

March 2025

# SD PromiseZone Newsletter

2025 Youth-Led  
Career Expo:  
Tuesday, March  
18 at the Balboa  
Park Club

## The Promise

*"To co-create an ecosystem of opportunity and investment through collaboration that addresses systemic racism and inequities to improve the quality of life of Promise Zone residents"*



(Photo courtesy of Outside the Lens)

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## A MESSAGE TO OUR PARTNERS

### FROM THE PROMISE ZONE STAFF

Dear Promise Zone Network,

This month, the San Diego Promise Zone will host the [Youth-Led Career Expo](#) at the Balboa Park Club on March 18 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Our sponsors have donated some terrific raffle prizes--including the chance to win a laptop computer! Please share the flyer below with job seekers and employers who may be interested.

In March, we recognize [National Credit Education Month](#) and [Cesar Chavez Day](#) on March 31. We also recognize [Women's History Month](#), which brings attention to the accomplishments women have made throughout history. Support a few women-owned businesses in San Diego [here](#).

Many events and resources are highlighted this month, including **multiple opportunities to practice civic engagement**. Enjoy the newsletter and we hope to see you at the Career Expo!

~San Diego Promise Zone

### PROMISE ZONE IN THE NEWS

[ENCANTO  
COMMUNITY CALLS  
FOR  
REVITALIZATION  
AND RECOGNITION  
AT MARIE WIDMAN  
PARK](#)

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HIGH SCHOOL,  
STATE FOOTBALL  
CHAMPS WITHOUT  
A FIELD TO  
PRACTICE ON](#)

[ENCANTO RESIDENTS  
PROTEST ADU  
PROGRAM AHEAD OF  
SAN DIEGO CITY  
COUNCIL MEETING](#)

# 2025 YOUTH-LED CAREER EXPO



## YOUTH JOB SEEKERS

Are you a youth job seeker, age 16 to 24, or a teacher looking to help students explore career pathways?

- Connect with employers and industry professionals
- Explore job and internship opportunities
- Have your resume reviewed and participate in a mock interview
- Enter to win a raffle prize

## VENDORS

- Meet motivated young job seekers
- Showcase your job training programs and entry-level positions
- Help students explore various career paths

## SPONSORS

- Gain visibility for your company in the local workforce community
- Support career access for young job seekers
- Provide swag, raffle prizes or resources for a meaningful event

## TUESDAY, MARCH 18

🕒 10 A.M. - 1 P.M.

**Balboa Park Club**  
2150 Pan American Rd.  
San Diego, CA 92101



**More Info:**

[bit.ly/PZCE3](https://bit.ly/PZCE3)



PLEASE CONTACT [PROMISEZONE@SANDIEGO.GOV](mailto:PROMISEZONE@SANDIEGO.GOV) WITH QUESTIONS.

**SD PromiseZone**

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YEARS  
2004  
2024



LIVE WELL  
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**SD** Office of Child  
and Youth Success



san diego county office of  
**EDUCATION**  
FUTURE WITHOUT BOUNDARIES™

Visit [SanDiego.gov/PromiseZone](https://SanDiego.gov/PromiseZone) for a list of employers and raffle prizes!



## WORKING GROUP UPDATES

### Jobs and Education

During the February Jobs & Education Working Group meeting, Donika Moreno, SDPZ AmeriCorps VISTA Operations Associate, presented about the SDPZ 2025 Youth-Led Career Expo. She shared how partner organizations can contribute to the Career Expo, such as sponsoring, volunteering, being a vendor or bringing a group of students. Students from Lincoln High School were able to join the meeting to share their insights to help guide planning. Partners had the opportunity to discuss how their organization can contribute and further collaborate in breakout rooms. For more information, please reach out to Donika Moreno, [donikam@sandiego.gov](mailto:donikam@sandiego.gov).

### Economic Activity

The February Economic Activity meeting was centered around identifying programs that could assist local small businesses by providing new opportunities and assistance. To that end, we heard a presentation from the CA Jobs First initiative on the \$9 million in funding they received to boost San Diego area businesses that operate in five key areas: Agriculture, Industry & Manufacturing, Arts & Culture, Tourism and Life Sciences. The second presentation from the City of San Diego's Small Business Advisory Board focused on assisting small businesses by amplifying their voices and transmitting their concerns to City policymakers. Following the presentation, participants discussed how they could best inform small business owners about these organizations and the programs they provide.

### **Housing Affordability:**

Thursday, March 6  
10 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

### **Healthy Communities:**

Thursday, March 13  
10 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

### **Jobs & Education:**

Thursday, March 20  
2:30 p.m.-4 p.m.

### **Economic Activity:**

Thursday, March 27  
10 a.m. -11:30 a.m.

### Healthy Communities

The February Healthy Communities meeting consisted of an in-depth overview of the Get-It-Done app, including how to utilize it and data regarding current usage. The Get-It-Done app connects with 11 City departments, each with its own set of priorities. All reports are checked by a human intake team, and no report goes unaddressed for more than a few minutes. One highlight of the presentation was that satisfaction scores within the app had improved in several categories, including Graffiti Abatement (91) and Illegal Dumping (78). At the conclusion of the presentation, partners inquired about the possibility of additional Get-It-Done presentations at other community meetings and potential improvements to the app, such as an appeals process. Both requests are under consideration.

### Housing Affordability

The Housing Affordability Working Group met on Jan. 8, 2025, and heard a presentation by Julie Corrales from Tierras Indigenas Community Land Trust (TICLT). The presentation included the origins of TICLT as well as the hard work done by community members to get it off the ground. Julie provided information about the tenants and members of the community that will be active in the TICLT as well as different workshops and programs designed to educate community members. The discussion after this presentation focused on educating people and organizations in the Promise Zone about land trust models and the benefits they provide. For more information, reach out to **Oscar Silva**, [OSilva@sandiego.gov](mailto:OSilva@sandiego.gov).

# Promise Zone Updates



**March 9 to 15, 2025 is [AmeriCorps Week](#). Thank you** to our current AmeriCorps VISTA team, Daniel Hamilton, Domanic Riley, Donika Moreno and Oscar Silva. Thank you to all of our former VISTAs, and to our many Promise Zone partners who participate in AmeriCorps. We appreciate you!

*If you are an AmeriCorps alum, please reach out to the Promise Zone team at [PromiseZone@sandiego.gov](mailto:PromiseZone@sandiego.gov) to let us know. We are building a local alumni network and may even invite you to share about your service to incoming VISTAs. Thank you!*

New to the Promise Zone initiative and **interested in becoming a partner?** We will be releasing a revised MOU in March. Send us a note at [PromiseZone@sandiego.gov](mailto:PromiseZone@sandiego.gov) if you haven't talked with us yet about partnering.

## San Diego Promise Zone Website

The new [San Diego Promise Zone webpage](#) is now live! We invite you to explore the site and share your feedback to help us make improvements.

Share your thoughts here:

[bit.ly/SDPZWPF](https://bit.ly/SDPZWPF)



A screenshot of the San Diego Promise Zone website. At the top, it says "San Diego Promise Zone" above a map of the zone. Below the map, there is text: "In 2016, the San Diego Promise Zone (SDPZ) became one of 22 federally designated Promise Zones in the U.S. and one of only four in California. Spanning 6.4 square miles, the SDPZ is home to over 80,000 residents in the City's most culturally rich and ethnically diverse neighborhoods, as well as some of its most under-resourced communities." Below this is a section titled "Our Promise" with the text: "To co-create an ecosystem of opportunity and investment through collaboration that addresses systemic racism and inequities to improve the quality of life of Promise Zone residents." At the bottom, there is a "Working Groups" section with four icons: a house for "Housing Affordability", a tree for "Healthy Communities", a graduation cap for "Jobs &amp; Education", and a dollar sign for "Economic Activity".

# COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

## Raquel Aparicio

**Raquel Aparicio** is the Director of Student Outreach and Engagement at the University of California, San Diego. In this inaugural role, she leads efforts to advance advocacy, education and reporting for higher education pipeline-building while ensuring the coordination of diverse outreach initiatives. Born and raised in Nicaragua, Raquel was shaped by the perseverance and dedication of her mother, Silvia Elena. Teachers who invested in her growth ignited her passion for education, inspiring her to build a career dedicated to supporting students. Facing her challenges as an immigrant and first-generation student, she became committed to removing barriers for underserved communities.



Her journey in higher education began in admissions at Point Loma Nazarene University and San Diego Mesa College, where she worked to create equitable student opportunities. Raquel joined The Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz) during a brief transition from academia, where she played a key role in advancing a bottom-up approach to economic development. She worked to bridge connections across federal, state and local government, economic development agencies, higher education institutions, K-12 districts, chambers of commerce and industry leaders—ensuring that economic initiatives were informed by and responsive to community needs. Recognizing the critical role education plays in economic mobility, she brought issues of educational access into the conversations of the Promise Zone's Economic Activity and Jobs and Education working groups. This experience reaffirmed her mission, leading her back to higher education in 2023. She now continues her work at UC San Diego while serving as Co-Chair of the Promise Zone's Jobs and Education Working Group, which is hosting a Career Expo on March 18.

Raquel is one of our amazing partners spotlighted for the March Newsletter, especially as we recognize Women's History Month and direct attention to the achievements and accomplishments of women. One of Raquel's role models is her mother, Silvia, who took her first flight to the United States alone with four young children. Her mother's courage and unconditional love stuck with Raquel, and she continues to incorporate these qualities wherever she goes.

Learn more about Raquel and the UC San Diego Enrollment Department [here](#).  
Submit your nomination for the next Community Spotlight by clicking [here](#)!

# FINANCIAL WELLNESS

**National Credit Education Month** is our financial wellness theme this March, emphasizing the importance of learning about credit and your options as a financial client. Stay up to date on credit wellness education through these resources and events:

## CAL COAST CREDIT UNION



Find out what financial options you have when you have a good credit score.



### Credit Scores

Learn how to bring up your credit score and other strategies to maintain your credit report.

### Taking Control of Your Debt



Lower what you owe using these tips and tricks from Cal Coast Credit Union.

## RELATED EVENTS

**San Diego & Imperial Small Business Development Center (SBDC)** is hosting an online Essential Wealth Strategies Workshop on March 13, 2025, at 11 a.m. Register [here](#).



The **San Diego Housing Commission (SDHC)**'s **Achievement Academy** offers free webinars every month for those interested in financial topics.



Check out the Achievement Academy's webinars this month [here](#).

Visit **California Coast Credit Union's** website for more information about their programs and events.

# PARTNER ANNOUNCEMENTS



Unless otherwise stated, events listed below are not organized by the City of San Diego. Please reach out to the sponsoring organization for details or questions.

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## SciTech Tuesdays

Join the Elementary Institute of Science for a mixer that brings together high school students and science/technology professionals in the San Diego area. Learn how Vertex Pharmaceuticals Volunteers are using science to change lives!

The event is Friday, March 11, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. [RSVP using this form.](#) Any questions can be forwarded to [info@eisca.org](mailto:info@eisca.org).



