

The Exchange

ASSEMBLYMEMBER ISAAC G. BRYAN | FEBRUARY | 2024

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



NEW THIS MONTH

LA DWP Los Angeles Department of Water & Power

Save the Date!

Make Prime Connections at LADWP'S Supplier Diversity Fair
Celebrating African American History by Empowering Diverse Businesses!

Meet **Do Business** **Connect**

Celebrate African American History Month with DWP!

When
Thursday, February 22nd, 2024
5:00 pm to 7:30 pm

Where
LADWP Headquarters
111 N. Hope St.,
Los Angeles 90012

Co-Sponsors:
Metro
CITY OF LOS ANGELES
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Registration
Registration Now Open!

For additional information please contact
Dakota Communications at Beinita@dakcomm.com

Los Angeles County Community Care Expansion (CCE) Preservation Grant Program - Capital Projects

Application Portal Now Open



The Community Care Expansion Preservation Capital Projects Grant Program will fund physical rehabilitation improvements for licensed adult residential facilities, residential care facilities for the elderly, and residential care facilities for the chronically ill located within the County. This grant program will provide a minimum of \$50,000 per facility to eligible awardees.

Upcoming Events

FEB 1

Navigating LA County & Metro Contracting Opportunities. [Register](#)

FEB 8

Become a Certified Woman-Owned Business. Free Workshop. [Register](#)

FEB 13

2024 Food Service & Economic Forecast. SoCal Gas Virtual Seminar. [Register](#)

FEB 20

Grants for Business Owners. LA County Public Works Workshop. [Register](#)

FEB 22

LADWP: Supplier Diversity Fair [Learn More](#)

FEB 26

CA Adult Education Programs: National Briefing on High-Impact Practices. [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](#)

AVAILABLE GRANTS FOR BUSINESS OWNERS

Discover the world of business grants and elevate your business growth in our monthly workshop! Every month, we will delve into the diverse landscape of grants available for business owners, ranging from government to private and non-profit options. We will provide a continuous monthly update on grants and their deadlines.

Each month, we will also feature a speaker who will talk about a special business/funding topic.



Cristina Espiritu
Procurement Manager



Understanding Business Grants

Learn about different types of available business grants and the potential benefits of securing grants for business development.



Exploring Available Grants

Overview of business grant opportunities currently available in the local area or industry and hear success stories.



Best Practices for Grant Applications

Learn key factors that contribute to successful grant applications and insights on how to present information about your business.



Q&A Session and Networking

Ask questions about business grants. Connect with fellow participants and broaden your network.

Monthly Workshops



(TUE) Jan 30

(TUE) Feb 20

(TUE) Mar 19



1:00 pm (90 min)

REGISTRATION



Pacific Asian
Consortium
in Employment



visit our website:
www.pacelabdc.org



for more info, please email
CEspiritu@pacela.org



Social Enterprise Certification

Thursday, February 15, 2024 | 2:30PM - 3:30PM

During this webinar, participants will learn about the social enterprise preference program to increase contracting opportunities for small businesses that have a social mission to enhance the County.

[Reserve a Spot](#)



U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization

Virtual Business Opportunity

Thursday, February 29, 2024 | 12:00PM - 1:00PM

Schneider Electric EPC, in collaboration with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs' Direct Access Program, will host a virtual event to identify partners suitable to participate in Energy Performance Contracts in a subcontractor capacity.

[Register Here](#)

BECOME A CERTIFIED WOMAN OWNED BUSINESS

DATE: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH
TIME: 5:30PM - 6:30PM
LOCATION: 1780 1ST STREET LOS ANGELES CA 90033



at to you in partnership with the City of Los Angeles Economic and Workforce Development (EWDD) and NEW Economics for Women. Auxiliary Ai

FUNDING & CONTRACT OPPORTUNITIES

Upcoming Deadlines

Los Angeles County Abortion Safe Haven Grant Program



Entities eligible for funding include LA County health care providers, academic institutions and nonprofit/community based organizations willing to conduct abortion access education and awareness campaigns. Selected projects will range from \$50,000 - \$300,000 per year. Funding must be used to advance and improve access to abortion in Los Angeles County. Applications close March 1, 2024. For more info email to EBourgin@essentialaccess.org

Community Care Expansion Preservation Capital Projects Grant Program



This program will fund physical rehabilitation improvements for licensed adult residential facilities, residential care facilities for the elderly, and residential care facilities for the chronically ill located within the County. This grant program will provide a minimum of \$50,000 per facility to eligible awardees. Application closing on March 4, 2024. To learn more visit <https://www.ccecp.org/>.

EPA Community Change Grants

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](#)

California Advanced Services Fund (CASF) Adoption Account

The Broadband Adoption Account provides grants to increase publicly available or after-school broadband access and digital inclusion, such as grants for digital literacy training programs and public education to communities with limited broadband adoption. Application cycle dedadline: July 1, 2024. [Apply](#)

Grant Opportunity for the Expansion of Family Resource Centers, 2022-2025

Grantees will increase activities, supports, and services especially for families and communities that have been historically underserved, marginalized, and adversely affected by persistent poverty and other stressors, including Black, brown, indigenous, migrant, and LGBTQ+ children and families, and rural communities. Applications are currently being accepted. Up to five grants may be awarded. [Learn More](#)

High Road Training Partnership Resilient Workforce Program (RWP)

The CWDB understands long-term, low-wage work is a significant problem for the future of California and seeks to build systems to promote access and advancement to better-paying jobs. This initiative will continue to tackle this issue by focusing on industry as an organizing principle, and building partnerships that develop skills employers need in ways that secure stronger economic opportunities for low-income workers. [Learn More](#)

FUNDING & CONTRACT OPPORTUNITIES Cont'd

Upcoming Deadlines Cont'd

California Cultural and Historical Endowment Museum Grant

California Cultural and Historical Endowment's Museum Grant Program is intended to solicit proposals for program projects, small capital projects, or a combination of program and capital projects that assist and enhance museums that are deeply rooted in, and reflective of, previously underserved communities and have been severely affected by COVID-19. [Learn More](#)

Sony Corporation of America Grants

Sony Corporation of America and its operating companies offer funding to programs that support education and creative, artistic, technical, and scientific skills that are necessary for tomorrow's workforce. The company welcomes requests for support throughout the year. [Learn More](#)

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](#)

L.A. Business Portal

Los Angeles County

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

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](#)

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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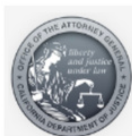
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Culver City Business Hotline
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<https://ttc.lacounty.gov/>



California Financing
Coordinating Committee

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

INFRASTRUCTURE LA

<https://infrastructurela.org/>



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