

# SD PromiseZone Newsletter

## 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"*

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(Image from the 2025 Career Expo)



## A MESSAGE TO OUR PARTNERS

### FROM THE PROMISE ZONE STAFF

Dear Promise Zone Network,

Hello and happy April! The Promise Zone successfully held its annual Career Expo at the Balboa Park Club and Recital Hall on March 18. Many thanks to the vendors and volunteers who made the event possible, and to the educators who brought and prepared students.

This month we recognize Financial Literacy Month and Fair Housing Month, which commemorates the enactment of the 1968 Fair Housing Act, preventing discrimination and unfair practices in the housing industry.

The Promise Zone team has added more opportunities and relevant news. We hope you enjoy this issue!

~San Diego Promise Zone

### PROMISE ZONE IN THE NEWS

CITY OF SAN DIEGO  
REOPENS KENNEDY  
PARK AFTER  
CONSTRUCTION IN  
LINCOLN PARK  
NEIGHBORHOOD

JURY HOLDS MTS  
PARTIALLY  
RESPONSIBLE FOR  
2017 PLATFORM  
COLLAPSE AT BARRIO  
LOGAN PARKOUR  
GYM

NEW SENIOR CENTER  
OPENS IN LOGAN  
HEIGHTS, OFFERING  
ACTIVITIES AND  
SUPPORT



## WORKING GROUP UPDATES

### Jobs and Education

During the March Jobs & Education Working Group meeting, Donika Moreno, SDPZ AmeriCorps VISTA Operations Associate, gave a recap of the Promise Zone's 2025 Youth-Led Career Expo. With nearly 200 youth in attendance, 57 vendors (a 43% increase in employer participation), and 44 volunteers, this year's expo provided hands-on career prep, professional headshots, resume reviews, and more. Partners engaged in meaningful discussions in our breakout rooms about strengthening partnerships, expanding student opportunities, and integrating arts and financial literacy to support youth success in the Promise Zone. For more information, please reach out to Donika Moreno, [donikam@sandiego.gov](mailto:donikam@sandiego.gov).

### Economic Activity

The March Economic Activity meeting further dove into the CA Jobs First program, but took this opportunity to explore it from the State's point of view. The Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (Go-Biz) presented on the State Economic Blueprint for the Southern Border Region and the industries and endeavors they were looking to invest in. The Working Group also took a moment to further work on its objectives and sub-objectives to better tie them into the overall goal of Increasing Economic Activity. During the upcoming April meeting the working group will finalize their newly redefined objectives.

### Healthy Communities:

Thursday, April 10  
10 - 11:30 a.m.

### Jobs & Education:

Thursday, April 17  
2:30 - 4 p.m.

### Economic Activity:

Thursday, April 24  
10 - 11:30 a.m.

### Housing Affordability:

Thursday, May 1  
10 - 11:30 a.m.

### Healthy Communities

The March Healthy Communities meeting looked into recent California mandates surrounding combating climate change and how that could be leveraged to meet the working group's goals. The City of San Diego Environmental Services Department presented on how they are implementing California Senate Bill 1383 (SB1383) and its requirement to reduce the amount of organic waste sent to local landfills. One method of reducing organic waste was by establishing an edible food recovery program, which could assist with the Healthy Communities working group's objective to increase access to healthy foods. A second method was composting it. Following the presentation, further discussion was had on how to work organic waste reduction into our current logic model activities, and how it could support our partners involved in food production and tree planting.

### Housing Affordability

The Housing Affordability working group met on March 6 and featured a presentation from Stephanie Murphy, VP of Economic & Workforce development with the San Diego Housing Commission's Achievement Academy. This program offers various resources for career development and financial literacy. The group continued to work on moving forward with the logic model. Topics discussed during the logic model break out rooms included creating an outreach plan and resource guide and providing both to different collaboratives that work within the Promise Zone, as well as continued conversations about eviction prevention resources and ways to make these resources accessible.

# Promise Zone Updates



Welcome, Employ and Empower Intern, **Damilare Shonuyi!**

The San Diego Promise Zone would like to welcome its new Employ and Empower Intern, **Damilare Shonuyi**, to the team. Dami is a senior at University of California, San Diego, earning a Bachelor of Science in Economics this upcoming June. He loves to go to live music events, collect vinyls, and play basketball in his free time.

Thank you for your service, **Daniel Hamilton!**

April 7 was VISTA Leader Daniel Hamilton's last day with the Promise Zone. We are grateful for his recruitment efforts for our VISTA positions, organizing activities for our VISTAs in honor of AmeriCorps Week, supporting the tracking of hours volunteered for reporting requirements, for all of his volunteer service and outreach within the Promise Zone, and more. "That's all folks!" -**Mr. Hamilton, M.Ed.**



New to the Promise Zone initiative and **interested in becoming a partner?** Send us a note at [PromiseZone@sandiego.gov](mailto:PromiseZone@sandiego.gov) if you would like to discuss becoming a partner.

During **AmeriCorps Week 2025**,  
the Promise Zone team met Mayor Gloria.



Photo courtesy of Office of the Mayor.

# THANK YOU for supporting the 2025 SDPZ Youth-Led Career Expo

The Career Expo brought together:

- ✓ Nearly 200 young adults
- ✓ 57 vendors
- ✓ 44 volunteers



"This was a wonderful event and I appreciate the variety of vendors and workshops that were there to support students. The event was very thoughtful and intentional! We cannot wait to attend the next one and plan to bring our entire cohort of students to participate!"

**- Promise Zone Educator**



"I really enjoyed the opportunity to sit with participants to review their resumes and talk about interview tips. I could see a shift in confidence in a few of them just through the 5 or 10 minutes together!"

**- Career Expo Volunteer**



# COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

## Megan Emme

Advocating for affordable housing has always been a priority for Megan. She started her career in high school as a crisis counselor for the California Youth Crisis Line, and hearing stories of young people facing homelessness helped her

understand the critical need for low-barrier affordable housing for all. She carried this passion throughout her higher education efforts, as she studied Urban Studies and Planning at San Francisco State and earned her Master's degree in Public Policy at USC.

During her time as the San Diego Promise Zone's federal liaison, Megan assisted the Promise Zone in navigating federal funding opportunities that could support projects and offered useful feedback related to various Promise Zone activities and measurement of impact. Megan also organized Quarterly Roundtable convenings with the Southern California Promise Zones and local representatives from various federal agencies, creating space for the Promise Zone to share updates on their work and for federal partners to share funding opportunities that may support those goals. Megan played a strong supportive role, helping out where needed and uplifting the voices of others. She was present at many working group meetings and in-person events.

Megan believes the Promise Zone represents the very best of community development, bringing together stakeholders from a wide swath of invested organizations to work together to solve some of the most complex challenges.

At the heart of Megan's work, her mission remains to create change in small communities. She attests that the biggest changes happen at the neighborhood level.

Best wishes, Megan! We miss you already.



Submit your nomination for the next Community Spotlight by clicking [here!](#)

# FINANCIAL WELLNESS

**Financial Literacy Month** is the financial wellness theme for the month of April, with the nation dedicating financial resources to promote skill-building and assisting residents in making informed financial decisions. Check out the resources our partners have to offer this month:

## CAL COAST CREDIT UNION

### 360 Degrees of Auto Buying

Presented by



Learn the ins and outs of how to buy your first vehicle.

### Budgeting Tips



www.calcoastcu.org

Learn a few budgeting tips to keep your expenses down.



Read an article from Cal Coast Credit Union about how to build credit quickly and wisely.

## RELATED EVENTS

The **San Diego Housing Commission (SDHC)**'s **Achievement Academy** offers free financial webinars every month. Click [here](#) for webinars in April:



**FREE Financial Coaching!**

Meet one-on-one with a FREE and confidential financial coach. Get personalized support to reach your financial goals!

