

# The Exchange

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



## NEW THIS MONTH

### Sidewalk Vending In Los Angeles County

Proposed Sidewalk Vending Ordinance Regulations

The County is paving the way for legal sidewalk vending in unincorporated areas, thanks to SB 946 and SB 972. to share your suggestions and feedback on the implementation of the Sidewalk Vending Ordinance

[Feedback Form](#)

[Click Here](#)

department of economic opportunity  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

## Upcoming Events

### DEC 4-5

Pop Up Business Resource Event for 10 Fwy Closure. [More Info](#)

### DEC 5

Legal Dos & Don'ts for Employers. LA Law Library free webinar. [Register](#)

Build Your Buyer Personas. LA Chamber of Commerce Free Webinar. [Register](#)

### DEC 6

Small Business Commodities Contracting. Free webinar. [Register](#)

### DEC 7

Small Business Legal Academy. [Register](#)

Create Your Roadmap to Success. LA Chamber of Commerce Free Webinar. [Register](#)

### DEC 18

Social Media Essentials for Business. LA Law Library free 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](#)

**Now Accepting Applications for the Finance Advisory Committee**

APPLICATION PERIOD

**NOVEMBER 27 - JANUARY 2, 2024**

*Culver CITY*

One (1) opening is available on each of the following seats:

#### Finance Advisory Committee Resident Seat

#### Local Business Representative Seat

Business Community Members are not required to be residents but shall own or be a partner, officer, or manager of a duly licensed business located within the City limits.

Applications will be accepted online, by mail, or electronically via email to [city.clerk@culvercity.org](mailto:city.clerk@culvercity.org).

[Submit an Application Online](#)

# SMALL BUSINESS LEGAL ACADEMY

Join us for free one-on-one consultations with a lawyer and a know your rights presentation for your small business. Lawyers will be available to answer general questions related to commercial leasing, contracts, intellectual property, employment law basics, and more!

## ACADEMIA LEGAL PARA EMPRESAS PEQUEÑAS

Únase a nosotros para consultas individuales gratuitas con un abogado y una presentación acerca de sus derechos como inquilino comercial. ¡Los abogados estarán disponibles para responder a preguntas generales sobre arrendamiento comercial, contratos, propiedad intelectual, conceptos básicos de derecho laboral y más!



**DECEMBER 7, 2023**



**4:00 - 7:00 PM**



**RON OLSON JUSTICE CENTER**

1550 W 8th St  
Los Angeles, CA 90017

**REGISTER HERE!\***

**[www.lafla.org/small-business](http://www.lafla.org/small-business)**

\*Limited Space; ASL provided



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EVERY SATURDAY IN DECEMBER

CRENSHAW SQUARE

8AM - 4PM

# Makers Market

SHOP GIFTS AND HOLIDAY ITEMS  
FROM LOCAL SMALL BUSINESSES

3860 CRENSHAW BLVD, LOS ANGELES 90008 (323)677-8577



amerci PIZZA KITCHEN

TAK'S COFFEE SHOP

Earle's on Crenshaw

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the district

**Makers Market is an exciting new initiative that aims to showcase the diverse talents and entrepreneurial spirit of our community.**

Every Saturday in December – the 9th, 16th, and 23rd – from 10 AM to 4 PM, Crenshaw Square (3864 Crenshaw Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90008) will transform into a bustling hub of creativity and festive cheer. Immerse yourself in a treasure trove of handmade gifts, home décor, artwork, jewelry, apparel, and more, all meticulously crafted by local artisans who pour their passion and expertise into every piece. The market will feature a wide array of local vendors offering handmade crafts, artisanal food products, pet adoption booth (LA Animal Services/Best Friends), LAPD serviced baby safety seat inspection, and much more.

Request to be a Makers Market vendor [here](#).

## THE CONTRACTOR DEVELOPMENT AND BONDING PROGRAM

PRESENTS

### GET CONTRACT READY WITH THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

VIRTUAL TRAINING SERIES  
EVERY TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5TH - 19TH  
4:00 PM - 5:30 PM



This interactive 3-week training series, presented at no-cost, is designed to help small business contractors learn techniques and principles, as well as best practices and lessons learned when doing work with the County of Los Angeles.

[Register Here](#)



The City of Los Angeles Office of Procurement proudly presents:

## SMALL BUSINESS WEBINAR SERIES

COMMODITIES CONTRACTING

The City of Los Angeles Office of Procurement will host its third Small Business Webinar on commodities contracting on December 6, 2023. This next webinar will be a collaboration with the General Services Department (GSD) and will discuss topics such as how to navigate Los Angeles Vendor Self Service (LAVSS), commodity procurement opportunities, and the general supply process.

**Wednesday, December 6, 2023**

**1:00 PM - 2:00 PM PST**

Via Zoom

[snow.lacity.org/rampila](mailto:snow.lacity.org/rampila)

REGISTER HERE:  
[bit.ly/47ymX3t](https://bit.ly/47ymX3t)





## FUNDING & CONTRACT OPPORTUNITIES

### Upcoming Deadlines

#### **Regional Climate Collaboratives (RCC) Program**

RCC funds collaboratives of cross-sectoral and community-rooted partners, seeking to advance both place-based and region-wide climate change mitigation, adaptation, and resiliency efforts. Includes various capacity building activities, such as partnership development, project and plan development, data collection, education and training, and the creation of technical assistance hubs to pursue climate investments. Application Deadline: December 6, 2023. [Learn More](#)

#### **Microenterprise Recovery Grant**

NEW!

This grant will provide up to \$5,000 to businesses located in the City of Los Angeles that have yet to receive assistance through any City, State or Federal program for operating expenses, including payroll, lease payments, insurance and inventory. Application closes on Sunday, December 10, 2023. [Apply Here](#).

#### **EPA Community Change Grants**

NEW!

Approximately \$2 billion dollars in [Inflation Reduction Act](#) funds have been announced in environmental and climate justice activities to benefit disadvantaged communities through projects that reduce pollution, increase community climate resilience, and build community capacity to address environmental and climate justice challenges. Deadline to apply is November 21, 2024. [Learn More](#)

#### **Volunteer Infrastructure Funding**

NEW!

Are you a government or nonprofit organization interested in expanding climate action volunteer opportunities in your community? If so, check out [California Volunteers' 2024 Volunteer Infrastructure funding opportunity](#) – applications due Friday, December 8.

## FUNDING & CONTRACT OPPORTUNITIES Cont'd

### 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](#)

## FUNDING & CONTRACT OPPORTUNITIES Cont'd

### **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.

### L.A. Business Portal

Los Angeles County  
Info and tools to plan, start, and manage a business. [Visit](#)

## 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

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

### 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](#)

### DIR Small Business Portal

CA Dep. of Industrial Relations  
Guidance on workplace laws. [Visit](#)

### EDD Employer Services Online

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

### LA Law Library

Self-help resources, legal research, free consultations, classes, & events. Free and low-cost. Main library located Downtown. [lalawlibrary.org/](#)

### 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

### 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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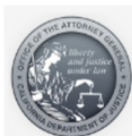
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Email: [businesslicense@ttc.lacounty.gov](mailto:businesslicense@ttc.lacounty.gov)  
<https://ttc.lacounty.gov/>



California Financing  
Coordinating Committee

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

**INFRASTRUCTURE LA**

<https://infrastructurela.org/>



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Industrial Relations

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