

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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California Coast Credit Union's new branch has opened on Imperial Ave.



A MESSAGE TO OUR PARTNERS

FROM THE PROMISE ZONE STAFF

Dear Promise Zone Network,

Happy summer! This month we draw attention to [National Homeownership Month](#). Promise Zone partners offer many resources and programs to help bolster equitable housing activity, and we invite you to learn about [Housing Affordability Working Group](#) co-chair **Adria Fox**, our June Community Spotlight.

We also recognize [National Safety Month](#). The City's Community Youth Services Division of the San Diego Police Department is highlighted as our City Spotlight.

Be on the look out for a save-the-date for the Promise Zone's next in-person, All-Partner Meeting this summer.

We hope you enjoy this issue and wish all graduates a very happy graduation!

~San Diego Promise Zone

PROMISE ZONE IN THE NEWS

IN LOGAN HEIGHTS, A
MARIACHI CLASS
BRINGS GENERATIONS
TOGETHER THROUGH
MUSIC

COUNCIL APPROVES
FORMER SKYDIVING
SITE IN SAN DIEGO TO
BECOME 164
AFFORDABLE
HOUSING UNITS

FOR MONTHS,
VALENCIA PARK'S
'SECRET STAIRS' WERE
LEFT IN DISREPAIR,
BUT THE
NEIGHBORHOOD
BROUGHT IT BACK



WORKING GROUP UPDATES

Reminder:

No Working Group meetings will occur in June or July. Please keep an eye open for the All-Partner Meeting later this summer!

Jobs and Education

The May Jobs and Education meeting included a presentation by Andrew Soliz centered on an overview of SDSU's Career Services and Industry Relations, emphasizing their mission to empower students, community members and industry leaders to create career pathways aligned with today's workforce needs and future possibilities. The group learned that SDSU's Industry Relations department actively builds partnerships with employers to connect them with student talent through services such as career fairs, employer consultations, mentorship and workforce development events. Andrew shared contact details and encouraged sign-ups for SDSU's industry newsletters and social media platforms for ongoing updates. In the breakout rooms, working group members further discussed how their organizations can support through collective objectives.

Economic Activity

The May Economic Activity meeting featured opportunities for small business owners. The City of San Diego's Purchasing & Contracting Department informed the group about how small businesses can become vendors with the City through its Small Local Business Enterprise (SLBE) program. Neighborhood House Association (NHA) explained how its InnoVisions program helps prepare business owners for the challenge of leading an organization. NHA also mentioned that they had procurement opportunities available for businesses. In the breakout groups, participants added relevant partner activities to the Logic Model. The group will follow up on these activities after the summer Working Group break.

Healthy Communities

The May Healthy Communities meeting was an encapsulation of topics the group has worked on throughout the year. The group heard updates from the County of San Diego on the Food Justice Community Action Plan (FJCAP), which was of keen interest to the Healthy Foods objective. The results of the FJCAP will be incorporated into the County's FY 25-26 budget. The group also received an update on the Bike Master Plan that was approved by the City Council as part of the Mobility Master Plan. The information from these two presentations was used to inform the review of current and ongoing activities in the Logic Model. The group will follow up on these activities after the summer Working Group break.

Housing Affordability

The May Housing Affordability working group heard a presentation from Carrie Tapia regarding the San Diego Housing Commission's First-Time Homebuyer Programs for low- and middle- income families and individuals. They have programs specifically for the City of San Diego but also offer County-wide programs. The breakout groups continued to discuss and add items to the Logic Model. Conversations in the breakout rooms consisted of brainstorming ways to provide housing information such as the First-Time Homebuyer Programs to residents of the Promise Zone. The group also discussed a potential town hall in the fall to provide more resources to the Promise Zone.



WELCOME, NEW PROMISE ZONE PARTNERS

Jobs and Education

[Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater San Diego](#)
[Classics For Kids, Inc](#)
[Elementary Institute of Science \(EIS\)](#)
[In Good Company](#)
[Monarch School Project](#)
[Outdoor Outreach](#)

Housing Affordability

[C4GS-ZEDlife](#)
[CSA San Diego County](#)
[Father Joe's Village](#)

Healthy Communities

[GRID Alternatives](#)
[I Love to Glean](#)
[In Good Company](#)
[Travelers Aid Society of San Diego](#)
[Watering Hope](#)

Economic Activity

[Accessity](#)
[Akitso](#)
[BLAC](#)
[Black Tech Link](#)
[Mission Edge](#)
[National University](#)
[Sister Cities Project](#)



PROMISE ZONE UPDATES

Farewell, Employ & Empower Management Intern, **Brandon Tran!**

Hi everyone! It has been such an honor to serve my community alongside passionate leaders, as well as an amazing opportunity to learn from the best. Although my internship is coming to an end, I say without hesitation that I have been inspired to continue pursuing meaningful work like this. I will be continuing my education at UC San Diego, so feel free to connect with me on LinkedIn!

Farewell, Grants & Research Associate VISTA, **Domanic Riley!**

I learned a lot during my tenure with the Promise Zone as Grants & Research VISTA. From email etiquette (so many emails), grants and other non-profit funding sources, the relationship between non-profits and municipalities, how collaborative enterprises work, the City budget process, and so much more. I will try to take these lessons with me as I move on to my next "adventure," as I pursue my master's degree in public policy at UCSD. Shout out to Roosevelt Williams III for labeling education as an adventure--it's not how I'd interpret it, but it's always useful to look at and consider the perspectives of others. I'll definitely be keeping an eye on the future developments of the San Diego Promise Zone, as I'm curious about where its adventure will lead.



San Diego Promise Zone Community Partner Growth Fund OPEN NOW!

As part of a multi-year partnership with California Coast Credit Union, the San Diego Promise Zone is excited to announce the 2025-2026 Community Partner Growth Fund. This mini-grant program funds projects that help advance the goals of the San Diego Promise Zone and is open to existing partner organizations with a signed Promise Zone MOU.



[Learn More](#)

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.

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

Adria Fox

Adria Fox was born in Chicago but came to San Diego when she was 5 years old. Though she has traveled far and wide, Adria considers San Diego to be “the soil where her purpose took root.” Adria attended Kearny and Mt. Carmel High Schools and later went on to earn her BA in Nonprofit Leadership from Springfield College. In her free time Adria enjoys binge watching her favorite TV shows, unwinding at the beach and exploring cultures all around the world.



Currently, Adria is the CEO of C4GS-Zedlife, an organization that seeks to create sustainable, affordable housing that empowers communities through innovative green technologies. Her organization’s efforts have been recognized and supported by significant grants and investments. In addition to being a CEO, Adria also serves as the Promise Zone Housing Affordability working group co-chair, a role that exemplifies her life’s work in equity, empowerment and service. In the Promise Zone she saw a disconnect: housing was being treated in isolation, separate from the lived realities and interconnected needs of the residents. But Adria believes in the true meaning of home—a place where futures are not only imagined but operationalized through unity.

“Powering communities with primary income builds more than a building, it leaves a legacy of sustainability and self-sufficiency.” — Adria Fox

To Adria, the Promise Zone means resources meeting people where they are—and communities recognizing their own power **to ignite, shape and evolve**. It’s where policy meets purpose, and people become the authors of their own futures.

Thank you, Adria, for being a wonderful co-chair for our Housing Affordability Working Group! We are grateful to have you alongside us!

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

FINANCIAL WELLNESS

National Homeownership Month is a time to celebrate the value of homeownership and promote resources that support residents on their journey to owning a home. Whether you're a first-time buyer or planning for the future, here are a few resources to help you get started:



HOME OWNERSHIP RESOURCES

[Home Buying Essentials](#)

[Home Buying Down Payment Tips](#)

[First Time Homebuyer](#)

[Housing Opportunities for Public Educators](#)

[Navigating Home Equity Options](#)

[SDPZ Housing Affordability Working Group](#)



Upgrading with GoGreen Financing
How to improve your home's energy efficiency and comfort the affordable way

California Coast GoGreen Financing Webinar
September 13, 2023



Learning how to make your home more energy efficient.

RESOURCES



The **San Diego Housing Commission (SDHC)** offers free trainings and webinars. Click [here](#) for June webinars, and [here](#) for housing resources.

Visit [California Coast Credit Union's website](#) and the [San Diego Promise Zone Affordable Housing page](#) for more information about programs and events.

BIG NEWS—WE'RE OPEN!



2040 Imperial Ave • San Diego, CA 92102

California Coast Credit Union is officially open and proud to be your new neighborhood financial partner!

We're here to make banking easy and accessible in a space built with you, for you. From a no fee checking account¹ to simple tools to help you track your money and pay your bills. We're bringing real solutions and real support—right to the community.

