from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), LA County is working to partner with community service providers and businesses that can help our communities recover. To learn about current solicitations and contracting opportunities, [visit here](#).

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 <https://www.cfcc.ca.gov/> to explore funding opportunities.

Become a City Vendor – Culver City

The City of 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 - City of Culver City](#)

Procurement Division of The Department of General Services (DGS)

The Certification and Outreach Branch 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 Cal eProcure system is 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](#)

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. Businesses interested in contracting opportunities with Caltrans can contact the Division of Procurement and Contracts for more information and visit the Department of General Services Cal eProcure program to obtain business certification. Call 916-227-6000 or visit [Procurement and Contracts \(DPAC\) | Caltrans](#).

TOOLS & SERVICES

Small Business Guidance

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](#)

Free Legal Support for Small Business

LA County WDACS

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

Learn How to Contract with LA County

The Procurement Technical Assistance Center (PTAC)

Interested businesses can [visit here](#) to sign up for a tailored assessment by a Small Business Counselor.

Start a Business in Culver City

Information on the requirements to do business in Culver City. Connect with the Business Resource Center. [More Info](#)

DIR Small Business Portal

CA Dep. of Industrial Relations

Guidance on workplace laws. [Visit](#)

Sidewalk & Park Vendor Permit Program

Free workshops, webinars, and business counseling. [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 City Office of Finance

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

Online Taxpayer Services

LA County Treasurer and Tax Collector

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

Tax Guide for Nonprofit Organizations

CA Dep. of Tax and Fee Administration

[Visit](#)

Helpful Tools

Charity Registration & Guidelines

Office of the Attorney General

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

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](#)

EDD Employer Services Online

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

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 | \(lacity.org\)](#)

FOR MORE INFO & SERVICES



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510 S. Vermont Ave., 11th Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90020
[LA County WDACS](http://www.lacountywdacs.org)



<https://infrastructurela.org/>



U.S. Small Business Administration

Los Angeles District Office
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calosba.ca.gov/



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



Culver City Business Hotline
(310) 253-5765

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