

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 Co-Chairs Danielle Stephen and Sarah Tuakli Cooper at the YMCA's MLK Breakfast on Jan. 16, 2026.



FEBRUARY

A MESSAGE TO OUR PARTNERS

FROM THE PROMISE ZONE STAFF

Dear Promise Zone Network,



Happy February! This month, we recognize **Financial Wellness Month** and invite you to register for or share with your staff and clients the new [Financial Wellness Webinars](#) that Cal Coast Credit Union is offering to Promise Zone organizations and residents. Also, learn about former Steering Committee member and active Jobs & Education working group member **Ernesto Rivera** in the Community Spotlight section. Ernesto is passionate about supporting the [Promise Zone's Youth-Led Career Expo](#) on Mar. 3.

We love seeing your continued engagement in this new year. Thank you to all who are preparing for the end of the designation and transition to the SDPZ Alliance this summer.

We hope you enjoy this second issue of 2026 and wish you a February of friendship and love!

~San Diego Promise Zone Team

PROMISE ZONE IN THE NEWS

[NEW IMMIGRANT RESOURCE CENTER OPENS IN SAN DIEGO'S LOGAN HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD](#)

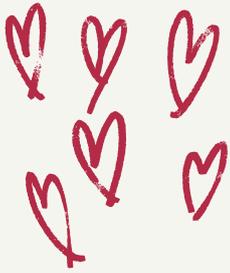
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[NEW MURAL BETWEEN BARRIO LOGAN, LOGAN HEIGHTS RECLAIMS BRIDGE AS CANVAS FOR COMMUNITY HISTORY](#)



PROMISE ZONE UPDATES

WORKING GROUP UPDATES 2026:



Economic Activity

The Economic Activity working group had a presentation by [San Diego Regional EDC](#) on their various programs and services, including a broader economic overview of the San Diego region and an opportunity for nonprofits and small businesses to apply for a free summer intern. Additionally the meeting recapped the December All-Partner Meeting and the resulting discussion on Promise Zone transition activities. Topics ranged from meeting preferences to potential organizational support.

Jobs and Education

January's Jobs and Education meeting focused on the approaching [Youth-Led Career Expo](#) on March 3, as well as the Community Perception Survey's key surveying locations in the Promise Zone. Lastly, the meeting covered key transition activities such as the creation of a development sub-committee and meeting preferences moving forward.



Housing Affordability

The January Housing Affordability meeting centered on a [Community Wealth Building through Housing](#) presentation by Joshua Newton. Three community wealth-building housing models, including their operation and governance, were discussed. These models include community land trusts, limited-equity housing cooperatives and resident-owned communities. The meeting also held a discussion on transition plans for the working group, including meeting preferences.



Coming up in February.
Healthy Communities:
Feb. 12, 10-11:30 a.m.

Jobs & Education:
Feb. 19, 10-11:30 a.m.

All-Partner Celebration

Thursday, June 4, 2026

Save the
date!

Interested in joining a working group? Sign up [here](#).

2026 YOUTH-LED CAREER EXPO



Calling all youth job seekers, ages 16 to 24! Explore your career options at the Promise Zone's annual Career Expo.

TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2026

10 A.M. - 1 P.M.

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

WEBSITE LINK:
sandiego.gov/youth-careerexpo



This event presents an incredible opportunity for youth job seekers, ages 16 to 24, to connect with companies and apprenticeship programs to explore a wide range of career options and resources. Don't miss out on this fantastic chance to kick-start your professional journey!

Opportunities for employers and sponsors are available. Email PromiseZone@sandiego.gov for info.



COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

Ernesto Rivera



Ernesto Rivera was born and raised in Tijuana, Mexico, but later moved to the South Bay (San Ysidro). His involvement in the Promise Zone first arose out of a need to serve underserved communities, having come from one himself. Ernesto decided he would then make a conscious effort to share opportunities with those that needed them the most. And that he did. Ernesto has served the Promise Zone for seven years, both as a Steering Committee member and as a loyal proponent of the initiative.