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## Urban Greening Equity Workshop

The Urban Collaborative Project has curated a workshop that will develop an Urban Greening Plan for the Chollas View, Emerald Hills and Lincoln Park neighborhoods. The workshop will take place on March 15 from 10 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. RSVP for the workshop via [this form.](#)



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## Greater Logan Heights Community Market

In partnership with local vendors, Logan Heights CDC is hosting their monthly community market, bringing local produce, vendors and community together. The market will take place from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Gilliam Space. For more information, please email [info@loganheightscdc.org](mailto:info@loganheightscdc.org).



We post partner events to our [City Calendar website](#). If you would like us to post your event, please fill out our [Submission Form](#). The form is also available on our [website](#).

[Promise  
Zone  
Calendar](#)



# Partner Announcements

UC San Diego

## Comienza con un Sueño

*It Begins With A Dream!*

**March 15th | Liontree  
9 am - 3 pm | Arena**

UC San Diego's **FREE** annual Comienza conference brings together 6th-11th grade students, families & educators for a day of culture, community and knowledge. Offering bilingual workshops on college systems, admissions & financial aid, bringing together college & community resources & providing a one of a kind STEM fair!

**FREE LUNCH PROVIDED!**

Scan QR Code to join our mailing list!  
Event registration opens Jan 21, 2025

For more info please visit [comienza.ucsd.edu](http://comienza.ucsd.edu) or email [comienza@ucsd.edu](mailto:comienza@ucsd.edu)

EAOP TRIO UC San Diego  
CENTER FOR RESEARCH ON EDUCATIONAL EQUITY, ASSESSMENT AND TEACHING EXCELLENCE

## SciTech Tuesdays EIS

Elementary Institute of Science

Join us for a monthly mixer bringing together high school students and science and technology professionals from the San Diego area.

Join the Vertex Pharmaceuticals Volunteers for a get-together to discover how "Vertexians" are using science to change lives—and how you can be part of the next big breakthrough!

**Network Engage Learn Refresh**

March 11, 2025  
04:00pm - 06:00pm  
608 51st Street  
San Diego, CA 92114

**Food & Drinks**

RSVP <https://forms.gle/RzBnrAPQRYmRG1aL6> [info@eisca.org](mailto:info@eisca.org)

The Urban Collaborative Project PRESENTS

## Urban Greening Equity Workshop

CULTIVATING COMMUNITY STEWARDSHIP THROUGH EDUCATION AND COLLABORATION

**DETAILS**

Join us for an engaging and interactive workshop to develop an Urban Greening Plan for

**Chollas View Emerald Hills Lincoln Park**

Families, youth, local leaders, and advocates are welcome to share their vision for a greener and more sustainable community.

- Coffee and donuts
- Opportunity Drawing
- Translation & Childcare available upon request!

WHEN	WHERE
Saturday March 15, 2025 10 am - 1 pm	Former SDGE Suite 356 Euclid Ave, Ste. 502 San Diego, CA 92114

RSVP [bit.ly/tccugp](http://bit.ly/tccugp)

The Community Planning Collaborative for a Green SED is supported by the California Strategic Growth Council's Transformative Climate Communities Program in partnership with the California Department of Conservation.

## Time to ZUMBA

LOGAN HEIGHTS

Saturday, March 15, 2025  
12:30 - 1:30 PM

At the Gilliam Space  
2835 Imperial Ave.  
San Diego, CA 92102

For all ages and levels!

**FREE**

For more information, please contact us at  
(619) 858-0563 | [info@loganheightscdc.org](mailto:info@loganheightscdc.org)

# Partner Announcements



**SAVE THE DATE**  
**4TH ANNUAL**  
**TRANSPORTATION**  
**JUSTICE EXPO**

**SATURDAY**  
**APRIL 5**  
**10 AM - 2 PM**

@ **GOMPERS**  
**PREPARATORY**  
**ACADEMY**

**JOIN US FOR**

- A FREE FAMILY-FRIENDLY EVENT UPLIFTING TRANSPORTATION JUSTICE AND CLIMATE ACTION
- LEARN ABOUT CLEAN MOBILITY & ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION
- BIKE OPPORTUNITY DRAWINGS, GIVEAWAYS, ART, RESOURCES, AND MORE!

For Booths, Volunteers, & Sponsorships contact: [info@ucproject.org](mailto:info@ucproject.org)

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**BUS STOP**

Logos: Urban Collaborative Project, CALIFORNIA STRATEGIC GROWTH COUNCIL, Department of Communities and Economic Development



## SAN DIEGO FIXIT CLINICS

**SAN DIEGO CLINIC**

Do you have a household item in need of repair? Don't trash it! Come fix it for FREE at one of our upcoming Fixit Clinics, where we will provide the space, tools, and expert coaches to help you troubleshoot and repair your well-loved item.

**UPCOMING CLINIC:**  
**Saturday, March 15**  
12:00 PM to 3:00 PM  
Valencia Park/Malcolm X Library  
5148 Market St, San Diego

**ITEMS TO REPAIR:**

- Small Appliances
- Bicycles
- Toys
- Clothing
- Electronics
- Jewelry

**Sponsored by:**  
The City of **SAN DIEGO**

**RSVP TODAY!**  
<https://events.humanitix.com/sdfixitclinic>

Logos: GOODWILL, Zero Waste, fixitclinic, ROSE, Positive, SUSTAINABILITY IS SEXY



## SMALL BUSINESS RESOURCE FAIR

- Meet over 25 partners with essential resources
- Gain insights on growing or launching your business
- Attend flash presentations on various business topics

**OPEN**

- Conoce a más de 25 socios con recursos esenciales
- Obtén información sobre cómo hacer crecer o lanzar tu negocio
- Asiste a presentaciones relámpago sobre diversos temas de negocios

**MARCH 20, 2025**  
**3PM - 6PM**  
**LOGAN HEIGHTS LIBRARY**  
567 S 28TH ST, SAN DIEGO, CA, 92113

**Register Today!**



## SAVE THE DATE

**37TH ANNUAL**  
**NATIONAL CONFLICT RESOLUTION CENTER**  
**PEACEMAKER AWARDS**  
**HILTON BAYFRONT**

**SATURDAY // APRIL 5, 2025**

# Partner Announcements

**Get a refurbished Computer for as low as \$100**

**DESKTOP**

**Desktop set - \$100**

- Intel Core Processor
- 500+ GB Hard Drive
- 16 GB RAM
- Windows 10 Pro, MS Office 2019
- Includes monitor, keyboard, mouse, Wi-Fi connection adapter & webcam
- Free lifetime technical support

**LAPTOP**

**Tier 2 - \$150**

- Intel Core Processor
- 8+ GB RAM / 256 GB SSD
- Windows 11 Pro, MS Office 2019
- Free lifetime technical support

**Tier 3 - \$200**

- Intel Core Processor
- 16 GB RAM / 256 GB SSD
- Windows 11 Pro, MS Office 2019
- Free lifetime technical support


Computers 2 Kids partners with the San Diego County Office of Education to host Monthly Drive-Thru Events throughout the county.

Refurbished computers are available to low-income families. All ages qualify and you can purchase all the devices that are needed for your household.

Register to attend any event(s). We will send you a confirmation email within 2-4 business days.

**REGISTER TODAY!**

- Visit: <https://igco.de/ck2025>
- Scan the QR Code with your smart phone
- Text "Apply Drive Thru" to (858) 375-9108.



**2025 CALENDAR**


North County	Central	East County	South County
March 15 <sup>th</sup> - Escondido July - Escondido September 6 <sup>th</sup> - San Marcos November 1 <sup>st</sup> - Ramona	March 1 <sup>st</sup> - San Diego July - National City October 4 <sup>th</sup> - Linda Vista	June 7 <sup>th</sup> - El Cajon December 6 <sup>th</sup> - La Mesa/Spring Valley	April - Chula Vista (east) May 3 <sup>rd</sup> - Chula Vista (west) August 2 <sup>nd</sup> - Chula Vista

Get fast, affordable home internet with Wi-Fi for families that have K-12 students and receive government assistance.

**COX Connect2Compete**

**\$9.95 a month**

Qualify now: [cox.com/connect2compete](https://cox.com/connect2compete) or scan the QR code



Computers 2 Kids is a National advocate for Digital Equity. Our vision is that everyone has the technological & digital resources needed for full participation in society.

**WHAT WE DO:**

- Recycle electronics
- Refurbish computers
- Redistribute computers to families
- Respond with community partners to pair families with training, connectivity and support.

Need more devices? Our Technology Assistance Program is available year-round. Contact us at [programs@ck2kids.org](mailto:programs@ck2kids.org) or call (858) 200-9788.

Need technical support? Contact us at [techsupport@ck2kids.org](mailto:techsupport@ck2kids.org) or call (858) 200-9784.

8324 Miramar Mall, San Diego, CA 92121.  
Service hours: Mon-Fri 9:30 am - 4:00 pm  
Sat. 9:30 am - 3:00 pm

BRIDGING THE DIGITAL DIVIDE

CELEBRATING 2004 2024

COMPUTERS 2 KIDS

EDUCATION

**Access Youth Academy**

**SQUASH & PICKLEBALL**

**TRYOUTS**

Open to rising 5th - 8th graders

**MAY 3RD, 10TH & 17TH | AT 8:30AM - 11:00AM**

SCAN THE QR CODE TO RECEIVE AN EMAIL IN MARCH WITH THE REGISTRATION LINK!




**APPLY TO THE 16TH ANNUAL UCSD RESEARCH EXPERIENCE FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS (REHS)**

**PROGRAM DATES: JUNE 16 - AUGUST 8, 2025**

**PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:**

- OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS IN GRADES 10-12
- ABLE TO COMMIT AT LEAST 10-15 HOURS A WEEK DEPENDING ON SELECTED PROJECT
- ATTENDANCE AT WEEKLY SEMINARS
- PARTICIPATION IN THE ANNUAL REHS PROJECT SHOWCASE

**NO FEE TO APPLY - SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE!**

**For More Information and To Apply, Please Visit:**

[HTTPS://EDUCATION.SDSC.EDU/STUDENTTECH/REHS/](https://education.sdsc.edu/studenttech/rehs/)

**Application Period: February 15 - March 15, 2025**

**SDSC UC San Diego**

**REHS**

For Questions, Please Contact Ange Mason at [amazon@ucsd.edu](mailto:amazon@ucsd.edu)

**REBUILDING AMERICAN MANUFACTURING, ONE VETERAN AT A TIME**

Rebuilding American Manufacturing, One Veteran At A Time®

**Enrolling now! Classes starting on April 28!**

Headquartered in San Diego, California, Workshops for Warriors provides veterans, transitioning service members, and civilians with accelerated training in advanced manufacturing. After just 16 weeks, students can earn nationally recognized credentials in Welding or CNC Machining that can open doors to careers across the country.

**Welding for Warriors**

We will provide classroom instruction and hands-on training on state-of-the-art equipment required to develop skilled Welders. Students will be able to earn qualifications and industry recognized certifications to prepare them for employment in Advanced Manufacturing. Once the program has been completed, the student will successfully operate and qualify to required welding standards.