**Financial Support:**

- Budgeting/savings plan coaching
- Free credit report and review

**Food & Housing Support:**

- Food distributions
- Housing resources

**Employment Support:**

- Resume and job search assistance
- Small business license application
- Referrals to services, education, and training opportunities

**Eligibility:**

- 18 years or older
- Interested in discussing your financial goals
- **Not required to have Social Security Number or ITIN**

**Contact Us:**

(619) 858-0563  
3040 Imperial Ave.  
San Diego, CA 92102  
Monday - Friday: 9am - 5pm  
Saturday - Sunday: Closed

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

# Fair Housing



## Fair Housing Month

April is National Fair Housing Month! The City of San Diego's Economic Development Department (EDD) administers the City's **"Practice Fair Housing Program"** with U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant funds. The program's goal is to educate San Diegans about their rights to attain housing of their choice, free from discrimination based on race, color, religion, national origin, disability, gender, and other protected classifications.

The Fair Housing Center of the Legal Aid Society of San Diego, Inc. and the City of San Diego are excited to announce **two free virtual educational opportunities** in April to commemorate Fair Housing Month. These workshops will provide an opportunity to explore topics regarding fair housing basics, disability-related protections, source of income protections, new regulations, and more!

The City of San Diego recognizes the vital role that fair housing plays in building strong, thriving communities—as fair housing is not just a legal obligation, it's a cornerstone of community revitalization and a pathway for all residents to create more sustainable neighborhoods. This month is a reminder of the challenges that remain and how communities can continue the effort to break down barriers to economic mobility.

### What is Fair Housing?

Fair housing can be defined as a condition in which individuals of similar income levels in the same housing market have a like range of housing choice available to them regardless of race, color, ancestry, religion, national origin, age, gender, marital status, familial status, source of income, sexual orientation or disability.

### What is Housing Discrimination?

Housing discrimination is unjust or prejudicial treatment of individuals, in the area of housing and real estate, based on the individual's protected class.



## Resources

### Fair Housing Basics Webinar

Join Legal Aid during Fair Housing Month for a free 1.5 hour webinar on your rights and responsibilities under anti-discrimination laws. This training is open to anyone.

**Wednesday, April 23, 2025**  
**10:00 - 11:30 am**

[Register Here](#)



### What's New in Fair Housing

Join Legal Aid during Fair Housing Month for a free 30-minute webinar to quickly review legislative and regulatory updates regarding fair housing and related laws at the federal and state level. This training is open to anyone.

**Wednesday, April 30, 2025**  
**10:00 - 11:30 am**

[Register Here](#)

# 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.

Apr  
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## Tree Treks 2025

Interested in trees, tree planting, and the arborist field? Join San Diego residents and an ISA certified arborist on a tree walk to learn about the diverse flora and fauna that make up our parks. The event will take place at Balboa Park from **10-11:30 a.m.** RSVP [here](#).

Apr  
19

## Greater Logan Heights Community Market

**Logan Heights CDC** is hosting their monthly community market at **The Gilliam Space** from **12-3 p.m.**, bringing together local produce and local vendors in community-oriented space. For more information, email [info@loganheightscdc.org](mailto:info@loganheightscdc.org) or call **619-858-0563**.

Apr  
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## F.A.N.C.Y. Teen Girls Expo

**Detour Empowers** is hosting its annual expo, bringing STEAM-related businesses, non-profit organizations, and community-based organizations to inspire and empower girls in the San Diego Area. The event will take place at the **KIPP Adelante Preparatory Academy**, starting at **10 a.m.** Register [here](#).

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



## THE IMPACT OF NEW TARIFF POLICIES ON U.S. EXPORT COMPETITIVENESS

Wednesday April 9th  
11:30AM - 1:00PM PT



**Our Speaker**  
Sarita Jackson  
Founder, Global Research Institute of International Trade

Participants will gain insights into:

- The economic impact of recent tariff changes on U.S. exports
- Strategies for mitigating risks and maintaining competitive advantage
- Case studies on industries most affected by new trade policies
- Policy outlooks and potential future shifts in trade agreements

Scan the QR Code or Copy address below:  
[bit.ly/4ilDdVH](https://bit.ly/4ilDdVH)



Funded in part through a Grant with the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development.





## INTRODUCTION TO CHATGPT FOR CHILD CARE PROVIDERS

Curious about AI? Join this beginner-friendly workshop to explore ChatGPT, learn how to navigate the tool, craft clear prompts, and start using it effectively to streamline your child care tasks!

Thursday, April 10, 2025  
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

**Register TODAY!**



### EVENT DETAILS

**Who Should Attend?**  
This workshop is the perfect starting point for family child care providers looking to learn how AI can support your business.

**Key Takeaways:**

- Learn what ChatGPT is and how it can help
- Practice using ChatGPT
- Master simple questions with Prompting 101
- Protect your business and clients with privacy tips

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## ELEVATE:

AI, DIGITAL AND GROWING YOUR BUSINESS TO MAKE IT WORK FOR YOU!

**20+ SESSIONS LOADED WITH HANDS-ON LEARNING, NETWORKING AND RESOURCES FOR YOUR BUSINESS**

**April 11, 2025**  
Starts at 8:45 am

California Center for the Arts  
340 North Escondido Blvd.  
Escondido, CA 92025

Register Here



GET A 50% DISCOUNT USING PROMO CODE: PARTNER50






## NAREB SAN DIEGO COMMUNITY DAY CELEBRATION

**JOIN US FOR A FUN-FILLED COMMUNITY DAY CELEBRATION**

**APRIL 12, 2025**  
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

**About Our Event!**

Engage in insightful discussions, gain access to valuable resources, and connect with community leaders and peers to foster meaningful relationships and opportunities.

**LUNCH WILL BE SERVED**

**Key Topics**

- Housing Development & Policy
- Affordable Housing Initiatives
- Homeownership Buyers Club
- Black Business Economics
- Wealth Building Strategies
- Community Investment Opportunities

Hosted by: NAREB San Diego Chapter Realists

**REGISTER NOW**

SCAN HERE





# Partner Announcements

**SHCC**  
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**EASTER JOVENES**  
CELEBRATION  
Fun Games & Arts & Crafts

April 16, 2025  
1:30pm to 3pm

2258 Island Avenue,  
San Diego, Ca 92102

FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENT

**¡jovenes!**  
SHERMAN HIGGINS CO.

## Preparing for Government Contracting: Crafting the Perfect Capability Statement

Wednesday April 17th, 2025  
11:30am - 1:00pm PT

Hosted by **Elizabeth Cotton**  
Black Tech Link, Executive Director

This workshop will guide small business owners and entrepreneurs through the essential components of a capability statement, helping them craft a professional and impactful document that captures the attention of government agencies and prime contractors.