“The Promise Zone brings together so many amazing people with the same mission. It allows me to collaborate with like-minded individuals, share and create opportunities for those who need it.” - Ernesto Rivera

Presently, Ernesto works at the [San Diego County Office of Education](#) as a Project Specialist for Work-Based Learning. This role provides him the opportunity to help SDPZ with our annual [Youth-Led Career Expo](#), an annual event held for youth in the Promise Zone intended to help with all matters of the career experience. Ernesto’s belief in providing opportunity and fostering connection is exemplified by this one event. When asked what advice he would give to young community members and working professionals he simply states, “Show up, always show up. Also, be willing to try anything twice. Finding out you don’t like something is just as important as finding out all the things you’d like to do.”

When Ernesto is not busy, he’s usually spending time with family and close friends.

Thank you, Ernesto, for allowing us to highlight you in this month’s newsletter!

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

FINANCIAL WELLNESS

February is Financial Aid Awareness Month, highlighting the importance of access to financial support for higher education. This month, we are featuring the [San Diego Community College District](#) and its resources that help students navigate the FAFSA Simplification process, along with [Cal Coast Credit Union's](#) Financial Wellness Trainings, which provide guidance on understanding loans and building informed financial decision-making skills. Together, these resources support students in making confident, informed choices about paying for college.

Financial Aid Resources:

[FAFSA Simplification](#)

[Debt-Free Habits](#)

[FAFSA Support](#)



Financial Wellness Curriculum



In partnership with the City of San Diego we are launching a 6-Month Financial Wellness Curriculum designed to benefit the people served by local nonprofit organizations.

[REGISTER NOW](#)



RESOURCES



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

Visit [California Coast Credit Union](#) for more information about programs and events.



Financial Wellness Curriculum

In partnership with the City of San Diego, we are launching a 6-Month Financial Wellness Curriculum designed to benefit those served by local nonprofit organizations.

Through monthly interactive webinars and expert guidance, community members will learn practical strategies to improve personal financial habits, plan for the future, and expand financial independence.

Program Goals

- Increase Personal Financial Literacy
- Promote Sustainable Practices
- Strengthen Organizational Capacity
- Foster Community Collaboration



Register today!

Visit calcoastcu.org/financial-wellness-curriculum or scan the QR code

The tips provided are for informational purposes only and in no way should be relied upon for financial, tax, or legal advice. The information is subject to change without notice. California Coast Credit Union encourages you to do your own due diligence when making decisions regarding your financial management. PUB 1/26 25-0454

Visit [California Coast Credit Union](https://calcoastcu.org) 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.

Feb.
7

Essential Skills: Microsoft Excel (San Diego Futures Foundation)

Saturday, Feb. 7, 2026 from 12 - 3 p.m.

Join the [San Diego Futures Foundation](#) to learn how to navigate and create helpful tools to manage your work and personal life using Microsoft Excel. Click [here](#) to learn more.



Feb.
21

Step Inside STEM @ Elementary Institute of Science

Saturday, Feb. 21, 2026, from 1 - 4 p.m.

You are cordially invited to the [Elementary Institute of Science](#) (EIS) Open House! This free, family event will have fun science experiments for all ages. Meet San Diego STEM experts and participate in hands-on activities in ecology, physics, chemistry, and more STEM labs and community partners. More info [here](#).



Feb.
26

Free Programming - Boys & Girls Club of Greater San Diego

Thursday, Feb. 26, 2026, from 7:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Due to the SDUSD educators' strike on Thursday, Feb. 26, schools will be closed for the day. To support families, [Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater San Diego](#) will be open all day at select locations with free programming for current and new members. More information is available [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



SAN DIEGO MUSEUM COUNCIL presents

HALF PRICE

MUSEUM MONTH 2026

EXPLORE THE FUN THIS FEBRUARY!

70+ MUSEUMS • 28 DAYS • 50% OFF



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www.chicanoparkmuseum.org



42ND ANNUAL SAN DIEGO COUNTY ECONOMIC ROUNDTABLE 2026

>> BUILDING SOLUTIONS > HOW POLICY, FUNDING AND OPPORTUNITY SHAPE SAN DIEGO'S ECONOMY >>

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2026 | 8:30-11:30 A.M.



Host 2026 summer interns at no cost to you

Small to mid-sized businesses, apply now:

- Select fully-funded interns from a pool of pre-screened candidates within computing, engineering, and/or business Verified Programs.
- Your intern works up to 240 hours —and we handle payroll.
- Submit your application by Feb. 13.