No hidden fees. Respectful service.

A place you can trust.
Stop by and let's build your future—together!

Meet your Branch Manager, Adolfo Vera

Adolfo leads our community-centric team with genuine care, experience, and a commitment to helping you succeed. Whether you're opening your first account or planning for what's next, he and the team are here for you!

(858) 495-1600 ext. 2401 • avera@calcoastcu.org

1. Access account is not eligible for Debit Card Courtesy Pay or Courtesy Pay. Not eligible for check orders through California Coast Credit Union. Membership and credit subject to approval. Insured by NCUA.

GRAN NOTICIA:
¡YA HEMOS ABIERTO!



2040 Imperial Ave • San Diego, CA 92102

California Coast Credit Union ya ha abierto y estamos orgullosos de ser tu nuevo socio financiero en la zona.

Nuestra tarea es hacer que las operaciones de banca sean sencillas y accesibles en un espacio diseñado contigo y para ti. Desde una cuenta corriente sin comisiones¹ hasta herramientas que te permiten gestionar tu dinero y pagar tus facturas sin complicaciones. Ofrecemos soluciones reales y apoyo genuino; todo lo que nuestra comunidad necesita.

Sin comisiones ocultas. Servicio respetuoso. Un lugar de confianza.
¡Visítanos y hagamos juntos un futuro mejor!

Conoce a tu gerente de sucursal, Adolfo Vera

Adolfo liderea a su equipo con el objetivo puesto en nuestra comunidad, aportando experiencia, dedicación y un verdadero compromiso con tu éxito. Ya sea que quieras abrir tu primera cuenta o que estés planificando tus próximos pasos financieros, Adolfo y su equipo podrán apoyarte en cada etapa del proceso.

(858) 495-1600 ext. 2401 • avera@calcoastcu.org

1. La cuenta de acceso no es elegible para Debit Card Courtesy Pay o Courtesy Pay. No elegible para órdenes de cheques a través de California Coast Credit Union. Membrecía y crédito sujetos a aprobación. Asegurado por la NCUA.

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.



June
6

Grant Hill Park - Tree Planting

Friday June 6, 2025. 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Join the City of San Diego Urban Forestry Program and Logan Heights CDC for a morning of tree planting at Grant Hill Park! Your participation will help grow our urban canopy, create shade and make a lasting impact in the community. For more info, click [**HERE.**](#)



June
20

Sherman Heights Community Center - Noche De Cumbia

Friday, June 20, 2025. 8 p.m. to 10 p.m.

We invite you to celebrate and support the Sherman Heights Community Center with live cumbia music and dancing. Yummy food and drinks will be for sale at the event. Ticket price includes \$2.50 fee. For more info click [**HERE.**](#)



June
28

Celebrate Homeownership Month - Monopoly Style

FREE HUD-Certified Homebuyer Education – A \$75 Value!

Saturday, June 28, 2025. 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Looking to buy a home but don't know where to start? Join Urban League SD for a high-energy, "speed-dating" style workshop where you'll learn from over 100 years of combined real estate experience — all in one afternoon! 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



GRANT HILL PARK TREE PLANTING

Trees for Communities is implemented under a Supplemental Environmental Project pursuant to an agreement with the San Diego Air Pollution Control District

SAVE THE DATE!
JUNE 6, 2025
STARTS AT 8:30 AM
AT GRANT HILL PARK
2600 J St, San Diego, CA 92102

Join Logan Heights CDC and the City of San Diego Urban Forestry Program as we do a tree planting effort at Grant Hill Park to beautify the neighborhood throughout the Trees for Communities Project.

RSVP HERE



For more information:
INFO@LOGANHEIGHTSCDC.ORG
(619) 858-0563



SUBSTANCE USE RECOVERY STORYTELLING WORKSHOP

FRIDAY, JUNE 13, 2025


9:00AM - 4:00PM

Southeastern Live Well Center: 5101 Market St, San Diego, CA 92114

Who is this workshop for?
This **FREE** workshop is designed to support individuals in **recovery** by fostering community, empowerment, and connection through storytelling.

What will I learn?

- How to share personal experiences to reduce stigma and raise awareness.
- Ways to inspire hope by highlighting resilience and recovery.
- How to create connections in a supportive, safe space.
- How storytelling can empower yourself and others.





Visit bit.ly/SUDStorytelling or scan the QR code to fill out an interest form.

*Lunch will be provided



We can help if you need accommodations for a disability or an interpreter to take part in the meeting. Services include American Sign Language and materials written in other languages. Please contact us 72 hours before the event at: Maya Shahar, (619) 518-4853, Maya.Shahar@sdcounty.ca.gov

Questions?
Maya.Shahar@sdcounty.ca.gov



OUR PARTNERS



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



**PICK UP TREES @ UCP'S
URBAN GREENING
OPEN HOUSE**
JUNE 14TH
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
MTM EARTH LAB
1110 CAROLINA LN,
SAN DIEGO, CA 92102



bit.ly/SESDTrees

Pick up trees to add more tree canopy to our beautiful Southeastern San Diego. To ensure you are able to pick up at our upcoming Urban Greening Open House, please register in advance. At this time, trees are limited to 3 per household. Trees are available on a "first come, first serve" basis and households from Chollas View, Emerald Hills, and Lincoln Park will have priority.

SOUTHEASTERN SAN DIEGO URBAN GREENING SERIES

FREE TREES!

RESERVE YOUR TREES BY MAY 26TH



PNV Wellness Journey 2025

Healing our communities in our own way!



Sun Season Celebration

A community gathering for summer wellness in the garden

Date: Saturday, June 28, 2025
Time: 11AM - 3PM
Event Location: Uvas Wellness Garden
4835 Market St., San Diego, CA 92102

Join Project New Village for a joyful gathering as we welcome the beginning of summer! This event is part of our Wellness Journey initiative, designed to nurture mind, body, and spirit through outdoor experiences.

Activities:

- 11:15 AM - 12:15 PM**
Qi Gong Flow with Shophar Graves of Fo Sho Energy Work
A gentle movement practice to open the body and calm the mind.
- 12:15 PM - 3:00 PM**
Thai Lunch from Kin Saep
Enjoy delicious, plant-forward Thai dishes from a local eatery.
- Chair Massages with Rene Juarez**
Your moment to feel refreshed and enjoy a 10-15 minute massage.
- Flower Arrangement Station**
Create your own bouquet using fresh local blooms.



Free and open to Project New Village volunteers. Supplies provided – just bring yourself and some sun protection!

To register for this event, scan the QR code or visit:
forms.microsoft.com/r/QjzPJsEWIr



Questions? Contact: Izyrosado@projectnewvillage.org

Partner Announcements



INSIDE SDPD

SATURDAY, JUNE 7
8:30 AM - NOON


Experience first-hand
what it's like to be a cop.

Register Now at
sdpolicefoundation.org






IN PARTNERSHIP WITH
THE SAN DIEGO POLICE DEPARTMENT




SAN DIEGO COUNTY
SHERIFF'S OFFICE




PALOMAR COLLEGE
Learning for Success

JUNIOR WOMEN'S ACADEMY



Tuesday - Friday
June 10-13, 2025
T-Th: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
F: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Palomar College, San Marcos Campus
1140 W Mission Rd, San Marcos, CA 92069

"If I can see her, I can be her."



REGISTER TODAY!

What's it like to work in law enforcement? Here's your chance to find out! The San Diego Sheriff's Office invites you to attend the Junior Women's Academy, a four-day camp like no other.

Meet our staff and learn about life behind the badge. Prepare for an adventure and learn about patrol tactics, defensive tactics, dispatch, crime-scene investigations, detention services, and more. Enjoy demonstrations from our Sheriff's K-9, SWAT, and CSI. Plus, level up your awareness on internet safety, human trafficking, and self-defense tactics.

Eligible participants must be between 14-18 years old and are currently (or plan to be) enrolled in a high school program.

Join us to experience this one-of-a-kind event! We can't wait to meet you!

*Transportation will be provided if needed. Pick up/drop off points throughout the county. Lunch and snacks will also be provided.

FOLLOW US: @SDSHERIFF WWW.SDSHERIFF.GOV @JOINSDSHERIFF Join Sheriff.net

Departamento de Policía de San Diego
presenta
Academia Comunitaria
13 de MAYO A 17 de JUNIO, 2025



5:30 PM A 7:00 PM
THE BRIDGE COMMUNITY CENTER
3714 Teak St, San Diego, CA 92113

Están cordialmente invitados a participar en un programa de capacitación policial de 6 semanas en colaboración con Bridge Community Center. El programa sirve para educar a la comunidad en prevención de delitos comunes, actuación policial, y derechos. Les invitamos a aprender los protocolos de la policía municipal de San Diego y los recursos disponibles.