**BLACK Tech LINK**

Scan QR code to register

or visit  
[https://bit.ly/Capability\\_Statement\\_PM](https://bit.ly/Capability_Statement_PM)

**FERN STREET CIRCUS**  
PRESENTS  
SPRING 2025  
NEIGHBORHOOD TOUR

**BIG BIRTHDAY BASH!**  
**¡GRAN FELIZ CUMPLEAÑOS!**

ILLUSTRATIONS BY  
FERN STREET CIRCUS STUDENTS

SD Parks & Recreation

• SHOWTIME/HORA DEL SHOW 2:00PM  
• COMMUNITY HEALTH RESOURCE FAIR 1:00PM  
• MARIACHI VICTORIA DE SAN DIEGO 1:15PM

**FREE! ¡GRATIS!**

**SATURDAY APRIL 12**  
PARK DE LA CRUZ  
3001 LANDIS ST  
SAN DIEGO 92105

**SUNDAY APRIL 13**  
NORTH PARK REC CENTER  
4044 IOWAY ST  
SAN DIEGO 92104  
GRABOW ST BETWEEN  
HOWARD & PARK AV 1

**SABADO 19 DE ABRIL**  
CESAR CHAVEZ REC CENTER  
455 SYCAMORE RD  
SAN DIEGO 92173

**DOMINGO 20 DE ABRIL**  
GOLDEN HILL REC CENTER  
2800 GOLF COURSE DR  
SAN DIEGO 92102

**SATURDAY APRIL 26**  
AZALEA PARK  
2508 WIBLET ST  
SAN DIEGO 92105

**SUNDAY APRIL 27**  
GOMPERS PARK  
4926 HILLTOP DRIVE  
SAN DIEGO 92102

CA.COM/FERNSTREETCIRCUS  
FERNSTREETCIRCUS.COM  
619.226.2055

COMMUNITY ARTS  
SOUTH COAST ARTS CENTER  
SD Commission for Arts and Culture  
PARENT PARTICIPATION

AMERICA'S SBDC ORGANIZATION  
RESCUE BUSINESS

## DIGITAL ACCELERATOR BOOTCAMP

Transform your business ideas into action with our Digital Accelerator Bootcamp – learn, grow, and succeed!

March 31 - April 22, 2025  
Mondays & Tuesdays  
3:00 PM - 4:30 PM  
This event will be held as a webinar. After signing up, you'll receive a link to join.

Register today!  
+1 (619) 438-0880  
[bit.ly/learnwithrescue.org](https://bit.ly/learnwithrescue.org)

**EVENT DETAILS**

**Topics:**

- Financial Literacy
- Business Plan Creation
- Marketing Strategies for Growth
- Cybersecurity Essentials
- Digital Literacy

**Benefits**

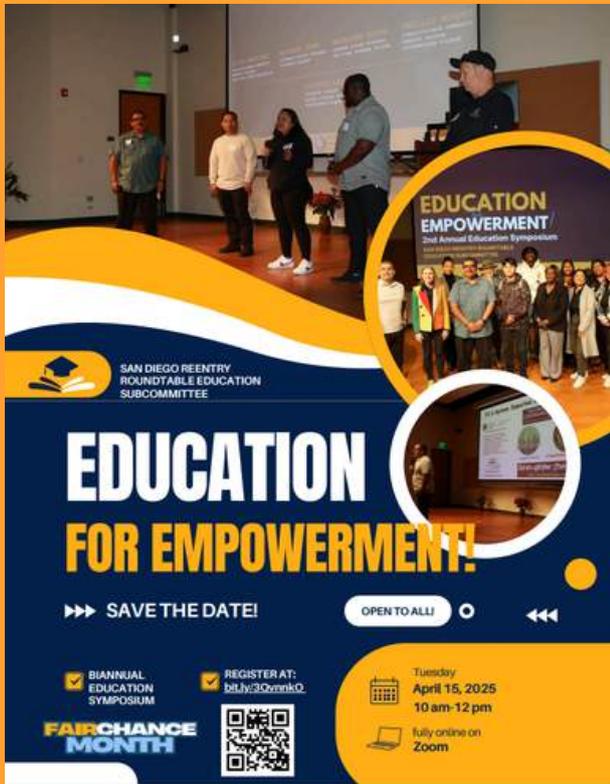
- Laptop and a one-year Microsoft Office subscription\*
- Ongoing IT Assistance
- Networking Opportunities

**Eligibility**

City of San Diego (Promise Zone & Diamond Improvement District) businesses and residents aged 18+ looking to start, grow, or manage a business.

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# Partner Announcements



**EDUCATION EMPOWERMENT**  
2nd Annual Education Symposium

SAN DIEGO REENTRY  
ROUNDTABLE EDUCATION  
SUBCOMMITTEE

## EDUCATION FOR EMPOWERMENT!

▶▶ SAVE THE DATE!      OPEN TO ALL!      ◀◀

BIENNIAL EDUCATION SYMPOSIUM      REGISTER AT: [bit.ly/3Qzmk0Q](http://bit.ly/3Qzmk0Q)

**FAIR CHANCE MONTH**

Tuesday, April 15, 2025  
10 am - 12 pm  
Fully online on Zoom

APRIL 19 2025      9AM to 1PM

MT. HOPE COMMUNITY GARDEN



## EARTH DAY CELEBRATION

Join us for a special garden gathering celebrating **community** and the **planet!**

Workshops & Gardening Activities • Arts & Crafts • Social Gathering • Food and Beverages • Plant Giveaways • Music & Celebrating • Free Family-Friendly Event

**MT. HOPE COMMUNITY GARDEN**  
4269 Market St., San Diego, CA 92101

## Monarch School COLLEGE & CAREER EXPO

THURSDAY, APRIL 24TH

Session 1 9:15am  
Session 2 10:00am

LOCATION: KI SPEED PARKING LOT  
1709 Main Street, San Diego, Ca. 92113

Community colleges  
Representatives from state and local universities  
Career and technical schools

All participants will be available in exhibit style format to meet & ask questions on admission, financial aid and career opportunities.

For more information contact:  
Ms. Maria: [mnavarrete@monarchschoools.org](mailto:mnavarrete@monarchschoools.org)  
Ms. Imelda: [igonzalez@monarchschoools.org](mailto:igonzalez@monarchschoools.org)

Thanks to our sponsors:



## Celebrate DÍA!

DÍA DE LOS NIÑOS, DÍA DE LOS LIBROS  
Book Giveaway!

Tuesday, April 29, 2025  
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Celebrate Día de los Niños y Libros with us! Bring the whole family for an evening of fun and creativity. Enjoy a free book giveaway featuring brand-new books for kids, music workshops, crafts, and the chance to connect with local community partners. Share a meal with us and so much more - all while supplies last! This is a free event, registration recommended!

**Event Schedule**

5:00 p.m. Drummers without Borders  
5:30 p.m. Dinner  
6:00 p.m. Literacy through Music Workshop

Valencia Park/ Malcolm X Library  
5148 Market St.  
619-527-3405  
[facebook.com/malcolmmlibrary](https://facebook.com/malcolmmlibrary)



Book Rich, United Way, Baby Day Community, DEEP, LONIC, Public Library

For more event details, visit: [mysdpi.org/celebratedia](http://mysdpi.org/celebratedia)

# Partner Announcements

LOGAN HEIGHTS CDC PRESENTS



## COMMUNITY JOB FAIR SPRING 2025

**DATE**  
Thursday - May 1st, 2025

**TIME**  
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

**Logan Heights Library**  
567 S 28th St  
San Diego CA 92113



REGISTER USING THE QR CODE



For more information, call  
(619) 858-0563

SHERMAN COCINA PRESENTA



## CINCO DE MAYO

POP-UP VENDOR  
FOOD & MARKET

LUNES 5 DE MAYO  
4:30 PM - 7:30 PM

¡VEN A PROBAR LA COMIDA Y LOS POSTRES DE SHERMAN COCINA, ELABORADOS POR NUESTROS TALENTOSOS ESTUDIANTES EMPRENDEDORES Y VENEDORES LOCALES! ¡TE ESPERAMOS!



2258 Island Avenue  
San Diego, Ca 92102  
(619) 232-5181



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SHERMAN COCINA PRESENTS

## FOOD HANDLERS WORKSHOP

MAY 3, 2025  
2 PM-5 PM

FOOD HANDLER CERTIFICATE COURSE IN JUST 3 HOURS.  
COURSE WILL BE CONDUCTED IN SPANISH!

**Free Course:**

A food safety and hygiene training program for food handlers.

No prior experience or specific entry requirements are required to participate.