Partner Announcements

OUR KINGS SATURDAYS AT PRIDE ACADEMY

JOIN US TO RECEIVE THE OUR KINGS EXPERIENCE

STARTING FEBRUARY 2026
4 week program | SATURDAYS ONLY
12:00-2:00pm | Lunch included
Grades : 2nd - 8th

WHAT TO EXPECT
HANDS-ON FUN ACTIVITIES, CREATE BROTHERHOOD BONDS WITH OTHER YOUTH, BUILD CONFIDENCE, SELF-LOVE & MUCH MORE!

BECOME A KING IN THE MAKING!

Interested? Contact Janessa Nedney, MSW
Director, Community collaborative
Santee school District
Janessa.nedney@santeesd.net
Office # (619)258-2345

REGISTER HERE!

EQUITABLE SCHOOLS FUND
BY SISTER CITIES PROJECT

TICKET PRICE **\$25**

PICKLEBALL COMMUNITY FUNDRAISER

BENEFITING THE EQUITABLE SCHOOLS FUND

ACTIVITIES
CLINICS - OPEN PLAY - FOOD - BEVERAGES - PRIZES - GIVEAWAYS

THE EVENT WELCOMES EVERYONE—FROM FIRST-TIMERS TO SEASONED PLAYERS TO SPECTATORS.

PARTNERS
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SATURDAY FEBRUARY 7 2026
9AM - 12PM

RALLY HOUSE PICKLEBALL CLUB

REGISTER NOW

EIS Elementary Institute of Science

FREE!

PEER TUTORING PROGRAM

Offered by the Giving Circle Foundation

Personalized Support

Register with the QR code or visit eisca.org

SCAN

SIGN UP NOW

- Saturdays at EIS
- 10:00am - 12:00pm
- 10yrs old and older
- Registration Required!
- Math
- Science
- English
- History
- Test Taking

EIS Elementary Institute of Science

FAMILY FUN DAY

Step INSIDE STEM

February 21, 2026

FREE

SCAN

- Science & Tech Activities
- Snacks & Refreshments
- Raffle and Prizes!
- 1:00-4:00 PM
- 608 51st St, San Diego, 92114

619-263-2302 eisca.org

Partner Announcements

SAN DIEGO COUNTY BUILD PROGRAM

Supports small businesses and nonprofits in overcoming bonding and insurance barriers when applying for contracts with the County of San Diego.



Why It Matters?

The County has millions of dollars available, but many small organizations are held back by high bonding and insurance costs, confusing requirements, and difficulty finding the right providers.



Who Should Apply?

Small businesses and nonprofits that are:

- San Diego County-based
- Interested in County contracts
- New or First-time government contractors

What You Receive

- 1-on-1 coaching with bonding & insurance experts
- Personalized business assessment
- Guidance on affordable coverage
- Subsidies for bonding/insurance (when eligible)
- Access to Funding Readiness program



APPLY TODAY

foundersfirstcdc.org/sd-county-program



SAN DIEGO COUNTY CORE PROGRAM



What is Compliance, Operations, and Readiness Education (CORE) Program?

A free program that provides 1-1 bookkeeping support, funding readiness education, and labor compliance training in partnership with the County of San Diego.

What You Get

- Bookkeeping Support
- Compliance Training
- Funding Readiness Education

Why It Matters

Strengthen your operations, avoid costly mistakes, and improve financial stability.



Who Should Apply?

Small businesses that:

- Operate in San Diego County
- 2+ years in Business
- 2 - 10 Employees



Free bookkeeping, funding readiness education, and compliance training to help small San Diego businesses operate more confidently.

APPLY TODAY

foundersfirstcdc.org/sd-county-program



BUSINESS RESOURCE CENTER

The Business Resource Center is a dedicated community space for entrepreneurs at any stage to gain access to resources.



FREE RESOURCES & WORKSPACE

TAKE YOUR BUSINESS TO THE NEXT LEVEL!



Workshops

Free workshops focused on business needs for new and seasoned entrepreneurs.

1-on-1 Business Coaching

High impact coaching sessions with experts focused on the direct needs of individual business owners.