**Timeline to Completion**

- 16 weeks
- 640 clock hours

**Accreditations and Approvals**

Workshops for Warriors is approved to operate by the State of California's Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education (BPPE) and upholds the California Private Postsecondary Education Act of 2009. "Approval" or "approval to operate" means that the Bureau has determined and certified that an institution meets minimum standards established by the Bureau for integrity, financial stability, and educational quality, including the offering of bona fide instruction by qualified faculty and the appropriate assessment of students' achievement, prior to, during, and at the end of its program.

DOD SkillBridge Approved

**Certifications**

- Shielded Metal Arc Welding (SMAW)
- Gas Metal Arc Welding (GMAW)
- Flux Cored Arc Welding (FCAW)
- Starrett Precision Measuring Instruments

For a full list of credentials, visit [wfw.org](http://wfw.org)

**Careers**

- Pipeline welding
- Underwater welder
- Shipbuilding
- Aerospace
- Aeronautics
- Certified Welding Inspector

**Scan or Call Today!**

**(619) 550-1620**



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wfw.org

# Partner Announcements

Greater Logan Heights 

## COMMUNITY MARKET

*Every Third Saturday*

January 18, 2025  
February 15, 2025  
March 15, 2025  
April 19, 2025  
May 17, 2025  
June 21, 2025  
July 19, 2025  
August 16, 2025  
September 20, 2025  
October 18, 2025  
November 15, 2025  
December 20, 2025

*What we offer:*

Local Produce    Local vendors    Community oriented



*Time:* 12pm - 3pm

*Where:* The Gilliam Space  
2835 Imperial Ave.  
San Diego, CA 92102

*For More Information:* [info@loganheightscdc.org](mailto:info@loganheightscdc.org)  
(619) 858-0563



## CAREER FAIRS

**SPRING/SUMMER 2025**

5-6 FEBRUARY	2-DAY STEM CAREER AND INTERNSHIP FAIR
21 FEBRUARY	BLACK RESOURCE CENTER CAREER FAIR
27 FEBRUARY	✦ SPRING CAREER AND INTERNSHIP FAIR
13 MARCH	FOWLER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS CAREER FAIR
18 MARCH	EDUCATION CAREER FAIR
24 MARCH	PUBLIC HEALTH CAREER FAIR
25 MARCH	PAYNE SCHOOL OF HOSPITALITY, RECREATION AND TOURISM MANAGEMENT JOB FAIR
26 MARCH	HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES + COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO CAREERS DAY
10 APRIL	✦ JUST IN TIME CAREER FAIR
17 APRIL	COLLEGE OF ARTS AND LETTERS CAREER FAIR
24 APRIL	✦ IMPERIAL VALLEY CAREER AND INTERNSHIP FAIR
28 MAY	✦ SUMMER CAREER FAIR

✦ = Open to the public

**SDSU** San Diego State University Career Services



## LOGAN HEIGHTS CDC FOOD DISTRIBUTION

### 2025 CALENDAR

3RD FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH FROM 10AM - 12PM  
8040 IMPERIAL AVE. SAN DIEGO, CA 92103

JANUARY 17	JULY 18
FEBRUARY 21	AUGUST 15
MARCH 21	SEPTEMBER 19
APRIL 18	OCTOBER 17
MAY 16	NOVEMBER 21
JUNE 20	DECEMBER 19

PLEASE EMAIL [INFO@LOGANHEIGHTSCDC.ORG](mailto:INFO@LOGANHEIGHTSCDC.ORG) FOR MORE INFORMATION OR CALL (619) 858-0563



## TREE TREKS 2025 SCHEDULE

RSVP HERE 

Every 2nd Saturday of the Month from 10:00-11:30AM

JAN 11	LINDO LAKE PARK 12660 Lindo Ln, Lakeside, CA 92040
FEB 8	ROHR PARK 4548 Sweetwater Rd, Bonita, CA 91902
MAR 8	GRAPE DAY PARK 321 N Broadway, Escondido, CA 92025
APR 12	BALBOA PARK Park Blvd & Presidents Way
MAY 10	LAKE MURRAY COMMUNITY PARK 7001 Murray Park Dr, San Diego, CA 92119
JUN 14	BREngle TERRACE PARK 1200 Vale Terrace Dr, Vista, CA 92084
JUL 14	BUDDY TODD PARK 2800 Mesa Dr, Oceanside, CA 92054
AUG 9	KATE SESSIONS PARK 5115 Soledad Rd, San Diego, CA 92109
SEP 13	SHADOW HILL PARK 9161 Shadow Hill Rd, Santee, CA 92071
OCT 11	LA MESITA PARK 8855 Dallas St, La Mesa, CA 91942
NOV 8	BALBOA PARK Corner of Quince St. & Balboa Dr.
DEC 13	MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. PARK 6401 Skyline Dr, San Diego, CA 92114

# Partner Announcements

**MARCH 2025 TECH ON THE GO SCHEDULE**

Our Digital Bridge Program supports San Diegans who need IT assistance.

- Offers free basic computer skills classes.
- Provides free basic tech support (questions/how-tos).
- Promotes affordable devices through our Low-Cost Computer Program.
- Partners with workforce development partners to create tech skills training.

Class Structure	HOUR 1:	HOUR 2:	HOUR 3:
Our classes can help teach you how to be confident with your devices. Our structure is as follows:	Hands-on basic technical exercises and Q&A	Class discussion on monthly topic	Q&A for basic tech questions

Valencia Park/Malcolm X Library 5148 Market St. Thursdays   10 am - 1 pm <i>Email Basics</i>	Park de la Cruz Recreation Center 3911 Landis St. Mondays   9:30 am - 12:30 pm <i>Smartphone Basics</i>
3/6 Email I: Email Basics	3/3 Smartphone I - Navigating Phone and Settings
3/13 Email II: Email Features	3/10 Smartphone II - Contact and Block People
3/20 Email III: Efficiency and Productivity	3/17 Smartphone III - Taking Photos
3/27 Email IV: Security and Best Practices	3/24 Smartphone IV - Apps
	3/31 <b>Holiday</b>

Skyline Hills Library 7900 Paradise Valley Rd. Saturdays   10 am - 1pm <i>Internet Safety</i>	Sherman Heights Community Center* 2258 Island Ave. Tuesdays   10 am - 1 pm <i>Email Basics</i>
3/1 Internet Search   URL Overview	3/4 Email I: Email Basics
3/8 Types of Malware   URL Review   Hypertext	3/11 Email II: Email Features
3/15 Manage Email: Report and Block Users	3/18 Email III: Efficiency and Productivity
3/22 QR Code & Safety	3/25 Email IV: Security and Best Practices
3/29 <b>No Class</b>	

Otay Mesa-Nestor Library * 3003 Coronado Ave Fridays   10 am - 1 pm <i>Internet Safety</i>	Scan this QR code for more information
3/7 Internet Search   URL Overview	
3/14 Types of Malware   URL Review   Hypertext	
3/21 Manage Email: Report and Block Users	
3/28 QR Code & Safety	

\*Class discussion in Spanish; Q&A is offered in Spanish and English

[sandiego.gov/sdaccess](http://sandiego.gov/sdaccess)

**Need Tech Help and Tech Resources?**

The City of San Diego and C2K partner to offer free Digital Navigator services.  
Drop-in or call for assistance.  
**1 (800) 350-6945**

**MARCH 2025 DIGITAL NAVIGATOR SCHEDULE**

Central Library 330 Park Blvd.	Park de la Cruz Recreation Center 3911 Landis St.
English/Spanish *Monday: 11:30 am - 3:30 pm English/Arabic/Somali Tuesday: 11:30 am - 3:30 pm	English/Spanish/Somali Tuesday: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm English/Chaldean Thursday: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
City Heights Library 3795 Fairmount Ave. English/Arabic/Chaldean *Monday: 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm English/Tagalog/Spanish Wednesday: 11:30 am - 3:30 pm	Valencia Park/Malcolm X Library 5148 Market St. English/Spanish *Monday: 3:30 pm - 7:30 pm English/Somali Saturday: 11:30 am - 3:30 pm
Cathy Hopper Rec Center 4425 Bannock Ave. English Wednesday: 9:30 am - 12:30 pm	Skyline Hills Library 7900 Paradise Valley Rd. English/Arabic/French/Somali Thursday: 11:30 am - 3:30 pm
Logan Heights Library 567 S. 28 <sup>th</sup> St. English/Spanish Saturday: 11:30 am - 3:30 pm	Otay Mesa - Nestor Library 3003 Coronado Ave. English/Spanish/Chaldean Wednesday: 11:30 am - 3:00 pm
San Ysidro Library 4235 Beyer Blvd. English/Spanish Thursday: 11:00 am - 3:00 pm	SDCCE - Educational Cultural Complex 4343 Ocean View Blvd English/Tagalog Tuesday: 11:30 am - 3:30 pm

\* Libraries closed for César Chávez Day, Monday, March 31, 2025.

FREE BUSINESS ADVICE

**The INTERNATIONAL RESCUE COMMITTEE (IRC)**

invites you to learn about...

## How to Start or Grow Your Business

IRC offers the following FREE business counseling services:

- Business Loans \$300 - \$50K (depends on eligibility and committee approval)
- Business Plan Support
- Permits and License Assistance
- Individual and Group Training

Schedule a free appointment  
with a Business Counselor!

<p><u>City Heights</u> 5348 University Ave., Suite 205 San Diego, CA 92105 IRCSBDC@rescue.org</p>	<p><u>El Cajon</u> 131 E. Main St., Suite 201 El Cajon, CA 92020 IRCSBDC@rescue.org</p>
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From Harm to Home | [Rescue.org/SanDiego](http://Rescue.org/SanDiego)  
Loans made or arranged pursuant to CA Finance Law License

This program is funded in whole or in part with Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program funds provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to the City of San Diego

## Higher Education Navigation Workshop

WHAT SHOULD I DO AFTER HIGH SCHOOL?

If you've asked yourself that question, then this workshop is for you!

**This program is for:**

- Ages 17+
- English Language Learners
- San Diego County Residents

If interested, please scan the QR code and complete the attached form →

**Come learn about:**

- How To Pay For College
- How To Apply For College
- Career Opportunities

(619)-728-4995

[justin.wickstrand@rescue.org](mailto:justin.wickstrand@rescue.org)

# Partner Announcements

## Performers & Educators

### Application Now Open!

Apply to become a Performer or Educator with the San Diego County Library!



Serving Older Adults and Veterans 60+

## JFS Fix-It Service



Helping You Lead A Safe & Independent Life At Home



When you or someone you care about is concerned about fall prevention, JFS Fix-It Service provides a four-point safety check, along with minor safety repairs and modifications to improve your mobility and security at home. All services are completed free-of-charge by our amazing volunteers.



### No Cost Safety Items For Low-Income Older Adults

- Help with task lighting/nightlights/light bulbs
- Small cooking appliances – such as toaster ovens and microwaves
- Bathroom safety items – such as shower chairs, non-slip rugs, and safety rails
- Cleaning equipment – such as carpet sweepers, microfiber mops, and vacuums
- Portable heating/cooling units - such as room fans and small heaters
- Carts to help transport laundry and groceries

(858) 637-3210 • [www.jfssd.org/FixIt](http://www.jfssd.org/FixIt)

Program funded by a grant from San Diego County Aging and Independence Services to provide relief to unpaid caregivers of people aged 60 and older. A caregiver can be a friend or neighbor who checks in by phone or in person.