TEMAS DE SEGURIDAD PUBLICA:

- ★ **Protocolos Municipales -**
- ★ **Inmigración**
- ★ **Violencia Doméstica**
- ★ **Consumo / Prevención de Drogas**
- ★ **Policía Juvenil / Anti-Pandillas**
- ★ **Prevención de Delitos**





NEWS

Future Humanitarians Scholarship



HOW TO APPLY

Any San Diego high school, college, and graduate students passionate about community service and social work can apply by writing a 1,000 to 3,000-word essay before the deadline.

Application: [HERE](#)
Deadline: August 15, 2025
Winner Announced: September 15, 2025



Partner Announcements



Volunteers Needed

We are seeking volunteers to contribute to our upcoming Juneteenth event on June 21st, 2025.

If you have a passion for creating a positive impact in your community and wish to support a meaningful cause, we would be thrilled to welcome you as a volunteer. Additionally, if you need to fulfill community service hours, we can help with that too!

Please fill out our sign-up sheet, and we will assign you to various areas accordingly.

More information: [APPLY NOW](#)

619-569-3821
www.cfjuneteenth.com



COOPER FAMILY FOUNDATION
Presents
JUNETEENTH
HEALING THE COMMUNITY
FESTIVAL
KNOW THE PAST,
SHAPE THE FUTURE
11 AM - 6:30 PM
MEMORIAL PARK
2975 OCEAN VIEW BLVD, SAN DIEGO, CA 92113
WWW.CFJUNETEENTH.COM
SATURDAY JUNE 21ST
FREE EVENT
Please bring your chairs and get ready to party with us all day

In loving memory of Sidney & Thelma Cooper



Black Entrepreneurs Leaders and Learners Presents:

5th Annual Business & Government Contracting Summit

June 27th & June 28th
UC San Diego Park & Market
1100 Market St. San Diego, CA 92101

- 20+ Workshops, Sessions, & Panels
- 25+ Speakers
- \$2500 Pitch Competition
- B2B and B2G Speed Networking Mixer
- FREE to Attend

Scan Here



to register
or visit the site below
bit.ly/bellsummit2025

Sponsors:



5th Annual Business & Government Contracting Summit

Pitch Competition

Are you a business owner with a bold idea?
Pitch it LIVE at the BELL Summit!

3-minute pitch

Prizes

1st Place: \$2,000 + Business Support
2nd Place: \$500 + Business Support

Friday June 27th
11:30 AM – 1:00 PM
UC San Diego Park & Market

Eligibility & Guidelines

- Must be a business owner or founder
- Submit a pitch deck (PDF) with your application
- Deadline to Apply: Saturday, June 21st at 11:59 PM

BLACK Tech LINK

To apply visit
bit.ly/BELL_Pitch
Or Scan Here



For business pitch inquiries email us at info@bellgroupsd.com

Partner Announcements



Calling High School Students! Become a Summer Camp Ambassador!

Looking for a fun and rewarding way to gain leadership experience this summer? Outside the Lens is seeking high school students to support our full-day summer camps for K-8th graders! As a Summer Camp Ambassador, you'll help lead games and activities, assist with photography and digital media lessons, and earn up to 40 community service hours per week. This is a great opportunity to build your skills, give back to the community, and gain hands-on experience in media arts education!

[APPLY NOW](#)

FREE READING TUTORING FOR STRUGGLING READERS



Who Is This For?

- Students in Grades 2-8 who are behind in reading
- San Diego County residents

Program Details:

- \$1200 worth of Reading Tutoring- for FREE
- Evidence-Based Literacy Instruction (EBLI®)
- 1-on-1
- Two 45-minute sessions per week
- Offered through We Strive for Literacy, a local pending nonprofit
- Available Virtually- Computer and Internet required

Now enrolling for Summer 2025 and the 2025-2026 school year!

LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE FOR SUMMER SESSIONS!

[Click here](#) to register

Scan here to register



Cortney Wallace
Founder
Cwallace@westriveforliteracy.org
www.westriveforliteracy.org
(213) 434-4622
270 N El Camino Real F503
Encinitas, CA 92024

MAKING MEMORIES WITH EVERY SHOWTIME

2025 SUMMER MOVIES IN THE PARK

FREE MOVIES ALL SEASON LONG!

- Arrive early for pre-show festivities.
- Movies begin 15 minutes after sunset.
- Beach chairs, blankets and picnics are encouraged.

SummerMoviesInThePark.com
Scan the QR code below for the full schedule.

For more information, contact Carl McCullough
(619) 961-0159 • carl.mccullough@sdcounty.ca.gov



Presented by:



Sponsored by:



For Southeastern San Diego Youth Ages 9-12

KIDS TO THE COAST

FREE



Select from 3 weeks:

July 7-11

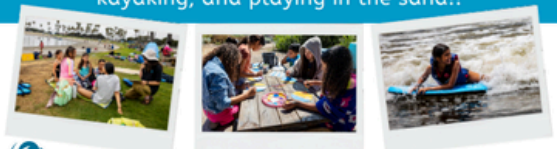
July 14-18

July 21-25

Camp Schedule:
Monday - Friday
from 8 am - 3 pm

Chollas Mead Elementary
4525 Market St

Join us for a week of educational activities paired with exciting field trips to the beach for swimming, fishing, kayaking, and playing in the sand!!



EARTH LAB
A Program of Groundwork San Diego Chollas Creek

For More Information, contact us :
earthlab@groundworksandiego.org
619-818-0275

SCAN ME



Link: <https://forms.gle/o4/pauAe77Dunt5D7>

Partner Announcements



REGISTER FOR THE 19TH ANNUAL UCSD SUMMER PROGRAM AT THE SUPERCOMPUTER CENTER

PROGRAM DATES: JUNE 23 - JULY 11, 2025

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:

- OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS IN GRADES 5-12
- ATTENDANCE EACH DAY 8:30AM-3PM
- 2 HOLIDAY OBSERVANCES: JUNETEENTH (JUNE 19, 2025) AND 4TH OF JULY (JULY 4, 2025)
- SUMMER FUN WITH UCSD AND HIGH SCHOOL TAs!
- EASY DROP OFF AND PICK UP
- BRING A LUNCH TO EAT WITH FRIENDS!

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE!

For More Information and To Apply, Please Visit:
[HTTPS://EDUCATION.SDSC.EDU/STUDENTTECH/SUMMER-CAMPS/](https://education.sdsc.edu/studenttech/summer-camps/)
Jumpstart Your School Year - Sign Up Today!

SDSC UC San Diego



For Questions, Please Contact Ange Mason at amazon@ucsd.edu



San Diego Regional Youth Leadership Forum

YLF

Are you a student with a disability? Do you have an IEP or 504 Plan?

Join us at San Diego State University
August 4-6, 2025
9:00AM - 3:00PM

Open to all ages 16-21
Learn about opportunities and services to support your goals after high school!



REGISTER TODAY

Questions?
Email YLF@dor.ca.gov



SAVE THE DATE!

LWSD South Region Community Leadership Team (SRCLT)
Food Insecurity Work Group

Trauma-Informed Nutrition Security Training

By Leah's Pantry



Session 1: Monday 06/09/25
from 2 pm to 4 pm



Session 2: Monday 08/11/25
from 2 pm to 4 pm

Trainings will be held virtually during the LWSD SRCLT

Register here!

This training explores the connection between nourishment and both positive and adverse experiences, emphasizing a trauma-informed approach to community-based work. Participants will learn key principles of trauma-informed care, reflect on their relationship with food, and consider strategies for responding to challenging interactions.

For any questions, please email Cassandra Muniz at Cassandra.Muniz1@sdcounty.ca.gov



COMMUNITY POWER EFFICIENT REFRIGERATION PROGRAM



Who is San Diego Community Power?
San Diego Community Power is your community-driven clean energy provider. We are a locally run, not-for-profit public agency serving the San Diego region with cleaner energy and reinvesting in our community through customer programs.



About Community Power's Efficient Refrigeration Program
Community Power is providing energy-efficient refrigerators and freezers at no cost to corner stores to stock California-grown fresh foods, thanks to funding from the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA).

What Do You Get?

-  **Up to two pieces of equipment**
View available equipment on back
-  **Energy assessment of your store**
(optional)
-  **Resources on sourcing, stocking and selling produce**

Why Apply?
In 2022, the Nutrition Policy Institute surveyed 51 storeowners from the CDFA Healthy Stores Refrigeration Grant Program.

