

April 2024

# SD PromiseZone

## Newsletter

All-Partner  
Meeting  
Tues, May 14,  
10am-12pm  
Save the  
date!

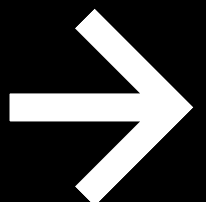
### The Promise

*"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: Your Future Now: A Youth-Led Career Expo 2024 )



## A MESSAGE TO OUR PARTNERS

FROM THE PROMISE ZONE STAFF

As we enter April, we not only welcome spring, but also commemorate **National Fair Housing Month**. This month serves as a reminder of the ongoing work needed to ensure equal housing opportunities for all. The City of San Diego is offering two educational opportunities.

We're also excited to share that the San Diego Promise Zone recently hosted its second annual 'Your Future, Now: A Youth-Led Career Expo'! This dynamic event was a great success, showcasing a wide range of career opportunities and insights, guided by the youth of our community. Thank you to everyone who participated and made this event possible!

## Promise Zone IN THE NEWS

[SAN DIEGO HOSTS SECOND YOUTH-LED CAREER EXPO](#)

[THE JACOBS CENTER: HELPING BUSINESSES GROW AND EXPANDING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT](#)

[ABANDONED AND DILAPIDATED: NEIGHBORS FED UP WITH VACANT LINCOLN PARK BLOCK](#)

[IS LOGAN MEMORIAL 'GOING TO BE ANOTHER LINCOLN?'](#)

## Say Hello to our new AmeriCorps VISTAs!

Hello, my name is Zachary Engberg. I am 27-year-old from Alameda, CA. I chose to do VISTA service to more fully embody my core learned principles of mutual aid, resourcefulness, and intentional direct action in a structured project working towards a goal of community improvement, as well as to expand my comfort zone and become a confident and successful grant writer and community liaison.

ZACHARY ENGBERG



Hello everyone, my name is Daniel Hamilton, and I am the new VISTA Leader. In 2023, I volunteered with KABOOM to build a playground for the Boys & Girls Club in Santa Ana. It made me feel inspired to continue as a VISTA Leader on the West Coast to empower and build capacity for non-profit organizations with the San Diego Promise Zone.

DANIEL HAMILTON



# COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

## Abdur-Rahim Hameed

**Nominated by Brian (Barry) Pollard,  
Urban Collaborative Project CEO**

**Abdur-Rahim Hameed** is the founder of the Black Contractors Association of San Diego, Inc (BCA), and a force of community activism since the 1970s. Established in 1982, BCA has present membership of 350 business owners.

Mr. Hameed helped launch the **Inner-City Community Unilateral Apprenticeship Committee**, the first state-certified apprenticeship program for African Americans in the United States designed for inner-city youth.

Under Mr. Hameed's leadership, BCA was awarded a \$1.5 million grant from San Diego's Community Development Block Grant Program to complete construction on a 10,000-square-foot Apprentice Center and over \$2.1 million in YouthBuild USA training grants to build capacity in leading 120 apprentices to construct nine homes from the ground up, one of which was for homeless youths.

Under the work of the YouthBuild USA, Mr. Hameed provides a safe place for homeless in need of low-income housing, teaches Independent Living Skills, and



assists opportunity youth, ages 16-24, who are in a transitional stage to become responsible, employed, and successful young adults.

Mr. Hameed also contributes to creating opportunity and transition for youth who may be aging out of foster care by teaching them independent living skills and helping them with a "fresh start." Jack Pellegrino, San Diego County Director of Purchasing and Contracting, described Mr. Hameed as "a straight shooter, very direct and not afraid to talk about tough issues...I give him my highest respect. He speaks what's on his mind, which I really appreciate."

Mr. Pellegrino said he worked with Mr. Hameed in lining up minority contractors to work on the \$74 million Southwestern Live Well Center, 5101 Market St. "We're both very proud of it," Mr. Pellegrino said. "It's been a real pleasure to work with him as a collaborator on this project."

In 2008, Mr. Hameed went national, forming the National Black Contractors Association that has set up 17 chapters in five states.

*Black Contractors Association, as a non-profit organization, is an affordable infill housing developer working with public agencies and private investors to develop and sustain small business contractor development, youth apprenticeship training opportunity, and affordable housing for inner-city youth, many of which reside in the Promise Zone.*





# SD PromiseZone

## WORKING GROUP UPDATES

### Jobs and Education

In March, the Jobs and Education working group met on Wednesday, March 6, and heard from Will Smith who is the program coordinator with Kitchens for Good. He gave an overview of their tuition-free culinary apprenticeship program. The group also heard from the City of San Diego's Dept. of IT about the US Conference of Mayors Digital Equity Challenge. Lastly, on March 26, Jobs and Education hosted our annual signature event: "Your Future, Now: A Youth-Led Career Expo." For questions and concerns regarding this working group, reach out to **Ronah Famorcan**, [RFFamorcan@sandiego.gov](mailto:RFFamorcan@sandiego.gov).

### Housing Affordability

In March, the Housing Affordability working group heard from three, local, mission-driven housing developers and designers. For questions and concerns regarding this working group, reach out to **Ian Hembree**, [IHembree@sandiego.gov](mailto:IHembree@sandiego.gov).

