

The Exchange

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



NEW THIS MONTH



Access Online Courses

Enroll to learn from industry experts that will give insights, best practices and real-world examples to grow business capabilities.

[Enroll Now](#)



Foodservice Seminar Schedule

July - September 2023

Join SoCalGas at our Energy Resource Center in Downey for the July-September 2023 foodservice seminars! We are excited to discuss a variety of topics and sessions about various energy-efficient practices that could help benefit your operation. In-person seminars are provided at no cost to attend. If you miss a seminar, you can [view our library](#) of previous seminar presentations. [Register](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

JUL 5

Government Contracting Overview. Virtual. [Register](#)

JUL 11

Navigating Contract Opportunities. Webinar. [Register](#)

JUL 12

EPA Virtual Training for EJSCEEN 2.2 Enviro Justice Mapping Tool. [More Info](#)

JUL 12-13

The Anti-Displacement Forum. Inclusive Action and CORE. [Reserve a Spot](#)

JUL 13

Ways Houses of Worship are Embracing Solar Power. Webinar. [Register](#)

JUL 20

Community Business And Disabled Veteran Enterprise Certifications. [Register](#)
Aska Lawyer: Landlord-Tenant Law. LA Law Library. [Reserve a Spot](#)

Sidewalk Food Vendor Resources & Opportunities

LA COUNTY STREET VENDORS KNOW YOUR RIGHTS!

You ALWAYS have the right to:

- 1 Request ID (business card) from law enforcement or local official and get their name, the agency they work, and their badge number.
- 2 Ask why you are being stopped and ask why you are being cited for (ask for specifics)
- 3 Ask for a receipt for any items that are seized, including an address and phone number for the location of where any seized items will be stored.

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For immediate or urgent assistance, new or operating street vendors can contact DEO or their partners Community Power Collective (CPC) at **(844)-432-4900** or **(323)-208-9018**.

Para vendedores ambulantes nuevos o existentes llame a DEO al **(844) 432-4900** o a sus socios Colectivo Poder Comunitario al **(323) 208-9018**.

Are you a sidewalk vendor?

Get help for your business!

Sidewalk vending is legal in LA County! Follow these steps to get started and stay compliant with regulations!

- 1 Learn about **what** you can sell
- 2 Learn about **where** you can sell
- 3 Learn about **how** to get started

Get free 1-on-1 counseling to help get a seller's permit, a health permit, or business support services for your sidewalk vending business.



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For help, call 323-208-9018 or visit opportunity.lacounty.gov.

Design and build a solution for sidewalk vending!

The Department of Economic Opportunity is teaming up with [Inclusive Action for the City](#) and [Kounkuey Design Initiative](#) to launch a Request for Proposal (RFP) to design new affordable and code compliant mobile food carts for sidewalk vendors. Qualified businesses with experience in manufacturing are encouraged to apply!

Visit opportunity.lacounty.gov to get started!

Visit [Helping LA County Street Vendors Start, Grow, and Thrive!](#)

VIRTUAL SCE BUSINESS EDUCATION
S.T.A.R. WORKSHOPS are offered at
"no cost" and open to the public.

Los Angeles LGBT Chamber of Commerce

SUBCONTRACTING STRATEGY & OPPORTUNITIES
A SCE BUSINESS EDUCATION S.T.A.R. WORKSHOP
STRATEGIES TOWARDS ACHIEVING RESULTS

Highlights:

- ✓ Identify the different participants in subcontracting plans
- ✓ Distinguish the differences between federal/state/utility subcontracting plans and rules
- ✓ Evaluate the best strategies for leveraging the Prime/Sub model for business growth

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**TUESDAY
JULY 11
09:00 AM - 11:30 AM**

REGISTER AT
LAGLCC.ORG



Growing Contractor Capacity

Small, minority, women, and veteran-owned firms can apply for the Strategic Partnership Program, which provides a solid foundation of growth and long-term success through no cost in-person courses.

[Apply Now](#)

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COMING SOON
STAY TUNED

RECONNECTING COMMUNITIES AND NEIGHBORHOODS PROGRAM

The U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) will be announcing new funding program called the Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods (RCN) Program. The RCN will offer 3 types of grants:

- Capital Construction Grants
- Community Planning Grants
- Regional Partnerships Challenge Grants

Check back for more updates at [USDOT](#)

FUNDING & CONTRACT OPPORTUNITIES

UPCOMING DEADLINES

Safe Clean Water Program Funds For Stormwater Initiatives

This program funds initiatives that improve water quality, increase our local water supply, and provide community benefits, like green spaces and parks. The program cultivates regional and community partnerships and prioritizes historically underserved communities. **July 31, 2023** – [Call for Projects Deadline](#)

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

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 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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