

The Exchange

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



NEW THIS MONTH



Upcoming Events

AUG 5

Culver City E-Waste Collection & Paper Shredding Event. [More Info](#)

AUG 9

Marketing Plan 101. LA Chamber of Commerce. Free webinar. [RSVP](#)

SMART Landscape - Resilient Alternatives to Commercial lawn. SoCalGas Webinar. [Register](#).

AUG 13

Application Deadline for Latino & AAPI Owned Restaurant MicroGrants from SoCalGas. [Apply](#).

AUG 18

Financial Fitness: Smart Credit Stragies for Entrepreneurs. Culver City Chamber Webinar. [More Info](#).

AUG 22

Patents, Trademarks, & Your Small Business. In-person class. [Register](#)

Aska Lawyer: Starting and Growing Your Business. LA Law Library Webinar. [Register](#).

BUSINESSES AND MERCHANTS BEWARE OF EBT SKIMMING

EBT CARD SKIMMING

BUSINESS NOTICE

WATCH OUT FOR FAKES

Protect your customers and your business by being aware of skimming devices. These devices can read financial information from credit, debit, and EBT cards to steal money from your customers.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS



CIFD is inviting service providers to join the FamilySource Center program and receive a \$1.5 million annual contract!

The City of Los Angeles Community Investment for Families Department (CIFD)

is soliciting proposals from community-based organizations interested in

managing FamilySource Centers (FSC) in the City of Los Angeles. Service providers will receive a \$1.5 million annual contract, along with technical assistance and partnerships to succeed. [Click here to apply](#).



MicroGrants

\$2,500 for Latino and AAPI Owned Restaurants

This program will provide microgrants for restaurant owners. You can use your microgrant for inside equipment, al fresco dining furniture, employee perks or anything you need to help make your restaurant successful! 35 Restaurants will be awarded the \$2500 microgrants including AAPI owned restaurants. This program is provided by a generous grant from SoCal Gas.

USE YOUR MICROGRANT FOR:

- Interior equipment
- Technology upgrades
- Outdoor dining patios
- Employee benefits

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

- Latino or AAPI restaurant owned
- 1 location
- Less than \$1 Million in Annual Revenue
- Have been in business for more than 3 years
- Currently a SoCal Gas customer

APPLY ONLINE

<https://latinorestaurantassociation.org/Helping-Latinos-Thrive>

APPLICATION TIMELINE





The Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council's Community Advisory Committee (JJCC-CAC) is seeking input from stakeholders connected to or impacted by the juvenile justice system (e.g. community members, governmental agencies, and community-based organizations) about the unmet needs of justice-involved and at-risk (at-promise) youth in the County of Los Angeles, as well as the most promising project and programs that do or could serve them. This information will assist the JJCC with its annual update of the Comprehensive Multi-Agency Juvenile Justice Plan (CMJJP), including understanding how resources may better support young people and close gaps in the services provided to them. **Click here to participate in the County of Los Angeles Youth Service Needs Assessment online survey by October 1, 2023.**

FUNDING & CONTRACT OPPORTUNITIES

Upcoming Deadlines

\$125M for Consumer Electronics Battery Recycling, Reprocessing, and Battery Collection

This program aims to support the recycling of consumer electronics batteries and battery-containing devices to bolster the domestic critical material supply chain for EV batteries. Concept papers are due on August 17, 2023. Full applications are due November 29, 2023. [Learn more.](#)

Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC)

The BRIC program makes federal funds available with a recognition of the growing hazards associated with climate change, and of the need for natural hazard risk mitigation activities that promote climate adaptation and resilience with respect to those hazards. These include both acute extreme weather events and chronic stressors which have been observed and are expected to increase in the future. Applications due August 18, 2023. [Learn more.](#)

NOAA Climate Resilience Regional Challenge

Approximately \$575 million is available for projects that build the resilience of coastal communities to extreme weather (e.g., hurricanes and storm surge) and other impacts of climate change, including sea level rise and drought. Applications due August 21, 2023. [Learn more](#)

Major Transportation Infrastructure Projects Across the Country

The Department of Transportation is now taking applications for projects of regional or national significance. This funding supports three major discretionary grant programs that involve surface transportation projects designed to strengthen supply chains, spur economic development, and improve safety and daily life. The deadline for applications is August 21, 2023. [Learn more](#)

EPA Clean School Bus Grant Funding and Webinars

The Agency is asking for applications nationwide to award approximately \$400 million in competitive grant funding to eligible applicants for the purchase of zero-emission (ZE) school buses, clean school buses, and ZE charging infrastructure. EPA is prioritizing applications that will replace buses serving high-need local education agencies, rural areas, Tribal school districts funded by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and public school districts receiving basic support payments for students living on Tribal land, and rural areas. [Applications are due by Tuesday, August 22, 2023, at 11:59PM ET.](#)

Ongoing Opportunities

LA County Economic Opportunity Grants Program

Microbusinesses (under \$50,000 in revenue) in LA county may qualify for financial relief through the Economic Opportunity Grants (EOG) program. [Sign up today](#) for additional information and next steps!

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.

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

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

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](#).

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](#)

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.

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](#)

Free Training & Educational Resources

Technical Assistance Program (TAP)

PG&E and Community Partners

Free online classes for small businesses on a variety of topics including supply chains, crisis messaging, cybersecurity, and more. [More Info](#)

Start a Business in Culver City

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

Strategic Partnership Program (SPP)

Clark Construction and Community Partners

Free executive education program for minority-, women-, and veteran-owned firms working in construction, engineering, and architecture. [More Info](#)

Sidewalk & Park Vendor Permit Program

Free workshops, webinars, and business counseling. [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](#)

FOR MORE INFO & SERVICES



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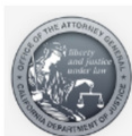
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