

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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San Diego Promise Zone All-Partner Meeting on July 10, 2025.



A MESSAGE TO OUR PARTNERS

FROM THE PROMISE ZONE STAFF

Dear Promise Zone Network,

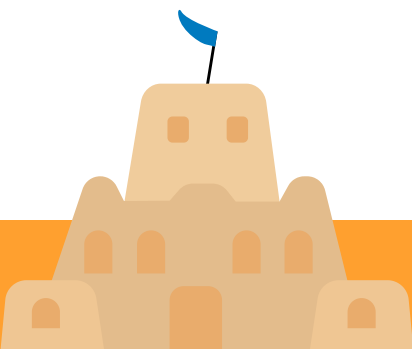


Happy August! It was wonderful to see 80+ partners and friends at the All-Partner Meeting in July. Thank you for showing up and for donating over 130 back-to-school items to Lincoln High School! We will be following up on Community Perception Survey planning in our working groups, which will resume in August and September on a bi-monthly basis.

In recognition of Back-to-School Month, we highlight the Office of Child and Youth Success in the City Spotlight. We also invite you to learn about Healthy Communities co-chair Karen Clay in the Community Spotlight, as she strives to ensure that children and their families have access to healthy food.

We hope you enjoy this issue and wish you all a relaxing and rejuvenating end to the summer!

~San Diego Promise Zone Team



PROMISE ZONE IN THE NEWS

MONARCH SCHOOL
STUDENTS TELL
COMIC-CON PANEL
HOW ESPORTS
INSPIRE THEM

A BULWARK AGAINST
THE RISE OF
BANKING DESERTS

MURALS ARE
DISAPPEARING IN
SAN DIEGO'S BARRIO
LOGAN. ARTISTS
HAVE A PLAN TO
PROTECT THEIR
WORK.

PROMISE ZONE UPDATES

2025-2026 WORKING GROUP SCHEDULE:



Economic Activity

Aug. 14
Oct. 9
Jan. 15
April 9

Jobs & Education

Aug. 21
Oct. 16
Jan. 22
Feb. 19
April 16

Healthy Communities

Sept. 11
Nov. 13
March 12
May 14

Housing Affordability

Sept. 18
Nov. 20
March 19
May 21



Do you live in, or would you like to live in, the San Diego Promise Zone? If so, please [take this short survey](#), brought to you by the San Diego Promise Zone Housing Affordability Working Group.



Farewell, Operations VISTA , Donika Moreno!

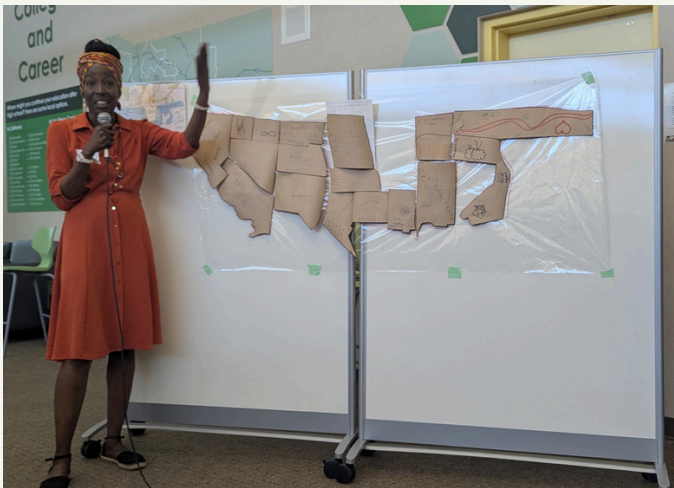
As my term with the San Diego Promise Zone comes to an end, I want to extend a big thank you to my team and all of the amazing partners I had the opportunity to work with. The passion, commitment and care that everyone continued to show was truly admirable and allowed me to see the heart of the people in San Diego. Coming from a low-income, underserved community myself, it was heartwarming to witness the work being done to make a difference and help people feel seen. Being part of this team has taught me about collaboration and the power of community, which I will carry with me throughout my career. I've appreciated the support and connections I've made and can't wait to see what's next for the Promise Zone. I'll miss you all! Feel free to connect with me on LinkedIn [here](#).



Welcome to the newest Promise Zone partners: [Pacific Community Fund](#), [San Diego Made](#) and [Blue Shield of California](#). Interested in becoming a partner? Send us a note at PromiseZone@sandiego.gov.

SD PromiseZone All-Partner Meeting

Thank you for coming to the
July 10, 2025 All-Partner Meeting!



More photos are available [here](#).

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

Karen Clay



Karen Clay is the CEO of [I Love to Glean](#) (ILG), a fiscally-sponsored nonprofit corporation formed to partner with others to facilitate countrywide food recovery systems that increase the capacity for recovery and distribution of otherwise wasted food. ILG works with feeding agencies, kitchens and direct clients. In addition to being a CEO, Karen also serves as the Co-Chair for the [Live Well SD Food Insecurity Working Group](#) as well as the [San Diego Promise Zone Healthy Communities Working Group](#). Both groups focus on providing direct access to healthy foods and resources to communities in need.

To Karen, "The Promise Zone means possibilities. Possibilities to create opportunities and collaborations that improve the quality of life of Promise Zone residents."

Karen's involvement in the Promise Zone and similar programs/projects arose out of a need to help residents impacted by the 2024 floods, but it didn't stop there. Her passion for helping led her to assist in all levels of food equity. In addition to leading both working groups, Karen also assisted with school nutrition work. Her career spanning different sectors and forms of food justice has led her to receive a Live Well SD Public Health Champion award.

Karen Clay grew up in El Segundo, California, and later learned valuable skills from local networks and mentors. In her free time, Karen likes to visit and spend time with her family, sew and make custom fabric gnomes. She feels most at peace in the forest, a favorite place of hers.

Thank you, Karen, for your leadership throughout the San Diego Promise Zone and beyond as an advocate for food security.

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



2025 Promise Zone Community Partner Growth Fund Awardees



As part of a multiyear partnership with [California Coast Credit Union \(Cal Coast\)](#), the City of San Diego is pleased to support 11 Promise Zone partners through the 2025 San Diego Promise Zone Community Partner Growth Fund. The microgrant program enhances community development and capacity building to advance the [goals of the Promise Zone](#) designation. These grantees will receive financial assistance ranging from \$9,000 to \$10,000. [Read more in the media release.](#)



To learn about the awarded projects, please visit sandiego.gov/economic-development/sdpromisezone/partners.