### Join Future Meetings

#### Healthy Communities:

Thursday, April 11, 10:00 - 11:30am

#### Economic Activity:

Wednesday, April 17, 10:00 - 11:30am

#### Housing Affordability:

Wednesday, April 24, 10:00 - 11:30am

#### Jobs and Education:

Wednesday, May 1, 10:00 - 11:30am

#### All-Partner Meeting:

Tuesday, May 14, 10:00am-12:00pm

### Healthy Communities & Economic Activity

In March, the Healthy Communities and Economic Activity working groups had a joint meeting in which they heard from the City's Transportation Department on their Canopy Trees for Communities initiative, UCP on their Resident Leadership Academy, Tree San Diego on their work in the Promise Zone, and the City's Economic Development Department on Maintenance Assessment Districts. For questions and concerns regarding Economic Activity, reach out to **Bryan Villegas**, [BVillegas@sandiego.gov](mailto:BVillegas@sandiego.gov). For questions and concerns regarding Healthy Communities, reach out to Nathaniel Hillman, [NHillman@sandiego.gov](mailto:NHillman@sandiego.gov).



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## FAIR HOUSING PROGRAM

Equal access to housing for all is a right protected by law. Fair Housing laws allow you to obtain the housing of your choice, free from illegal discrimination.

### YOU ARE PROTECTED BY FEDERAL, STATE AND CITY LAW.

#### FEDERAL LAW

*prohibits discrimination based on:*

- Race
- Color
- Religion
- National Origin
- Sex (Gender)
- Disability
- Familial Status  
(Households with one or more children under age 18)

#### STATE LAW

*adds protections against discrimination based on:*

- Ancestry
- Citizenship, Immigration Status
- Primary Language
- Marital Status
- Sexual Orientation
- Age
- Medical Condition
- Genetic Information
- Gender Identity, Expression
- Military or Veteran Status
- Other Arbitrary Status

#### CITY LAW *also prohibits discrimination based on:*

**Source of Income (including rental assistance)**

The City of San Diego's Municipal Code protects tenants from being denied housing solely because they receive rental assistance, such as Section 8 Housing Vouchers, paid directly to the renter, landlord or representative of either.

### COMMON VIOLATIONS OF FAIR HOUSING LAW

- Refusal to rent, lease, or sell housing
- Sexual harassment involving unwanted sexual advances or requiring sexual favors for housing rights or privileges
- Discriminatory policies, practices, terms or conditions that result in unequal access to housing or housing-related services
- Refusal to permit reasonable modifications to a dwelling space or common use area, at the tenant's expense, when necessary to accommodate a disability
- Refusal to make reasonable accommodations in rules, policies, practices or services, when necessary to accommodate a disability
- Denial of homeowner's insurance or home loan

# Practice Fair Housing



## San Diego Regional Alliance for Fair Housing Conference:

The San Diego Regional Alliance for Fair Housing (SDRAFFH) and San Diego Housing Federation present their 9th Annual Fair Housing Conference on **Wednesday, April 17 and Thursday 18, 2024**. The conference will explore critical fair housing issues and Kim Desmond, Chief of Race & Equity, from the City of San Diego Department of Race and Equity, will be presenting. [Register now.](#)



**FAIR HOUSING TRAINING FOR HOUSING PROVIDERS**

**Wednesday, April 24, 2024**  
10:00 AM- 12:00 PM PDT

[SANDIEGO.GOV/FAIRHOUSING](https://sandiego.gov/fairhousing)

**Register Here:**  
<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3138027513892826459>

**TOPICS INCLUDE:**

- Fair Housing Basics
- Disability Related Protections
- Sources of Income Protections
- Criminal Records
- Information for Renters
- Information for Home and Property Owners

**The City of SAN DIEGO**

**LEGAL AID SOCIETY OF SAN DIEGO, INC.**

THIS TRAINING IS PRESENTED BY THE FAIR HOUSING CENTER OF THE LEGAL AID SOCIETY OF SAN DIEGO, INC. IT IS FUNDED IN WHOLE OR IN PART WITH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM FUNDS PROVIDED BY THE US DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD) THROUGH THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO.

## Fair Housing Training for Housing Providers:

This workshop is free to the public and it is an online training session that is available by webinar on **Wednesday, April 24, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM**. This workshop will provide an opportunity to explore topics regarding fair housing basics, disability-related protections, source of income protections, criminal records, and more.

[Register now!](#)

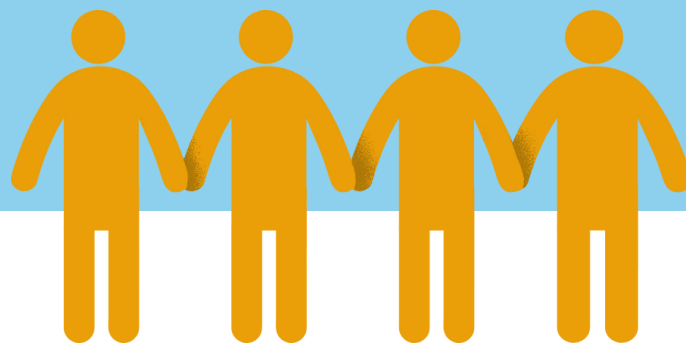




# STORM RECOVERY

**Have you or someone you know been impacted by the recent weather events? See below for community resources:**

- **FEMA Fact Sheet**: Federal disaster assistance is now available to San Diego County individuals to supplement recovery efforts in the areas affected by severe storms and flash flooding from Jan. 21-23, 2024.
  - **Hoja informativa en español**
- **Building Permit Waiver Fact Sheet**: Development Services Department Building Permit Fees Waived.
- **Sandbags**: Sandbags are available in limited supply and can be picked up at 10 recreation centers centrally located in each City Council district.
- **Inclement Weather Shelter Program**: The Inclement Weather Shelter Program provides additional shelter capacity during inclement weather days. The program is operational generally from November through March.
- **Non-Emergency Get-It-Done Reporting**: Submit reports to the City's Get-It-Done program.
- **How to Prepare for Flooding**: Learn more about the City's efforts in preparing for flooding.
- **How to Prepare When You Have Pets**: Resources for pet owners from the San Diego Humane Society.