Limited to 20 people.

\*A light lunch and beverages will be provided.\*

To register, scan the QR code or text  
(619) 408-2740




[www.historicharriordistrict.org](http://www.historicharriordistrict.org)

**LOCATION**  
SHERMAN HEIGHTS COMMUNITY CENTER  
2258 Island Avenue  
San Diego, Ca 92102




MAAC NEXT LEVEL & GRID ALTERNATIVES PRESENT

## THE FUTURE OF SOLAR JOBS

Learn to install solar panels and gain valuable skills for a growing industry. Get support services to help you succeed.



- Hands On Training**  
Learn practical skills from experienced instructors in a real-world setting.
- Support Services**  
Get help with resume writing, interview preparation, and additional supports to secure your next job.
- Career Advancement**  
Build your skills and knowledge to advance your career in the clean energy field.

**CONTACT US**

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Elisabetta Baratti  
GRID Alternatives - Workforce Development Workforce Coordinator  
619-535-3355  
ebaratti@gridalternatives.org

**ELIGIBILITY**

- ✓ 18+ years of age
- ✓ Unemployed or Underemployed
- ✓ Low Income
- ✓ Authorized to work in the US
- ✓ High School/GED Preferred




MAAC Next Level Program from GRID Alternatives, Workforce

**CONTACT US:**




# 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://c2k.org/c2k2024>
- Scan the QR Code with your smart phone
- Text "Apply Drive Thru" to (619) 375-8308.



**2025 CALENDAR**

North County	Central	East County	South County
March 15 <sup>th</sup> - Escondido	March 1 <sup>st</sup> - San Diego	June 7 <sup>th</sup> - El Cajon	April - Chula Vista (west)
July - Escondido	July - National City	December 8 <sup>th</sup> - La Mesa/Spring Valley	May 31 <sup>st</sup> - Chula Vista (west)
September 6 <sup>th</sup> - San Marcos	October 4 <sup>th</sup> - Linda Vista		August 2 <sup>nd</sup> - Chula Vista
November 1 <sup>st</sup> - Ramona			

Get fast, affordable home internet with Wi-Fi for families that have 8-12 students and receive government assistance.

**COX Connect2Compete**

**\$9.95 a month**

Qualify now: [cox.com/connect2compete](http://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@c2k.org](mailto:programs@c2k.org) or call (619) 200-9788.

Need technical support? Contact us at [techsupport@c2k.org](mailto:techsupport@c2k.org) or call (619) 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




**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!




**LOGAN HEIGHTS**  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

**2025 FREE TAX PREP SERVICE**

- Tax Services every Monday from 9 AM to 3 PM
- Less than \$67,000 gross income
- Forms accepted:
  - Certain 1099s Accepted
  - No business Tax Return
  - ITINS Accepted

By appointment ONLY

To make an appointment, call us at (619) 858-0563.

Logan Heights CDC  
3040 Imperial Ave, San Diego, CA 92102

For information about our services, visit our website: [www.loganheightscdc.org](http://www.loganheightscdc.org)

**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)
- Stamett 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

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# Partner Announcements




**APRIL 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: Hands-on basic technical exercises and Q&A	HOUR 2: Class discussion on monthly topic	HOUR 3: Q&A for basic tech questions
Our classes can help teach you how to be confident with your devices. Our structure is as follows:			
<b>Valencia Park/Malcolm X Library</b> 5148 Market St. Thursdays   10 am - 1 pm <i>Community Topics</i>	<b>Park de la Cruz Recreation Center</b> 3911 Landis St. Mondays   9:30 am - 12:30 pm <i>Basic Computer</i>		
4/3 Smartphone Technology	4/7 Computer Hardware and Software		
4/10 Assistive Technology	4/14 Mouse and Keyboard		
4/17 AI Technology	4/21 Internet Search   URL Overview		
4/24 The future of Technology	4/28 Types of Malware   URL Review   Hypertext		
<b>Skyline Hills Library</b> 7900 Paradise Valley Rd. Saturdays   10 am - 1pm <i>Smartphone Basics</i>	<b>Sherman Heights Community Center*</b> 2258 Island Ave. Tuesdays   10 am - 1 pm <i>Community Topics</i>		
4/5 Smartphone I - Navigating Phone and Settings	4/1 Smartphone Technology		
4/12 Smartphone II - Contact and Block People	4/8 Assistive Technology		
4/19 Smartphone III - Taking Photos	4/15 AI Technology		
4/26 Smartphone IV - Apps	4/22 The future of Technology		
	4/29 Open Office Hours		
<b>Otay Mesa-Nestor Library*</b> 3003 Coronado Ave Fridays   10 am - 1 pm <i>Basic Computer</i>	Scan this QR code for more information		
4/4 Computer Hardware and Software			
4/11 Mouse and Keyboard			
4/18 Internet Search   URL Overview			
4/25 Types of Malware   URL Review   Hypertext			
*Class discussion in Spanish; Q&A is offered in Spanish and English			





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**

**APRIL 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 Tuesday: 11:30 am - 3:30 pm	English/Spanish/Somali Tuesday: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm English Thursday: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
City Heights Library 3785 Fairmount Ave.	Valencia Park/Malcolm X Library 5148 Market St.
English/Chaldean/Spanish Monday: 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm English/Tagalog/Spanish Wednesday: 11:30 am - 3:30 pm	English/Arabic/Chaldean Monday: 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm English Saturday: 11:30 am - 3:30 pm
Cathy Hopper Rec Center 4425 Bannock Ave.	Skyline Hills Library 7900 Paradise Valley Rd.
English Wednesday: 9:30 am - 12:30 pm	English/Arabic/French Thursday: 11:30 am - 3:30 pm
Logan Heights Library 567 S. 26 <sup>th</sup> St.	Otay Mesa - Nestor Library 3003 Coronado Ave.
English/Somali Wednesday: 11:30 am - 3:30pm	English/Spanish/Chaldean Wednesday: 11:30 am - 3:30 pm
San Ysidro Library 4235 Beyer Blvd.	
English/Spanish Thursday: 11:00 am - 3:00 pm	

**FREE BUSINESS ADVICE**

**The INTERNATIONAL RESCUE COMMITTEE (IRC)**  
invites you to learn about...

**How to Start or Grow Your Business**

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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

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Schedule a free appointment  
with a Business Counselor!

<b>City Heights</b> 5348 University Ave., Suite 205 San Diego, CA 92105 IRCSBDC@rescue.org	<b>El Cajon</b> 131 E. Main St., Suite 201 El Cajon, CA 92020 IRCSBDC@rescue.org
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 From Harm to Home | [Rescue.org/SanDiego](https://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!*

<b>This program is for:</b>	<b>Come learn about:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ages 17+</li> <li>• English Language Learners</li> <li>• San Diego County Residents</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How To Pay For College</li> <li>• How To Apply For College</li> <li>• Career Opportunities</li> </ul>

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



 (619)-728-4995  
 [justin.wickstrand@rescue.org](mailto:justin.wickstrand@rescue.org)

# Partner Announcements

**JFS AGING CARE SERVICES**



**Jewish Family Service**  
Moving Forward Together

## 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.



## 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

- 1. 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)
- 2. Call**  
Call **858-351-6075** to make a reservation over the phone.
- 3. 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



## SolarCorps

### Build Your Future, Help Our Planet.

Are you ready to start your career and make a real impact? Join SolarCorps, an 11-month full-time paid term of service with GRID Alternatives to help significantly contribute to under-resourced communities.

- **Earn While You Learn:** Paid hands-on training in various departments within the clean energy industry: construction, outreach, workforce development, and more.
- **Comprehensive Training in an Inclusive & Supportive Environment:** Kickstart your career pathway with a dedicated manager, monthly workshops, a 4-day in-person retreat, 80 hours of personalized professional development time, plus \$600 to spend on building your future.
- **Scan the QR code** for detailed program benefits and requirements. Your journey towards a brighter future starts here!