NONPROFIT FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

CAPACITY BUILDING GRANT

The goal of the Capacity Building Grant program is to develop and strengthen nonprofit organizations **that directly assist small businesses and entrepreneurs** in under-resourced communities within the city limits of San Diego. This encourages inclusive economic growth in our region by expanding opportunities for businesses to attract customers, grow their business and build entrepreneurial skills.

Capacity Building Grant proposals up to \$15,000 may include, but are not limited to: hosting workshops for businesses/entrepreneurs, placemaking activities such as hanging banners, programming special events in commercial corridors, or creating/updating business and workforce resource directories. Only non-personnel expenses qualify for this program.

This program is dedicated to nonprofit organizations that serve small businesses within the [San Diego Promise Zone](#), [Opportunity Zones](#), and/or under-resourced communities. More information can be found on the [Capacity Building Grant Program webpage](#).

ASSISTANCE

Technical Assistance/Virtual Workshops

The Economic Development Department is hosting two virtual workshops to help applicants understand the application requirements and answer general questions about the program. Workshops will be held virtually on Microsoft Teams and registration links can be found on the [Capacity Building Grant webpage](#). Questions? Email VQuintana@sandiego.gov.

Checklist

A list of all required documents and information is included in the program guidelines to help nonprofit organizations prepare their application. All materials must be submitted at once through SeamlessDocs.



AT A GLANCE

GRANT DETAILS

- Funding Range: \$10,000 – \$15,000
- Contract Period: Through June 30, 2026
- Expenses Covered: Workshops, special events, banners, directories and more
- Funds cannot be used for in-house staff or board members

IMPORTANT DATES

- Application Opens: Aug. 4, 2025
- Application Deadline: Sept. 5, 2025 at 5 p.m.
- Must be submitted via SeamlessDocs (use Chrome or Firefox)
- Application must be completed in one session

HOUSING DEVELOPER OPPORTUNITY

BRIDGE TO HOME INITIATIVE - ROUND 6

This program provides gap financing to make affordable housing projects a reality. New to this round, **\$5 million will assist smaller and emerging development partners** in acquiring land for projects with 40 units or fewer. These projects do not typically rely heavily on state or federal tax credit programs. The City will host a pre-submittal meeting followed by an Emerging Developer Networking session on August 19, 2025, to provide an opportunity for developers to make connections with qualified development teams who may want to collaborate on a proposal.

The City issued a [Notice of Funding Availability](#) (Round 6) for qualified developers to submit proposals for creating low- to moderate-income units. Proposals must be submitted by **September 26, 2025, at 5 p.m. PDT.**

ASSISTANCE

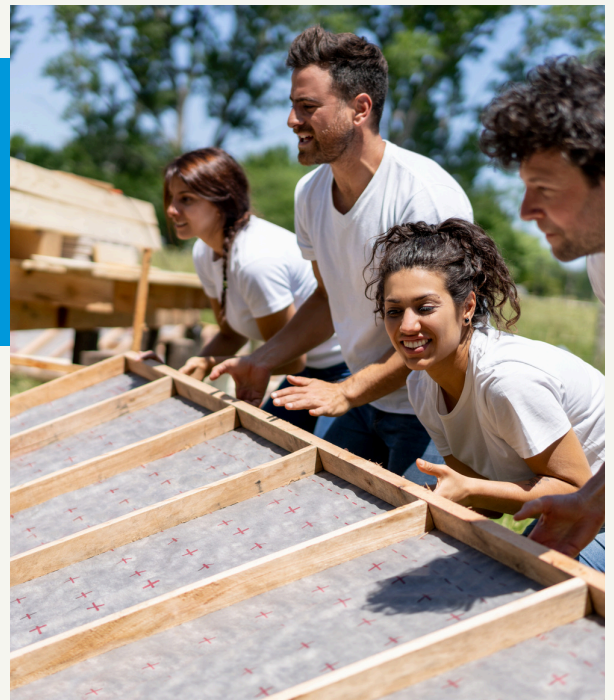
Because of the great need for affordable housing, the Economic Development Department created a two-pronged process that would expeditiously distribute funding to developers without a heavy administrative burden: a Request for Qualification (RFQ) and a Notice of Funding Availability.

1. [Request for Qualification \(RFQ\)](#)

The RFQ is intended to attract and select qualified development teams that have current pipeline projects to perform the development of affordable multifamily housing, so that the City can promptly reach out at such time as funding is available.

2. [Notice of Funding Availability](#)

The amount of funding available is \$15 million total: \$10 million of Low and Moderate Income Housing Asset Funds (LMIHAF) and \$5 million of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for property acquisition.



REMINDER RFQ SUBMITTAL

- Deadline: **September 12, 2025, at 5 p.m. PDT.**

Please submit your forms to
Christie Marcella, Deputy
Director, Economic
Development at
cmarcella@sandiego.gov.

QUALIFICATIONS

In order to apply for funding through the Bridge to Home program, real estate developers **must go through the RFQ process** to be approved as a qualified developer. Developers can apply to be qualified at any time, but must apply no later than two weeks before the NOFA is due. All forms required to be submitted can be found on the [RFQ: Affordable Housing Developers webpage](#).

FINANCIAL WELLNESS

August is National Black Business Month. This month is the perfect opportunity to celebrate and support Black-owned businesses while promoting economic equity. Whether you're a business owner or an aspiring entrepreneur, tools are available to strengthen your business and build long-term success. Here are a few resources to help you on your journey.



Small Business Mastery Program:

The logo for Black Tech Link, with "BLACK" in bold black letters, "Tech" in a script font, and "LINK" in a yellow box with black letters.

Need Business Support?
Free 1:1 Consultation

- Fundraising/Financing
- Global Export Training
- Marketing Services
- Legal Support
- Operation Support
- Business Development
- Real Estate Expansion

A square QR code that, when scanned, likely leads to a consultation booking page.

Schedule some time to chat by visiting bit.ly/BTL_Biz_Consult

For more information visit blacktechlink.org.

Black Tech Lnk is proud to offer a Small Business Mastery Program which empowers emerging entrepreneurs to plan, launch, and grow small businesses and nonprofits. This program highlights industry professionals who bring a wealth of small business expertise, ensuring participants receive well-rounded guidance.



Partnering for
Financial Empowerment
We want to hear from you!



Partners, Cal Coast wants to hear from you. Take their Financial Empowerment Survey!

Cal-Coast is opening a new branch!

Grand Opening Week

You're invited to our Grand Opening Celebration

August 11 - 15, 2025 | 11:00am - 1:30pm
2024 Imperial Ave
San Diego, CA 92102



RESOURCES



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

Visit **California Coast Credit Union** for more information about programs and events.