[Click here for a full guide of resources and information from the City of San Diego.](#)



# Partner Announcements



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](#).

## Partner Events

April  
16

### People of the Port Career Fair

The Port of San Diego, Port tenants, and the San Diego Working Waterfront invite you to attend the 2nd annual People of the Port Career Fair. It will be on **Tuesday, April 16, 2024 from 10 am - 2pm** at **B Street Pier, 1140 N. Harbor Drive**. There will be industries from hospitality, maritime, shipbuilding, food service, and more. [Click here for more information.](#)



April  
20

### 54th Chicano Park Day

Join Chicano Park for their 54th Chicano Park Day commemoration on **Saturday, April 20, from 9am to 4pm**. This family event is free and open to the public. Visitors to Chicano Park Day will experience traditional music and dance, including one of the most beautiful performances of Aztec Indigenous dance, a lowrider exhibition, performers, children's art workshops, and arts and crafts vendors. [For further details, click here.](#)



April  
24

### 2024 JA Company of the Year

Join Junior Achievement for their 2024 JA Company of the Year on **Wednesday, April 24 from 4 pm - 7 pm** at **UCSD Park & Market, 1100 Market St**. Students have the opportunity to pitch their business ventures in our countywide JA Company of the Year Competition. JA USA will select 15 student companies from across the country to attend this youth leadership summit in Washington, DC in June 2024. [Learn more.](#)

# Partner Announcements

**CAL COAST CARES FOUNDATION**

## SCHOLARSHIPS FOR COLLEGE-BOUND HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

EARN UP TO **\$2,000** TOWARDS COLLEGE EXPENSES

*2022 High School Student Scholarship Recipient*



**MASON MONGIELLO**

### Who Can Apply?

- CAL COAST CREDIT UNION MEMBERS OR THEIR RELATIVES
- HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS IN SAN DIEGO OR RIVERSIDE COUNTY
- STUDENTS PLANNING TO ENROLL IN 12 OR MORE COLLEGE UNITS

**APPLY BY APRIL 15TH**  
<https://bit.ly/390hDdP>



**CAL COAST CARES FOUNDATION**

## FOSTER STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

Over \$60,000 available!

RECEIVE UP TO **\$2,000** TOWARDS COLLEGE, HOUSING AND MEAL EXPENSES

*2022 Foster Student Scholarship Recipient*



**SONYA VILLARREAL**

### How to Qualify

- FOSTER CARE VERIFICATION
- BE A HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR OR COLLEGE STUDENT
- ENROLLING IN 9+ UNITS
- 2.5 CUMULATIVE GPA

\*After academic expenses are covered, remaining funds may be used for housing and food.

**APPLY BY APRIL 15TH**  
<https://bit.ly/390hDdP>



**COY** JA Company of the Year Competition



Junior Achievement® of San Diego County

Save the Date

### 2024 JA Student Company of Year Competition

High school students across the county present their businesses to vie for Company of the Year.

Students pitch their business to a panel of business leaders who evaluate based on the company's ingenuity, marketing, and finances.

Join us and hear from our young entrepreneurs and their business solutions to issues facing their community.

SPONSORED BY **FITZPATRICK FAMILY FOUNDATION**

HOSTED BY **UC San Diego PARK & MARKET**

WED **24** APRIL 4:00 - 7:00 PM  
 UCSD Park & Market  
 1100 Market St  
 San Diego, CA 92101

LEARN MORE ABOUT THIS EVENT  
[jasandiego.org/events](https://jasandiego.org/events)

RSVP HERE OR SCAN THE QR CODE



FOR MORE INFO, CONTACT PANA HAP  
 phap@jasandiego.org  
 619-995-0294

**JACOBS** CENTER FOR NEIGHBORHOOD INNOVATION BUSINESS RESOURCE CENTER

## HOW TO AVOID FINANCIAL SCAMS

Come out and learn from a Security Expert on:

- ✓ Current scam trends
- ✓ What to look out for
- ✓ What to do if you fall victim to a scam

Thursday, April 18, 2024  
 5:30 PM-6:30 PM

Jacobs Center [2nd Floor]  
 404 Euclid Ave  
 San Diego, CA 92114

REGISTER NOW!



In collaboration with:







## 2024 EMPLOYER ORIENTATIONS

IN PERSON	VIRTUAL
Mar 1   11 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.	Jan 12   11 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. PST
May 3   11 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.	Feb 2   11 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. PST
Aug 2   11 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.	Apr 5   11 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. PST
Oct 4   11 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.	June 7   11 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. PST
	Sept 6   11 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. PST
	Nov 1   11 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. PST

To register, visit  
[TINYURL.COM/CSEVENTBRITE](https://tinyurl.com/cseventbrite)



## SPRING/SUMMER CAREER FAIRS

- FEB 7** \*Career & Internship Fair (All majors, industries and occupations)
- FEB 20 & 22** 2-day STEM Career & Internship Fair
- MAR 14** Fowler College of Business Career Fair
- MAR 21** Payne School of Hospitality and Tourism Job Fair
- MAR 25** Public Health Career Fair
- APR 11** \*Just in Time Career & Internship Fair (All majors, industries and occupations)
- APR 25** \*SDSU Imperial Valley Fall Career and Internship Fair (All majors, industries and occupations)
- MAY 29** \*Summer Career Fair (All majors, industries and occupations)
- MAY 30** Virtual Summer Career Fair

\*Open to the public

### 2ND ANNUAL PEOPLE OF THE PORT CAREER FAIR

**Tuesday, April 16**  
**10 am - 2 pm**

B Street Cruise Terminal  
 1140 N. Harbor Drive  
 San Diego, CA 92101  
*Free designated parking until 3 pm*

Explore the many fulfilling opportunities to work on the San Diego Bay waterfront.

