

The Exchange

ASSEMBLYMEMBER ISAAC G. BRYAN | OCTOBER | 2024

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



NEW THIS MONTH

Health Equity Guide



The Health Equity Guide, a project of [Human Impact Partners](#), is a comprehensive resource for public health departments and practitioners to plan and implement health equity and racial justice work. [Explore the guide.](#)

TOGETHER WE THRIVE
2024 SUMMIT AND FESTIVAL

POWERED BY
JUSTICE, CARE & OPPORTUNITIES
DEPARTMENT

ISAAC BRYAN
CALIFORNIA
ASSEMBLYMEMBER
SPEAKER
THURSDAY
10/17

RSVP TO SECURE YOUR SPOT!
TogetherWeThriveLA.com

Calling all community members, philanthropists, service providers, creatives, and justice-impacted individuals!

Join us for a transformative day where art, culture, and cutting-edge ideas converge to shape a more equitable future.



Upcoming Events

OCT 16

EV Funding Pre-application Workshop. CA Energy Commission. [Learn More](#)

How to apply for the Sidewalk Vending Registration Certificate. LA County DEO Workshop. [Sign Up](#)

OCT 17

Justic, Care, and Opportunities Department *Together We Thrive* Summit. [Register](#)

OCT 18

OPIconic Exhibit. GelColor Intelli-Gel System Exhibit. [Register](#)

OCT 21

Deadline to register to vote in the Nov 5th Election. Register at LAVOTE.org

OCT 25-26

Climate Action Palooza. West LA College. [Register](#)

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



Register by Oct. 21

Are you ready to VOTE?

Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk

-  Make Your Plan to Vote
-  Register Now
-  Check if You're Registered

www.lavote.gov



Where's My Ballot?

Ballots are on their way!

All active registered voters in California will receive a vote-by-mail ballot for each election. For the upcoming General Election on November 5, 2024, counties will begin mailing ballots by October 7, 2024.

Want to know where your ballot is or if it's been counted? Register here!



TRACK YOUR BALLOT



Accessible Voting Options for Individuals with Disabilities

Whether you're registering to vote or casting your ballot, there are various options and accommodations available to ensure everyone can participate fully in the electoral process.

- Telecommunications Device Services for the Deaf (TDD) and Hard of Hearing
- Audio Sample Ballot CDs
- Remote Accessible Vote by Mail (RAVBM) allows voters to cast their ballots privately using their own assistive devices
- Interactive Sample Ballot (ISB)
- New Accessible Voting Experience Vote Centers

For more details on accessibility at Vote Centers, visit the [Vote Center Accessibility page](#).

Fair Chance Hiring Information for Employers

DO YOU OPERATE IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF LA COUNTY AND HAVE 5 OR MORE EMPLOYEES?

Starting September 3rd, the Fair Chance Ordinance for Employers is now in effect in LA County.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

LA County's Fair Chance Ordinance for Employers provides rights, protections, and enforcement mechanisms for persons with criminal histories looking for a job in the unincorporated areas of LA County.

Under the California Fair Chance Act, most employers can't ask ANY questions about a criminal record before giving you a conditional job offer - including on an application or at an interview. In most cases, it is also illegal for employers to have blanket bans that exclude all applicants with criminal records or applicants with certain convictions.

EMPLOYER QUICK FACTS

- Questions related to criminal history can only occur after a conditional offer of employment is given.
- Requires employers to provide a written good cause justification for conducting a criminal background check.
- Prohibits employers from reviewing or considering criminal convictions older than seven years (with exceptions).
- Requires employers to engage in the Fair Chance process before rescinding a job offer following a criminal history check.
- For assistance, email us at FairChance@opportunity.lacounty.gov.



REGISTER AS A FAIR CHANCE EMPLOYER

LA County's Department of Economic Opportunity will connect you to an America's Job Center of California, who will help you:

- Market your job posting.
- Recruit and hire new talent.
- Qualify for financial incentives.
- Qualify for up to \$9,600 of FEDERAL TAX CREDITS by hiring a system-impacted individual.
- Help you apply for training funds.
- And access many more benefits!



Visit bit.ly/FairChanceEmployers or scan QR code to register as a Fair Chance Employer. For more information on the Fair Chance Ordinance, visit bit.ly/DEOFairChance.

Department of Economic Opportunity

LA County Sidewalk Vending Permit Applications are live!

LA County's Sidewalk Vending Program officially became effective on August 5th.

All sidewalk vendors in the unincorporated areas of LA County are required to register with DEO for a Sidewalk Vending Registration Certificate.



Scan QR Code or visit bit.ly/SidewalkVendors to get started.

department of economic opportunity
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES



CALIFORNIA



GREEN RIBBON SCHOOLS

California Green Ribbon Schools Recognition Program Now Accepting Applications

The California Department of Education (CDE) is now accepting applications for the California Green Ribbon Schools (CA-GRS) recognition program. This program celebrates schools and districts that excel in sustainability practices, providing a platform to showcase their innovative efforts and share replicable best practices.