PARTNER ANNOUNCEMENTS



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

Aug.
11

Leah's Pantry @ 2204 Garnet Ave, Ste. 304

Monday, Aug. 11, 2025, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Leah's Pantry is offering trauma-informed trainings on Aug. 11 and again in September, available in both English and Spanish. ([Training Calendar](#))



Aug.
12

San Diego Workforce Partnership @ City College

Tuesday, Aug. 12, 2025, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

San Diego Workforce Partnership is hosting a Job Fair on Aug. 12 at City College from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (indoors). Sign up [HERE](#).



Aug.
23

Project New Village - Health and Healing Summerfest

Saturday, Aug. 23, 2025, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

This free outdoor event connects the community to traditional and sustainable pathways to wellness. Held on the north lawn of the ECC campus (4343 Ocean View Blvd., San Diego, 92113). More info [HERE](#).



Aug.
30

Free Coffee, Music & Community @ Brooks Huffman Plaza

Saturday, Aug. 30, 2025, 9 a.m. to noon

Connect with your neighbors and local organization over a cup of coffee, sweets, art, interactive activities, live music and community.



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



FINAL MOBILE FARMER'S MARKET

OUTDOOR FAMILY MOVIE & OUTDOOR FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

at MARKET CREEK PLAZA

Wednesday Aug 6, 2025 5pm - 8:30pm

Get your lawn chairs and blankets ready!

The movie warns "DO NOT eat the pistachio ice cream - it has turned!" . You may not want to eat the pistachio ice cream, but you will want to eat one of our delicious dinners, or bring your own picnic. (Guess the movie title and win, see below)*



Optional Dinner Package:
\$10 adults \$8 kids (12 and under)
Includes Teriyaki chicken, rice, and veggies
Use QR or Click link for details: [Dinner_Link](#)

*Email what you think the movie title is to info@jacobscenter.org and be entered to win a \$50 grocery gift card. Be specific on movie title!

FESTIVAL PARK at MARKET CREEK PLAZA
336 EUCLID AVE, SAN DIEGO



youth will **YOUTH 4 CLIMATE** **PANA** **Mid-City CAN** **SD OCYS**

End of Summer Event:

CELEBRATING THE YOUTH WHO ARE SHAPING SAN DIEGO

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9TH, 4:30PM - 6:30PM

Event for youth organizers to connect with organizations and each other!

Scan QR Code to RSVP:



Location: San Diego MADE Factory, 2031 Commercial St, San Diego, CA 92113
RSVP link: bit.ly/youthcelebration25



The Urban Collaborative Project Presents **JACOBS**

District 4 JOINT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

HOSTED BY JACOBS CENTER FOR NEIGHBORHOOD INNOVATION

AFTERWARDS, JOIN FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT @ FINAL MOBILE FARMER'S MARKET

WED. AUGUST 6 6 - 7 PM

FESTIVAL PARK @ MARKET CREEK PLAZA
336 EUCLID AVE, SAN DIEGO

Debut Film screening: *Shine Forever*, *Destination Joy*, & More!

After our first hybrid and in-person Joint Town Council meeting, the Urban Collaborative Project will be doing a film screening of 2 community projects in Southeastern San Diego! Come experience them with us!

SD SWAP MEET

August 10, 2025

9:00am - 6:00pm

336 Euclid Avenue San Diego, CA 92114

Premier Vendor Spaces - \$75
Vendor Spaces - \$50

Art - Yard Sales ~ Apparel - Home Goods
Custom Items - Youth Zone ~ Barter Zone



Register Here



MARKET CREEK PLAZA
ShopMCP.com

SOUTHEAST ART TEAM

Partner Announcements

Downtown San Diego Career Fair



Ready to take the next step in your career?

Join us for a career fair hosted by the San Diego Workforce Partnership and San Diego International Airport. Connect with a wide range of local employers hiring for in-demand positions across industries—from aviation and hospitality to customer service, operations and more.



Scan the QR code to register or visit bit.ly/4eyqbbP.

When

August 12, 2025
10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Where

San Diego City College
City Commons | Building D
1313 Park Boulevard
San Diego, CA 92101
Note, you may park anywhere on campus during the event—ticketing will not be enforced during event hours.



workforce.org

Connect & Cultivate: A Youth Networking Experience



EVENT DETAILS

Date: Thursday, August 7th, 2025

Time: 3PM - 5:30PM

Location: Southeastern Live Well Center | 5101 Market Street, San Diego, CA 92114



Join us for a Ribbon-Cutting Celebration
Workshops for Warriors & VetPowered
Date:
August 15, 2025
Time:
Reception 10:00 AM
Ribbon Cutting 11:00 AM
Graduation 11:30AM
Location:
3030 Main Street
San Diego, CA 92113
RSVP by August 8, 2025
RSVP@wfw.org
619-550-1620
Veterans Advanced Manufacturing Training and Accelerated
Apprenticeship Center (VAMTAC) is a new 25,000-square-foot advanced manufacturing facility located in the heart of Barrio Logan.

Beginning July 23, 2025!

I AM HERE: Vital Document Legal Hotline for Youth

A free, dedicated state-specific legal assistance hotline for youth experiencing homelessness.

1-800-870-DOCS

**Voicemails are welcome and will be returned.



I AM HERE: Vital Document Legal Hotline for Youth | 1-800-870-DOCS

We are excited to announce a new hotline for youth experiencing homelessness! The [I Am Here: Vital Document Legal Hotline for Youth](#) is a partnership between the National Network for Youth and Baker McKenzie.

- **Phone Number:** 1-800-870-DOCS (1-800-870-3627)
- **Start Date:** Wednesday, July 23, 2025
- **Hours:** Every Wednesday from 12 to 8 PM Eastern | 11 AM to 7 PM Central | 10 AM to 6 PM Mountain | 9 AM to 5 PM Pacific
- **Voicemails:** Outside of working hours, callers can leave voicemails that will be returned.
- **Callers:** Young people experiencing homelessness.
- **Phone Operators:** Legal professionals from Baker McKenzie and pro bono lawyers from other corporations.
- **Goal:** Provide state-specific guidance on obtaining vital documents.

Partner Announcements



THE URBAN COLLABORATIVE PROJECT
& SAN DIEGO BLACK CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE PRESENTS

FREE COFFEE, MUSIC & COMMUNITY

A day filled with coffee, sweets, art, interactive activities, live music, and community.

Connect with your neighbors and local organizations over a cup of coffee!