- Meet companies looking to hire right now.
- Learn and grow from our guest speakers at breakout sessions.
- Discover your next exciting career in industries such as hospitality, maritime, shipbuilding & repair, food service and more.

The People of the Port Career Fair is hosted by the Port of San Diego, Port tenants, and the San Diego Working Waterfront.

Visit [portofsandiego.org/careerfair](https://portofsandiego.org/careerfair) for more details.

PEOPLE OF THE PORT

MONARCH SCHOOL

## 1st annual COLLEGE & CAREER EXPO

April 18, 2024

K1 Speed Parking Lot

Meet College Representatives from state and local colleges and career technical schools in an exhibit style format for information in admission, financial aid, and other opportunities!

Session 1: 9:25am - 10:00am  
 Session 2: 10:15am - 10:50am

Thanks to our sponsors:

*Come Speak*  
 to professionals from fields including Computer programming, Nursing, Business, Military, and so much more!

For more information:

619-652-4100 [ruben.baeza@sdcoe.net](mailto:ruben.baeza@sdcoe.net)



# Partner Announcements

## PNV Growers Collective Meeting

Join Project New Village for their PNV Growers Collective Meeting on **Saturday, April 13, 2024, from 9 am-10:30 am** at **4269 Market Street**. They are looking for community members to join them in creating a large collective of food growers locally who could eventually contribute produce to their People's Produce Mobile Farmers Market. All levels of gardeners and growers are welcome! [Click here for more information.](#)

## IRS Direct File Pilot

The IRS Direct File Pilot is a new, free service that offers an easy-to-use and secure way to electronically file your 2023 Federal Tax Return directly with the IRS. This pilot is limited to eligible taxpayers reporting only certain types of income and claiming limited credits and deductions. [Learn more here.](#)



The flyer features the County of San Diego and Live Well San Diego logos at the top left. The main headline asks, "ARE YOU INTERESTED IN A CAREER AT THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO?". Below this, it details the "Live Well Career Prep Series Public Health Career Panel" on May 16th, 2024, from 3:30-5:00 PM at the Southeastern Live Well Center (5101 Market St, San Diego, CA 92114). The flyer includes a QR code for registration and a list of topics to expect: learning about public health career paths, staff advice on pursuing a county career, and Q&A for career-related questions. Contact information for questions is provided at the bottom: Livewellyouth@sdcounty.ca.gov.



The flyer features the text "DREAMS+DUCATS PRESENTS JOURNEY TO IMPACT ON SATURDAY, APRIL TWENTIETH FROM 10A TO 1P AT QUARTYARD LOCATED AT 1301 MARKET STREET". The text is overlaid with several colorful geometric shapes: a green horizontal bar, a purple parallelogram, a yellow circle, a pink circle, a blue diagonal bar, and a red square.

**FREE EVENT | EVENTO GRATUITO**

Mt. Hope Neighborhood  
**2ND ANNUAL FIESTA DEL DÍA DE LA TIERRA**  
 Saturday, April 27, 2024  
 Sábado, 27 de abril

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM  
 850 Boundary Street  
 San Diego, CA 92102  
 MountHopeSD.com

**EARTH DAY FAIR**

TACOS BOUNCE HOUSE ARTS & CRAFTS FACE PAINTING

SEAN ELO-RIVERA  
 CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT  
 COUNCILMEMBER FOR DISTRICT 6

Mt. Hope Neighborhood

GROUNDWORK  
 San Diego Chollas Creek  
 CHANGING PLACES CHANGING LIVES

**FERNSTREETCIRCUS PRESENTS**

**HOME** SPRING 2024 NEIGHBORHOOD TOUR

SHOWTIME | HORA DEL SHOW **2:00PM FREE! | IGRATIS!**  
 COMMUNITY HEALTH RESOURCE FAIR **1:00PM** MARIACHI VICTORIA DE SAN DIEGO **1:15PM**

Saturday April 6 TERALTA PARK	Saturday April 13 MEMORIAL PARK (SAN DIEGO)	Saturday April 20 COLINA DEL SOL PARK	Saturday April 27 HENWOOD PARK	Saturday May 4 CESAR CHAVEZ RED CENTER
Sunday April 7 GOLDEN HILL RED CENTER	Sunday April 14 AZALEA PARK	Sunday April 21 GOMPERS PARK	Sunday April 28 NORTH PARK REC CENTER	Sunday May 5 PARK DE LA CRUZ

[f.com/FernStreetCircus](https://www.facebook.com/FernStreetCircus) | [FernStreetCircus.com](https://www.FernStreetCircus.com) | 619.320.2055

SD Parks & Recreation CALIFORNIA ARTS COUNCIL SD Commission for Arts and Culture

**CHICANO PARK FUNDRAISER**

APRIL 13TH, 2024 3PM TO 8PM

• ARTE, MUSICA Y CULTURA •

Fundraiser Art Show for the Chicano Park Steering Committee

@AZTLAN LIBRE 2076 Logan Ave. San Diego Ca. 92113

DJ KUTS SKREEMN MEME DJ SHOLOVE First 50 attendees get a free Sticker!