JFS AGING CARE SERVICES



## Helping You Lead a Safe and Independent Life at Home

According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, falls are the leading cause of injury for older adults, and 60% of those falls happen at home. Jewish Family Service is dedicated to keeping older community members safe at home by taking steps to prevent accidents and injury.

In partnership with the City of San Diego, we offer the following items at no cost for low-income older adults.

- Bathroom safety non-install items, such as shower chairs, nightlights, nonslip rugs, and support rails
- Canes and rollators
- Carts for transporting groceries and laundry
- Small cooking appliances, such as toaster ovens and microwaves
- Portable heating and cooling units, such as room fans and small heaters

To request any of the items listed above and learn how we can make living at home even safer, call (858) 637-3210.



# Partner Announcements



**BECOME A LICENSED BEAUTY PROFESSIONAL!**

**PROGRAMS OFFERED:**

- COSMETOLOGY
- BARBERING
- ESTHETICS (SKINCARE)
- MANICURIST (NAILS)

- NO GED OR HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA REQUIRED
- HYBRID LEARNING – IN-PERSON & ONLINE
- GET HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE
- BILINGUAL CLASSES (ENGLISH OR SPANISH)
- ACCEPT SOCIAL OR ITIN

ENROLL:  
619-905-4010  
619-755-1717

[www.alvabeautycollective.com](http://www.alvabeautycollective.com)

3139 LEMON GROVE AVE  
LEMON GROVE, CA. 91945

IG: @ALVABEAUTYCOLLECTIVE




**Legal Services**

**WALK-IN OFFICE HOURS**

2ND WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH

9AM - 12 PM

3040 IMPERIAL AVE. SAN DIEGO, CA 92102

The San Diego Volunteer Lawyer Program provides free legal services for micro-businesses and nonprofits every second Wednesday of the month.

**Don't miss this opportunity to obtain expert legal advice and support!**

**SERVICIOS SIN CITA PREVIA**

2DO MIERCOLES DE CADA MES

9AM - 12 PM

3040 IMPERIAL AVE. SAN DIEGO, CA 92102

San Diego Volunteer Lawyer Program ofrece servicios legales gratuitos para micro-empresas y ONGs el segundo miércoles de cada mes.

**¡No pierdas esta oportunidad de obtener asesoramiento legal!**

**Join Us for Free Educational Field Trips at Balboa Park!**

Interactive outdoor learning experiences for grades K-3, funded by Forever Balboa Park

**What We Offer:**

**Lesson 1: Scavenger Hunt**  
A fun, interactive scavenger hunt through the park's gardens that teaches students environmental literacy.

**Lesson 2: Comic/Story Writing**  
Connects traditional literacy with environmental awareness, encouraging creativity while learning about nature.

**Materials Available:**  
Worksheets & vocabulary guides in English and Spanish during field trips.

**When & Where:**  
Monday–Thursday: 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM  
Lessons take place in Balboa Park's garden spaces

**Transportation & Chaperones:**  
Forever Balboa Park covers or reimburses transportation costs. Schools are responsible for chaperones.


**Booking Information:**  
Scan the QR code to view available dates and book your field trip today!

**Contact Us:**  
For questions or more details, please email [roseanhdo@gmail.com](mailto:roseanhdo@gmail.com) or [briana@balboopark.org](mailto:briana@balboopark.org)

[foreverbaloopark.org](http://foreverbaloopark.org)




**SOUTHEASTERN LIVE WELL CENTER CBO SUITE**



**OVERVIEW**

The new Southeastern Live Well Center provides a single stop for services, and also serves as a hub for collaboration. The Community Based Organizations (CBO) Suite is available to CBOs who serve the local community. Huddle rooms (small conference rooms) and workstations must be reserved prior to being used. Limited huddle rooms and workstations are available on a drop-in basis. Cancellations must be made at least 24 hours in advance.

**WAYS TO RESERVE**

- E-mail**  
The digital reservation form can be obtained and submitted via email at [SELWCReservations.HHSA@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:SELWCReservations.HHSA@sdcounty.ca.gov)
- Call**  
Call **858-351-6075** to make a reservation over the phone.
- In-person**  
Visit the front desk outside of the CBO Suite to reserve a huddle room or workstation.


**HOURS OF OPERATION**

- Monday - Friday
- 7:00 AM - 5:00 PM


**AMENITIES**

- 6 small conference rooms with AV Equipment
- 4 workstations with desktop computers
- 8 workstations with charging stations

**CONTACT INFORMATION**



- 858-351-6075
- [SELWCReservations.HHSA@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:SELWCReservations.HHSA@sdcounty.ca.gov)
- 5101 Market Street, San Diego, CA 92114



# Partner Announcements

HEALTHY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES PRESENTS

## Baby Steps

**CLASS INFORMATION**

Currently all HDS services can be accessed virtually from the comfort of your home at no cost. For further details or to schedule a class call: (619)515-2406.

Monday:  
2:40pm - 3:40pm (0-6 months)

Thursday:  
9:00am - 10:00am (0-6 months)

Friday:  
10:40am - 11:40am (7-11 months)

\*Schedule and availability is subject to change.



**Caregivers long to provide the best for their newborn baby.** Baby Steps offers groups to help caregivers learn strategies and identify support such as:

- Understand your baby's cues and how to respond to them
- Build a stronger bond with your baby
- Learn Infant Massage techniques to help your baby relax and sleep
- Develop self-confidence in caregiving
- Connect with other caregivers

The groups are for caregivers and their children age **birth up to 15 months** (or prior to walking) and expectant caregivers. Classes are provided at no cost.

For program locations, start dates/times, and all other questions, please contact us.

Healthy Development Services  
Central Region  
2044 First Ave Suite 200  
San Diego, CA 92101  
(619) 515-2406





# Grow With Us

Join us for 6 weekends of epic Community Member led Workshops, in the new community wellness garden!

Please RSVP for the weekends you would like to come garden with us!

[info@freedomcoop.org](mailto:info@freedomcoop.org)

### WORKSHOP CALENDER

- December 21st  
Grow With Us Celebration
- January 12th  
Intro to Natural Building
- January 25th  
Rewilding Urban Landscapes w/ Polyculture
- February 15 & 16th  
Intro to Beekeeping + Microgreens
- March 8th & 9th  
Native Plants - Mushroom Log Inoculation
- March 22nd & 23rd  
Bokashi - Composting

## House of Hospitality Facility Maintenance Volunteer Program

Volunteers will be trained by and work alongside the Forever Balboa Park Facility Maintenance team. Volunteers will learn how to maintain the common areas and the facilities of the House of Hospitality, a historically significant building in Balboa Park. This position allows volunteers to build new skills, gain practical hands-on experience, and develop independence.

**FRIDAY MORNINGS**  
FROM 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM

- Must be over the age of 18
- Background check is required (at no cost to you)
- Must be available for 2 entire shifts/ month
- Commitment of at least 6 months



If you are interested in taking part in our new program, please scan the QR code and fill out the interest form, or fill it out online at: <https://bit.ly/fbpvolunteer>

Please email [mecklit@balboapark.org](mailto:mecklit@balboapark.org) if you have any further questions or concerns



[WWW.FOREVERBALBOAPARK.ORG/](http://WWW.FOREVERBALBOAPARK.ORG/)




## FAMILY CHILD CARE EDUCATOR APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM

Do you want to pursue a career on Early Childhood Education and want to have your own business?

Apprentices will get hands-on training on how to start and manage your own Family Child Care businesses while working as assistants.

**MORE INFORMATION:**  
(619) 381 - 4277  
[nhernandez@udwresourcecenter.org](mailto:nhernandez@udwresourcecenter.org)



**JOIN OUR INTEREST LIST!**

**WHAT WE OFFER:**

- Accredited College Courses
- On-the-job paid training and stipends as an apprentice.
- Business Management Training
- A Community of Support



[www.udwresourcecenter.org](http://www.udwresourcecenter.org) 7777 Alvarado Rd Suite 116, La Mesa, CA 91942 (by appointment only)



## SNAP COLLEGE STUDENT ELIGIBILITY

SNAP helps college students focus more on their studies and less on where their next meal will come from

**3.3 million**  
college students were potentially eligible for SNAP in 2020

**67%**  
of those college students reported not receiving benefits



### Think you might qualify?

All college students must meet the SNAP eligibility criteria to receive food assistance.

If you're enrolled half-time or more, you must also meet at least ONE of the following conditions:

- Work 20+ hours per week
- Participate in a federal or state work-study program
- Have a physical or mental disability or condition that prevents you from working
- Care for a young dependent child
- Receive Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
- Enrolled in college through certain employment & training programs, such as SNAP E&T, Workforce and Innovation Opportunity Act (WIOA), and others
- Participate in an on-the-job training program
- Be under age 18 or over 49

### Need more info?

Contact your state or local SNAP office:  
[fns.usda.gov/snap/state-directory](https://fns.usda.gov/snap/state-directory)



## COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS ADVANCING PUBLIC HEALTH

APPLICATIONS FOR THE SUMMER 2024 COHORT WILL OPEN IN MARCH

The University of California San Diego (UCSD), in partnership with local agencies are leading a Community Health Worker (CHW) training program to develop capacity in Native American/Indigenous communities and Refugee and Immigrant communities, particularly but not exclusively from Africa, the Middle East and Southeast Asia.

### PARTICIPATING CHWS WILL RECEIVE:

#### TRAINING PROGRAM

- Only 2-3 hour time commitment per week; 120 total lecture hours to complete the program
- Topics include communication, case management, healthcare support, essential skills, technology/digital literacy, self-care, public health
- Hybrid Training - both online and in-person options available

Earn a professional CHW certificate from UCSD Extension!

#### FINANCIAL SUPPORT

FULL TUITION COVERED BY PROGRAM  
Other related expenses may be considered for reimbursement on a case by case basis

- ✓ TRAVEL
- ✓ CHILDCARE
- ✓ ACCESS TO TECHNOLOGIES

#### CAREER PATHWAY

Participants will be eligible for the following after completing training:

- Advanced public health training to support job readiness serving communities of color
- Apprenticeship/internship opportunities that can lead to employment
- High level coaching to become trainers of future CHWs in the community

INTERESTED?  
SCAN THIS QR CODE/CLICK ON THE LINK BELOW TO ENROLL OR LEARN MORE ABOUT THE PROGRAM

[HTTPS://FORMS.GLE/FMK9SZHGASWYA0HY7](https://forms.gle/FMK9SZHGASWYA0HY7)

Questions? Contact:  
[jwiebeanderson@ucsd.edu](mailto:jwiebeanderson@ucsd.edu)



THIS PROGRAM IS SUPPORTED BY THE HEALTH RESOURCES AND SERVICES ADMINISTRATION (HRSA) OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (HHS) AS PART OF AN AWARD TOTALING \$3,000,000 WITH 0% FINANCED WITH NON-GOVERNMENTAL SOURCES. THE CONTENTS ARE THOSE OF THE AUTHOR(S) AND DO NOT NECESSARILY REPRESENT THE OFFICIAL VIEW OF, NOR AN ENDORSEMENT, BY HRSA, HHS, OR THE U.S. GOVERNMENT. FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT HRSA.GOV.