9 AM - 12 PM
August 30, 2025

**Brooks Huffman Plaza,
San Diego, CA 92113**





southeast
science & art expo

Elementary Institute of Science, 608 51st Street, San Diego, CA 92114

Saturday, August 30th | 10 AM to 2 PM

Join UC San Diego CREATE, EIS and various community partners as we highlight science, art, and culture in the world around us!

The Southeast San Diego Science & Art Expo will provide a fun, immersive experience in science, technology, engineering, art, and math for San Diego families and for people of all ages. This **FREE** event will include:

- Live Science Shows
- Interactive booths
- Science demonstrations highlighting
 - Art and food
 - Local businesses
 - Live Animals
 - Culture and lowriders

Scan for General Info



Visit our website: southeastsdsteamexpo.com

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★ **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: 



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@dsu.edu





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



EMERALD HILLS PARK COMMUNITY RESOURCE EVENT

COME GET SUPPORT, RESOURCES, AND LOVE FROM YOUR COMMUNITY



AUGUST 9TH, 2025
11:00 AM - 03:00 PM

About Our Event!

We warmly invite you to our Community Resource Day! Whether you're a neighbor looking for support, a business wanting to give back, or a volunteer ready to help—there's a place for you here. Let's uplift our community together.

Newson Estates
Housing & Community Resources

Food Truck, Crafts and Story Time for the kids, Music, and Giveaways

www.newsonestates.com
(619) 416-5978

EMERALD HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD PARK
5601 BETHUNE COURT, SAN DIEGO, CA 92114

Event Highlights

Backpacks and School Supplies

For students K-12.
Students must be present. Available while supplies last.
de Kinder a 12^o grado!
Los estudiantes deben estar presentes. Disponible hasta agotar existencias.

Free Haircuts

Free haircuts for students K-12!
(Cortes de cabello gratis para estudiantes de Kinder a 12^o grado!)

Free Information and Resources

Vendors will be on-site providing valuable resource information for you and your family.
Los proveedores estarán presentes ofreciendo información útil sobre recursos para ti y tu familia.

Greater Logan Heights

LOGAN HEIGHTS
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

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



LOGAN HEIGHTS CDC FOOD DISTRIBUTION



2025 CALENDAR

3RD FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH FROM 10AM - 12PM
8040 IMPERIAL AVE. SAN DIEGO, CA 92102

JANUARY 17

FEBRUARY 21

MARCH 21

APRIL 18

MAY 16

JUNE 20

JULY 18

AUGUST 15

SEPTEMBER 19

OCTOBER 17



NOVEMBER 21

DECEMBER 19

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

LOGAN HEIGHTS
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Partner Announcements

August 2025 TECH ON THE GO SCHEDULE

Our Tech on the Go program supports San Diegans who need IT assistance and is made possible through the support and sponsorship of the City of San Diego.

- 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

Our classes can help teach you how to be confident with your devices. Our structure is as follows:

HOOR 1: Class discussion on monthly topic

HOOR 2: Q&A for basic tech questions

Scan this QR code for more information



Valencia Park/Malcolm X Library 5148 Market St. Thursdays 10 am - 12 pm	Park de la Cruz Recreation Center 3901 Landis St. Mondays 9:30 am - 11:30 am
<p>Network Safety</p> <p>8/7 Network Safety I: Home Network and Internet</p> <p>8/1 Network Safety II: Internet Safety</p> <p>4 Network Safety III: Public Wi-Fi safety</p> <p>8/2 Network Safety IV: The Cloud</p>	<p>Social Media Safety</p> <p>8/4 Social Media Safety Basics</p> <p>8/1 Social Media Privacy Tips</p> <p>1 Social Media Phishing</p> <p>8/1 Texting and Cyberbullying</p>
<p>Skyline Hills Library 7900 Paradise Valley Rd. Saturdays 10 am - 12 pm</p> <p>Community Topic</p> <p>8/2 Smart Home Technology</p> <p>8/9 Assistive Technology</p> <p>8/1 AI (Artificial Intelligence) Technology</p> <p>6 The Future of Technology</p> <p>8/2 Open Office Hours</p>	<p>Sherman Heights Community Center* 2238 Island Ave. Tuesdays 10 am - 12 pm</p> <p>Network Safety</p> <p>8/5 Network Safety I: Home Network and Internet</p> <p>8/1 Network Safety II: Internet Safety</p> <p>2 Network Safety III: Public Wi-Fi safety</p> <p>8/1 Network Safety IV: The Cloud</p>
<p>Otay Mesa-Nestor Library* 3003 Coronado Ave. Fridays 10 am - 12 pm</p> <p>Social Media Safety</p> <p>8/1 Social Media Safety Basics</p> <p>8/8 Social Media Privacy Tips</p> <p>8/1 Social Media Phishing</p> <p>5 Texting and Cyberbullying</p> <p>8/2 Open Office Hours</p>	<p>The San Diego LGBT Community Center 3909 Centre St. Mondays 4 pm - 6 pm</p> <p>Smartphone Basics</p> <p>8/4 Smartphone I - Navigating Phone and Settings</p> <p>8/1 Smartphone II - Contact and Block People</p> <p>1 Smartphone III - Taking Photos</p> <p>8/1 Smartphone IV - Apps</p>

*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

AUGUST 2025 DIGITAL NAVIGATOR SCHEDULE

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



Get a refurbished Computer for as low as \$100

DESKTOP



Desktop set - \$100

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

LAPTOP



Tier 2 - \$150

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

Tier 3 - \$200

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

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

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

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

REGISTER TODAY!

- Visit <https://c2k.org/c2k2025>

- 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 July - Escondido September 6 th - San Marcos November 1 st - Ramona	March 1 st - San Diego July - National City October 4 th - Linda Vista	June 7 th - El Cajon December 8 th - La Mesa/Spring Valley	April - Chula Vista (east) May 3 rd - Chula Vista (west) August 2 nd - Chula Vista

COX Connect2Compete.

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

\$9.95 a month

Quality now: cox.com/connect2compete or scan the QR code



Need more devices? Our Technology Assistance Program is available year-round. Contact us at programs@c2k.org or call (858) 200-9788.

Need technical support? Contact us at techsupport@c2k.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

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EDUCATION



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

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



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

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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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

JFS AGING CARE SERVICES



Helping You Lead a Safe and Independent Life at Home

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

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

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

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



Partner Announcements

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

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@sdu.org
- (619) 266-6265
- sdu.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.

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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858-744-3922
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GRID Alternatives Workforce Development Program Coordinator
(619) 535-3359
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MAAC NEXT LEVEL
Youth Workforce Development Program

GRID ALTERNATIVES

SolarCorps

Build Your Future, Help Our Planet.