[gridalternatives.org/solarcorps](http://gridalternatives.org/solarcorps)

"I appreciate the optimistic and transformative approach that GRID takes in creating job opportunities and connecting people to savings through solar while also helping the planet."  
Racheal Matheny, Outreach Fellow





GRID Alternatives is a proud grantee of AmeriCorps and California Volunteers, Office of the Governor.

## JFS Fix-It Service

Serving Older Adults and Veterans 60+



### 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.



# Partner Announcements

**FEEL LIKE YOU NEED A LITTLE HELP? YOU'RE NOT ALONE.**

**2 out of 3** Community College students experience hunger and/or housing insecurity.

**11%** or more than 10,000 university students are unsheltered at some point during the year.

**3 out of 5** Wesley House student residents previously experienced homelessness.

**14%** of community college students experience hunger.

**One** There's only one you and you know best how to achieve your goals. Wesley House is here to equip you for success.

**Join the Wesley House Community Today!**

Use a little, use a lot; we have the tools for your success:

- Full-service food pantry.
- CalFresh application assistance.
- Life-skills workshops.
- Mentoring, tutoring counseling.
- Housing assistance (in early 2025).

*Equipped for Success.*



[sd.wesleyhouse.org/resources](http://sd.wesleyhouse.org/resources)

**WESLEY HOUSE**

5710 Hardy Avenue, Ste. 12  
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sd.wesleyhouse.org  
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**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!**

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





**First 5 San Diego**




## 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

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/FHWRZT8A3WV9L9T7>

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.

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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

## Listos California Regional Grant (LL) Program - Southern

The purpose of the LL Program is to support organizations within California's Southern Region that serve multiple counties with equity priority factors located in areas at moderate to high risk of disaster. Nonprofits throughout the Southern Region can work independently or subgrant with local nonprofits to provide disaster training and resources to diverse populations disproportionately impacted by emergencies. This work is intended to increase their communities' disaster preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation capabilities.

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

**Deadline:** April 8, 2025

**TAGS:** Healthy Communities, Collaborative Grant, Topical



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OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

## LIFT: Early Career Support for Native Artists

The Native Arts + Cultures Foundation (NACF) advances equity and cultural knowledge, focusing on the power of arts and collaboration to strengthen Native communities and promote positive social change with American Indian, Native Hawaiian, and Alaska Native peoples in the United States. NACF is currently accepting applications for its LIFT: Early Career Support for Native Artists program. The program provides one-year, \$15,000 awards for early-career Native artists to develop and realize new projects. Eligible applicants are individual Native artists working in dance and choreography, fiction and poetry writing, film and video, multi-disciplinary arts, music, performance art, theater and screenplay writing, traditional arts, or 2D + 3D visual arts. Awardees will also receive professional development and other supports.

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

**Deadline:** April 8, 2025

**TAGS:** Healthy Communities, Fine Arts, Technical Assistance

**NACF**  
NATIVE ARTS + CULTURES  
FOUNDATION



**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 **Domonic Riley** at [DRiley@sandiego.gov](mailto:DRiley@sandiego.gov) for more information!

### **Imagine Learning Foundation: Signature Grants**



The Imagine Learning Foundation (ILF) seeks to foster the well-being of learners and the people who support them at home and in their communities. ILF’s Imagine Signature Grant Program amplifies national or regional nonprofit organizations’ efforts that 1) foster the learning and well-being of youth and their families and educators at home and in the community, or 2) study the impacts of social, physical, mental, and emotional well-being on accelerating student achievement. For 2025, the priority is on organizations addressing or studying critical issues related to chronic absenteeism and student housing insecurity in K-12 learning environments. Grants will continue to prioritize previously funded areas, such as basic needs support and wraparound services for students and families experiencing homelessness, as well as other needs in line with addressing chronic absenteeism and housing insecurity's impact on K-12 learning. In response to the wildfires in the Los Angeles Metropolitan Area and San Diego County, a portion of grants will be awarded to initiatives that are both aligned with ILF’s mission and focus on recovery and support in affected communities. ILF expects to award a total of \$600,000 or more.

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

**Deadline:** April 9, 2025

**TAGS:** Jobs & Education, Housing Affordability, Topical



### **2025 Progress of Ideas Grant**



The Institute invites applications on a wide array of topics related to the works, policy solutions, and political and ethical implications of Henry George, including land value taxation, economic justice, free trade, and contributing to the public good without exacerbating inequality.

The “Progress of Ideas” Grant Program is open to U.S.-based 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations, and provides support of up to \$10,000 for qualifying research projects.

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

**Deadline:** April 11, 2025

**TAGS:** Housing Affordability, Small Grant, Research-Focused, Topical



## NBCUniversal Local Impact Grants



NBCUniversal Local Impact Grants will award \$2.5 million to nonprofit organizations in 11 NBC and Telemundo owned television station markets in 2025. Eligible markets include Los Angeles, San Diego, and the San Francisco Bay Area, CA; Connecticut; South Florida; Chicago, IL; Boston, MA; New York; Philadelphia, PA; Dallas-Fort Worth, TX; and Washington, DC. (A list of eligible zip codes is available on the NBCUniversal Local Impact Grants website.) The grants will provide unrestricted funds to organizations that are doing work in three areas: Youth Education and Empowerment, with a focus on in-school and community-based programs that equip youth with the tools they need to succeed, such as STEM/STEAM education and youth entrepreneurship; Next Generation Storytellers, including programs that develop pathways for emerging talent and youth voices to explore careers in communications, arts, news, sports, and entertainment; and Community Engagement, including programs that enable individuals to engage with and volunteer in their regions.

**Award Amount:** Not Stated

**Deadline:** April 11, 2025

**TAGS:** Jobs & Education, Healthy Communities, Economic Activity, Youth-Centered, STEM



## PEDIGREE Foundation



The PEDIGREE Foundation provides grants to shelters and rescues across the country to increase dog adoption. Program Development Grants support initiatives aimed at increasing adoption rates, with funding available in the following categories: foster programs that place dogs in temporary, loving homes; behavior programs that focus on socialization, training, and stress relief; and transport programs that help organizations move dogs from overpopulated areas to regions with better adoption opportunities. In addition, one grant may be awarded through the Dogs Rule Grant program to support an innovative best practice initiative focused on increasing adoption rates in the areas of foster, behavior, or transport. This grant includes additional requirements, such as potential speaking engagements and the creation of a toolkit. U.S.-based 501(c)(3) animal welfare shelters and rescues are eligible to apply. (The Foundation also offers Disaster Relief Grants of up to \$5,000 throughout the year.)

**Award Amount:** Program Development Grants range from \$10,000 to \$15,000. The Dogs Rule Grant is \$50,000 a year for two years.

**Deadline:** April 13, 2025

**TAGS:** Healthy Communities, Furry Friends





**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 **Domonic Riley** at [DRiley@sandiego.gov](mailto:DRiley@sandiego.gov) for more information!

### **Rural Communities Opioid Response Program**



The purpose of the Rural Communities Opioid Response Program – Pathways is to create innovative new youth-focused behavioral healthcare support programs while also offering behavioral healthcare career pathway opportunities in rural communities. The goals are to establish pathway programs to introduce youth to behavioral health careers and facilitate admittance into formalized training programs; engage youth to develop and implement peer-driven behavioral health programming in rural communities; and develop innovative, multi-sectoral approaches to ensure the continued availability of supported activities in the target rural service area.

