

The Exchange

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



NEW THIS MONTH



Upcoming Events

OCT 16

Great Shake Out! [More Info](#)

Commercial Lighting Incentive
Program (CLIP) Open House.
LADWP Event. RSVP

OCT 21

CFCC Funding Fair - Day 1. Free
Viirtual Event. [Register](#)

OCT 22

2025 Foodservice Equipment Expo.
SoCalGas Event. [Register](#)

OCT 23

2025 Sports & Entertainment
Procurement Summit. LA_County
Free Event. Register

OCT 27

Adobe for Nonprofits Day 2025.
Free Event. [Register](#)

From Vision to Reality: 501(c)(3)
Training. JCOD Event. [Register](#)

OCT 29

CFCC Funding Fair - Day 2. Free
Virtual Event. [Register](#)

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

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**SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT
PROCUREMENT
SUMMIT**

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PACIFIC COAST COMMERCE

Los Angeles is getting ready to host a string of major events: 2026 FIFA World Cup, 2026 NBA All-Stars, 2027 Super Bowl, and 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

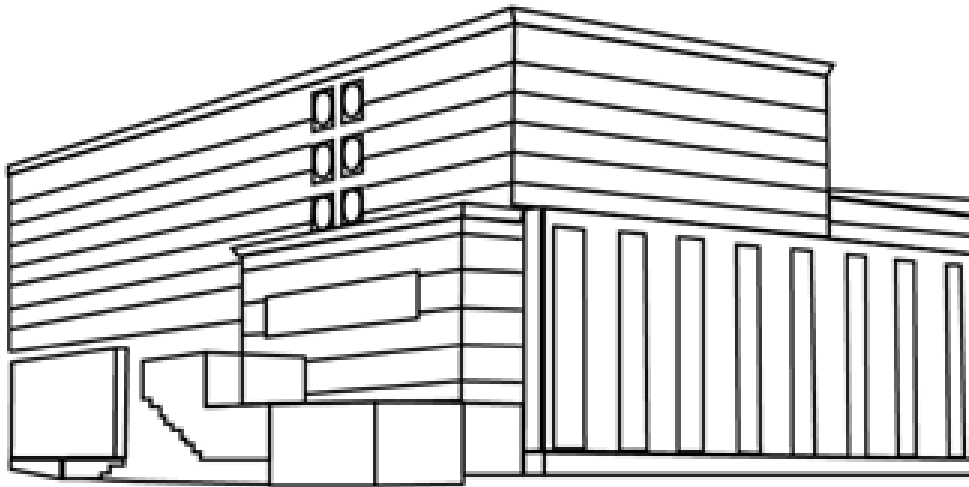
Join the Sports & Entertainment Procurement Summit to get your business ready to take advantage of this enormous boost in local tourism and the many government contract opportunities open to LA area businesses.

Register for this FREE event:

REGISTER

LA LAW LIBRARY PRESENTS
**PRO BONO
WEEK 2025**

October 20 - 24, 2025



Join LA Law Library in honoring Pro Bono Week 2025! Throughout this week-long event, the library will showcase a variety of classes.



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2025 FOOD DAY SERIES

Building an Equitable and Inclusive Food System: A Community Conversation

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

Mark your calendars! In recognition of Food Day 2025, you are warmly invited to: **Building an Equitable and Inclusive Food System: A Community Conversation.**

This is a critical time for food access and equity work in Los Angeles County. As we face budget shifts and ongoing challenges, collective advocacy and innovative funding solutions are more essential than ever. Join us for this virtual event designed to foster collaboration and resilience among those working to strengthen food access, equity, and local food systems in Los Angeles County.

Event Details

- **When:** Thursday, October 16, 2025
- **Time:** 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM PDT
- **Where:** Virtual Event (Zoom link provided upon registration)

What We Will Discuss

This conversation will bring together a variety of thought leaders to address the most pressing issues in creating a sustainable and fair food future. You will gain insights into:

- **Building Resilience Through Funding and Local Action:** Strategies for blending philanthropic and diverse funding streams with community-driven approaches to strengthen food access initiatives, weather economic uncertainty, and ensure long-term sustainability.
- **Advocacy and Policy:** The crucial role of advocacy and collective action in driving systemic change and ensuring an equitable food system for all.
- **The Future of Access:** Reimagining food access work and looking ahead, especially in the context of absorbing the impact of budget cuts and other challenges.

Honoring Our Champions

During the event, we will also take time to celebrate and honor outstanding Good Food Champions from across Los Angeles County. These individuals and organizations are doing phenomenal work on the ground to build a more equitable and just food system for our communities.

Don't miss this opportunity to connect with partners, learn practical strategies, and contribute to the collective vision for a better food future.

Secure your spot today—registration is required.

[Register Here!](#)



LA COUNTY EMPLOYERS:
SHARE HOW IMMIGRANT
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IMPACTED YOUR BUSINESS

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your business?