2/27/24



Register Today for Open Enrollment for New & Continuing Students

## ULSDC PROJECT READY LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

In-person - Free

This program focuses on:

- Mentorship,
- Leadership Development,
- Historical and Cultural Literacy,
- Scholarships and Money for College,
- College Tours,
- National Urban League Youth Summit (Travel out of Town & Stay on a college campus with 300 plus students)
- National Case Competitions, and
- Career Preparation & Exploration
- Social Justice & Public Speaking
- Incentives, Swag, Gift Cards, and Money for College

Contact Kea Hagan at:  
619.266.6265; [kea@sdul.org](mailto:kea@sdul.org)

REGISTER TODAY USING QR CODE



<https://form.jotform.com/241286464318157>

## Baking



**Foundational Skills:** cake decorating, food safety and sanitation, pastry making, cookies, piping skills, confections, and more!

**Timeline - Front-Loaded:** 10 weeks on-campus training + 10 months On-the-Job Training  
 • Potential jobs as a baking assistant, decorator, pastry cook, production assistant

## Customer Service

(Front of House)



**Foundational Skills:** customer and guest services, event planning, catering, inventory management, and more!

**Timeline: Dual-Instruction:** 3 weeks on-campus training followed by 11 months On-the-Job Training (employment) + once-a-week classes  
 • Potential jobs as host, server, busser, runner

## Culinary




**Foundational Skills:** knife skills, food safety and sanitation, multiple cooking techniques, fish fabrication, plating and presentation, basic breads, and more!

#### Timeline Options:

- **Front-Loaded:** 10 weeks on-campus class + 10 months On-the-Job Training  
 • Jobs as prep cook, line cook, pantry cook, garde manger
- **Dual-Instruction:** 3 weeks on-campus class followed by 11 months On-the-Job Training + once-a-week classes  
 • Jobs as dishwasher, steward, prep cook

# GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

## Growing Equity in Urban Agriculture

 UCSD Center for Community Health's Growing Equity initiative aims to promote community food sovereignty and health equity through urban agriculture. This program will offer \$250,000+ in total funding in 2025 for urban growers in San Diego County. This \$250,000 will be given out as 10 Seed Awards worth \$10,000 each and three Sprout Awards worth \$50,000 each. To qualify, applicants must be (1) Located within 25 miles adjacent to or outside of an "Urbanized Area" containing a population of 50,000 or more people; (2) Their Project site must be located in or directly serve a priority population area as determined by the [California Climate Investments Priority Populations 2024](#) map; (3) Accomplish one of the seven stated goals of the program which range from building social capital to providing education and skills development, or simply supplementing access to fresh food. Applicants who fulfill two goals will be eligible for the \$50,000 Sprout award.

**Award Amount:** 10 awards of \$10,000 and three awards of \$50,000

**Deadline:** March 10, 2025


**TAGS:** Healthy Communities, Community Gardens, Technical Assistance, In-Kind

UC San Diego

ALTMAN CLINICAL & TRANSLATIONAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE

Center for  
Community Health

## Understanding the Intersection of Social Inequities to Optimize Health and Reduce Health Disparities: The Axes Initiative (R01 Clinical Trial Optional)

 Research shows that intersecting systems of privilege and oppression produce and sustain wide and unjust variations in health. The Axes Initiative will support research to understand health at the intersections of social statuses such as race, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, sexual orientation and ability, by examining contributions of social and other determinants of health.

**Award Amount:** \$500,000

**Deadline:** March 10, 2025

**TAGS:** Healthy Communities, Social Justice, Research-Focused





Photo Credit: Fred Briones (Big Valley Pomo) | CEO Native American Fiber Program

## Notice of CalRecycle Grants 101 Public Workshop

**Monday, March 10, 2025**

**10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

The Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) will be holding a Grants 101 Workshop on March 10, 2025, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. to provide interested parties an overview of the Division of Circular Economy's Grants Application Process. A copy of the materials presented will be made available after the informational session.

At the public workshop, CalRecycle will be presenting an overview of the Division of Circular Economy's Grants Application Process which includes criteria development, application, scoring and evaluation, and awards and grants agreements. There will be opportunities for the public to ask questions during the workshop. CalRecycle requests questions be focused on the specific topics being discussed. At CalRecycle's discretion, comments may be limited to keep the workshop aligned with the scope of the subject matter and to ensure efficiency.

The public workshop will be a hybrid in-person and virtual workshop, accessible in person in the Byron Sher Auditorium, 2nd Floor, 1001 I St., Sacramento, CA 95914. The Byron Share Auditorium is wheelchair accessible.

*The public workshop will also be accessible virtually via Zoom for direct participation and via Webcast for observation only. Instructions for how to access the Zoom meeting (registration required) or Webcast (no registration required) are included below.*

[Submit Comments](#)

[Public Notice](#)

### 3 Ways to Attend

#### In Person

**Byron Sher Auditorium, CalEPA Headquarters**



1001 I St., 2nd floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814

No registration is necessary to participate in person. Attendees may submit oral public comments.

#### Zoom



Zoom participants may submit oral comments and questions via Zoom.

[Register](#)

#### Webcast



Webcast viewers are unable to submit comments and questions. Please join via Zoom to submit comments and questions. No registration necessary.

[View Meeting](#)



**INSIDER TIP!**



The Promise Zone can support the Partner grant applications by providing a Letter of Support! Reach out to our Grants and Research Associate **Domanic Riley** at [DRiley@sandiego.gov](mailto:DRiley@sandiego.gov) for more information!

### WaterSMART Environmental Water Resources Project



WaterSMART Environmental Water Resources Projects is a category of funding to support projects focused on environmental benefits that have been developed as part of a collaborative process to help carry out an established strategy to increase the reliability of water resources. Applicants are invited to leverage their money and resources by cost sharing with Reclamation on Environmental Water Resources Projects, including water conservation and efficiency projects that result in quantifiable and sustained water savings and benefit ecological values or watershed health; water management or infrastructure improvements to benefit ecological values or watershed health; and watershed restoration projects benefitting ecological values or watershed health that have a nexus to water resources or water resources management.  
**Award Amount:** \$0 to \$5,000,000  
**Deadline:** March 11, 2025  
**TAGS:** Healthy Communities, Federal



### Grants For Arts Projects




The Grants for Arts Projects program provides project-based funding for organizations in the areas of artist communities, arts education, dance, design, film and media arts, folk and traditional arts, literary arts, local arts agencies, museums, music, musical theater, opera, presenting and multi-disciplinary works, theater and visual arts. Funded activities may include public engagement with the arts and arts education, the integration of the arts with strategies promoting the health and well-being of people and communities, and the improvement of overall capacity and capabilities within the arts sector.  
**Award Amount:** \$10,000 to \$100,000  
**Deadline:** March 11, 2025  
**TAGS:** Healthy Communities, Fine Arts, Federal



# GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

## Call for Proposals to Community-Based Archives

 The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation's Call for Proposals to Community-Based Archives will provide general operating support grants to community-based archives in the United States, including U.S. territories. The focus is on community-based archives that represent and serve communities marginalized due to oppression. These organizations gather and share materials as members of under-documented communities to preserve and celebrate their collective histories. Grants may support operational costs, collections care and programming activities. 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations and federally recognized Indian tribes are eligible to apply. Applicants must have an archive or an archiving initiative with an annual operating budget of at least \$12,500 and no more than \$1 million.


**Award Amount:** \$25,000 to \$100,000 over two years

**Deadline:** March 12, 2025, for registrations

**TAGS:** Healthy Communities, Social Justice



## Pathway Home 6

 The purpose of the Pathway Home 6 grants program is to provide eligible incarcerated individuals in men's and women's state correctional facilities or local or county jails with workforce services prior to release and to continue services after release by transitioning the participants into reentry programs in the communities to which they will return. Projects are designed to eliminate the time gap between release from prison and enrollment into a workforce development reentry program leading to skills-based employment, to improve individuals' transition back into their communities, and to reduce recidivism.

**Award Amount:** \$500,000 to \$4,000,000

**Deadline:** March 14, 2025

**TAGS:** Jobs & Education, Federal, Criminal Justice





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### Youth Service America: Hershey Heartwarming Young Heroes

Youth Service America, in collaboration with The Hershey Company and Hershey's Heartwarming Project, will provide Hershey Heartwarming Young Heroes Youth Grants to support youth-led service projects during Youth Service Month (April 11 to May 11, 2025) and Global Youth Service Day (April 25 to 27, 2025). Youth aged five to 25 in the U.S. and Canada are eligible to apply for the grants to lead and engage their peers in awareness, service, advocacy and philanthropy projects in their communities. Grants of \$250 require engaging at least 25 youth volunteers, while \$500 grants require a minimum of 50 youth volunteers. Projects should address community issues important to the youth project leader and their peers and aim to foster meaningful connections, engage a diverse group of youth volunteers, and develop social awareness and relationship skills.

**Award Amount:** \$250 or \$500

**Deadline:** March 16, 2025

**TAGS:** Healthy Communities, Youth-Centered



### Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program (HVRP)

The Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program, Incarcerated Veterans' Transition Program, and the Homeless Women Veterans and Homeless Veterans with Children Reintegration Grant Program help address the number of veterans who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. Support is available for efforts to provide services tailored to each veteran's needs using a case management approach. Grant recipients must help connect veterans to supportive services available in their local communities. In addition, grant recipients must also help veterans successfully return to work by providing job training services that support their needs. This can be done by providing direct help or by creating a strong referral system that includes tools, resources and partnerships that identify, find, prepare and support veterans experiencing or at risk of homelessness so they can reach their full employment potential.

**Award Amount:** \$150,000 to \$500,000


**Deadline:** March 17, 2025

**TAGS:** Housing Affordability, Jobs & Education, Vet-Focused, Federal



# GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

## Umpqua Bank Charitable Foundation

 The Umpqua Bank Charitable Foundation is dedicated to building healthier, more resilient, better connected and inclusive communities throughout Umpqua Bank's footprint. Support is provided to nonprofit organizations serving communities where Umpqua Bank maintains a physical location, including communities in AZ, CA, ID, NV, OR, UT and WA. Grants target the following focus areas: economically vibrant communities, including workforce development, education, economic development and economic security; healthy communities, including promoting physical and mental wellness through a variety of initiatives; inclusive communities, including fostering a sense of belonging by supporting equity and inclusion for all; and sustainable communities, including support for the natural environment. Funds can be used for direct-service programming and general operating support.


**Award Amount:** \$5,000 to \$10,000

**Deadline:** March 17, 2025

**TAGS:** Healthy Communities



## Local Data for Equitable Communities

 This call for proposals (CFP) invites eligible nonprofit organizations in the U.S. to apply for a grant to collect, analyze and use data to address inequities in a place's physical, economic and social conditions. Improving these conditions is key to achieving health equity, where health is no longer a privilege but a right. The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) expects to award up to 30 grants of \$50,000 each, with a period of performance of nine months.