-  **78%** Increase in customers
-  **94%** Increase in ability to sell produce
-  **97%** Satisfaction rate
-  **79%** Increase in profitability

Eligibility

- Corner store or small business
- Located in a low-income or low-food access area
- Sells or donates a limited selection of foods and other products
- Currently accepts or is in the process of applying for EBT/SNAP/CalFresh benefits
- Must be a Community Power customer

Program Availability Limited

Scan the QR code or visit the link to apply.
SDCommunityPower.org/Efficient-Refrigeration



Partner Announcements



June 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	HOOR 1:	HOOR 2:
Our classes can help teach you how to be confident with your devices. Our structure is as follows:	Class discussion Q&A for basic on monthly topic	tech questions

Valencia Park/Malcolm X Library 5148 Market St. Thursdays 10 am - 12 pm File Management	Park de la Cruz Recreation Center 3911 Landis St. Mondays 9:30 am - 11:30 pm Email Basics
6/5 Mouse and Keyboard	6/2 Email I: Email Basics
6/1 File Management I - Open and Save Files	6/9 Email II: Email Features
2 Holiday	6/1 Email III: Efficiency and Productivity
6/1 File Management III - Transfer Files	6 Email IV: Security and Best Practices
9	6/2 Open Office Hours
6/2 Skyline Hills Library 7900 Paradise Valley Rd. Saturdays 10 am - 12 pm File Management	3 Sherman Heights Community Center* 2258 Island Ave. Tuesdays 10 am - 12 pm Internet Safety
6/7 Mouse and Keyboard	6/3 Internet Search URL Overview
6/1 File Management I - Open and Save Files	6/1 Types of Malware URL Review Hypertext
4 File Management II - Create Folders	0 Manage Email: Report and Block Users
6/2 File Management III - Transfer Files	6/1 QR Code & Safety
1 Otay Mesa-Nestor Library*	7
6/2 3003 Coronado Ave Fridays 10 am - 12 pm Smartphone Basics	6/2 Scan this QR code for more information
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*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

JUNE 2025 DIGITAL NAVIGATOR SCHEDULE

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

*Libraries closed for Juneteenth, Thursday, June 19, 2025.

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.

1 Hands On Training

Learn practical skills from experienced instructors in a real-world setting.

2 Support Services

Get help with resume writing, interview preparation, and additional supports to secure your next job.

3 Career Advancement

Build your skills and knowledge to advance your career in the clean energy field.

ELIGIBILITY

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

CONTACT US

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MAAC NEXT LEVEL
Youth Workforce Development Program

GRID ALTERNATIVES

Urban League of San Diego County & Doors of Change

PROJECT READY & HOMELESS YOUTH ADVOCACY PROGRAM

Safe Shelter & Housing Assistance

Access to Basic Needs (i.e Food, Clothes...)

Career & College Readiness Programs

Life Skills & Mentorship

Job Training & Placement

Urban League of San Diego County & Doors of Change have partnered to support unhoused and opportunity youth in San Diego County. Our programs aim to provide essential resources, mentorship, and pathways to success for young individuals in need.

Urban League of San Diego County

Assisting African Americans and other underserved people in San Diego County to achieve social and economic equality through advocacy, bridge building, program services and research.

Contact Us:

Kea Hagan
Kea@sdul.org
(619) 266-6265
sdul.org/project-ready/

Doors of Change

Acting as advocates to support homeless youth ages 17-24 and provide access to the resources they need to improve their quality of life. We aim to get them off the streets into safe housing and help them attain self-sufficiency.

Contact Us:

Case Manager
CaseManager@doorsofchange.org
(760) 415-0009
doorsofchange.org

EMPOWERING YOUTH BY PROVIDING STABLE HOUSING SOLUTIONS, EDUCATION, JOB READINESS, AND LIFE SKILLS TO BUILD A BRIGHTER FUTURE.

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://c2k2025.com>
- Scan the QR Code with your smart phone
- Text "Apply Drive Thru" to (858) 375-9108

2025 CALENDAR

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

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

\$9.95 a month

Qualify now: 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@c2k2025.org or call (858) 200-9788.

Need technical support? Contact us at techsupport@c2k2025.org or call (858) 200-9784.

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

BRIDGING THE DIGITAL DIVIDE

CELEBRATING 2004 2024

COMPUTERS 2 KIDS

OFFICE OF EDUCATION

Microenterprise Program

Transforming Lives Through Culinary Arts

Program Highlights:

- **Educational Workshops:**
 - Including goal setting, recipe development, financial fitness and more
- **Commercial Kitchen Space:**
 - Free in order to remove barriers associated with bringing your vision to life
- **Personalized Advising & Mentorship:**
 - Individualized guidance on key elements of your entrepreneurial journey
- **Promotion and Sales:**
 - Ability to have product showcased via KFG's retail division, social media and special events

Eligibility Criteria:

- Must be low to moderate income
- 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 unhoused
 - Other histories of trauma
- Reside within the County of San Diego
- Priority to City of San Diego residence

Want more info?

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE HERE

<https://kitchensforgood.org/microenterprise-program/>

SCAN TO APPLY!

<https://kitchensforgood.org/microenterprise-application/>

For more information contact:

Claire Moore, Program Coordinator: claire@kitchensforgood.org

Jesse Santos, Program Coordinator: jesse@kitchensforgood.org

FREE BUSINESS ADVICE

The INTERNATIONAL RESCUE COMMITTEE (IRC)

invites you to learn about...

How to Start or Grow Your Business

IRC offers the following FREE business counseling services:

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

Schedule a free appointment with a Business Counselor!

City Heights

5348 University Ave., Suite 205
San Diego, CA 92105
IRCSBDC@rescue.org

El Cajon

131 E. Main St., Suite 201
El Cajon, CA 92020
IRCSBDC@rescue.org

From Harm to Home | Rescue.org/SanDiego

Loans made or arranged pursuant to CA Finance Law License

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AMERICAN SBDC

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL

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

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

Partner Announcements

Greater Logan Heights 

COMMUNITY MARKET

Every third Saturday

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

What we offer:

Local Produce Local vendors Community oriented



Time: 12pm - 3pm

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

For More Information: info@loganheightscdc.org
(619) 858-0563





CAREER FAIRS

SPRING/SUMMER 2025

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

✦ = Open to the public

SDSU | Division of Student Affairs and Career Development | Career Services



LOGAN HEIGHTS CDC FOOD DISTRIBUTION

2025 CALENDAR

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

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

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



TREE TREKS 2025 SCHEDULE

RSVP HERE 

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

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

Partner Announcements

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.

The City of **SAN DIEGO**

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!




"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."
Rachael Matheny, Outreach Fellow

AmeriCorps California **GRID ALTERNATIVES** **CALIFORNIA VOLUNTEERS**
Office of the Governor

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



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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

Serving Older Adults and Veterans 60+

JFS Fix-It Service

Helping You Lead A Safe & Independent Life At Home



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

No Cost Safety Items For Low-Income Older Adults

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

(858) 637-3210 • www.jfssd.org/FixIt

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.

COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO **LIVE WELL SAN DIEGO** **JFS**

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.



sdwesleyhouse.org/resources

WESLEY HOUSE

5710 Hardy Avenue, Ste. 12
San Diego, CA 92115
619.582.0773
sdwesleyhouse.org
EIN: 47-5032212




Living • Learning • Life-changing



Legal Services



WALK-IN OFFICE HOURS

2ND WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH
9AM - 12 PM
3040 IMPERIAL AVE. SAN DIEGO, CA 92102

SERVICIOS SIN CITA PREVIA

2DO MIERCOLES DE CADA MES
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!

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 - 03:40pm (7-11 months)
Wednesday:
11:00am - 12:00pm (0-6 months)
01:00pm - 02:00pm (0-6 months)

Thursday:
09:00am - 10:00am (0-6 months)
Friday:
11:00am - 12:00pm (12-15 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











UDW RESOURCE CENTER

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

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 7777 Alvarado Rd Suite 116, La Mesa, CA 91942 (by appointment only)





GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

Vilcek Prizes for Creative Promise

The Vilcek Foundation aims to raise awareness of immigrant contributions to the United States and foster appreciation of the arts and sciences.

The foundation invites applications for its annual Prizes for Creative Promise and aims to support emerging to mid-career immigrant professionals in the biomedical sciences and the arts who have demonstrated outstanding achievements early in their careers. In 2026, nine prizes will be awarded to individuals in the following categories:

- Biomedical Science
- Fashion & Design
- Fashion & Culture

Award Amount: \$50,000

Deadline: June 9, 2025

TAGS: Healthy Communities, Medical, Fine Arts, Prize Philanthropy



Strategy & Policy Fellows Program

The Smith Richardson Foundation sponsors an annual Strategy and Policy Fellows grant competition to support young scholars and policy thinkers on American foreign policy, international relations, international security, military policy, and diplomatic and military history. The purpose of the program is to strengthen the U.S. community of scholars and researchers conducting policy analysis in these fields.

