

# The Exchange

ASSEMBLYMEMBER ISAAC G. BRYAN | MARCH | 2023

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



## NEW THIS MONTH

### FREE ONLINE BUSINESS CURRICULUM

**Verizon Small Business Digital Ready**  
Grow Your Business  
**SIGN UP TODAY!**

LOS ANGELES AREA  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
FOUNDATION

This easily accessible program provides small businesses with educational resources, coaching, community networking, and a marketplace of specially curated tools, products and services for your business.

[Click Here to Sign Up](#)

### IN-PERSON BUSINESS SUMMIT: DO BUSINESS WITH USC

**ASCESS SUMMIT**  
A GATHERING FOR DIVERSE BUSINESSES & USC OPPORTUNITY

**REGISTRATION OPEN NOW!**  
Expanding Opportunities for Diverse Businesses!

MARCH 9, 2023  
9AM-5PM  
RON TUTOR CAMPUS  
CENTER AUDITORIUM

USC University Relations  
Office of Business Diversity & Economic Opportunity

[Register Here](#)

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### MAR 7

EPA Info Webinar for Climate Pollution Reduction Grants

[Register](#)

From Seed Money to Serious Investment. LA Law Library Free Class [Register](#)

### MAR 14

Licenses, Permits & Reopening LA Law Library Free Class

[Register](#)

### MAR 15

Women-owned Small Business Certification. SBA Free Class

[Register](#)

### MAR 21

How to Form a Corp or LLC. LA Law Library Free Class [Register](#)

### MAR 28

Reading & Negotiating Business Licenses. LA Law Library Free Class [Register](#)

Ongoing Tax Education Events at [CDTFA](#)



## Intern with Assemblymember Bryan

One of the best ways to learn the inner workings of government and your community is through a State Assembly internship. Assemblymember Isaac Bryan is looking for bright, self-motivated, and energetic individuals who are interested in learning the dynamics of working in an Assembly district office.

### Description:

As an intern, you will provide support to staff with legislation, events, constituent services, and special projects. The office will work with applicants who are requesting to receive undergraduate or graduate credit. Internship terms will be determined based on availability and needs of the district office.

### Responsibilities:

- Engage with constituents via telephone or in-person
- Assist with data entry
- Respond to constituent requests
- Assist with constituent casework
- Work with staff on special projects and assignments
- Attend events
- Perform outreach to community leaders, constituents, and interest groups
- Other miscellaneous tasks, as required

### Desired Qualifications:

We are seeking candidates with a strong interest in public policy, community organizing, writing, political science, economics, communications, public relations or a similar area of study. Applicants with these areas of interest will find the State Assembly internship a rewarding and fulfilling experience.

### Desired Skills:

- Interest in local and State issues
- Excellent written and oral communication skills
- Strong organizational skills and ability to work with minimal supervision
- Critical thinking and creative problem solving
- Ability to manage multiple tasks and competing deadlines simultaneously
- Proficient in using Microsoft Word and Excel
- Assist in research and planning of upcoming events and projects
- Research issues in response to community inquiries
- Assist with office procedures, routine correspondence, telephone inquiries and special projects
- Fluency in a second language is beneficial

If you are interested, please send a cover letter and resume to [Shetarraah.Byfield@asm.ca.gov](mailto:Shetarraah.Byfield@asm.ca.gov)

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| <p>DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY</p> <h1>EOG Economic Opportunity Grant Program</h1> <p>LA County's Economic Opportunity Grant (EOG) Program will award <b>\$54 million</b> across <b>6,800 grants</b> for microbusinesses, small businesses, and non-profits.</p> <p><i>Apply Today</i></p>  <p><a href="https://grants.lacounty.gov">grants.lacounty.gov</a></p> <p><b>PHASE ONE: Microbusinesses</b><br/>Grants of \$2,500, funded by the State, will be available to microbusinesses with less than \$50,000 annual gross revenue in LA County</p> <p><b>PHASE TWO: Small Businesses &amp; Non-Profits</b><br/>Grants of \$15,000 or \$20,000 to small businesses with annual gross revenue of under \$2 million and grants of \$20,000 or \$25,000 to non-profits with annual gross revenue of between \$1 to \$5 million</p> <p><small>These grants are funded through the California Office of the Small Business Advocate and the Federal American Rescue Plan.</small></p> <p><b>department of economic opportunity</b><br/>COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES</p> | <p><b>Uncertain about the process or eligibility?</b> Register for a virtual information session with Q&amp;A. The session will cover important information about the program's eligibility criteria, application process, and required documentation.</p> <p><b>English: Tuesdays &amp; Thursdays at 12PM</b></p> <p><a href="#">Register Here</a></p> <p><b>Spanish: Mondays &amp; Wednesdays at 12PM</b></p> <p><a href="#">Register Here</a></p> |
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The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced the initial program design guidance for the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF) Program that was created by the Inflation Reduction Act. This summer, approximately \$27 billion will be available through two competitive grant programs, the General and Low-Income Assistance Competition, and the Zero-Emissions Technology Fund Competition. Both programs will align with the Justice40 Initiative, which directs that 40% of benefits should go to disadvantaged communities.

### **GENERAL AND LOW-INCOME ASSISTANCE**

This program will award \$19.97 billion to non-profits that can partner with institutions such as green banks, community development financial institutions, credit unions, and housing financing agencies to invest in projects that will reduce pollution.

### **ZERO-EMISSIONS TECHNOLOGY FUND**

States, Tribes, municipalities, and non-profits will be eligible for \$7 billion that will enable building solar projects.

[Learn more.](#)

# 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!

### Reproductive Health Care Access Initiative Request for Proposal (RFP)

The purpose of the PDIS Grant Program is to provide funding for physical facility and digital security enhancements for health care facilities and practitioners providing abortion-related services and reproductive health care services throughout California that may be the target of violence and vandalism. Applications are due by March 2, 2023. There are 2 RFPs --for [faciilties](#) and [practitioners](#).

### The Bureau of Reclamation Water Conservation, Management, and Restoration Grant

announced that \$80 million is available for water conservation, water management, and restoration projects. The Bureau is looking for projects that are part of a collaborative process, do not cost more than \$6 million, and can be completed within three years. [Applications](#) are due by March 28, 2023.

### 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 are due by April 10, 2023. [Learn more](#).

## 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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