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STEP 2: Let us connect you to a trusted business advisor ready to support your dream from Bright Idea to Successful Exit

- No-cost 1:1 advising and a pathway to funding
- Low-cost training for every aspect of your business



ARTS INTERNSHIP PROGRAM GRANT



Students attend the 2024 Arts Internship Program Summit. Photo by Yoko Morimoto.

ONE WEEK LEFT TO APPLY

The [Arts Internship Program](#) provides eligible LA County arts nonprofits, municipalities, and social justice/social service organizations that offer arts programming with grants to hire undergraduate and community college students for 400 hours of paid work experience. The program will maintain a flexible timeline to be responsive to both students and organizations.

Application Deadline: October 9, 2025 | 11:59PM (PDT)

FREE WEBINAR

YOUR LABOR & EMPLOYMENT QUESTIONS ANSWERED BY THE EXPERTS *Monthly Webinar Series*

 **Friday, October 17**

This Month's Topic:
Paying Nonexempt Employees in California



ENR PRESENTS
Engineering News-Record

THE LA INFRASTRUCTURE FORUM

BUILDING for RESILIENCE

Agencies Reset for the New Normal

Monday, November 03, 2025 | 8:00AM - 5:00PM

This in-person event will bring together speakers from LA County Public Works, Metro, Sanitation Districts and the Port of Long Beach. Take advantage of this opportunity to network with industry leaders, learn about upcoming infrastructure projects and discover new opportunities for collaboration. Early bird registration ends October 10, 2025.

[Register Now](#)

FUNDING & CONTRACT OPPORTUNITIES

Upcoming Deadlines

LA County Arts & Culture Arts Internship Program (AIP) Grant

AIP provides eligible LA County arts nonprofits, municipalities, and social justice/social service organizations that offer arts programming with grants to hire undergraduate and community college students for 400 hours of paid work experience. The program will maintain a flexible timeline to be responsive to both students and organizations. Application Deadline: October 9, 2025. [Apply here.](#)

Call for Proposals - Exploring Equitable Futures

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) is accepting proposals to support projects that seed new and unconventional ideas that could radically advance health equity for generations to come. Close Date: October 15, 2025. [Learn more.](#)

Lots of Compassion Grant



Mrs. Meyer's Clean Day and KidsGardening are accepting applications for the Lots of Compassion Grant to support local leaders looking to transform vacant lots into gardens. Close Date: October 16, 2025 [Apply here.](#)

Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation (EEM) Grants



The Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation (EEM) Program, administered by the California Natural Resources Agency, offers grants to support projects that mitigate environmental impacts of transportation facilities. Application Deadline: October 16, 2025. [Apply Here](#)

Land and Climate Grant Program for LA County Land Trusts



The Land Trust Alliance and Open Space Institute are offering grants through the 2025 Land and Climate Grant Program to support land trusts in Los Angeles County. These grants aim to integrate climate change considerations into land conservation, stewardship, policy, or communications plans, focusing on issues such as habitat resilience, carbon mitigation, renewable energy siting, and community adaptation to climate impacts like extreme heat, drought, and wildfires. Application Deadline: October 16, 2025. [Apply here.](#)

California Violence Intervention and Prevention (CalVIP) Grant program



The state's primary source of state funding for community violence intervention programs. Community-based organizations are encouraged to seek this funding for your respective community violence intervention and prevention efforts now. Applications due October 18th, 2025. [Apply here.](#)

Culver City Performing Arts Grant Program



The City of Culver City offers grants to support dance, music, and theatre performances. This program brings performing arts to the community and helps make them accessible to everyone. Application Deadline: October 26, 2025, at 5:00 PM. [Apply here.](#)

2025 Community Grants Program to Promote Health Equity



The UCLA Kaiser Permanente Center for Health Equity is accepting applications for projects to promote health equity by addressing health disparities among underserved populations in and around Los Angeles County. Grants of up to \$5,000 each are available to support local community organizations in these efforts. Close Date: October 29, 2025. [Apply here.](#)

FUNDING & CONTRACT OPPORTUNITIES

Upcoming Deadlines

Marian and Pink Happ Fund



The Marian and Pink Happ Fund is offering up to \$10,000 grants to nonprofit organizations that work with underprivileged children in California. Close Date: October 30, 2025. [Apply here.](#)

Google: \$6M in Water Reuse & Recharge Funding



Google is calling on Los Angeles County agencies, water districts, and nonprofits to submit bold, shovel-ready projects for sustainable water infrastructure in key U.S. watersheds, including Southern California. Deadline: [October 30, 2025, 5:00 PM PST](#) [Apply here.](#)

LA County Arts & Culture Organizational Grant Program (OGP)



OGP provides Los Angeles County nonprofit arts organizations funding to address priority needs and ensure cultural services for our diverse communities. Application Deadline: October 30, 2025. [Apply here.](#)

LA County Arts & Culture Community Impact Arts Grant (CIAG)



CIAG supports arts projects and programming taking place at nonprofit social service and social justice organizations enabling these organizations to deliver a wide variety of cultural services to County residents. Application Deadline: October 30, 2025. [Apply here.](#)