Aztlan Libre

Art by @adancastaneda88

**Casa Familiar**  
 Enhancing Quality of Life

**ABRAZO**

**5K WALK & 10K RUN**

HEALTHIER COMMUNITIES

**SATURDAY, JUNE 29, 2024**

CHECK-IN AT 6:30AM | LAS AMERICAS PREMIUM OUTLETS  
 4061 CAMINO DE LA PLAZA #490, SAN YSIDRO, CA 92173

T-SHIRT | DRINKS | ENTERTAINMENT | BEER GARDEN

CHECK-IN TIME: 6:30AM  
 PROGRAM: 7:00AM - 7:30AM  
 RUN START TIME: 7:45AM  
 WALK START TIME: 7:50AM  
 BEER GARDEN : 9:00AM - 11:00AM

TICKETS RANGE FROM \$20-\$65

MORE INFORMATION:

[HTTPS://RUNSIGNUP.COM/RACE/CA/SANYSIDRO/CASAFAMILIAR5K](https://runsignup.com/race/ca/sanysidro/casafamiliar5k)



# Partner Announcements

## San Diego Housing Commission Achievement Academy

Job skills, job placement, career planning and personal financial education such as budgeting and credit are among the programs the SDHC Achievement Academy provides for households with low income in the City of San Diego. These programs are available at no cost to participants. [Learn more and fill out an intake form.](#)



**MAAC**  
**NEXT LEVEL**  
Workforce Development Program

**Gain the necessary training, certification, and skills needed to start YOUR career.**

**YOU MAY QUALIFY FOR ACCESS TO**  
**FREE**  
**TRAINING & JOB PLACEMENT WITHIN THE HEALTHCARE INDUSTRY**

**Who is Eligible:**

- Age 18+
- Committed to completing a job training program within one year
- Intermediate to advance ELL (English language learner)
- Career-minded individuals with a growth mindset
- Must be authorized to work in the US

**What we do:**

- Tuition support
- Case management
- Job Placement
- Barrier Support
- Mentorship
- Resume support

**LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE**

**CONTACT**  
Pedro Estrada Jr, Career Pathway Case Manager  
pestrada@MAACproject.org, 619.746.3912

**APPLY TODAY!**  
MAACproject.org/NextLevel



## April 2024 Tech on the Go Schedule

Join San Diego Futures Foundation and SD Access 4 All at various public libraries for **1-hour classes** on topics such as network safety, computer basics and file management. Classes are followed by 2-hour session where you can get one-on-one help from instructors. **To sign up for a class, ask a librarian or follow this link.**

## HUD: Funding Navigator Tool

The Department of Housing and Urban Development launched the [Build for the Future Funding Navigator](#) on the HUD Exchange. The Funding Navigator provides information on funding availability, application details, and more.





## BECOME A MEDIA MAKER!



## MEDIA ARTS + STORYTELLING

For students ages 18 - 25  
with an Intellectual or  
Developmental Disability

**Summer Session: June 10 - August 23**

Monday - Thursday | 9:30am - 3:00pm

### LEARN

- Acting
- Animation
- Filmmaking
- Photography
- Graphic Design
- Podcasting
- Social Media
- And More!

Classes Located at:  
The Wonder Lab  
125 14th Street  
San Diego, CA 92101

San Diego Regional Center Vendor  
#PY2509 - Code: 094

## SIGN UP!

[bit.ly/MediaMakersSummer](http://bit.ly/MediaMakersSummer)



619-292-8295  
mediamakers@outsidetheleens.org  
[www.outsidetheleens.org](http://www.outsidetheleens.org)



APPLY TODAY!

# SECOND CHANCE YOUTH GARDEN INTERNSHIP



8 week  
PAID job  
training  
opportunity  
for youth  
ages 14-21

EARN \$50  
A WEEK

We empower young  
leaders to bloom  
through immersive  
experiences in urban  
gardens, tantalizing  
cooking and nutrition  
classes, and dynamic job  
development workshops.  
Join us in sowing the  
seeds of tomorrow's  
leaders today!

For more information, contact Maya  
Panicker (Program Assistant)  
[mpanicker@secondchanceprogram.org](mailto:mpanicker@secondchanceprogram.org)

Second Chance



## FLOOD RELIEF ASSISTANCE

Logan Heights CDC can help residents  
who were impacted by the recent floods  
obtain the following resources as needed:

- Transportation assistance
- Housing navigation
- Insurance claims navigation
- Assistance applying for small business relief grants
- Food gift cards
- Gas gift cards
- Hygiene kits
- Cleaning supplies
- Clothing
- And other services

To schedule an appointment, please  
contact:

619-858-0563

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

Or visit us during Walk-In Wednesdays:

9am - 12pm and 2pm - 3pm every Wednesday  
3040 Imperial Ave  
San Diego, CA 92102

## KITCHENS FOR GOOD Tuition-Free Apprenticeships

Transforming Lives Through Culinary Arts

### Program Highlights:

- One (1) Year California DAS Certified Apprenticeships
  - Choose from Baking, Culinary, or Customer Service (Front-of-House)
- Employment with leading companies in San Diego's thriving hospitality industry
- Transportation assistance - bus pass or gas card
- Career coaching and individualized case management support
- Weekly educational stipend - during on-campus training
- Certificate of Completion from Division of Apprenticeship Standards upon graduation

### Eligibility Criteria:

- Must be unemployed or underemployed AND face a barrier to employment such as:
  - Impacted by the Justice System (formerly incarcerated; have a felony or misdemeanor)
  - Substance abuse challenges
  - Survivor of domestic violence
  - Mental health challenges
  - Formerly in the foster care system
  - Formerly or currently unsheltered
  - Other histories of trauma
- Eligible to work in the U.S.A.
- Be 18 years old at time of enrollment
- Reside within the County of San Diego
  - Priority to City of San Diego residence

### Application Process



For more information contact:  
Will Smith, Program Coordinator; [will@kitchensforgood.org](mailto:will@kitchensforgood.org); (619) 909-4155