**Award Amount:** \$0 to \$400,000  
**Deadline:** April 14, 2025  
**TAGS:** Healthy Communities, Medical, Federal



### **Recordings At Risk**



Recordings at Risk provides support in the United States for the preservation of rare and unique audio, audiovisual, and other time-based media through digital reformatting. Grants cover the costs of preservation reformatting for fragile or obsolete time-based media content by qualified external service providers. Eligible media may include, but are not necessarily limited to, magnetic audio and video tape, grooved discs, wax cylinders, wire recordings, and film (with or without sound). The program encourages professionals who may be constrained by limited resources or technical expertise to take action against the threats of degradation and obsolescence. Applicants must be U.S. nonprofit academic, research, or cultural heritage organizations. Indian tribes, Alaska native villages, regional corporations, and village corporations are also eligible to apply, as are cultural heritage-focused government agencies.

**Award Amount:** \$10,000 to \$50,000  
**Deadline:** April 14, 2025  
**TAGS:** Healthy Communities, Museums & Archives



## Anonymous Was A Woman Environmental Art Grant

The Anonymous Was A Woman Environmental Art Grants (AWAW EAG) provide awards of up to \$20,000 to environmental art projects led by women-identifying artists in the United States and U.S. Territories.

The AWAW EAG supports environmental art projects that inspire thought, action, and ethical engagement. Projects should not only point at problems, but aim to engage an environmental issue at some scale. Proposals should illustrate thorough consideration of a project's ecological and social ethics. Projects that explore interdependence, relationships, and systems through Indigenous and ancestral practices are encouraged to apply.

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

**Deadline:** April 15, 2025

**TAGS:** Healthy Communities, Fine Arts, Environmental Stewardship



## 2025 Multifamily Finance SuperNOFA

The Multifamily Housing Super NOFA provides applicants the opportunity to apply for a combination of the available funding programs at the same time and within the same round. The approximately \$478 million in funds can be used for the following:

- Multifamily Housing Program (MHP) for lower income households
- Veterans Housing and Homelessness Prevention (VHHP) Program
- Farmworker Housing Grant (FWHG) Program
- Infill Incentive/Infrastructure Grant Program (IIG) gap funding for infrastructure improvements
- Supportive Housing Multifamily Housing Program (SHMHP)
- Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Program for affordable housing construction near transit

Businesses, Non-Profits, Public Agencies, and Tribal Governments are eligible to apply.

**Award Amount:** Dependent on Amount Requested

**Deadline:** April 15, 2025

**TAGS:** Housing Affordability, Vet-Focused, Collaborative Grant, Topical





## **ELN Collective Local Action Fund**

The Early Learning Nation (ELN) Collective is an initiative supporting local leaders in building systems and services that help children from prenatal through age 8 and families in their communities thrive. The ELN's Local Action Fund will help achieve that goal by supporting the innovative ideas, work, and priorities of local parents and caregivers, providers and educators, community leaders and advocates, and government and elected officials as they aim to build an early learning nation and help the children of their community overcome early childhood challenges that can hinder later-life educational achievement.

Potential uses of the funding are:

- Seed funding for starting or helping identify innovative solutions or new initiatives.
- Barrier removal (e.g., transportation, childcare, stipends) to increase participation in ongoing efforts.
- Community engagement and power-building, particularly for underrepresented groups.
- Capacity building and outreach to advance policies addressing systemic challenges.
- Convenings and coalition-building to foster strategic collaboration.

Grants are available to communities within the current footprint of the ELN Collective, which includes the following states: AZ, CA, FL, IL, KY, LA, MI, MS, NM, OR, SC, TN, TX, WA, and WV. [Apply here](#) if you feel your organization's goal aligns with the ELN's mission.

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

**Deadline:** April 15, 2025

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

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## **State and Impact of the Humanities**

The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Office of Data and Evaluation is accepting applications for the State and Impact of the Humanities program. This program supports data-grounded research studies that investigate the state, impact, and value of the humanities in the United States. Research designs may be quantitative, qualitative, or mixed, and should involve the active participation of people working in the humanities.

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

**Deadline:** April 16, 2025

**TAGS:** Jobs & Education, Research-Focused, Federal



# GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

## WITH Foundation

 The WITH Foundation aims to promote comprehensive health care for adults with developmental disabilities by awarding grants of up to \$150,000 in support of programs that improve the delivery of health care to adults with developmental disabilities. Successful grant applications should also include one of the following:

- Improve health practitioner competency through education and/or training programs.
- Address the current inadequate reimbursement system.
- Advance innovations in formal care coordination.
- Enhance advocacy regarding the inadequacies of developmentally disabled care to advance systemic change.
- Advance national efforts in digital health.
- Expand social policy research.
- Or identify and overcome barriers to high-quality healthcare access.

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

**Deadline:** April 17, 2025

**TAGS:** Healthy Communities, Medical



## MIT Solve: Global Economic Prosperity Challenge

 MIT Solve's Global Economic Prosperity Challenge seeks tech-based solutions to build and sustain financial and economic opportunities and resilience for all. The focus is on solutions that enable universal access to financial services, increase digital participation and security, and expand workforce development (such as through skill-based training, employment matching, and career mobility programs) or worker safety and benefits, with an emphasis on underinvested populations.

**Award Amount:** Each selected Solver team receives \$10,000 in unrestricted funding, access to additional prize funding and funding opportunities, and a support program.

**Deadline:** April 17, 2025

**TAGS:** Economic Activity, Jobs & Education, Technical Assistance, Digital Equity, Prize Philanthropy





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### Strengthening American Infrastructure



Strengthening American Infrastructure (SAI) is an NSF program seeking to stimulate human-centered, use-inspired, fundamental and potentially transformative research aimed at strengthening America’s infrastructure. Effective infrastructure provides a strong foundation for socioeconomic vitality and broad improvement in quality of life. Robust, reliable and effective infrastructure spurs private-sector innovation, grows the economy, and creates jobs among many other objective measures of societal well-being. Achieving these objectives requires the integration of expertise from across all science and engineering disciplines.

The goal of SAI is to develop research on how human reasoning, decision-making, governance, and social and cultural processes enable the building and maintenance of effective infrastructure that improves lives. A successful project will be able to demonstrate a convergence of expertise in one or more social, behavioral or economic sciences to achieve pathbreaking fundamental research.

**Award Amount:** \$50,000 to \$750,000

**Deadline:** April 17, 2025

**TAGS:** Economic Activity, Jobs & Education, Research-Focused, Federal



U.S. National Science Foundation

### KFC Foundation: Kentucky Fried Wishes



Non-profit organizations can apply for a \$10,000 grant to fund a capacity-building project on their wish list. There are three application windows in 2025. The KFC Foundation will award up to 20 grants per cycle. The focus of the first application cycle is Improving Health & Wellbeing. Example programs include:

- Mobile health clinic creation
- Playground improvements
- Domestic violence shelter upgrades
- Accommodations for individuals with disabilities

The application window for this grant cycle is March 31 to April 18.

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

**Deadline:** April 18, 2025

**TAGS:** Healthy Communities, Safety, Medical



# GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

## Voya Unsung Heroes Award

 The Voya Unsung Heroes Awards Program helps U.S. K-12 educators and their schools fund innovative classroom projects. Each year, 50 educators are selected to receive \$2,000 for their class projects. Of these finalists, three are chosen to receive the top awards of an additional \$5,000, \$10,000 and \$25,000. Full-time educators, teachers, principals, paraprofessionals, or classified staff with effective and innovative projects that improve student learning are eligible to apply. Applicants must be employed by an accredited K-12 public or private school located in the United States. (Nonprofit groups that are not schools are not eligible to apply.)

**Award Amount:** 50 finalists receive a \$2,000 award. Three finalists will be selected for additional awards of \$5,000, \$10,000, and \$25,000.