Data may be quantitative, like counts or percentages based on information from surveys or the operations of governments, foundations or nonprofits. They may also be qualitative, such as stories from lived experience or information collected through focus groups or interviews.

**Award Amount:** Up to \$50,000

**Deadline:** March 18, 2025

**TAGS:** Healthy Communities, Social Justice, Research-Focused





**INSIDER TIP!**



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### Walking Together: Investing in Folklife in Communities of Color



Walking Together: Investing in Folklife in Communities of Color, a national funding program managed by the six U.S. regional arts organizations, supports folklife and traditional arts rooted in communities of color in the United States. The program will provide \$15,000 unrestricted awards for six traditional artists or practitioners in each regional arts organization's area, supporting a total of 36 practitioners in their community-rooted traditional arts practice. In addition, \$50,000 awards will be provided to one organization or collective in each U.S. state and jurisdiction (56 total) to support the work they do to care for their communities' traditions and traditional artists. Eligible applicants include traditional artists and practitioners involved in visual arts, performing arts, food or medicine traditions, oral histories and other community-rooted practices. Organizations may include nonprofits, collectives, Tribal and local governments, businesses and other entities that support folklife rooted in communities of color.

**Award Amount:** \$15,000 for traditional artists/practitioners and \$50,000 for community organizations

**Deadline:** March 19, 2025

**TAGS:** Healthy Communities, Fine Arts



### FY2024 Historic Preservation Fund - Semi-Quincentennial Grants



The National Park Service's Semi-Quincentennial Grant Program will support the physical preservation of a wide variety of cultural resources associated with the founding of America as a nation in commemoration of the country's semi-quincentennial (250th anniversary). These grants fund the physical preservation of properties listed in or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places, including buildings, sites, structures, objects or historic districts. State-owned properties will receive priority per Congressional directive.

**Award Amount:** \$15,000 to \$750,000

**Deadline:** March 18, 2025


**TAGS:** Healthy Communities, Museums & Archives, Federal





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## NEA Research Grants in the Arts, FY26

 The National Endowment for the Arts' Research Grants in the Arts program supports research studies that investigate the value or impact of the arts, either as individual components of the U.S. arts ecosystem or as they interact with each other or with other domains of American life.


**Award Amount:** \$20,000 to \$100,000

**Deadline:** March 24, 2025

**TAGS:** Healthy Communities, Fine Arts, Research-Focused, Federal



## 2025 Youth Workforce: Career Pathways

 The Prebys Foundation 2025 Youth Workforce: Career Pathways grant supports career paths that help young adults earn steady, livable wages in San Diego. It focuses on industries that align with our funding priorities, labor demand, and our goal of ensuring young people can live and thrive in San Diego County. The program will accomplish this by:

- Increasing capacity for delivery of career pathway programs such as the ability to expand program and/or internship hours, offer additional seat availability and reduce barriers to program completion such as financial, transportation, childcare and mental health.
- Increased coordination and collaboration across sectors to reduce the disconnect between learning environments, employers and the needs of young people going into and in the workforce.

This program will fund any of the following: quality job training, meaningful internships, career guidance and programs that reduce barriers, such as financial ability, transportation, childcare, family support etc.

**Award Amount:** Not Stated

**Deadline:** March 28, 2025

**TAGS:** Jobs & Education, Youth-Centered, Suggested in Chat, Topical



## Aerie Real Foundation Community Grant

The Aerie Real Foundation works to build confidence in young women, foster an inclusive community and protect our planet to make the world a better place for all. The Aerie Real Foundation will be funding projects or programs that address one or more of the following pillars of the Foundation: Confidence, Inclusion, Sustainability.

- Building Confidence - The Aerie Real Foundation strives to fund local programs that increase confidence, self-esteem and well-being in young women.
- Fostering Inclusion - The Aerie Real Foundation would like to fund programs that promote inclusive communities.
- Protecting Our Planet - The Aerie Real Foundation looks to fund local programs focused on protecting our planet and abating climate change.

If awarded, the organization should be prepared to spend the grant funding within the next 365 days. Please check out this [FAQ](#) for additional grant guidelines.

**Award Amount:** Up to \$10,000

**Deadline:** March 28, 2025

**TAGS:** Healthy Communities, Small Grant, Topical, Suggested in Chat



## Gamma Mu Foundation

The Gamma Mu Foundation is committed to empowering LGBTQ+ communities in the United States by supporting organizations and initiatives that create lasting, positive change. Support is provided to local LGBTQ+ community organizations to expand their reach, enhance services and build stronger, more inclusive environments. Grants focus on three program areas: community support services, including activities meeting the needs of rural communities and underserved LGBTQ+ populations and promoting empowerment and inclusivity; public education and research, with a focus on increasing awareness and understanding of LGBTQ+ issues, fostering a more inclusive environment and establishing a foundation for evidence-based advocacy; and HIV and health programs, including programs meeting the needs of persons, caregivers, and families impacted by HIV and other health conditions.

**Award Amount:** Up to \$15,000

**Deadline:** March 31, 2025

**TAGS:** Healthy Communities, Medical, Social Justice, Topical



## Ploughshares Fund For A Nuclear Weapons-Free World



The Ploughshares Fund invites applications from organizations and individuals working to build a safe, secure, nuclear weapons-free world. In line with the fund's organizational goals and priorities, grantmaking and programmatic activities are focused on the following areas:

- Drive policies and activities that help eliminate nuclear threats or address regional conflicts.
- Create a stronger, more resilient nuclear field.
- Build new partnerships and explore the intersection of nuclear topics and other issues.
- Support transformational thinking and activities.

The fund places few restrictions on grantmaking, does not impose geographical limitations on its awards and can fund direct lobbying programs; it does make grants to individuals. The fund encourages women and people from diverse communities to apply.

**Award Amount:** Up to \$50,000

**Deadline:** March 31, 2025

**TAGS:** Safety, Social Justice



## Renew America's Schools



The 2025 Renew America's Schools Prize, a \$90 million investment in K-12 public schools across the country, was launched by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) in December 2024, and the application period will close in April 2025. This three-phase opportunity will help districts build capacity, perform energy audits, and plan/implement energy improvement projects across a portfolio of school facilities.

The 2025 Renew America's Schools Prize consists of three phases. During Phase 1, competitors will build teams and curate lists of at least 10 schools and school facilities that demonstrate compelling need and eligibility for investment. Up to 14 Phase 1 Winners will earn a cash prize of \$300,000 for successfully building teams and submitting compelling applications identifying need. DOE will narrow down winners who may move on to Phases 2 and 3, wherein they will enter and execute Cooperative Agreements with DOE.

**Award Amount:** Up to \$15,000,000

**Deadline:** April 3, 2025

**TAGS:** Healthy Communities, Federal, Public Agency



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### **AWS Education Equity Initiative**



The Amazon Web Services (AWS) Education Equity Initiative expands access to future skills education for underserved learners globally. Amazon is committing up to \$100 million in AWS credits and technical expertise to support socially-minded organizations develop innovative digital learning solutions that utilize cloud and AI technologies.

Program participants can apply for credits to build and scale educational solutions using AWS cloud services and AI technologies. With these credits, organizations can leverage AWS cloud services to create online courses, learning platforms, chatbots and other digital learning experiences. Eligible organizations include nonprofits, governments, socially minded EdTechs and corporate social responsibility teams.

**Award Amount:** Not Stated

**Deadline:** Rolling until Feb. 4, 2026

**TAGS:** Economic Activity, Digital Equity, In-Kind, Technical Assistance, RoFP



### **Brinker Family Fund (BFF)**



The Brinker International Charitable Giving Program and the company's restaurants, which include Chili's Grill & Bar and Maggiano's Little Italy, support nonprofit organizations in the communities where restaurants are located. (Information on locations is available for [Chili's](#) and [Maggiano's](#).) Areas of interest include kids, hunger and education. Monetary and in-kind support in the form of dining certificates are provided. 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations are eligible to apply.

**Award Amount:** Not Stated

**Deadline:** Rolling

**TAGS:** Healthy Communities, Jobs & Education, RoFP



# GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

## NASE Growth Grants



At the core of the National Association for the Self-Employed (NASE) is the desire to help others in the self-employed community. To this end, one of the ways NASE gives back to the community is through the NASE Growth Grants. Four winners are chosen each quarter to be awarded up to a \$4,000 grant to support the growth of their business. Growth Grant applicants must be a NASE member in good standing for 3 months prior to submitting an application.

**Award Amount:** \$4,000

**Deadline:** Rolling

**TAGS:** Economic Activity, Small Grant



## EPA Thriving Communities Grant Program



The Thriving Communities Grantmaker Program, funded by the Inflation Reduction Act, signifies a crucial step towards advancing climate and environmental priorities. The Environmental Protection Agencies' Thriving Communities Grant Program will invest \$48 million in grants into disadvantaged communities working on environmental and health-related issues.

The International Community Foundation (ICF) along with other partner organizations (Liberty Hill Foundation, Resources Legacy Fund and Community Foundation for Southern Arizona) will distribute \$48 million in funding throughout EPA Region 9 (California, Arizona, Hawaii, Nevada, Guam, American Samoa, the Northern Mariana Islands, and 148 Tribal Nations) to nonprofits, local governments, grassroots organizations, and Native, Indigenous, rural, border, and urban communities tackling challenges including unsafe housing, pollution, lack of access to clean water, reducing extreme heat, and more.

**Award Amount:** \$150,000 to \$350,000

**Deadline:** Rolling

**TAGS:** Healthy Communities, Federal, ROFP





# GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

## WomensNet Amber Grant



WomensNet was created decades ago to help women achieve their business dreams. In 1998, they gave out their first Amber Grant in honor of 19-year-old Amber Wigdahl, who died before fulfilling her business dreams. Today, they award three \$10,000 Amber Grants each month, and three of the 36 monthly winners get an additional \$25,000 Year-End Amber Grant. All business categories, including non-profits, are eligible for the monthly Amber Grant.

**Award Amount:** \$10,000 monthly grant with an opportunity for a \$25,000 year-end award

**Deadline:** Rolling

**TAGS:** Economic Activity, Prize Philanthropy



## The California Wellness Foundation: Advancing Wellness Grant



The California Wellness Foundation seeks to protect and improve the health and wellness of the people of California by increasing access to healthcare, quality education, good jobs, healthy environments and safe neighborhoods. The Foundation's Advancing Wellness Grants provide support to nonprofit organizations in California in the following areas: 1) community well-being, with a focus on the health, safety and resilience of communities of color, especially those that have been disproportionately affected by unhealthy environments and community violence; 2) equity in access, including healthcare coverage and access for all and defending the rights of immigrants to enjoy access to health services and other benefits; 3) economic security and dignity, with a focus on advancing the economic well-being of Californians, especially those from low-income communities and communities of color; and 4) leading for power and change, with a focus on amplifying the voices, leadership, and power of people of color and others who have historically been excluded from full participation in civic society.

