

# The Exchange

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



## NEW THIS MONTH



### The SoCal Climate Champions Grant

The SoCal Climate Champions Grant invests up to US \$400,000 annually in programs, projects, and research that address community climate solutions in Southern California.

[Apple Here](#)



## Business Interruption Fund

is here to assist small businesses in the entertainment industry who were impacted by COVID-19 pandemic and the 2023 double Hollywood Strikes.

**Applications accepted until 5:00 pm PT on May 24, 2024**

Learn more



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## Upcoming Events

### MAY 9

LA Region Small Business Summit @ Mission College. [Register](#)

In-Person Training for LA County Nonprofit Vacant Property Grants. [Register](#)

Navigating City Contracting Opportunities. Webinar. [Register](#)

Census Business Builder - Make Data-Driven Business Decisions. Webinar. [More Info](#)

### MAY 10

Simple Steps to Hiring Your First Employee. SBA Webinar. [Register](#)

### MAY 13

SSBDC Restaurant Academy: Permits and Licenses. SBA Webinar. [Register](#)

### MAY 15

LA Region Small Business Summit @ CalState LA. [Register](#)

### MAY 28

On Solid Ground - Financial Planning for Businesses. LA Law Library Virtual Workshop. [Register](#)

Join LA County's Office of Small Business team every 3rd Thursday of the month for training, updates on programs, resources, etc. [Register](#)

# LOS ANGELES REGION SMALL BUSINESS SUMMIT

Presented by the County and City of Los Angeles

<https://bit.ly/LARegionSmallBizSummits2024>



**Thursday, May 9, 2024 - Mission College**  
13356 Eldridge Ave, Sylmar, CA 91342  
Featuring LA County Board of Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvath

**Wednesday, May 15, 2024 - Cal State Los Angeles**  
5151 State University Dr., Los Angeles, CA 90032  
Featuring Los Angeles City Mayor Karen Bass



LOS ANGELES REGIONAL CONTRACTOR DEVELOPMENT AND BONDING PROGRAM



**MONICA RODRIGUEZ**  
LA CITY COUNCILWOMAN, 7TH DISTRICT

Presents  
**Navigating City Contracting Opportunities**

Join this webinar to hear first-hand from LA World Airports, Port of LA and LA Department of Water and Power representatives regarding upcoming construction project opportunities. Businesses can learn how to do business with the City of LA, grow or obtain bonding and more.

**[REGISTER HERE](#)**



**New Capital Opportunity!**

**Apply Today! \$500k to \$2M Grants for Non-Profits to Acquire Vacant Property in LA County**


department of **economic opportunity**  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

DEO and Genesis LA are launching a **Commercial Acquisition Fund**, which offers recoverable grants to qualifying nonprofits ready to acquire vacant or abandoned land and buildings in communities hardest hit by COVID-19.

Get prequalified as an approved entity today, and apply for available grants this spring. Visit [www.lacaf.info](http://www.lacaf.info) to learn more!



A in-person training will be held on May 9th from 10am to 12pm. [RSVP here.](#)



**CALIFORNIA WATER BOARDS**  
STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD

**EPA Announces Online Collection of Environmental Justice Resources**

*The Environmental Justice Clearinghouse will help the public access tools and resources as part of President Biden's ambitious environmental justice agenda.*

A public, internet-based, whole-of-government clearinghouse composed of culturally and linguistically appropriate and accessible materials related to environmental justice.

Access the EJ Clearinghouse [HERE](#).



## Youth Justice Advisory Group

JOIN US FOR OUR QUARTERLY  
VIRTUAL MEETING

# STEERING COMMITTEE

 **DATE**  
May 15, 2024

 **TIME**  
12:00 - 2:00 PM


 **LOCATION**  
Zoom



REGISTER BELOW  
TO LEARN MORE ABOUT  
TRANSFORMATIVE  
MENTORSHIP!  
[tinyurl.com/DYDSCQ2](https://tinyurl.com/DYDSCQ2)



LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
DEPARTMENT OF  
**YOUTH**  
DEVELOPMENT



**Community Health Profiles** Los Angeles County Department of Public Health

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (Public Health) launched its latest **Community Health Profiles**. These profiles provide key data on over 100 indicators affecting health and wellbeing for 179 communities within Los Angeles County. The profiles emphasize the significant role local environments play in influencing health outcomes, with data intended to fuel improvements in community conditions and resident health.

Access the Health Profiles [HERE](#).

# All your sidewalk vending needs in one place.

## Lower Costs for Your Compact Mobile Food Operations Permit!

The new Compact Mobile Food Operations (CMFO) Ordinance has taken effect and applies countywide. If you are a sidewalk vendor seeking to sell food in the unincorporated areas of LA County, you may qualify for a **75% subsidy for your CMFO** permit fee and other related costs like plan checks, site evaluations, and home inspections through DEO and DPH's **CMFO Subsidy Opportunity Program**. The CMFO Subsidy Opportunity Program funds will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis until exhausted.

### How to Participate?

Register and attend at least (1) in-person or virtual session with DEO to learn about the CMFO Subsidy Opportunity Program and vending in unincorporated LA County, see if you qualify, and apply now.

Register today by scanning the QR code or visiting [bit.ly/SmallBusinessEvents](https://bit.ly/SmallBusinessEvents)



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## FUNDING & CONTRACT OPPORTUNITIES

### Upcoming Deadlines

#### 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 deadline: July 1, 2024. Apply

#### SoCal Climate Champions Grant

NEW!

Funded by SoCalGas and managed by DoGoodery, the SoCal Climate Champions Grant invests up to \$400,000 annually in programs, projects, and research that address community climate solutions in Southern California. This grant program is designed to invest in a future with net-zero emissions through clean, safe, and innovative ideas that put people and communities first. Applications accepted now through June 21, 2024, at 11:59 PM (PDT). [Learn More](#)

#### 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](#)

#### Grants for Non-Profits to Acquire Vacant Property in LA County

NEW!

The Department of Economic Opportunity will be providing recoverable grants ranging between \$500k to \$2M to non-profit organizations in designated communities that are looking to acquire a vacant or abandoned land or building. Grants will be available this spring. [Learn more](#)

#### Hybrid and Zero-Emission Truck and Bus Voucher Incentive Project

NEW!

Get in on base vehicle price breaks from \$20,000 to \$240,000, depending on the vehicle you purchase. Whether you operate one vehicle or hundreds, HVIP dealers are ready to work with you. Individual owner-operators, small businesses, corporate leaders, school districts, and municipal fleets are all eligible. The medium and heavy-duty vehicle market is transforming. HVIP's streamlined approach means you see the discount immediately at the point of sale. In most cases, no scrappage and first come, first served. [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](#).

### **GoGreen Business**

Revitalize your small or medium-sized business by leaving outdated equipment behind. Discover contractors, project developers, and favorable financing options to boost productivity. Upgrade to new appliances and use up to 30% of funds for bonus improvements. Learn more at [GoGreen Financing](#).

# 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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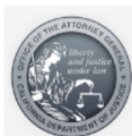
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<https://ttc.lacounty.gov/>



California Financing  
Coordinating Committee

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

**INFRASTRUCTURE LA**

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