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

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



gridalternatives.org/solarcorps

"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!"

Rachel Matheny, Outreach Fellow

CONTACT US:

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.

Partner Announcements

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.





Legal Services

WALK-IN OFFICE HOURS

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

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

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

SERVICIOS SIN CITA PREVIA

2DO MIÉRCOLES DE CADA MES
9AM - 12 PM
3040 IMPERIAL AVE. SAN DIEGO, CA 92102

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

¡No pierdas esta oportunidad de obtener asesoramiento legal!

HEALTHY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES PRESENTS

Baby Steps

CLASS INFORMATION

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

09:00am - 10:00am (0-6 months)
Tuesday (Zoom Platform):
01:00pm - 02:00pm (0-6 months)
Wednesday:
11:00am - 12:00pm (0-6 months)
Thursday:
09:00am - 10:00am (0-6 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







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)



Partner Announcements

Apprenticeship Programs

Culinary Dual-Instruction

Apprenticeship Timeline (12 months)

- 4 weeks (20 day) initial training period in Downtown San Diego
- 11 months of paid on-the-job training in SD County and regularly scheduled additional training classes

4 Week Initial Training

- **Foundational Skills:** knife skills, food safety and sanitation, multiple cooking techniques, and more!
- Job Readiness Workshops

Begin Work As:

- Prep cook, Dishwasher, Steward



Culinary Front-Loaded

Apprenticeship Timeline (12 months)

- 10 weeks (50 day) initial training period in Linda Vista
- 10 months of paid on-the-job training in SD County and regularly scheduled additional training classes

10 Week Initial Training

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

Begin Work As:

- Prep cook, Line cook

To apply:

Go to our website, kitchensforgood.org/apply, or scan the QR code



For more information contact:

Avery Sprenger, Outreach Coordinator; avery@kitchensforgood.org; (619) 828-5928

**KITCHENS
FOR GOOD**

Transforming Lives Through Culinary Arts

State-Certified Apprenticeships

Program Highlights:

- One-Year Commitment
- Program Certified by the California Department of Apprenticeship Standards (DAS)
- No experience required
- Culinary, soft skills, and job training
- Uniforms, knife kits, and meals (during training days) all included free of cost
- 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 initial on-campus training (either ten or four weeks)
- 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 unhoused
 - 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

Program Requirements:

- Available full time Monday through Friday for initial on-campus training
 - Classes from 9:00 to 4:00 every week day for either ten or four weeks of training
- Live in San Diego County for the duration of the one year program
- Ready and excited to commit to both personal and professional growth
- I-9 documentation (work authorization)

Application Process:

- Submit application online
- Eligibility phone call with staff member
- Try Out (Interview)
 - Information Session and Presentation
 - Hands-on kitchen activity
- Phone interview with staff member
- Acceptance decision (acceptance, denial, or waitlist) sent to applicant

For more information on program details:

Check out our website at, <https://kitchensforgood.org>, or scan the QR code



Kitchens for Good – Referral Partner FAQ



1	What is the eligibility criteria for the Culinary apprenticeship programs?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be unemployed or underemployed AND face a barrier to employment such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Impacted by the Justice System ◦ Substance abuse challenges ◦ Survivor of domestic violence ◦ Mental health challenges ◦ Formerly in the foster care system ◦ Formerly or currently unhoused ◦ 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Priority to City of San Diego residents
2	What is required of an apprentice during the initial 4 week or 10 week training?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Available full-time Monday through Friday for initial training period <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Attendance is required • Ready to commit to personal and professional growth • Access to a phone or email • Basic English speaking and comprehension skills • I-9 documentation
3	What supportive services are apprentices offered?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interview preparation, soft skills development, and job readiness training • Free uniforms, tools, and meals during training • Employment support • Transportation assistance - bus pass or gas card • Career coaching and individualized case management support • Educational stipend of \$40 per day provided during on-campus training, based on daily attendance
4	How does the application process work for my client?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submit application online: kitchensforgood.org/apply • Eligibility phone call with staff member • Try Out <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Information Session ◦ Hands-on kitchen activity where applicants are evaluated on coachability, teamwork, and other soft skills • Phone interview with staff member • Acceptance/denial into the program
5	Who can I direct any further questions to?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outreach Coordinator, Avery Sprenger • Phone: (619) 828-5928 • Email: avery@kitchensforgood.org

KITCHENS FOR GOOD 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

CHECK OUT
OUR
WEBSITE
HERE



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

Want more info?

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



GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

Public Scholars

The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Division of Research Programs is accepting applications for the Public Scholars program. The program offers grants to individual authors for research, writing, travel, and other activities leading to the creation and publication of well-researched nonfiction books in the humanities written for the broad public. It encourages non-academic writers to deepen their engagement with the humanities by strengthening the research underlying their books, and it encourages academic writers in the humanities to communicate the significance of their research to the broadest possible range of readers.

Award Amount: \$30,000 to \$60,000

Deadline: August 6, 2025



Venmo Small Business Grant

The Venmo Small Business Grant is an annual initiative by PayPal's Venmo platform, designed to support small businesses in the United States. In 2025, the program has expanded its impact, offering \$20,000 grants to 10 selected small businesses. These grants help with various business expenses, including rent, marketing, and digital tools, to foster growth and sustainability.

Award Amount: \$20,000

Deadline: August 7, 2025



Women's Health in Midlife

The Steven & Alexandra Cohen Foundation has issued an RFP for a Clinical Center of Excellence (CCE) to effectively treat women suffering from perimenopause, menopause, and other health conditions commonly present for women in midlife. The center must have the capacity to treat patients in-person (via a physical brick-and-mortar location) and remotely (via telehealth tools). The center should strive to be a flagship of evidence-based, patient-centered clinical care, leading-edge health innovation, and effective training of current (and future) health providers.

Award Amount: Not stated

Deadline: August 15, 2025





INSIDER TIP!



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

Childhood Eczema Challenge



The National Eczema Association (NEA) aims to be the driving force for an eczema community fueled by knowledge, strengthened through collective action, and propelled by the promise for a better future. The association invites applications for its Childhood Eczema Challenge Grant program to support targeted clinical research investigations focused on pediatric eczema. This grant intends to accelerate research that improves the health and quality of life of pediatric eczema patients and their families.