The Foundation will award at least three research grants of \$60,000 each to enable the recipients to research and write a book. Applicants must be an employee or affiliate of either an academic institution or a think tank.

Award Amount: \$60,000

Deadline: June 9, 2025

TAGS: Jobs & Education, Research-Focused, Prize Philanthropy





INSIDER TIP!



The Promise Zone can support the Partner grant applications by providing a Letter of Support!
Reach out to promisezone@sandiego.gov for more information.



FY25 Transitional Housing Assistance Grants for Victims of Domestic Violence

The Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) Transitional Housing Assistance Grants for Victims of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Program funds transitional housing and support services for victims who are homeless or in need of transitional housing or other housing assistance as a result of a situation of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking. Eligible applicants are Tribal, state, and local governments and non-profit organizations with a documented history of effective work concerning domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

Award Amount: \$400,000 to \$500,000

Deadline: June 9, 2025

TAGS: Safety, Housing Affordability, Criminal Justice, Federal



Nutrition Obesity Research Centers

This Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) invites applications from institutions/organizations that propose to establish core centers that are part of an integrated and existing program of nutrition and/or obesity research. The Nutrition Obesity Research Centers (NORC) program is designed to support and enhance the national research effort in nutrition and obesity. NORCs support three primary research-related activities:

- Research Core services
- Pilot and Feasibility (P and F) programs
- Enrichment programs

All activities pursued by Nutrition Obesity Research Centers are designed to enhance the efficiency, productivity, effectiveness, and multidisciplinary nature of research in nutrition and obesity.

Award Amount: Not Stated

Deadline: June 10, 2025

TAGS: Healthy Communities, Community Gardens, Research-Focused, Federal





GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

Delta Dental Future Workforce Fund



The Delta Dental Future Workforce Fund, an initiative of the Delta Dental Institute, invests up to \$1 million annually in comprehensive solutions, innovative pilots, and scalable models that inspire school-aged children to pursue a career in oral health. The Fund invites ideas to address the lack of awareness of oral health careers and to increase the supply of candidates for the workforce. Applications should demonstrate how the concept would be implemented for growth or how an existing program is ready to be scaled at the national level.

Award Amount: Not stated

Deadline: June 11, 2025

TAGS: Jobs & Education, Medical, Youth-Centered



Digital Equity Spark Grants



The Verizon Disaster Resilience Prize, a collaboration between Verizon and MIT Solve, seeks technology-driven solutions that strengthen disaster resilience in U.S. communities. The Prize has a particular interest in innovations that enhance early warning systems and disaster preparedness, improve emergency response and resource coordination, strengthen infrastructure and protect vulnerable communities, and support long-term recovery and community resilience after weather-related disasters. Four selected solutions will receive \$250,000 in funding to advance their initiatives. Solutions can be for-profit, nonprofit, and hybrid organizations.

Award Amount: Four awards of \$250,000

Deadline: June 13, 2025

TAGS: Safety, Healthy Communities, Prize Philanthropy

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INSIDER TIP!



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Wayne F. Placek Grant

The Wayne F. Placek Grant encourages research to increase the general public's understanding of homosexuality and sexual orientation, and to alleviate the stress that LGBTQIA+ individuals experience in this and future civilizations. The Wayne F. Placek Grant encourages research that addresses the following topics:

- Prejudice, discrimination, and violence towards LGBTQIA+
- Family and workplace issues relevant to LGBTQIA+ people.
- Special concerns of sectors of the LGBTQIA+ population that have historically been underrepresented in scientific research.
- Issues concerning Black LGBTQIA+ individuals and communities.

Applicants must be either a doctoral-level researcher or graduate student affiliated with an educational institution or a 501(c)(3) nonprofit research organization. Graduate students and early career researchers are encouraged to apply.

Award Amount: \$15,000

Deadline: June 12, 2025

TAGS: Safety, Medical, Social Justice, Research-Focused



**AMERICAN
PSYCHOLOGICAL
FOUNDATION**



Verizon Disaster Resilience Prize

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Award Amount: Four awards of \$250,000 will be made.

Deadline: June 13, 2025

TAGS: Safety, Healthy Communities, Prize Philanthropy

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ACOG Foundation

The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists Foundation (ACOG Foundation) promotes charitable, educational, and scientific initiatives that advance gynecologic care and increase health equity and access. The ACOG Foundation will accept proposals from nonprofit organizations that implement projects designed to:

- Reduce preventable maternal mortality and severe maternal morbidity.
- Transform the culture of the obstetrics and gynecology profession to advance health equity.
- Increase data-driven understanding of ob-gyns in order to meet patient needs.
- Advance public education initiatives in a post-Dobbs environment.

ACOG will also accept proposals from individual researchers working at nonprofit organizations or institutions that advance gynecologic care and increase health equity and access. Research will be funded up to \$100,000 over a two-year period.

Award Amount: \$10,000 to \$50,000 for programs, \$100,000 for research

Deadline: June 13, 2025

TAGS: Healthy Communities, Medical, Research-Focused



Infinite Hero

Infinite Hero Foundation exists to connect military, veterans, and military family members with innovative and effective treatment programs for service-related injuries. Support is provided to U.S. nonprofit organizations committed to creating or working with cutting edge technologies, methods, practices, or products that address the mental and physical challenges faced by military heroes and their families. Grants are provided in five categories: physical recovery, brain health, suicide prevention, veteran leadership development, and military family support.

Award Amount: Up to \$100,000

Deadline: June 15, 2025

TAGS: Healthy Communities, Medical, Vet-Focused





Wyeth Foundation for American Art

The Wyeth Foundation for American Art provides financial support to encourage the study, appreciation, and recognition of excellence in all aspects of historic American art. Support is provided to nonprofit institutions for research, conservation, and exhibition programming in American art. Grants typically support innovative exhibitions that explore new research about American art, innovative and important museum catalogues and books, and conservation and restoration of American masterpieces. (Projects exclusively focused on art of the last three decades will not be supported.)

Award Amount: Typically \$5,000 to \$25,000

Deadline: June 15, 2025

TAGS: Healthy Communities, Fine Arts, Museums & Archives



Lots of Compassion Grant

About 15% of populated land is deemed vacant or abandoned, which can lead to many negative outcomes for surrounding neighborhoods, including decreases in physical and mental health and diminished feelings of safety and security. Together, Mrs. Meyer's Clean Day and KidsGardening designed the Lots of Compassion Grant program to support local leaders looking to transform vacant lots in their neighborhoods into gardens to help grow compassion in their community. In 2025, 10 grantees will receive \$20,000 each to transform a vacant lot into a garden. A total of \$200,000 will be awarded annually.

Nonprofit organizations, school districts, universities, religious organizations, or other tax-exempt organizations in the United States and U.S. territories are eligible to apply.

Award Amount: \$20,000

Deadline: June 16, 2025

TAGS: Healthy Communities, Safety, Community Gardens



Lots of Compassion Grant

The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Division of Preservation and Access is accepting applications for the Preservation and Access Education and Training program. This program supports training that develops knowledge and skills among professionals responsible for preserving and establishing access to humanities collections. NEH will issue awards to organizations that offer national, regional, or statewide education and training programs that provide staff of cultural institutions with the knowledge and skills they need to serve as effective stewards of humanities collections.

Award Amount: Up to \$350,000

Deadline: June 17, 2025

TAGS: Jobs & Education, Museums & Archives, Federal





INSIDER TIP!



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Sprouts Healthy Communities Foundation

The Sprouts Healthy Communities Foundation seeks to improve health outcomes in the communities Sprouts serves in 24 states by supporting nutrition education, nutrition access, and wellness programs. The following grants are available: The Sprouting School Gardens Grant supports school gardens and classroom cooking programs to foster hands-on learning and nutrition education. Growing Healthy Kids Grants support community-based programs focused on children's nutrition access, nutrition education, and health and wellness. Wellness Across the Lifespan Grants support programs that provide adults and vulnerable populations with access to health and nutrition education, healthy lifestyle and behavior programs, and nutrition security.

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

Deadline: June 18, 2025

TAGS: Healthy Communities, Community Gardens, Youth-Centered, Small Grant

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FY25 School Violence Prevention Program

The FY25 School Violence Prevention Program (SVPP) provides funding directly to states, units of local government, Indian tribes, and their public agencies to improve security at schools and on school grounds in the recipient's jurisdiction through evidence-based school safety programs. The Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Office anticipates that up to \$73,000,000 will be available for up to \$500,000 per award, with approximately 200 awards anticipated. A local cost share (matching funds) of at least 25 percent in the form of cash is required, unless a match waiver is requested and approved. Applications for microgrants must not exceed \$100,000, and the COPS Office will waive the 25 percent local cost share (matching funds) requirement for microgrant applicants that are selected for funding. Examples of eligible projects include:

- Training for local law enforcement officers to prevent student violence against others and self.
- Placement and use of metal detectors, locks, lighting, and other deterrent measures.
- Acquisition and installation of technology for expedited notification of local law enforcement during an emergency

Award Amount: Up to \$500,000

Matching Funds: 25% of Award unless waived.