**Award Amount:** \$5,000 to \$1,750,000

**Deadline:** Rolling

**TAGS:** Healthy Communities, Jobs & Education, Safety





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### Banner Bank Community Support Program



Banner Bank's community support program, Banner Gives, provides support to nonprofit organizations that contribute to the vitality and success of the **communities where Banner Bank operates** in Washington, Oregon, California and Idaho. Grantmaking areas of interest include housing, especially programs that address homelessness and opportunities to advance affordable housing; youth, including academic achievement, civic involvement, financial literacy, and physical and emotional development; financial education; and economic development, with emphasis on small business and small farm development and lending, workforce development education, and job creation and retention. Priority is given to programs serving low- and moderate-income populations.

**Award Amount:** Not Stated

**Deadline:** Rolling\*

**TAGS:** Economic Activity, Jobs & Education, Housing Affordability, ROFP



### Hearst Foundations



The Hearst Foundations fund nonprofit organizations to ensure that people of all backgrounds in the United States have the opportunity to build healthy, productive and satisfying lives. The Foundations' major areas of focus are culture, education, health and social services. Funding is provided for approaches that create sustainable employment and productive career paths for adults, improve health and quality of life, increase academic achievement through access to high-quality educational options, promote the arts and sciences, and support family stability and self-sufficiency. The Foundations support well-established nonprofit organizations that operate with audited expenses of greater than \$2 million and that primarily serve large demographic or geographic constituencies.

**Award Amount:** The minimum grant size is \$100,000.

**Deadline:** Rolling

**TAGS:** Healthy Communities, Jobs & Education, RoFP



*\*Closes for New Proposals on Oct. 15, 2025.*

## **Fusenot Foundation**



The Fusenot Foundation makes annual contributions to a wide spectrum of existing charities in the State of California as required by its Charter. During its short existence, the Foundation has helped hundreds of needy persons, helped to improve hospitals and medical care, and aided students to establish careers to music and the active arts. It has been of direct help to the blind and afflicted and physically and mentally helpless of our State.

**Award Amount:** Not Stated

**Deadline:** Rolling

**TAGS:** Healthy Communities, Jobs & Education, Economic Activity, Safety, Medical, Fine Arts, Vet-Focused, RoFP



## **Evidence for Action: Innovative Research to Advance Racial Equity**



Robert Wood Johnson Foundation is **accepting applications** for their Evidence for Action: Innovative Research to Advance Racial Equity grant from organizations to support studies about “upstream” causes of health inequities, such as the systems, structures, laws, policies, norms and practices that determine the distribution of resources and opportunities, which in turn influence individuals’ options and behaviors.

**Award Amount:** \$300,000 to \$500,000

**Deadline:** Rolling

**TAGS:** Healthy Communities, Social Justice, ROFP



## **All Kids Play: Youth Sports Grants**



The mission of All Kids Play is to increase quality youth sports participation in the United States by providing financial assistance to families and communities that lack sufficient resources and provide education on safe and healthy sports-related play. All Kids Play’s Youth Sports Grants for organizations support nonprofit organizations, school sports programs or government-run programs (i.e. community park districts) in low-income communities that provide community-based recreational level sports for kids in grades K-12. (Grants for individuals are also provided.)

**Award Amount:** Not Stated

**Deadline:** Rolling

**TAGS:** Healthy Communities, RoFP







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### The Milbank Foundation

The Milbank Foundation aims to integrate people with disabilities into all aspects of American life. Support is provided to nonprofit organizations in the United States working in the Foundation's current priority areas: consumer-focused, community-based initiatives that empower people with disabilities and foster independence and self-sufficiency; rehabilitation and reintegration of veterans, especially veterans with disabilities; helping seniors to age in the place of their choice through non-institutional, community-based health and social services; market-oriented, patient-centered healthcare reforms across the country; and programs that address mental health issues and aim to prevent substance abuse and suicide, especially among young people.

**Award Amount:** Not Stated

**Deadline:** Rolling

**TAGS:** Healthy Communities, Medical, Vet-Focused, Eldercare, RoFP

The Milbank Foundation

### Smart Family Fund

The Smart Family Fund's mission is to discover, support and mentor emerging U.S. nonprofit organizations and their leaders, providing the necessary backing to help them succeed. The Fund focuses on early-stage nonprofit ventures that have the potential to make a significant impact on the world, but that have yet to demonstrate the efficacy needed to acquire large-scale funding. Early-stage, U.S.-based 501(c) (3) nonprofit organizations are eligible to apply. Applicants must be able to clearly articulate how they will demonstrate the efficacy of the intervention, quantify the potential positive impact in the world, and communicate how the organization is differentiated and better than other ecosystem players.

**Award Amount:** \$25,000 to \$100,000

**Deadline:** Rolling

**TAGS:** Economic Activity, RoFP



**SMART FAMILY FUND**  
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## Comerica Charitable Giving Sponsorship Program



Comerica's Charitable Giving Sponsorships provide support to 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations within Comerica's key market areas of Texas, Michigan, California, Arizona and Florida for events and activities. The focus is on programs that support low- and moderate-income families and communities. Areas of interest include education, including financial education, business-focused and STEM-related education, and college scholarships for business, finance and STEM-related fields; economic and community development, including economic self-sufficiency, job creation and training, neighborhood revitalization and business development, small business training and development, and affordable housing advocacy and development; human services including transitional and supportive services, housing, feeding the hungry and food access; and equity programs that address systemic racism, social injustice and the improvement of societal well-being.

**Award Amount:** Not Stated

**Deadline:** Rolling

**TAGS:** Jobs & Education, Healthy Communities, Housing Affordability, Economic Activity, STEM, Social Justice



## The Charitable Foundation



The Charitable Foundation supports local organizations located in Los Angeles, Orange, San Diego, Santa Barbara and Ventura counties in an effort to promote health, education, community and the environment. Non-profits located in these areas can submit a donation request once per year.

**Award Amount:** Not Stated

**Deadline:** Rolling

**TAGS:** Healthy Communities, Jobs & Education



The Charitable Foundation

## Smart & Final Charitable Foundation



The Smart & Final Charitable Foundation supports nonprofit organizations that work to improve the quality of life in the communities the company serves in Arizona, California and Nevada. Areas of interest include health and wellness; education, including K-12 education; hunger relief; disaster relief; and team sports and youth development. Cash grants and sponsorships are provided.

**Award Amount:** Not Stated

**Deadline:** Rolling

**TAGS:** Healthy Communities, Jobs & Education, RoFP





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### STEM Stars



Grants will be made to organizations supporting middle and high school students participating or interested in advanced STEM programs and who ultimately want to pursue a college degree in a STEM-related field. Programming can take place before, during or after school. The foundation encourages programs that are successfully preparing interested students who wish to be fully prepared for their intended college STEM major by exposing them to advanced topics in science, engineering, computer science and more. Grants of up to \$25,000 will be awarded.

**Award Amount:** \$25,000

**Deadline:** Rolling

**TAGS:** Jobs & Education, STEM

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### STEM Sprouts



An early education STEM program designed to introduce young children, typically between the ages of 3 and 10, to the foundational concepts and skills within these four fields. Such programs should aim to foster curiosity, critical thinking, problem-solving abilities and a love for STEM learning from an early age. Grants of up to \$25,000 will be awarded.

**Award Amount:** \$25,000

**Deadline:** Rolling

**TAGS:** Jobs & Education, STEM

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## CAPACITY BUILDING RESOURCES



- **Digital Assessment Tool:** Discover your nonprofit's path to digital transformation — for free with TechSoup's Digital Assessment Tool (DAT) to identify your needs and find the best resources to meet them.
- **National Center for Cultural Competence:** The mission of the NCCC is to increase the capacity of health care and mental health care programs to design, implement, and evaluate culturally and linguistically competent service delivery systems to address growing diversity, persistent disparities, and to promote health and mental health equity.
- **How to Build a Truly Inclusive Nonprofit Volunteer Program:** Writers [Faiza Venzant](#) and [Mark Hager](#) dive into the challenges and best practices for developing a diverse volunteer program.

# City Spotlight: Urban Forestry Program

The **Urban Forestry Program**, part of San Diego's Transportation Department, is dedicated to enhancing community livability and sustainability by planting, protecting, promoting and maintaining trees. Urban Forestry **manages over 250,000 street trees citywide**, aiming to cultivate a world-class urban forest.

The Urban Forestry Program collaborates with the Parks and Recreation Department to coordinate tree planting initiatives and address public requests submitted through the Get It Done app. Through the Trees for Communities project, they partner with local nonprofits like Tree San Diego and the Logan Heights Community Development Corporation to provide tree stewardship training to educate residents on proper planting and care techniques. Additionally, Urban Forestry has teamed up with Casa Familiar for door-to-door outreach in San Ysidro, promoting urban forestry efforts. Regular collaborations with Tree San Diego also include organizing events such as Arbor Day and Kate Sessions Day.

In the upcoming months, the Urban Forestry Program has several events planned, including a community forum at Bay Terrace Community and Senior Center that is a part of the Ready, Set, Grow San Diego initiative. The forum focused on community engagement in urban forestry efforts. Finally, the **City's Annual Arbor Day Tree Planting** is set for **Friday, April 25, at Colina Del Sol Park**. This event invites volunteers to participate in enhancing the local tree canopy through tree planting. Community members interested in participating can find details and registration information on the Urban Forestry Program's Events Calendar. This resource provides updates on upcoming events and opportunities to get involved.

The City's 2024 Arbor Day event took place in Memorial Community Park and nearby streets, where **over 250 volunteers planted more than 100 trees**. Through the Trees for Communities project, the Urban Forestry Program has planted over 1,500 trees in the San Diego Promise Zone, with each tree receiving weekly watering, **totaling 33,600 waterings since April 2024**. The program also secured a \$10 million U.S. Forest Service grant, titled "Ready, Set, Grow San Diego," which covers areas within Lincoln Park and Encanto. This funding will support planting, watering and maintaining thousands of trees, as well as redesigning sidewalks to better accommodate existing trees, continuing to enhance the urban canopy and community green spaces.



Arbor Day Event



Ready, Set, Grow San Diego

# Civic Engagement in the Promise Zone

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## Child and Teen Friendly City

**Child and Teen-Friendly City** is the City Planning Department's new grant-funded initiative to develop the City's first-ever Child and Teen-Friendly Public Spaces Design Manual.

Caregivers and teens are invited to take and help share the **Child & Teen-Friendly Survey**. The survey will be open until **March 7, 2025**, and is designed to gather valuable insights about how public spaces serve the needs of children and teenagers in our communities.

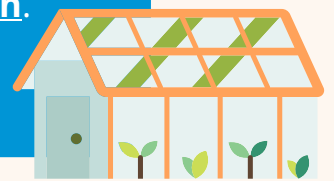


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## Building Decarbonization Roadmap Survey

The City has developed a Building Decarbonization Roadmap Survey to gather community feedback. The input received will help identify public priorities and inform decarbonization strategies in alignment with the 2035 net zero goals outlined in the **Climate Action Plan**.

Take the survey [here](#).



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## Transportation Safety Focus Group

The City of San Diego is working to create a Safe Streets and Roads for All Action Plan, and they want to hear from you! Join focus group discussions this April to share your feedback, ideas and concerns about transportation safety. Your input will help make traveling around San Diego safer, more comfortable and more convenient for everyone.