Award Amount: Up to \$100,000

Deadline: August 15, 2025



National
Eczema
Association

Emerging Climate Champions Award




This open call seeks to shine a spotlight on climate organizations with youth leadership (ages 15-35). The Award invites applications from organizations with at least two years of operation that are community-led, and that have demonstrated experience, strong potential, and measurable results in advancing durable climate solutions in the communities they serve. Organizations from all around the world are encouraged to apply, including those from historically under-resourced and/or under-represented communities, such as Indigenous-led organizations, women-led organizations, grassroots organizations, and others. The Award welcomes organizations working across a full spectrum of climate issues and solutions, including but not limited to areas such as education, movement building, climate justice, science/technology, economic opportunity, community resilience, conservation, advocacy, sustainable agriculture, disaster preparedness, and others.

Award Amount: Not stated

Deadline: August 15, 2025



Jeremiah Lucey Grant Program


 The Leary Firefighters Foundation's Jeremiah Lucey Grant Program provides funding to paid and volunteer fire departments throughout the United States. Support is provided for training to enhance the professional development of fire departments, equipment to help keep firefighters and the communities they serve safe, and technology to ensure that fire departments update along with technological advances.

Award Amount: \$2,500 to \$25,000

Deadline: August 15, 2025



California Wildlands Grassroots Fund


 The California Wildlands Grassroots Fund (Cal Wildlands) supports the heroic efforts of grassroots activists to preserve California's wildlands and natural habitat. The Fund champions conservationists advocating for the permanent protection, including restoration and stewardship, of intact wildlands on both public and private lands, to help preserve California's wilderness and native biological diversity. This includes policy advocacy, litigation and regulatory watchdogging at the local, state and federal levels; efforts to advance wildlands and open space protection through county general plans and local planning; as well as direct stewardship and maintenance of intact wild areas.

Award Amount: Up to \$10,000

Deadline: August 15, 2025



CALI Catalyst Grant

 CALI Catalyst provides unrestricted grants of up to \$7,500 to California changemakers who are creating tangible impact within the arts and culture sector by shifting power and influence to underrepresented voices.

Award Amount: Up to \$7,500

Deadline: August 15, 2025





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California Violence Intervention & Prevention Cohort 5

Assembly Bill (AB) 762 (Chapter 241, Statutes of 2023) specified that the purpose of the program is to support effective community gun violence reduction initiatives in communities that are disproportionately impacted by community gun violence. Authorizing statute mandates that CalVIP grants "shall be used to develop, support, expand, and replicate evidence-based community gun violence reduction initiatives, including, without limitation, hospital-based violence intervention programs, evidence-based street outreach programs, and focused deterrence strategies, that seek to interrupt cycles of community gun violence and retaliation in order to reduce the incidence of homicides, shootings, and aggravated assaults." Applicants interested in applying for a CalVIP grant are asked (but not required) to submit a nonbinding letter indicating their intent to apply. These letters will aid the BSCC in planning for the proposal evaluation process. Nonprofits and public agencies in eligible communities can apply for this grant.

Award Amount: Dependent on amount requested

Deadline: August 18, 2025



**CALIFORNIA
GRANTS
PORTAL**

Agility Grant Initiative

The National Council on Problem Gambling (NCPG) is the only national nonprofit organization that seeks to minimize the economic and social costs associated with gambling addiction. Prevention amplification aims to promote new thought leaders and platforms to educate communities about problem gambling, with priority on youth and leaders of color. Grants should target projects reaching populations at higher risk of developing a gambling problem, including middle school, high school, and college students and athletes; Black, Hispanic, Native American, Asian, and other communities of color; and communities disproportionately affected by problem gambling.

Award Amount: \$20,000 to \$40,000

Deadline: August 20, 2025



NCPG
National Council on Problem Gambling

World of Children Crisis Award and Grant

The 2025 Crisis Award and grant will recognize organizations within the United States making extraordinary contributions to children so that they can live a life free from fear, abuse, and exploitation—including trafficking, slavery and sexual imposition. Grants up to \$30,000 will be awarded.

Award Amount: Up to 30,000

Deadline: August 22, 2025



RedRover Relief Safe Housing Grants

RedRover's Safe Housing Grants provide support to nonprofit domestic violence and animal organizations across the United States for programs that help survivors of domestic violence by allowing pets and people to escape abuse together. Funding priority is given to applications from domestic violence shelters that are starting new pet programs to house animals at the domestic violence shelter. If additional funding is available, other application types will be considered, including renovating spaces dedicated to housing survivor's pets, foster programs to care for survivor's pets, temporary boarding for survivor's pets, or a combination of services that will best serve the community. Support is also available for nonprofit homeless shelters to become pet friendly.

Award Amount: Up to \$60,000

Deadline: September 1, 2025



California Teleconnect Fund

The California Teleconnect Fund (CTF) program provides a 50% discount on advanced communication services (including Internet access and broadband services) to qualifying K-12 schools, libraries, community colleges, government-owned hospitals/health clinics, and community-based organizations.

Award Amount: Not stated

Deadline: Rolling





INSIDER TIP!



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

Wells Fargo Nonprofit Grants



Wells Fargo Community Giving supports nonprofit organizations through grants focusing on:

- Opening pathways to economic advancement
- Championing quality, affordable homes
- Empowering small businesses to thrive
- Driving an equity-focused transition to a low-carbon economy

Nonprofits interested in receiving an invitation to apply for a Wells Fargo Community Giving grant must register online and submit a grant interest form.

Award Amount: Not stated

Deadline: Rolling

WELLS FARGO

Ben & Jerry's Foundation National Grant Program



The Ben & Jerry's Foundation supports community-based, grassroots organizations that confront social and environmental injustice. Its National Grassroots Organizing Program offers two-year, unrestricted, general operating support grants of up to \$30,000 per year for nonprofits with budgets under \$350,000. The foundation is guided by common principles of community organizing. In general these are:

- The organization is led by the people directly impacted by the issues the organization works on, and those people have clear decision-making power.
- A plan with clear goals to gain rights, win collective political power and create positive community change.
- An assessment of the problem being addressed and best tactics to employ.
- Outreach, networking, and ally gaining activities that build support and momentum.
- Educational activities and events that inform and motivate and build support.

Award Amount: Up to \$30,000

Deadline: Rolling

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Google Ad Grants

Google provides several resources for eligible nonprofit organizations. With them, you can get premium access to Google's platforms, such as Google Maps, the YouTube Nonprofit Program, and Google Workspace for Nonprofits. The company also provides up to \$10,000 per month in Google Ads credit to boost your nonprofit's marketing efforts. To qualify for Google Ad Grants, your organization must match your country's nonprofit criteria requirements and not be a government entity, hospital, healthcare organization, school, or educational institution.