Deadline: June 18, 2025

TAGS: Safety, Technical Assistance, Topical, Criminal Justice, Public Institution, Federal

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Kenneth B. and Mamie P. Clark Fund

The Kenneth B. and Mamie P. Clark Fund was established in 2003 to support research and demonstration activities that promote the understanding of the relationship between self-identity and academic achievement with an emphasis on children in grade levels K-8. A grant of \$8,500 will be awarded to an early-career psychologist in support of research and demonstration activities that further promote an understanding of the relationship between self-identity and academic achievement similar to the Clarks' famous doll experiments, which revealed that segregation in schools and society was psychologically damaging to the children. Applicants from diverse backgrounds with a familiarity with the Clarks' work are encouraged to apply.

Award Amount: \$8,500

Deadline: June 19, 2025

TAGS: Jobs & Education, Youth-Centered, Research-Focused, Small Grant



Tutator Forward

Tutator Forward is a global initiative by Fondation Tutator that supports organizations creating social or environmental impact by offering fully customized software solutions. Unlike traditional grants, Tutator doesn't provide funding—instead it develops software applications that help NGOs, non-profits, and social enterprises streamline operations, enhance beneficiary management, and scale their impact. Tutator's software is intended to help organizations manage their programs and beneficiaries with a focus on direct impact rather than administrative tasks. Examples of eligible projects are:

- Access to Justice
- Youth Empowerment
- Public Health
- Food Security
- Environmental Protection

Eligible organizations include any organization worldwide that has a mission for social or environmental impact, needs software to improve operations or service delivery, is committed to measuring result, and can maintain the software post-development.

Award Amount: Not Stated

Deadline: June 22, 2025

TAGS: Healthy Communities, In-Kind, Environmental Stewardship, Digital Equity





Teshinsky Family Foundation

The Teshinsky Family Foundation is dedicated to helping people in the United States develop skills to enter sustainable careers. The Foundation's Career Pathways Training Grant supports direct service training programs for post-secondary career pathways in manufacturing, building trades, welding, and select other high-demand, high-wage fields. Grants are provided to nonprofit organizations in the continental United States serving participants ages 18 and above to support training or equipment costs.

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

Deadline: June 23, 2025, for inquiry forms

TAGS: Jobs & Education, Youth-Centered



2024 – 2025 Start-Up Subgrant

Public Charter Schools Grant Program (PCSGP) Start-Up Subgrants assist in the development and initial operations of newly established or conversion charter schools as well as to assist in the expansion and replication of high-quality charter schools for Fiscal Year 2024-25. The California Department of Education (CDE) has an approved pipeline and budget to award approximately 9 subgrants. A newly established or conversion classroom-based charter school may be eligible for a Planning, Replication or Implementation subgrant, provided that the school did not begin serving students prior to July 1, 2023. An established charter school may be eligible for an Expansion subgrant, provided that the school is significantly increasing enrollment or adding one or more grades.

Award Amount: \$300,000 to \$1,900,000

Deadline: June 24, 2025

TAGS: Jobs & Education



Grants for Credit Enhancement for Charter School Facilities

Through CSP Credit Enhancement grants, the Department of Education's Office of Elementary and Secondary Education (OESE) provides grants on a competitive basis to eligible public and private nonprofit entities that demonstrate innovative ways to assist charter schools with the costs related to acquiring, constructing, and renovating facilities by enhancing the availability of loans and bond financing. Charter schools supported under CSP Credit Enhancement grants provide elementary or secondary education, or both, and may also serve students in early childhood education programs or postsecondary students.

Award Amount: Not Stated

Deadline: June 25, 2025

TAGS: Jobs & Education, Federal





Safe Streets and Roads For All (SS4A)

The SS4A program funds regional, local, and Tribal initiatives through grants to prevent roadway fatalities and serious injuries. Almost \$2 billion is still available for future funding rounds. The SS4A program provides funding for two main types of grants: Planning and Demonstration Grants for Action Plans, including supplemental safety planning and/or safety demonstration activities, and Implementation Grants.

- Planning and Demonstration Grants are used to develop, complete, or supplement an Action Plan.
- A comprehensive safety action plan (referred to as an "Action Plan") is a plan to prevent roadway fatalities and serious injuries in a locality or region or on Tribal land.
- Implementation Grants are used to implement projects or strategies that are consistent with an existing Action Plan to address a roadway safety problem.
- Eligible projects and strategies can be infrastructural, behavioral, and/or operational activities.

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

Deadline: June 26, 2025

TAGS: Healthy Communities, Collaborative Grant, Public Institution, Topical, Federal



Aerie Real Foundation

The Aerie Real Foundation's Community Grants support nonprofit organizations in the U.S. and Canada that are focused on confidence, inclusivity, and sustainability. Support is provided for projects that build confidence and increase mental well-being in young women, promote inclusive communities, or protect the planet.

Award Amount: Up to \$10,000

Deadline: June 27, 2025

TAGS: Healthy Communities, Environmental Stewardship

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Local Food Promotion Program FY 2025

Local Food Promotion Program funds projects that develop, coordinate, and expand local and regional food business enterprises that engage as intermediaries in indirect producer to consumer marketing to help increase access to and availability of locally and regionally produced agricultural products. The program focuses on some of the following:

- Processing, aggregation, distribution, and storage of local and regional food products
- Assisting with business development plans and feasibility studies
- Developing marketing strategies for producers of local food
- Facilitating regional food chain coordination
- Promoting new business opportunities and marketing strategies to reduce on-farm food waste.

Award Amount: Up to \$10,000

Deadline: June 27, 2025

TAGS: Healthy Communities, Environmental Stewardship



Regional Food System Partnerships

The Regional Food System Partnership (RFSP) focuses on building and strengthening local or regional food economy viability and resilience by supporting partnerships that connect public and private entities to the resources they need to plan and develop comprehensive local food systems. Applicants will coordinate efforts within the partnership to set priorities, connect resources and services, and measure progress towards common goals. Partnerships must bring a variety of financial and technical capabilities, demonstrate experience or readiness to work effectively and collaboratively with public and private entities across sectors, and present innovative, sustainable, and measurable approaches to achieving the project's goals.

Award Amount: \$100,000 to \$1,000,000

Matching Funds: 25% of Award

Deadline: June 27, 2025

TAGS: Healthy Communities, Community Gardens, Collaborative Grant, Federal





GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

Levitt Foundation: Levitt Music Series Grants

The Levitt Foundation's Levitt Music Series Grants provide three-year matching grants to bring free outdoor concerts to communities across the United States. Applications are accepted in the following categories: Levitt AMP is geared to towns and cities with populations under 250,000. Levitt VIBE, geared to large cities with a population over 250,000, brings free outdoor concerts to neighborhoods where there is limited access to arts programming and live music. Levitt BLOC, geared to communities of any size, activates different neighborhoods in a town or city by "layering" concerts across multiple public spaces. Nonprofit organizations located in the same town, city, or county of the proposed music series are eligible to apply.

Award Amount: Up to \$40,000 per year for three years

Deadline: June 30, 2025

TAGS: Healthy Communities, Fine Arts



Vilcek Foundation

The Vilcek Foundation invites applications for grants to support nonprofit organizations that work with immigrant artists and communities, and that promote diversity in the arts, sciences, education, and humanities. A portion of the foundation's grants are identified and initiated directly by the Vilcek Foundation.

Award Amount: \$5,000 to \$20,000

Deadline: June 30, 2025

TAGS: Jobs & Education, Healthy Communities, Fine Arts





GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

ASPCA California Wildfire Response and Preparedness Fund

The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) is currently providing support in California through the \$5 million California Wildfire Response and Preparedness Fund. The Fund will provide two types of support: 1) funding to animal welfare organizations directly responding to animal needs due to the January 2025 wildfires in Los Angeles, and 2) funding for animal welfare organizations throughout California to prepare for and build capacity to defend against future fires and other disasters. Eligible applicants include nonprofit animal welfare organizations and municipal agencies with a focus on animal welfare, as well as nonprofit organizations and municipal agencies providing general disaster assistance that are looking to provide support to animals in affected communities.