LA County Regional Park & Open Space District (RPOSD): Competitive Grants

Funded by Measure A, RPOSD's competitive grant programs are designed to invest in eligible programmatic or capital projects consistent with or similar to those identified in the [Parks Need Assessment](#) and bridge the equity gap. Deadline: October 30, 2025. [Apply Here](#)

Food as Medicine



Elevance Health Foundation is funding for programs that improve clinical health outcomes for individuals with diet-related conditions and increase access to nutritious foods for populations experiencing food/nutrition insecurity. Close Date: October 31, 2025 [Apply here.](#)

Nordstrom Community Grants Program



The Community Grants program is designed to support hyper-local grassroots organizations addressing critical community needs like food, shelter, workforce development, scholarships, and others. Deadline: October 31, 2025. [Apply here.](#)

Kroger Zero Hunger, Zero Waste Grant Program



Through this grant, Kroger prioritizes support for nonprofit organizations and programs that aim to end hunger and waste in communities. Foundation grants are reviewed on a quarterly basis, with the upcoming deadline set for December 5, 2025. [Learn More](#)

FUNDING & CONTRACT OPPORTUNITIES

Upcoming Deadlines

Nourishing Neighbors Innovation Incubation Fund

Nourishing Neighbors, a program of Albertsons Companies Foundation, is accepting applications for new and innovative ideas or concepts that help end hunger forever. Close Date: Rolling Basis. [Apply here.](#)

Healthy Eating Research (HER) Grants

HER has launched a special call for proposals focused on understanding how recent changes to nutrition policies and programs at the federal, state, and local levels impact nutrition, health, and economic outcomes among diverse families living with limited incomes. Proposals will be accepted on a rolling basis until all funds are committed. Grants will be awarded up to a maximum of \$50,000 and 10 months in duration. [Learn More](#)

FUNDING & CONTRACT OPPORTUNITIES Cont'd

Ongoing Opportunities

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.

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](#).

California Underserved and Small Producer Program

Direct relief producer grants for small and medium scale California agricultural producers, or small and medium scale socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers are available through partnering organizations, and available on a rolling basis. [View grant opportunities](#).

Fruit Tree Orchard Grant

The Fruit Tree Planting Foundation is donating fruit trees and plants to alleviate world hunger, combat global warming, strengthen communities and improve the surrounding air, water and soil. Applications accepted on a rolling basis. [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](#)

L.A. Business Navigator

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

Sidewalk Vending Program

LA County Dep. of Economic Opportunity
Resources to support and advance permitted sidewalk vending within the unincorporated areas of LA County. [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 & natural disasters. [Visit here](#) or call 1-866-375-9511.

Learn How to Contract with LA City

City of Los Angeles Partner
Interested businesses can unlock contracting opportunities and receive free support services. [More Info](#)

Small Business Concierge Service

City of Los Angeles
Provides direct support for businesses to navigate the Los Angeles City government. [Visit](#)

BusinessSource Centers

LA City Economic & Workforce Development Department
No-cost consulting, training, and technical assistance. [More Info](#)

Connect with LA County's Office of Small Business

LA County Dep. of Economic Opportunity
LA County's one stop shop dedicated to help small – micro business owners and entrepreneurs kick start and grow. [Visit](#)

Economic Mobility Initiative

LA County DEO Partner
Provides tailored info, technical assistance, and resources for small businesses and nonprofits. [More Info](#)

Business Assistance Program (BAP)

LA County Economic Development Corporation (LAEDC)
Confidential, no cost consulting for all businesses in LA County. [Visit](#)

Savings & Incentives

CA Business Incentives List

Governor's Office of Business & Economic Development
A list of state-funded incentives for businesses. [More Info](#)

Business Incentives

CA Office of the Small Business Advocate
A list of state-funded incentives for businesses searchable by industry, business function, and incentive type. [More Info](#)

Business Assistance Program

LA County Economic Development Corporation (LAEDC)
Provides tax incentive details on all 88 cities, the County of Los Angeles, and state incentives. [More Info](#)

Empowering Small Business

LADWP
Energy saving guidance and saving opportunities for businesses by industry. [More Info](#)

Discover Savings & Programs

SoCal Gas
Energy efficiency incentives, third party programs, and industry-specific resources. [More Info](#)

Energy Solutions for Your Business

Southern California Edison
Energy efficiency incentives, business rates, and consulting services for businesses. [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 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](#)

DineOut LA County

LA County Public Works

Guidelines and permits for outdoor dining in unincorporated areas of LA County. [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

The CalOSBA Business Learning Center

CA Office of the Small Business Advocate

Resource Guides to start, manage and grow your California small business. [Visit](#)

Start a Business in Culver City

City of Culver City

Information on the requirements to do business in Culver City. Connect with the Business Resource Center.

[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](#)

LA SBDC Network

America's Small Business

Development Center

No-cost virtual workshops for small business. [Visit](#)

FOR MORE INFO & SERVICES



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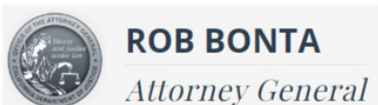


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