# Partner Announcements

## Volunteer Crisis Interventionists Needed

The San Diego Police Department Crisis Intervention program is looking for volunteers to assist fellow San Diego residents during traumatic times in their lives. No experience is needed! All you need is a desire to help others. A comprehensive 100-hour training course will provide you with the skills needed to perform this valuable and rewarding service. **Find out more about what Crisis Interventionists do here.**

## Adult High School Diploma Program

San Diego Public Library is proud to offer adults the opportunity to earn an accredited high school diploma. They currently offer two diploma programs: Career Online High School and Gale Excel Adult High School. Adults who are looking to continue their education, expand their career opportunities or apply to enter the military will benefit. These programs are offered entirely online with 24/7 access to fit busy schedules. [Learn more here.](#)

County of San Diego  
Health and Human Services Agency  
Department of Homeless Solutions and Equitable Communities  
Community Action Partnership (CAP)

## JOIN THE COMMUNITY ACTION BOARD (CAB) TO MAKE AN IMPACT IN YOUR COMMUNITY

A CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARD THAT OVERSEES COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMS

CAP administers programs that empower economically disadvantaged communities and their residents to provide opportunities to achieve self-sufficiency.

- Represent the public, private, and economically disadvantaged sectors in your region (view back of flyer to check which region you are located in)
- Bring together community leaders to help shape responses to local needs on the issues and causes of poverty
- Advise the Board of Supervisors on issues related to CAP programs and services
- Meetings are held in person on 2nd Thursday of the month from 3:30 to 5:00 pm (minimum 6/year)

Complete the application online at <https://bit.ly/3WmGle1>

For further information, visit [www.sdcountycap.com](http://www.sdcountycap.com)



## Youth Opportunity Pass Program

All riders 18 & under will be able to ride MTS and North County Transit District (NCTD) services for FREE with a Youth PRONTO app account, or a Youth PRONTO card. The [Youth Opportunity Pass](#) is a pilot program, sponsored by the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) and County of San Diego. This promotion has now **extended for another two years, until June 30, 2026.**

# GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

## The 1619 Project Education Impact Grants



The 1619 Project illuminates the legacy of slavery in the contemporary United States, and highlights the contributions of Black Americans to every aspect of American society. The 1619 Project Education Impact Grants, an initiative of the Pulitzer Center (an official education partner of The 1619 Project), provide support to educational professionals working with students and educators in K-12 learning environments for projects that utilize at least one resource from The 1619 Project to 1) improve the awareness and critical thinking of students and educators about the legacies of slavery in the contemporary United States and the contributions of Black Americans to every aspect of U.S. society, and 2) equip students and educators to take action and make change that advances racial justice. The grants are meant for projects that go beyond the individual classroom level to engage large groups of learners on the school, district, or community level. Grants of \$1,000 to \$3,000 will fund individual schools, programs, or collaborative projects engaging multiple schools/programs, while grants of \$3,000 to \$5,000 will fund district, multi-site, or multi-organizational projects.

**Application deadline: April 15, 2024**



## After School Education and Safety (ASES) FY 2024-25



These ASES programs are created through partnerships between schools and local community resources to provide literacy, academic enrichment and safe, constructive alternatives for students in kindergarten through ninth grade. Funding is designed to: (1) maintain existing before and after school program funding; and (2) provide eligibility to all elementary and middle schools that submit quality applications throughout California.

**Application Deadline: April 16, 2024**







## 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, Nathaniel Hillman, [NHillman@sandiego.gov](mailto:NHillman@sandiego.gov) for more information!

### New York Foundation for the Arts: Anonymous Was A Woman Environmental Art Grants



The Anonymous Was A Woman Environmental Art Grants, administered by New York Foundation for the Arts and funded by Anonymous Was A Woman, will distribute a total of \$300,000 in funding to support environmental art projects led by women-identifying artists in the United States, including U.S. Territories. Support is provided for 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. Projects that explore interdependence, relationships, and systems through Indigenous and ancestral practices are encouraged. Selected projects must benefit the public in some way, and are required to have a free, open public engagement component by August 31, 2025. Support is available to artists from every background and at all stages in their creative careers, and artists of color, artists with disabilities, and LGBTQ+ artists are strongly encouraged to apply.

**Application deadline: April 16, 2024**



### NEA Challenge America



Challenge America offers support primarily to small organizations for projects in all artistic disciplines that extend the reach of the arts to groups/communities with rich and dynamic artistic and cultural contributions to share that are underserved. The program is rooted in principles that include, but are not limited to, the recognition that some groups/communities and some geographic areas with rich cultural identities have limited grant funding opportunities, and/or have been historically underserved by national arts funding.

**Application Deadline: April 25, 2024**



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# GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

## Department of Veterans Affairs



The Staff Sergeant Parker Gordon Fox Suicide Prevention Grant Program enables the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to provide resources toward community-based suicide prevention efforts to meet the needs of veterans and their families through outreach, suicide prevention services, and connection to VA and community resources. The program assists in further implementing a public health approach that blends community-based prevention with evidence-based clinical strategies through community efforts.

**Application deadline: April 26, 2024**



## GFO-23-305 – Food Production Investment Program (FPIP) 2024



Food manufacturing, specifically processing and production, is an industrial sector that traditionally has been highly energy- and carbon-intensive, significantly contributing to greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. Food manufacturing is a critical area of opportunity to advance industrial decarbonization and electrification efforts, but it faces many unique barriers and challenges due to its diversity.

**Application Deadline: April 26, 2024**



## Department of Justice



The Second Chance Act Community-Based Reentry Program seeks to help community-based nonprofit organizations and federally recognized tribal governments to enhance or implement evidence-based responses to improve reentry, reduce recidivism, and support successful transitional planning for individuals who are currently, or were formerly, involved in the criminal justice system.