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

Deadline: June 30, 2025

TAGS: Safety, Furry Friends



Nathan Cummings Foundation

Nathan Cummings Foundation (NCF) works to create a more just, vibrant, sustainable, and democratic society through a focus on Racial, Economic, and Environmental Justice (REEJ). In 2025, NCF is seeking racial justice initiatives that foster civic engagement, address the racial wealth gap, and combat racism and oppression; economic justice initiatives that foster systemic economic security, increase access to capital, and combat monopoly power; and environmental justice initiatives that address environmental harms, create inclusive participation in the green economy, and develop regenerative economic models. NCF will provide support nationally while prioritizing the U.S. South, focusing on the following 13 states: AL, AR, GA, KY, LA, MS, MO, NC, OK, SC, TN, VA, and WV. (Program-related investments are also available.) For more information on NCF grants and PRI opportunities, visit the Frequently Asked Questions page.

Award Amount: Typically \$50,000 to \$250,000

Deadline: June 30, 2025

TAGS: Economic Activity, Healthy Communities, Jobs & Education, Social Justice





INSIDER TIP!



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PCs for People: Tech for Nonprofits



PCs for People are proud to work with nonprofits, schools, museums, housing authorities, and other community organizations across the country to provide low-cost technology. Tight budgets and high price tags for tech can be a barrier for people seeking to make a difference in their communities and PCs for People is looking to rectify this through their Tech for Nonprofits program. Eligible nonprofits, schools, and museums can order up to five computers online. For orders larger than five computers, please contact partner@pcsforpeople.org. All computers come pre-loaded with Microsoft Office 2019. Internet hotspots are also available upon request by visiting mobilebeacon.org/techsoup (libraries and nonprofits) or www.digitalwish.org (schools).

Award Amount: Not Stated

Deadline: Rolling*

TAGS: Jobs & Education, In-Kind, Museums & Archives, Digital Equity



Foxwynd Foundation



The mission of the Foxwynd Foundation is to assist communities in need by enhancing access to key pillars of human dignity and potential. Support is primarily provided in California, Florida, Pennsylvania, and Texas, with 80% of funding targeting initiatives in those geographies, though applications from outside these areas will also be considered. The Foundation focuses on the following priorities: environmental sustainability, including wind and solar energy, recycling efforts, wildlife conservation, endangered species, ecological concerns, and animal welfare; healthcare, including programs assisting domestic violence victims and abuse survivors, the protection of women's rights, and other initiatives such as food insecurity and medical equipment; and housing, including shelters, homelessness prevention, housing facilities, housing assistance to prevent eviction, and employment opportunities. The first step in the application process is to schedule an intake meeting.

Award Amount: Not Stated

Deadline: Rolling

TAGS: Healthy Communities, Housing Affordability, Environmental Stewardship, Furry Friends, Medical





Hispanic Wealth Project Accelerator

The Hispanic Wealth Project (HWP) Accelerator is a free, six-week training program for new entrepreneurs and small business owners. The program offers a holistic approach to entrepreneurial growth, focusing not only on business strategies but also on personal wellbeing and leadership development. The HWP Accelerator includes access to connect with and pitch your business idea to investors nationwide. The only eligibility requirements are that you are an early-stage startup interested in scaling your business and a willingness to attend six weekly 1-hour virtual workshops.

Award Amount: Not Stated

Deadline: Rolling

TAGS: Economic Activity, Technical Assistance



Mary's Pence Grant Program

Mary's Pence funds grassroots women-led and -focused nonprofit organizations or groups working with a fiscal sponsor. Eligible organizations have budgets of \$250,000 or less. They are located in the U.S. and their work takes place in the U.S. Mary's Pence funding is focused on social justice actions that are long term and create sustainable systems change. Mary's Pence values subsidiarity—that is those who are most impacted are part of the decision-making. Funds are provided to organizations whose work centers on human dignity, the common good, the right to economic security, dignified work, care for the earth, gender justice, and nonviolence. To date, Mary's Pence has awarded over \$2 million in grants to more than 700 grassroots organizations throughout the U.S.

Award Amount: Up to \$7,500

Deadline: Rolling

TAGS: Healthy Communities, Environmental Stewardship, Social Justice, Small Grant





INSIDER TIP!



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Ravi & Naina Patel Foundation



The RNP Foundation is committed to increasing the overall well-being of our neighbors and beyond. To achieve a path to lasting happiness individuals must have their basic living, education, nutritional, and environmental needs met, which is why the RNP Foundation has worked to make happiness possible for underserved communities by promoting basic education, proper nutrition, secure housing, and a healthier environment through funding nonprofits in Canada and the United States.

Award Amount: Not Stated

Deadline: Rolling

TAGS: Housing Affordability, Healthy Communities, Jobs & Education



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Believe In Reading

Believe in Reading funds programs in the United States dedicated to the teaching and encouragement of reading for all ages. Funding is considered for programs that serve any age or aspect of supporting reading and literacy, including adult literacy, English as a second language projects, or Braille-related projects for the blind or visually impaired. The focus is on successful literacy programs that serve populations showing out of the ordinary needs, such as geographic areas with low reading scores and high poverty levels. Nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations, equivalent educational institutions, and public libraries are eligible to apply for support for existing, successful literacy programs that have been established for a minimum of two years.

Award Amount: Up to \$3,000 for first-time applicants

Deadline: Rolling

TAGS: Jobs & Education, Small Grant





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Albertsons Companies Foundation: Nourishing Neighbors

Nourishing Neighbors, a program of Albertsons Companies Foundation, is committed to ensuring that everyone, including children, seniors, and families, have access to nourishing food. Through the Innovation Spark Incubation Fund request for proposals, support will be provided to organizations for new and innovative ideas or concepts that create lasting independence from food assistance and help end hunger. The focus is on new, never tried solutions that create impact in communities where Albertsons Companies stores are located. (A list of stores in the Albertsons Companies family, as well as states where Albertsons Companies stores are located, is available in the application portal.)

Award Amount: Not Stated
Deadline: Rolling
TAGS: Healthy Communities, Community Gardens



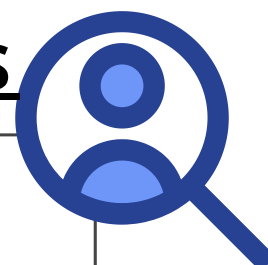
Smart & Final Charitable Foundation

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



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: Community Youth Services Division, SDPD



During National Safety Month, we're highlighting the San Diego Police Department's Community Youth Services Division.

The Community Youth Services Division works closely with neighborhoods within the Promise Zone to build trust and reduce violence through community events and outreach.

“We view it as building relationships. It’s not a one-day thing. We’re consistently creating a network of community members, leaders and organizations who want to support the vision of a safer, better community.” - Omar Luzuriaga

The Community Youth Services Division is building trust and reducing violence across the Promise Zone through culturally responsive outreach. One of its most impactful initiatives is the Spanish Civilian Academy, held weekly at Bridge Church. Each Tuesday, more than 60 Spanish-speaking residents gather to learn about topics like emergency versus non-emergency calls, narcotics, juvenile law, immigration and the role of law enforcement. The academy does more than educate; it creates space for connection, allowing residents from the Central and Southeastern Divisions to engage with officers in a non-enforcement setting. This helps break down barriers, build relationships and promote safer neighborhoods from within.

Looking ahead, the division is preparing for a summer of proactive safety measures. On June 21, they will host a Gun Buyback Event, offering gift cards in exchange for firearms. Last year, around 150 gift cards were distributed. The goal is to reduce the risk of violence and offer residents a safe way to take preventive action. Through programs like these, the Community Youth Services Division is sending a clear message: they are not just here to respond to calls, they are here to work alongside the community, build trust, and keep neighborhoods safe.

To learn more about their efforts, please visit the Police Department's website [here](#).



Civic Engagement in the Promise Zone

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Trash Fee Proposal

The City of San Diego's Environmental Services Department (ESD) is proposing a fee for trash and recycling collection services. If the fee is passed, enhanced services would begin July 1.

More information, including a protest card, was mailed to all homeowners. Check your mail to learn about your right to civilly engage in this matter before June 9. You can also share your thoughts via email or call [using this link](#).



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City of San Diego Budget Feedback

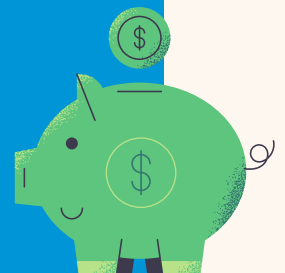
On April 15, Mayor Todd Gloria released the **2026 Fiscal Year Draft Budget**. The Mayor values citizens' participation in these priorities so that the final budget reflects the needs of San Diego Communities. Voice your thoughts to Mayor Todd Gloria **using this link**. You can contact your District Council Member to voice your thoughts about the budget. To see what District you are in, **use this link**.

Council District 3 (*Councilmember Stephen Whitburn*).