**Deadline:** April 18, 2025

**TAGS:** Jobs & Education, Prize Philanthropy



## Grants to Military-Connected Local Educational Agencies

 The Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) seeks innovative applications that identify and implement evidence-based practices to meet the academic needs of the highly mobile military-connected students in their community and applications which establish, improve, or expand world language programs targeting elementary and secondary students. In addition, any Local Education Agency (LEA) awarded a grant under this announcement must use the funds to support programs that can be continued beyond the grant period and demonstrate approaches that could be disseminated to and duplicated in other LEAs. DoDEA intends to award multiple grants, subject to the availability of funds. Each individual grant award will be a minimum of \$500,000.00 and may be up to a maximum of \$2,000,000, for a period of up to five (5) years.

**Award Amount:** \$500,000 to \$2,000,000

**Deadline:** April 18, 2025

**TAGS:** Jobs & Education, Public Institution, Federal





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### **Community Connect Grant Program FY25**



The Community Connect Grant Program provides financial assistance to eligible applicants that will provide service at or above the broadband grant speed (100 Mbps down and 20 Mbps up) to all premises in rural, economically challenged communities where broadband service (10 Mbps down and 1 Mbps up) does not exist. Priority is given to rural areas that demonstrate the greatest need for broadband services.

**Award Amount:** \$100,000 to \$5,000,000

**Deadline:** April 21, 2025

**TAGS:** Economic Activity, Digital Equity, Matching Funds, Federal



### **Organization for Autism Research: Community Grant Competition**



The Community Grant Competition, a collaboration of the Organization for Autism Research and the Autism Intervention Research Network on Physical Health, aims to empower community stakeholders to share their knowledge in order to improve health outcomes and quality of life for autistic people. Up to seven grants will be awarded to support the design, packaging, and distribution of information resources that can positively impact autistic individuals. Eligible projects include the creation of guides and manuals, educational curricula, children's or instructional books, practical toolkits, and innovative multimedia tools. Priority topics include physical and mental health and adult services and supports. Community stakeholders including parents, family members, autistic individuals, direct autism service providers, and community organizations are eligible to apply.

**Award Amount:** \$1,000 to \$15,000

**Deadline:** April 21, 2025

**TAGS:** Healthy Communities, Jobs & Education, Medical, Prize Philanthropy



# GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

## J.M.K. Innovation Prize

The J.M.K. Innovation Prize will support ten early-stage projects with transformative potential in the fields of heritage conservation, the environment, and/or social justice. The Prize is open to nonprofit and mission-driven for-profit organizations making an impact in the United States; most awardees have been active less than five years and operate with annual budgets of less than \$500,000. Applicant projects should represent a game-changing answer to a clearly identified need, demonstrate the potential to develop an actionable pilot or prototype with Prize funding, and hold out the promise to benefit multiple individuals, communities, or sectors through a clearly articulated theory of change.

**Award Amount:** \$150,000 in unrestricted funding over three years, plus \$25,000 in technical assistance funds

**Deadline:** April 25, 2025

**TAGS:** Healthy Communities, Museums & Archives, Prize Philanthropy



## Improving Undergraduate STEM Education: Computing

The Improving Undergraduate STEM Education: Computing in Undergraduate Education (IUSE: CUE) program aims to better prepare a wider, more diverse range of students to collaboratively use computation across a range of contexts and challenging problems. With this solicitation, the National Science Foundation focuses on re-envisioning how to teach computing effectively to a broad group of students, in a scalable manner, with an emphasis on broadening participation of groups who are underrepresented and underserved by traditional computing courses and careers.

**Award Amount:** Up to \$2,000,000

**Deadline:** April 29, 2025

**TAGS:** Jobs & Education, Digital Equity, STEM, Federal



# GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

## Syringe Services and Community-Based Harm Reduction Programs

 The Comer Family Foundation provides support for syringe services and community-based harm reduction programs in the United States that improve the health and wellness of people who use drugs. Supported organizations provide free sterile syringes, safer smoking and snorting kits, education, and community wraparound services to reduce opioid overdose and the transmission of HIV and viral hepatitis. 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations, tribal governments, and organizations that require a fiscal sponsor are eligible to apply. Organizations must have total organizational budgets of less than \$600,000, be grounded in harm reduction principles and practice, and provide access to sterile syringes and safer smoking and snorting kits through syringe services and community-based harm reduction programs that have been in operation for one full year.

**Award Amount:** Average grants range from \$2,500 to \$20,000

**Deadline:** May 1, 2025

**TAGS:** Healthy Communities, Medical



## It Gets Better: Changemakers

 It Gets Better: Changemakers provides funds for exceptional projects led by LGBTQ+ youth in collaboration with a partner organization that aim to make communities bolder, safer, and prouder places for all. Support is provided to LGBTQ+ youth aged 13 to 18 partnering with registered nonprofits or public and charter secondary schools within the United States, including U.S. territories. Funded projects must support LGBTQ+ youth in the community. Projects that support LGBTQ+ youth of color, trans and nonbinary youth, and LGBTQ+ youth with disabilities are of particular interest.

**Award Amount:** \$500 to \$10,000

**Deadline:** May 5, 2025

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





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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 Grantmaking Program



The Thriving Communities Grantmaking 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





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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.*

# 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



## **Fusenot Foundation**

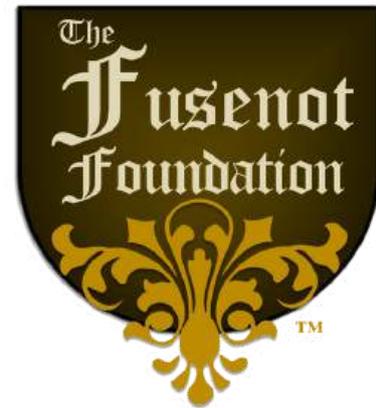


The Fusenot Foundation makes annual contributions to a wide spectrum of existing charities in the State of California as required by its Charter. During its short existence, the Foundation has helped hundreds of needy persons, helped to improve hospitals and medical care, and aided students to establish 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: Bridge to Home

## BRIDGE TO HOME

Three new affordable housing projects aimed at helping seniors, veterans and households earning 80% or less of the area median income are moving forward thanks to the City of San Diego's Bridge to Home program--and one of them is located in the Promise Zone!

On March 25, 2025, City Council approved three loans for affordable housing projects that will create a total of 408 affordable homes. **Bridge to Home** provides gap financing to qualified developers to make affordable housing projects a reality. Since 2021, when **Mayor Gloria** launched the Bridge to Home program, it has helped **finance 20 projects with a total of 1,761 affordable homes.**

### Bridge to Home Success!



- + 20 new projects
- + 1,761 affordable homes
- + 3 more projects will be presented to Council this year



## Mercado Apartments

The loan agreement with the City and the **Metropolitan Area Advisory Committee on Anti-Poverty of San Diego County, Inc. (MAAC)** will support the acquisition and rehabilitation of this existing affordable housing community. Mercado Apartments is located at 2001 Newton Avenue in the Barrio Logan Community Plan Area in Council District 8, within the San Diego Promise Zone, a **Transit Priority Area** and a **San Diego Opportunity Zone**. These apartments are located less than one-quarter mile from transit stops and the Barrio Logan trolley station, with nearby retail, restaurants, grocery, clinic, pharmacy, schools, and park facilities.

The existing Mercado Apartments was constructed in 1994 and includes 24 two-story buildings with 144 one-, two- and three-bedroom apartments available for households earning 30% to 60% of the area median income. MAAC will acquire the

property and improvements from the current financing partnership, demolish two buildings containing 12 units, provide relocation assistance to the tenants, and construct one new four-story building with **92 new affordable one-, two- and three-bedroom apartments**. The existing 132 units in the remaining 22 buildings will be substantially rehabilitated with new interior finishes, appliances, cabinets, fixtures, lighting, doors and windows, as well as new exterior and site improvements. Once completed, Mercado Apartments will have a total of **224 apartments** consisting of 60 one-bedroom units, 80 two-bedroom units, and 84 three-bedroom units for small to large families.