Award Amount: Up to \$10,000

Deadline: Rolling



California State Water Board County-Wide and Regional Funding Solicitation

California Water Boards provide funding for counties and eligible partner entities to implement regional programs that address drought-related and/or contamination issues for small water systems and domestic wells serving and low-income households. Eligible project types include:

- Assessment:
- Community outreach
- Domestic well testing
- Interim solutions:
- Bottled water
- Tanks and hauled water
- Kiosk filling stations
- Point of use/point of entry (POU/POE) installation and maintenance
- Long-term solutions:
- Well repairs and/or replacements
- Limited-scale consolidation
- POU/POE installation and maintenance

Award Amount: Not Stated

Deadline: Rolling



State Water
Resources
Control Board



INSIDER TIP!



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Email PromiseZone@sandiego.gov for more information.

California Health Care Foundation Unsolicited Proposals

The California Health Care Foundation (CHCF) accepts unsolicited funding requests from organizations working to improve the health through health services and policy. Projects must have relevance to California healthcare delivery issues.

Funding priorities include:

- Health access for all
- Health insurance coverage for all Californians
- Strengthening the workforce
- Transforming Medi-Cal for people with complex needs

Award Amount: Not Stated

Deadline: Rolling



California Health Care Foundation

Caregiver Grants

The Arthur N. Rupe Foundation provides grants to California-based nonprofit organizations for projects designed to provide education, skills training, and/or respite for family, professional, and volunteer caregivers, with a focus on caregiving for individuals with dementia.

Award Amount: Not stated

Deadline: Rolling



Parker Foundation

The Parker Foundation is accepting applications from nonprofit organizations that provide services that improve the lives of people throughout the San Diego region. The Foundation supports nonprofit organizations in their efforts to improve life for all San Diegans. Explore the Historical Summaries page to better understand the types of projects Parker Foundation has supported in the past.

Award Amount: Not stated

Deadline: Rolling





Pollock-Krasner Foundation

The Pollock-Krasner Foundation is accepting applications from artists for their Pollock-Krasner Foundation grant for individual artists. Pollock-Krasner grants have enabled artists to create new work, purchase needed materials, pay for studio rent and their personal expenses.

Award Amount: Not stated

Deadline: Rolling

POLLOCK-KRASNER
FOUNDATION

U.S. Bank Foundation

U.S. Bank Foundation is accepting Letters of Interest for their Community Possible Grant Program. U.S. Bank Foundation supports organizations and programs that advance the following funding priorities:

- WORK – Workforce Education and Economic Prosperity
- HOME – Neighborhood Stability and Revitalization
- PLAY – Artistic and Cultural Enrichment, Learning Through Play and Preserving, Protecting and Enhancing Outdoor Places to Play

Award Amount: Not stated

Deadline: Rolling

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W.K. Kellogg Foundation

The W.K. Kellogg Foundation accepts applications at any time from organizations whose projects or proposals align with their three areas of focused work: thriving children, working families, and equitable communities.

Award Amount: Not stated

Deadline: Rolling

W.K.
KELLOGG
FOUNDATION



INSIDER TIP!



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Social Impact Funds

The American Heart Association is awarding organizations that can provide evidence their program is making an impact: translating evidence-based science research and clinical know-how into solutions that address health care access and quality, food security, economic empowerment or a combination of these three social drivers of health.

Award Amount: Up to \$250,000

Deadline: Rolling



Incyte Healthcare-Related Charitable Contributions

Incyte Corporation, a biopharmaceutical company focused on the development and commercialization of therapeutics in areas including oncology and dermatology, offers support through its Healthcare-Related Charitable Contributions, Sponsorship, and Membership Requests program. The focus is on supporting organizations in the United States ensuring that students, healthcare providers, patients, caregivers, and patient advocates have access to healthcare information. Eligible organizations may include medical schools, medical associations and societies, 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations, patient advocacy groups, and hospitals and medical centers.

Award Amount: Not Stated

Deadline: Rolling

TAGS: Healthy Communities, Medical



Hispanic Wealth Project Accelerator

The Hispanic Wealth Project (HWP) Accelerator is a free 6-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: Up to \$250,000

Deadline: Rolling





Coca-Cola Foundation Grants



The Coca-Cola Foundation provides grants to nonprofits with focuses on:



- Sustainable access to safe water
- Circular economy
- Climate resilience and disaster risk preparedness and response
- Economic empowerment
- Causes impacting Coca-Cola's hometown community

The Coca-Cola Company

Award Amount: Not stated

Deadline: Rolling

GFO-22-902 - Cost Share for Federal Funding Opportunities Industrial Decarbonization and Improvement of Grid Operations (INDIGO) Program and Food Production Investment Program (FPIP)



This program implements projects at industrial facilities to significantly benefit the electrical grid, reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, achieve the state's clean energy goals, and exceed compliance requirements.



California Energy Commission
50 YEARS OF ENERGY LEADERSHIP

Award Amount: \$500,000 to \$5,000,000

Deadline: Rolling

Hazard Mitigation Grant Program



The Hazard Mitigation Grant Program provides funding for communities to implement mitigation activities that reduce risk to life and property from natural hazards. In California, natural hazards include wildfire, earthquake, drought, extreme weather, flooding, and other natural hazards as defined in the State Hazard Mitigation Plan.



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GOVERNOR'S OFFICE
OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

Award Amount: Up to \$150,000

Deadline: Rolling



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Americana Foundation: American Heritage

The Americana Foundation's American Heritage program area supports projects and programs across the U.S. that seek to broaden the inclusivity of early American art and the early American historical narrative to “tell the full story” of the American experience. The focus is on organizations and projects that elevate those whose perspectives have been traditionally underrepresented, especially people of color, Indigenous people, and women. Eligible projects may involve the interpretation of early American material culture and its public display, development of exhibits and other educational programs, and creation of career opportunities in curation and conservation. Nonprofit organizations across the United States are invited to apply.

Award Amount: Not Stated

Deadline: Rolling



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: The Office of Child and Youth Success

The Office of Child and Youth Success (OCYS) now under the San Diego Public Library, is an office dedicated to uplifting San Diego's youth and families by connecting them to critical resources and amplifying the work of local youth-serving organizations.

With the back-to-school season underway, OCYS is focused on helping families prepare for a smooth transition into the school year. The office boosts awareness of key programs like the [San Diego Public Library's Summer Reading Program](#), which keeps students engaged during breaks, and [Do Your Homework at the Library](#), offering free, in-person homework assistance at multiple branches. For older youth, spaces like the Pauline Foster Teen Center at the Central Library and IDEA Labs across library locations provide safe and creative environments to learn and explore.