Council District 4 (*Councilmember Henry Foster III*).

Council District 8 (*Councilmember Vivian Moreno*).

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



Civic Engagement in the Promise Zone

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Land Development Code Update

This will be the sixth year the City Planning Department is taking **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**.



4

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.

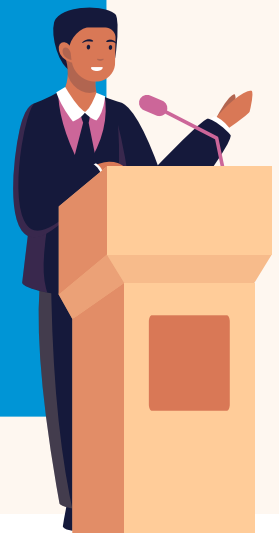
There are 2 **vacancies** in the Promise Zone:

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**.

For more information about the role of a CPAB member, email Nadine Hassoun, at **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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- **Schedule** appointments
- **Obtain** information

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Community Meetings in the Promise Zone

Southeastern Community Planning Group Meeting



Second Monday of every month
6 p.m.
Mountain View Recreation Center
641 South Boundary St., San Diego, CA 92113
& Virtually via Zoom

Next meeting: June 9, 2025
<https://southeasternsdcommunityplanning.com/>

Barrio Logan Maintenance Assessment District Meeting

Second Tuesday of every month
5 p.m.
Ryan Bros Coffee
1894 Main St.
San Diego, CA 92113

Next meeting: June 10, 2025
<https://www.barriologanassociation.org/>



Chollas Valley Community Planning Group Meeting



Third Monday of most months
6:30 p.m.
KIPP Adelante Preparatory Academy
426 Euclid Ave., San Diego CA 92114
& Virtually via Zoom

Next meeting: June 23, 2025
<https://www.sandiego.gov/planning/>

Central Commercial Maintenance Assessment District Meeting

Fourth Tuesday of every month
5 p.m.
Virtually via Zoom.

Next meeting: June 24, 2025
<https://www.sandiego.gov/economic-development>



Please check each community meeting website to confirm the date
before attending. Sometimes meeting dates change.

Community Meetings in the Promise Zone

District 4 Joint Town Council Meeting

First Wednesday of every month
5:30 p.m.
Virtually via Zoom

Next meeting: June 4, 2025
Register for upcoming meetings:
bit.ly/ucpcommunity



District 4 Community Infrastructure & Transportation Meeting

Second Thursday of every month
5:30 p.m.
Virtually via Zoom

Next meeting: June 12, 2025
Register for upcoming meetings:
bit.ly/ucpcommunity



Barrio Logan Community Planning Group Meeting

Third Wednesday of every month
6 p.m.
Chicano Park Museum and Cultural Center
1960 National Avenue
San Diego, CA 92113

Next meeting: June 18, 2025
<https://www.sandiego.gov/planning/community-plans/barrio-logan/planning-group>



For City Council, board, commission, and committee meeting times
and information, visit the City of San Diego's
[Citywide Agendas and Minutes](#) page.



JOB BOARD



VISTA Operations Associate

Will manage scheduling, data collection and website updates for the San Diego Promise Zone; support and improve working group operations through meeting facilitation, partner engagement and systems analysis; and represent the organization at events to advance its anti-poverty initiatives.

[Apply here.](#)



Associate Planner

Will have the incredible opportunity to engage in a wide array of exciting projects and leadership roles that involve conducting cutting-edge planning and environmental studies which require broad research and analysis to develop goals and policy recommendations for consideration by decision-making bodies.

[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!

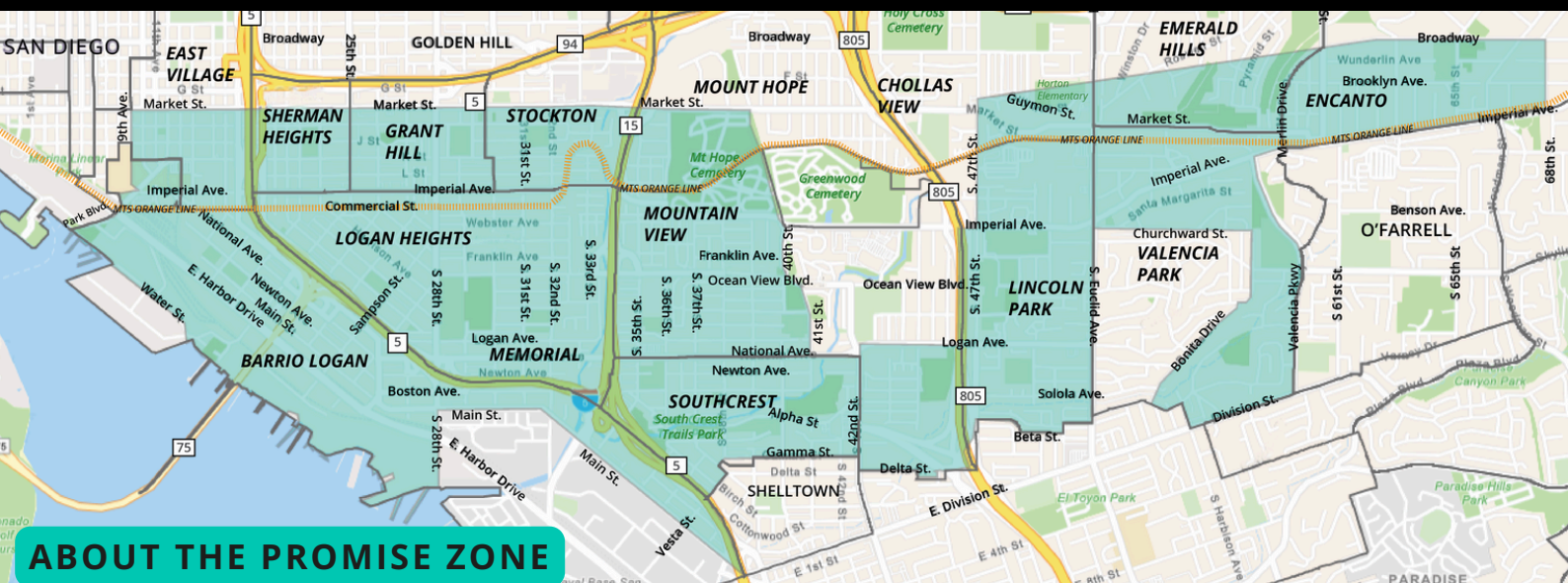
[More information here.](#)

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.

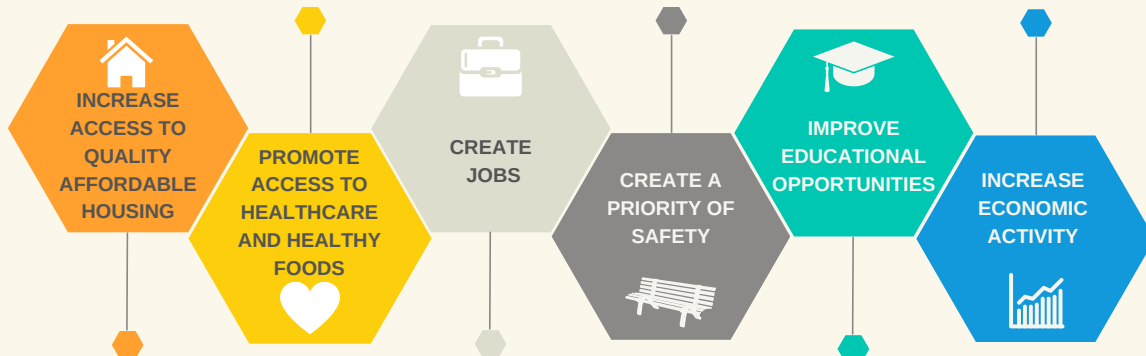
Between 2016 and 2023, the unemployment rate decreased from 14% to 10%, and the poverty rate fell from 35% to 20% (ACS, 2016-22). We recognize there are many factors that contribute to these numbers. We do know that in the eight years since the designation, targeted efforts from the City and CBOs have supported improvement in these areas; however, we recognize there is still plenty of work to do to continue advocating for our Promise Zone residents.

WORKING GROUP GOALS

- Increase access to healthy foods
- Improve access to healthcare
- Support opportunities for active transportation and active living

- Dialogue with residents
- Create environments conducive to learning and working
- Improve infrastructure

- Increase and improve access to capital



- Create and preserve affordable housing
- Support renters, first-time homebuyers and people without housing

- Cultivate opportunities for career exploration, applied learning and youth leadership
- Create meaningful summer employment experiences for teenagers

- Increase the number of students meeting school readiness and grade-level expectations
- Increase educational and career supports for Opportunity Youth



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