The renovated and refreshed Mercado Apartments will include private balconies, an open courtyard, laundry facilities, bicycle parking and repair shop, a fitness course and play areas, 95 parking spaces, and free app-based local transportation. The existing onsite childcare center, managed by Neighborhood House, will be expanded with a secure outdoor play area and new classrooms. The construction and rehabilitation efforts may be completed **as early as 2028!**

## Mercado Apartments



- + **\$15.275 million** Bridge to Home funding
- + Located at 2001 Newton Ave. in Barrio Logan
- + 222 one-, two- and three-bedroom homes affordable to households earning 60% area median income or less



Bridge to Home Map



# Civic Engagement in the Promise Zone

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## Land Development Code Update

This year will be the sixth year the City Planning Department has taken online suggestions for amendments to the Land Development Code (**Chapters 11-14**).

The submission period for the next LDC update closes on **Aug. 15, 2025**. For questions, please contact [developmentcode@sandiego.gov](mailto:developmentcode@sandiego.gov).



2

## Open Consolidated Plan Advisory Board Positions

The **Consolidated Plan Advisory Board (CPAB)** serves in an advisory capacity to the Mayor, City Council and City Manager on policy issues related to the allocation of federal U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) grants.

There are **2 vacancies** in the Promise Zone:

*Council District 4 (Councilmember Henry Foster III)*

*Council District 9 (Councilmember Sean Elo-Rivera)*

If you are interested in serving on the Consolidated Plan Advisory Board, an application may be submitted online and is available here: [onboard.sandiego.gov](https://onboard.sandiego.gov).

For more information about the role of a CPAB member, email **Nadine Hassoun**, at [nhassoun@sandiego.gov](mailto:nhassoun@sandiego.gov).



# Civic Engagement in the Promise Zone

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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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## 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)

or download your mobile app today!  
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The City of San Diego is conducting a survey!

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## DESIRED QUALIFICATIONS

- Bachelor's degree preferred
- Proficiency in Canva and Microsoft Office (Excel, PowerPoint, Word).
- Strong organizational and time management skills
- Excellent research, communication, and email drafting abilities.
- Enthusiasm for learning, adaptability, and attention to detail.
- A proactive, team-oriented mindset and a positive attitude.

## APPLY NOW!

For more information, contact Roosevelt Williams III at (619) 236-6321 or [rooseveltw@sandiego.gov](mailto:rooseveltw@sandiego.gov).

We look forward to seeing your application!





# 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.](#)



## Pool Guard I

Oversee the safety of pool patrons by monitoring the pool and deck areas to prevent accidents; rescue swimmers in distress or in danger of drowning; administer first aid and Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) as needed; and perform other duties as assigned.

[Apply Here.](#)



## 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!

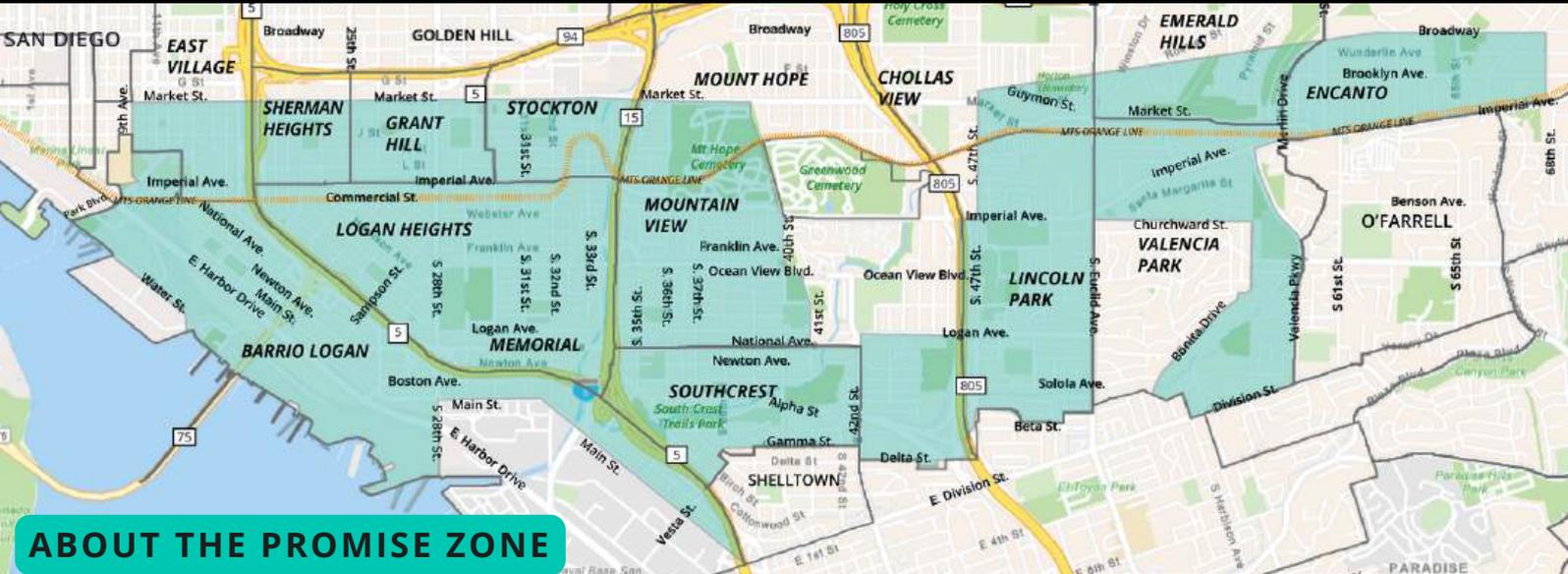
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### ABOUT THE PROMISE ZONE

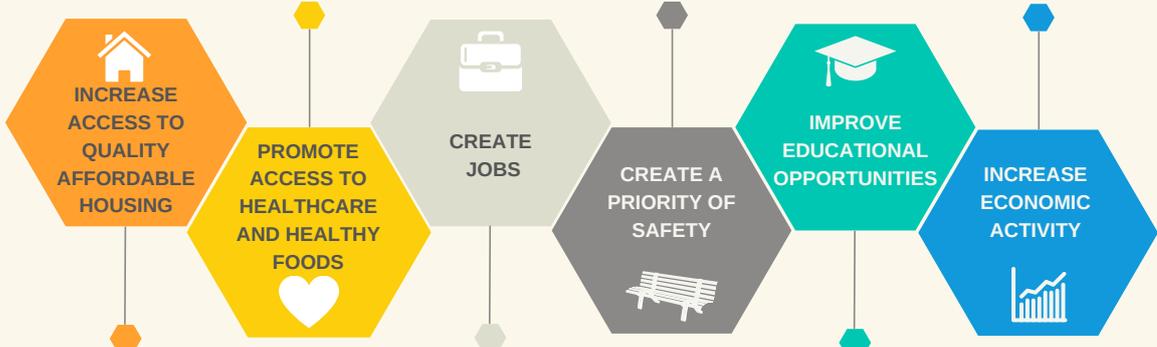
In 2016, the San Diego Promise Zone became one of 22 federally designated Promise Zones in the United States and one of only four in California. The San Diego Promise Zone covers a 6.4-square-mile targeted area with more than 80,000 residents that spans East Village and Barrio Logan east to Encanto. 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



Not Pictured: Daniel Hamilton, Damilare Shonuyi

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