OCYS also encourages families to take advantage of community back-to-school drives and resources. Events and programs like the [Food 4 Kids Backpack Program](#), [Feeding San Diego programs for kids](#), the [San Diego County Office of Education's School Supplies Drive](#), [Home Start Backpack and Supply Drive](#), and the [Jewish Family Service Back to School Backpack Drive](#) help ensure students start the year with the tools they need.

Beyond back-to-school efforts, OCYS works year-round to advocate for youth, partnering with nonprofits and city departments to address challenges like housing instability, food insecurity and disparities in job readiness opportunities.

To learn more about their efforts, please visit the Office of Child and Youth Success website [here](#).

Civic Engagement in the Promise Zone



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Next Steps for Customers Eligible for City-Provided Trash Services

San Diego residents who receive City-provided trash services should log into the new Residential Waste Collection Services Portal to select their container sizes by the Sept. 30 deadline. In October, the City will begin delivering new trash and recycling bins and removing old containers.

For more information, customers are invited to visit:
sandiego.gov/trash-service-updates, email trash@sandiego.gov
or call 858-694-7000.

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Land Development Code (LDC) 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.



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Use the Get It Done App

It's simple and easy to connect with the City:

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

sandiego.gov/get-it-done
or download your mobile app today!
"Get it Done San Diego"





JOB BOARD



Youth Program Leader

Harmonium is hiring part-time Youth Program Leaders for its Klassic Kids before and after-school program. The role includes supervising children, leading activities and supporting positive behavior. Applicants must have relevant coursework and experience working with kids.

[Apply here.](#)



Student Worker

The Student Worker role offers part-time, temporary work for full-time students in high school, college or graduate programs to gain job experience. Students support County departments with tasks related to their studies. Applicants must maintain at least a 2.0 GPA and verify enrollment each term.

[Apply here.](#)



Student Engineer

The City of San Diego is hiring part-time Student Engineers to assist with various engineering tasks while pursuing a bachelor's degree in civil or a related engineering field; applicants must have completed at least 30 college units, with half in STEM courses.

[More information 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.](#)

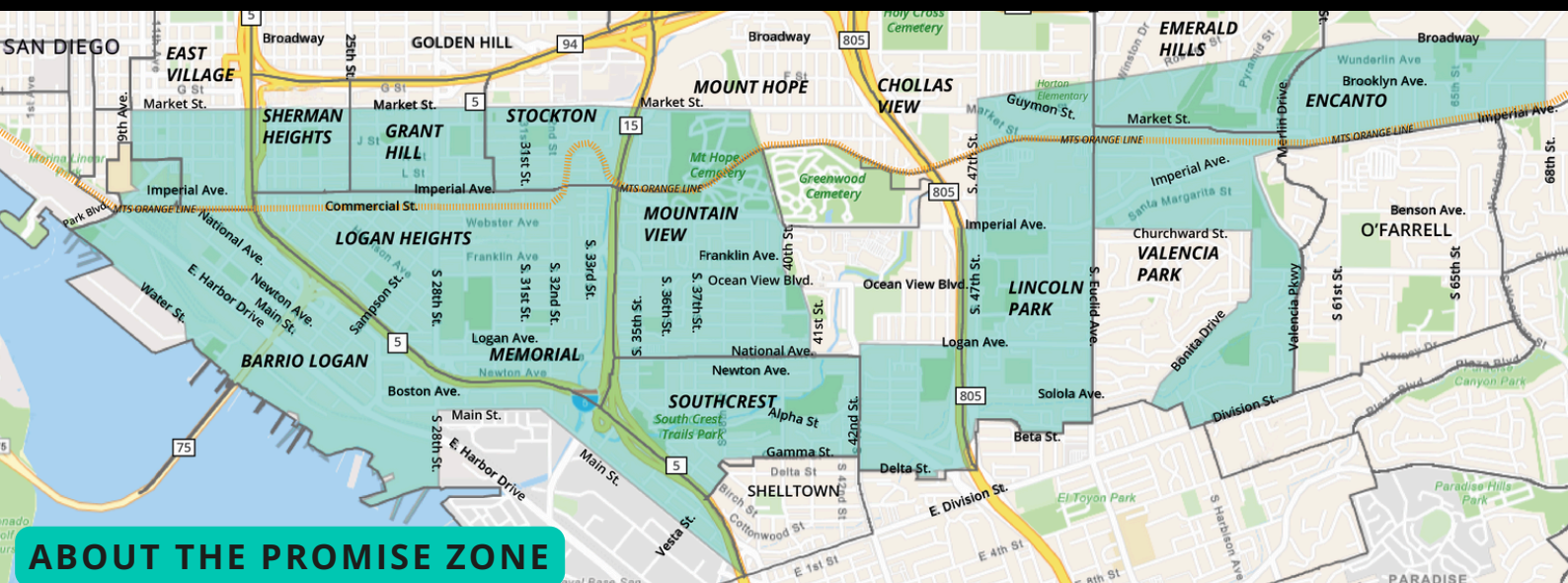
Looking for more roles? Check out additional job boards:

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.

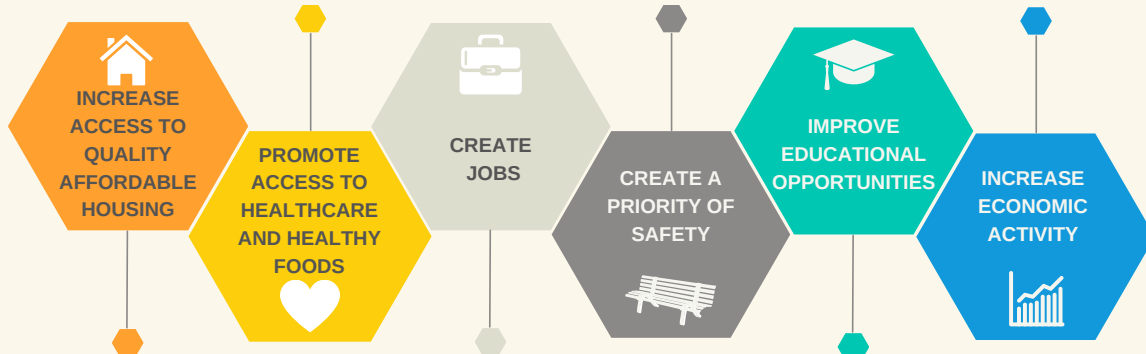
Between 2016 and 2023, the unemployment rate decreased from 14% to 10%, and the poverty rate fell from 35% to 20% (ACS, 2016-22). We recognize there are many factors that contribute to these numbers. We do know that in the eight years since the designation, targeted efforts from the City and CBOs have 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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