**Grants.gov deadline: April 29, 2024**

**JustGrants deadline: May 6, 2024**



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# GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

## Foundation for Financial Planning



The Foundation for Financial Planning (FFP) provides annual grants to community-based and national nonprofit organizations for programs linking volunteer financial planners to people in need. Eligible programs must engage Certified Financial Planner™ professionals as volunteers, include one-on-one engagements between financial planner volunteers and pro bono clients, and help people in need of financial guidance or in a financial crisis who are underserved by the market and couldn't ordinarily access quality, ethical advice. U.S.-based nonprofits that share FFP's commitment to helping underserved people achieve better financial stability and capability are eligible to apply.

**Application deadline: April 30, 2024**



## Clean Energy Access (CEA) Grant Account



The Clean Energy Access Grant Account will award grants to CBOs & tribal organizations to help facilitate access to & the adoption of clean energy programs in their respective communities. The CEA Grant Account will provide funding to develop equity initiatives & clean energy access opportunities that complement other California Public Utilities Commission programs.

**Application Deadline: April 30, 2024**



## McKesson Foundation



The mission of the McKesson Foundation is to remove barriers to quality healthcare across the United States and Canada, especially for vulnerable and underserved communities. Areas of interest include reducing the burden of cancer, including prevention, screening and treatment, and financial and logistical assistance; preparing tomorrow's healthcare workforce, with a focus on oncology professionals, pharmacists and pharmacy technicians, and student engagement; and accelerating crisis response.

**Application deadline: Requests above \$25,000 are accepted February 1 through April 30, annually. Funding requests up to \$25,000 are accepted year-round.**

**MCKESSON**



# GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

## Safe Streets and Roads for All Funding Opportunity

The purpose of this notice is to solicit applications for Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grants. Funds for the fiscal year (FY) 2024 SS4A grant program are to be awarded on a competitive basis to support planning and demonstration activities, as well as projects and strategies to prevent death and serious injury on roads and streets involving all roadway users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, public transportation, personal conveyance, micro-mobility users, motorists, and commercial vehicle operators.

**Planning and Demonstration Grant applicants have three deadlines:**

- Thursday, April 4, 2024, 5:00 PM (EDT)
- Thursday, May 16, 2024, 5:00 PM (EDT)
- Thursday, August 29, 2024, 5:00 PM (EDT)

**Implementation Grant applications must be submitted by 5:00 PM (EDT) on Thursday, May 16, 2024.**



## Local Government Building Decarbonization Challenge

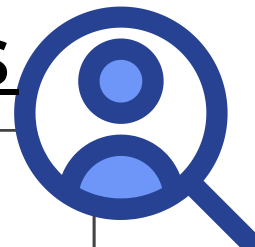
This is a competitive grant solicitation. The California Energy Commission announces the availability of up to \$4,070,070 to provide grants to local governments.

**Application Deadline: May 20, 2024**



## 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.





# Civic Engagement in the Promise Zone

In the San Diego Promise Zone, civic engagement plays a pivotal role in addressing the challenges residents face. It's not merely a process; it's a lifeline for residents to actively participate in the decision-making processes that directly impact their lives. By involving residents in understanding the unique issues that the Promise Zone faces, such as economic inequalities and educational gaps, civic engagement allows for the co-creation of effective strategies tailored to the community's specific needs.

[WATCH CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS](#)

[WATCH COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETINGS](#)

**Get It Done** 

Simple and easy to connect with the City:

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

[sandiego.gov/get-it-done](http://sandiego.gov/get-it-done)  
or download your mobile app today!  
"Get It Done San Diego"

## Mobility Master Plan Survey

The City of San Diego wants your input on the Mobility Master Plan, a comprehensive transportation planning effort to create a balanced, equitable, and sustainable mobility system for the City of San Diego. [Learn more and submit a comment!](#)

## Blueprint SD

Blueprint SD is using the best available data to identify areas for more homes and jobs that are connected to convenient and affordable options to walk, bike, and ride transit to meet daily needs. [Learn more about this strategy.](#)

## Complete Communities Now

The City of San Diego has launched the [Complete Communities Now](#) program that encourages development near public transportation, combining housing, mobility, parks, and infrastructure.



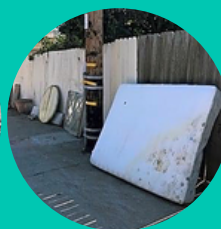
## Civic Engagement Spotlight: "Get It Done" App

Have you ever noticed a cracked sidewalk, illegal parking, or illegal dumping? The City of San Diego made an application called "**Get It Done**" to report and resolve a wide variety of issues.

### Top Online Services



Parking Issues



Illegal Dumping



Graffiti

Other examples of items to report are requesting a new trash bin or tree maintenance. The City of San Diego website has a list of how long it takes for certain complaints to be taken care of in its [frequently asked questions](#). There is also a section that showcases all the [reports](#) that are on the "Get It Done" app. For assistance, check out this [specific page](#) with YouTube videos and when to use the app.