Fill out [this interest form](#) to participate.



# Civic Engagement in the Promise Zone

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## Digital Equity Survey

Access 4 All wants your input on how to improve internet access and digital equity in San Diego.

**Take a short online survey** to tell them about your internet quality and affordability, digital skills needs, and computer and tablet needs.



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## Mobility Master Plan

The City of San Diego has released the revised **Draft Mobility Master Plan**, shaped by community feedback from a year of outreach efforts.

Residents are encouraged to review the plan and submit comments on the Mobility Master Plan webpage before it heads to the City Council for final approval in coming months.



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## Use the Get It Done App

Simple and easy to connect with the City:

- **Report** non-emergency problems
- **Schedule** appointments
- **Obtain** information

[sandiego.gov/get-it-done](https://sandiego.gov/get-it-done)

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# Potential New Fees for Residential Trash and Recycling Services

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## What's the change?

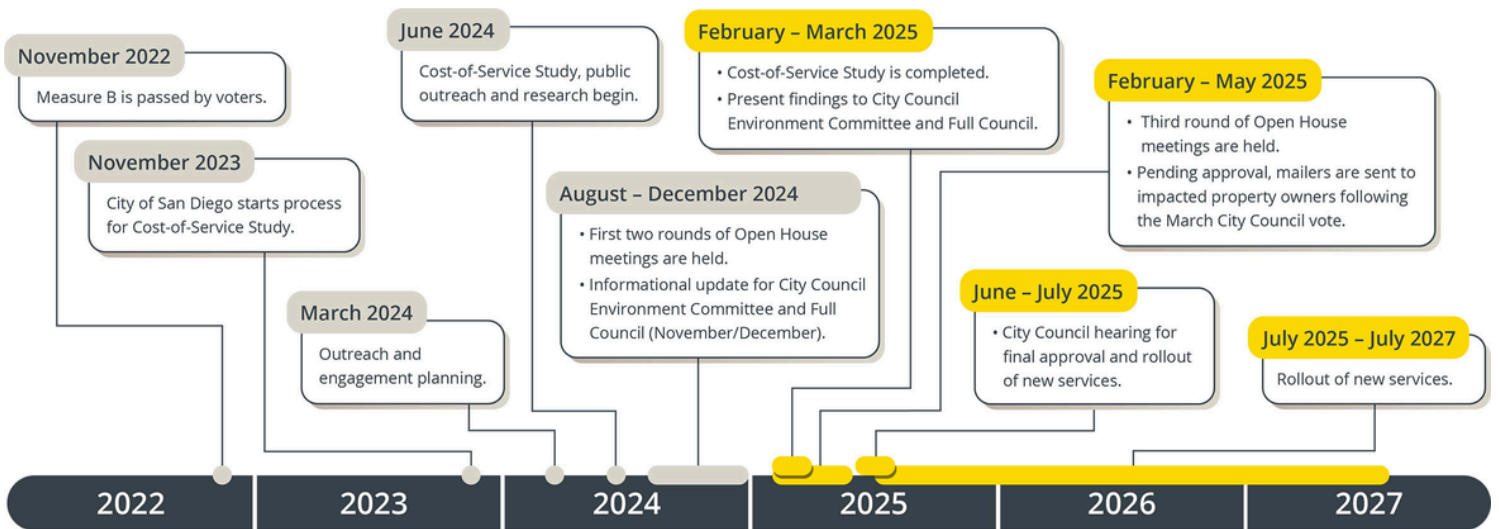
In 2022, San Diego voters passed **Measure B**, which allows the City of San Diego to charge eligible properties for trash collection. Now, the City is leading a public process to gather input and explore future options.

## Who is impacted?

- Eligible single-family homes and multi-family residences with four or fewer residences on a single lot.



## Timeline



The City is hosting a virtual Open House via Zoom on April 4. Attend to learn about the potential fees and provide input.

Register for the Zoom [here](#). Additional public meetings can be found [here](#).





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Dinner will be provided.

Enter raffle for a chance to win a prize!

2/27 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm

@ Kearny Mesa Rec. Center

3170 Armstrong St, San Diego, CA 92111

3/12 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm

@ Hilltop Rec. Center

9711 Oviedo Way, San Diego, CA 92129

3/27 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm

@ MLK Jr. Rec. Center

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# JOB BOARD



## Special Event Traffic Controller I

Direct traffic on City streets and parking areas; place cones, barricades and signs; provide information to the public and respond to questions/complaints regarding events, parking and traffic conditions; and perform other duties as assigned.

[Apply here.](#)



## Stock Clerk

Receive, store, inventory, issue and deliver a variety of materials, supplies and equipment for a department or division in a large storeroom or warehouse. Essential functions are considered routine and physical in nature.

[Apply here.](#)



## Communications Associate VISTA

Looking to gain valuable experience, elevate San Diego and build strong connections? Serve for a year as an **AmeriCorps VISTA** with the San Diego Promise Zone team! You'll collaborate with local government, nonprofits, and community organizations. **Apply** for the open Communications Associate VISTA position.



## Peer Mentor

Support and guide youth participants (ages 14 to 24) in San Diego County. Assist with program engagement, advocacy and resource connections while gaining leadership and nonprofit experience. Ideal for those interested in Human Services!

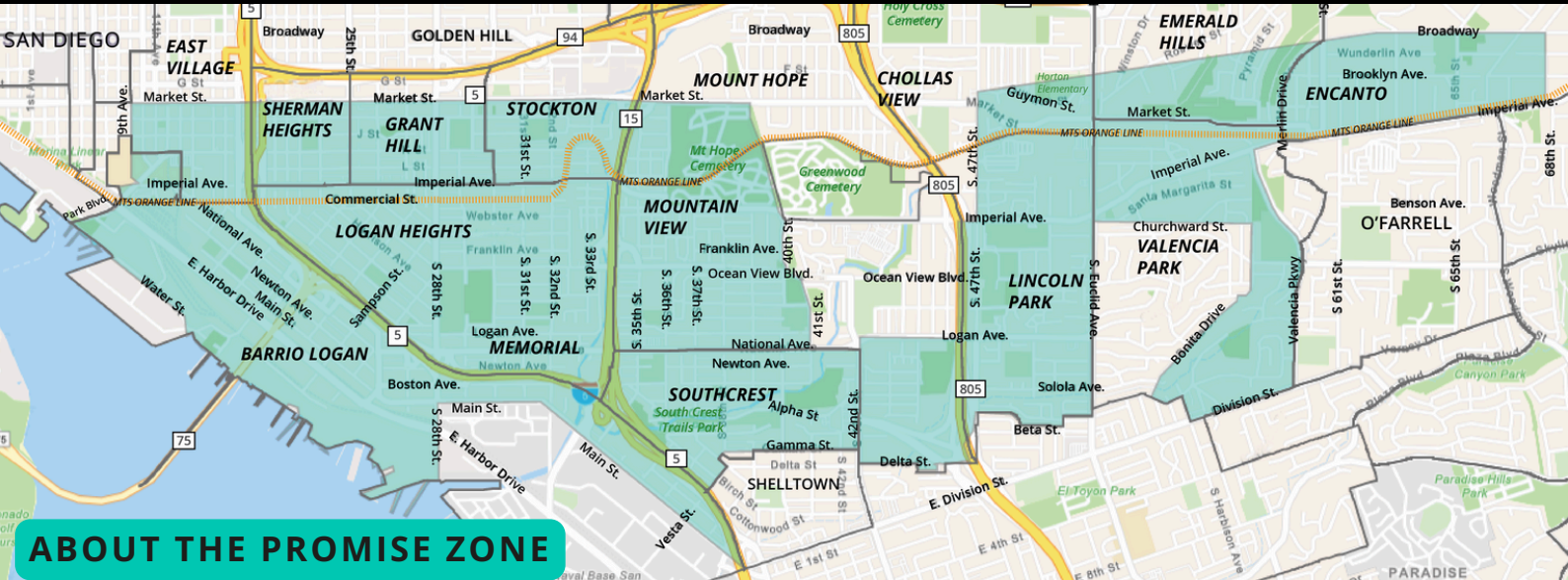
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Looking for more roles? Check out additional job boards:

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San Diego Workforce Partnership - [Job Board](#)

San Diego Regional EDC - [Job Board](#)



### ABOUT THE PROMISE ZONE

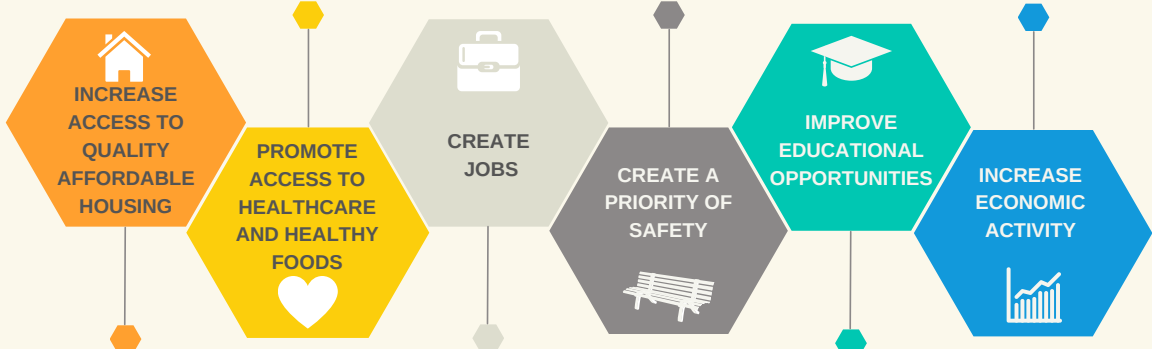
In 2016, the San Diego Promise Zone became one of 22 federally designated Promise Zones in the United States and one of only four in California. The San Diego Promise Zone covers a 6.4-square-mile targeted area with more than 80,000 residents that spans East Village and Barrio Logan east to Encanto. It is home to the City's most culturally rich and ethnically diverse neighborhoods but also some of the most under-resourced communities.

Through the Promise Zone initiative, community-based organizations, direct service providers, residents and business owners work with government agencies to enhance collective impact, streamline resources and deliver comprehensive support.

Between 2016 and 2022, the unemployment rate decreased from 14% to 10%, and the poverty rate fell from 35% to 20% (ACS, 2016-22). We recognize there are many factors that contribute to these numbers. We do know that in the eight years since the designation, targeted efforts from the City and CBOs have supported improvement in these areas; however, we recognize there is still plenty of work to do to continue advocating for our Promise Zone residents.

### WORKING GROUP GOALS

- Increase access to healthy foods
- Improve access to healthcare
- Support opportunities for active transportation and active living
- Dialogue with residents
- Create environments conducive to learning and working
- Improve infrastructure
- Increase and improve access to capital



- Create and preserve affordable housing
- Support renters, first-time homebuyers and people without housing
- Cultivate opportunities for career exploration, applied learning and youth leadership
- Create meaningful summer employment experiences for teenagers
- Increase the number of students meeting school readiness and grade-level expectations
- Increase educational and career supports for Opportunity Youth



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