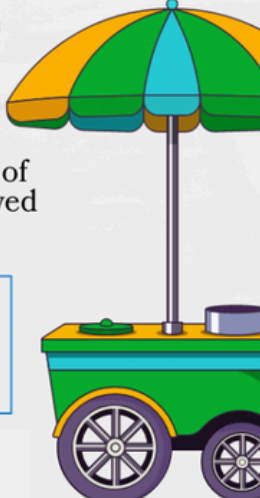


The application deadline is at Noon on November 4, 2024.

Food Carts for LA County Vendors Bid Submission Deadline Extended!

To provide prospective bidders more time to submit their cart blueprints to the Department of Public Health for approval, the **bid submission deadline has been extended.**

Bidders must now submit their proposed bid by **October 31, 2024**, including a blueprint of cart design(s) approved by the LA County Department of Public Health (DPH). Post-bid approvals are allowed but must be secured before the award is granted.

DEO will distribute **no-cost carts** to sidewalk vendors to promote economic growth and community health, safety, and well-being.



The LA County Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) is seeking manufacturers, engineers, or authorized resellers to design and deliver up to 180+ food carts, including integrated grill carts, hot-holding carts, prepackaged food carts, and cut fruit carts, for sidewalk vendors that are compliant with the CA Retail Food Code.

[**View the RFB**](#)

[**Learn More**](#)

United States[®] **Census** Bureau Request a Training

The Census Bureau has a team of Data Dissemination Specialists who can assist in bringing the world of data to you by providing trainings, workshops and presentations to you and your organization at no cost.

- Data Workshops and Presentations, in-person or via webinar.
- A presentation on a data topic relevant to you or your constituents.
- Hands-on training for accessing Census Bureau data.
- A presenter for your conference or event.

Browse popular training topics and request training services [HERE](#).

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Artist Studio Tours – Sign up Today!



Attention Artists!

The Cultural Affairs Division of the City of Culver City is interested in meeting local visual artists and scheduling studio visits. We are particularly interested in getting to know your artistic practice and learning about ways we can support your work as an artist. We plan to schedule a monthly block of time dedicated to meeting artists.

To schedule a studio visit, please write to cultural.affairs@culvercity.org.

A.I. IN L.A. INNOVATION SUMMIT

WEDNESDAY | 11.13.24 | AT THE OMNI

[Save the Date and Register for Updates](#)



This event is free, and open to Los Angeles K12 and community college administrators and educators, as well as workforce and aligned partners.

[Learn More](#)

FUNDING & CONTRACT OPPORTUNITIES

Upcoming Deadlines

2025 California Nutrition Incentive Program (CNIP)

CDFA is seeking project proposals from qualified entities to distribute nutrition incentives to CalFresh shoppers using their benefits to purchase California-grown fresh fruits and vegetables at authorized Certified Farmers' Markets, farm stands, and small business. Applications due October 11, 2024. [Learn More](#)

HFFI's Food Access and Retail Expansion Fund

The HFFI FARE Fund could assist a variety of organizations, business models, and capital needs of ventures that process, distribute, aggregate, market, and sell healthy, fresh, and affordable foods to underserved communities and markets. Funding Inquiry Forms must be received by October 14, 2024. [Learn More.](#)

Workforce Accelerator Fund 13

A California Jobs First initiative. Accelerator 13 is focused on new and existing projects that design, develop, and implement projects that will drive equitable recovery with quality jobs and accelerate employment and re-employment for California workers. Applications due October 28, 2024. [Learn More](#)

Community Food Projects Competitive Grants Program

The Community Food Projects Competitive Grant Program fights food insecurity through developing community food projects that help promote the self-sufficiency of low-income communities. Close Date: November 7, 2024. [Learn more here.](#)

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](#)

Tire-Derived Aggregate Grant Program

CalRecycle administers a program to provide opportunities to divert waste tires from landfill disposal, prevent illegal tire dumping, and promote markets for recycled-content tire products. The Tire-Derived Aggregate (TDA) Grant Program (Program) provides assistance for solving a variety of engineering challenges. TDA, which is produced from shredded tires, is lightweight, free-draining, and a less expensive alternative to conventional lightweight aggregates. Applications due December 5, 2024. [Learn More](#)

DHCS Behavioral Health Infrastructure Grants

The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) announced the release of the Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Bond Act of 2024 to construct, acquire and rehabilitate real estate assets or to invest in mobile crisis infrastructure to expand the community continuum of behavioral health treatment resources. The application deadline is December 13, 2024. [Learn More](#)

FUNDING & CONTRACT OPPORTUNITIES Cont'd

Ongoing Opportunities *Updated October 2024*

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.

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 www.cfcc.ca.gov

Become a City Vendor – Culver City

Culver City welcomes the opportunity to foster business relationships with high-quality suppliers and service providers. 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. 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. 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](#).

Hybrid and Zero-Emission Truck and Bus Voucher Incentive Project

Get in on base vehicle price breaks from \$20,000 to \$240,000. Individual owner-operators, small businesses, corporate leaders, school districts, and municipal fleets are all eligible. In most cases, no scrappage and first come, first served. [Learn More](#)

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.

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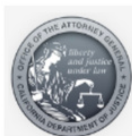
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<https://ttc.lacounty.gov/>



California Financing
Coordinating Committee

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