-  Trash Collection, Recycling and Graffiti
-  Streets, Sidewalks and Lights
-  Bicycle, Scooter and Vehicle Issues
-  Homeless Outreach/Encampment
-  Trees and Vegetation
-  Stormwater and Drains
-  Short-Term Residential Occupancies (STROs)
-  ADA Services
-  Passport Services

### Download the App!

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# Job Board

Informal Job Database, Solicitation for Services



**OUTSIDETHELENS**

## Grants Coordinator

Outside the Lens seeks a Grants Coordinator with experience in grant writing and reporting, excellent verbal and written communication skills, and strong collaboration to develop and support a sustainable philanthropy program. [Apply here.](#)



## Career Services Coordinator

Kitchens For Good seeks a Career Services Coordinator who will support apprentices in successfully completing the apprenticeship program by providing continuous coaching, training, and assessments. [Learn more here.](#)



## Career Navigator

The Career Navigator will provide career services to program participants to facilitate growth and development, participation in core program activities, and support achievement of performance outcomes. [Apply here.](#)



## Fire-Rescue Chief

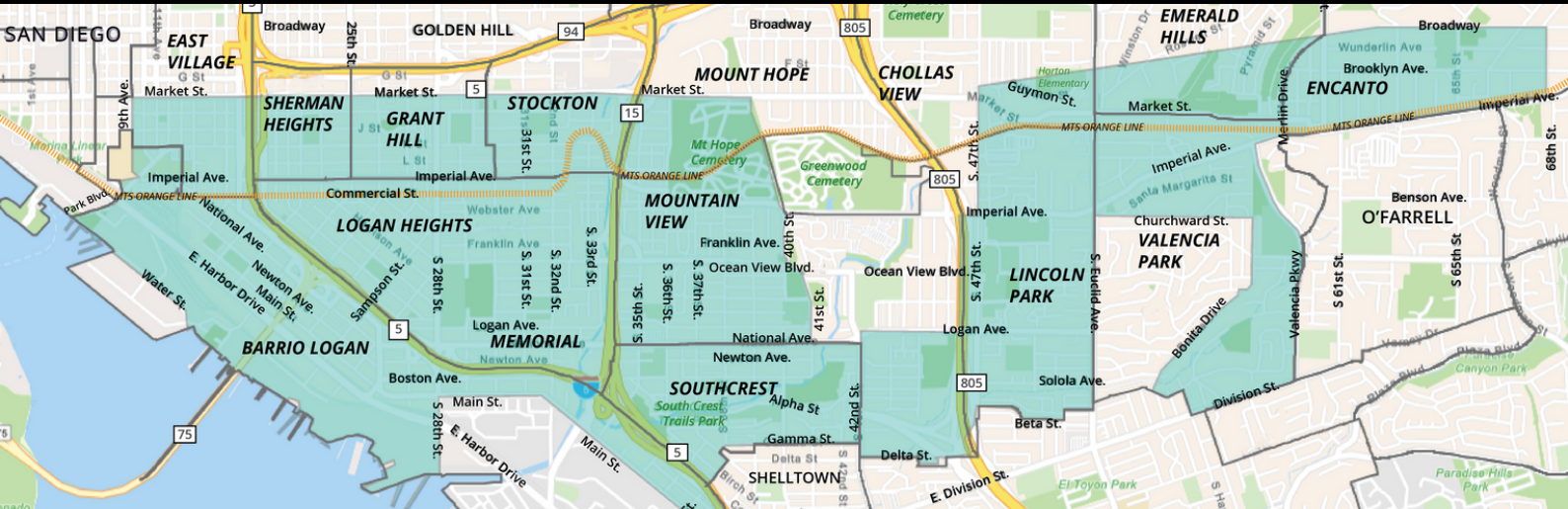
The City of San Diego seeks an outstanding and forward-looking leader to step into the role of Fire-Rescue Chief. The ideal candidate will have a proven track record in resource management and implementing innovative business solutions. [Click here for more information.](#)

**Looking for more roles? Check out additional job boards!**

**City of San Diego - [Personnel Job Board](#)**

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

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



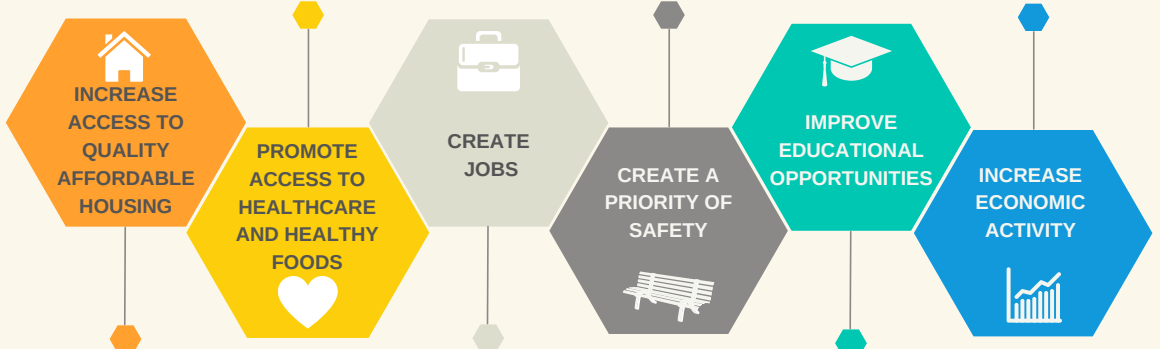
### ABOUT THE PROMISE ZONE

In 2016, the San Diego Promise Zone became one of 22 federally designated Promise Zones in the United States and one of only four in California. The San Diego Promise Zone covers a 6.4-square-mile targeted area with more than 80,000 residents that spans East Village and Barrio Logan east to Encanto. It is home to the City's most culturally rich and ethnically diverse neighborhoods, but also some of the most under-resourced communities. Through the Promise Zone initiative, community-based organizations, direct service providers, residents, and business owners work with government agencies to enhance collective impact, streamline resources, and deliver comprehensive support.

Since 2016, the unemployment rate has decreased from 14.9% to 6.7%, and the poverty rate has fallen from 38.3% to now 22.1% (ACS, 2016, 2021). We recognize there are many factors that contribute to these numbers. We do know that in the 7 years since the designation, targeted efforts from the city and community-based organizations have supported some improvement in these areas, however, we recognize there is still plenty of work to do to continue improving the lives of our Promise Zone residents.

### WORKING GROUP GOALS

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



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



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