Business Needs Assessment

Free business needs assessments and referrals to community business resources that are free and low-cost.

Podcasting Equipment

Reserve space and professional recording equipment to create content that reaches new customers and engages your returning customers.

Visit Us

César E. Chávez Campus
Room 107
1901 Main St
San Diego, CA 92113

Mon: CLOSED
Tues - Thurs: 10am - 6pm
Fri: By Appointment Only

www.theprogramlabs.org/businessresourcecenter



BUSINESS ACCELERATOR

4-month free program with workshops and mentoring designed to help you build your network, increase your confidence and scale your business.

Scan for More Info



WE HELP WITH



BUSINESS FINANCIALS

Hands-on assistance from experts to craft a solid financial plan and budget.



FINDING MORE CUSTOMERS

Working sessions to build a marketing plan, brand, and outreach strategy that delivers more paying customers.



SELLING WITH CONFIDENCE

Development of a sales skills and processes that help you close more sales by understanding your sales pitch and customer needs.



PERSONAL BUSINESS COACHING

Get matched with an individual mentor and receive 1-on-1 business coaching to help you develop solid business structure and connections.

CONNECT WITH US

César E. Chávez Campus
Room 107
1901 Main St
San Diego, CA 92113

www.theprogramlabs.org/businessaccelerator

Alex@theprogramlabs.org

Partner Announcements



Essential Skills: Microsoft Excel

Join us to learn how to navigate and create helpful tools to manage your work and personal life using Microsoft Excel.

DATES & TOPICS

February 4th Intro toExcel	February 11th Budget Calculator	February 18th EventTracker	February 25th Charts and Tables
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Complete all sessions for a certification of completion.

🕒 Wednesdays, 5:30PM – 7:30PM

📍 Zoom
Access link to the class will be given upon registration

✉ digital-literacy@sdfutures.org

Zoom Registration



FREE PROGRAM
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State of California

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HIGHER EDUCATION NAVIGATION WORKSHOPS



SERVICES

- Assistance with application for FAFSA/CADAA
- Assistance with application for community college, university or vocational training
- Individualized information sessions on higher education
- Workshop on higher education
- Workshop on FAFSA/CADAA



ELIGIBILITY

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

SCAN ME!



HAVE ANY QUESTIONS?

✉ ZEYNAB.JASIM@RESCUE.ORG **☎ (619) 663-5348**



2026 F.A.N.C.Y. TEEN GIRLS EXPO

March 7th, 10am - 2pm

KIPP Adelante Preparatory Academy
426 Euclid Avenue, San Diego, CA 92114

FREE
for Girls & School Groups!

Motivates girls to achieve academic excellence

Platform for exploring career/academic interests

Teen friendly STEAM exhibits & community resource fair

Register your girls! We have activities for grade levels K - 12!

REGISTER NOW →



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Partner Announcements



SDSU CAREER FAIRS

2025-2026

11 SEPTEMBER	STEM CAREER AND INTERNSHIP FAIR
25 SEPTEMBER	FOWLER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS CAREER FAIR
2 OCTOBER	GRADUATE SCHOOL FAIR
10 OCTOBER	EDUCATION CAREER FAIR
16 OCTOBER	FALL CAREER & INTERNSHIP FAIR
23 OCTOBER	SDSU IMPERIAL VALLEY CAREER & INTERNSHIP FAIR
6 NOVEMBER	PART-TIME AND SEASONAL JOB FAIR
5 FEBRUARY	STEM CAREER AND INTERNSHIP FAIR
27 FEBRUARY	SPRING CAREER AND INTERNSHIP FAIR
12 MARCH	FOWLER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS CAREER FAIR
9 APRIL	JUST IN TIME CAREER FAIR
28 MAY	SUMMER CAREER FAIR

◆ Open to the public

SDSU Division of Student Affairs and Campus Diversity
Career Services

APPRENTICESHIP & VOCATIONAL TRAINING EXPO AT MESA COLLEGE



- MEET REPRESENTATIVES FROM APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS, EMPLOYERS, VOCATIONAL TRAINING AND YOUTH EMPLOYMENT AGENCIES
- LEARN ABOUT TRAINING & EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AT MESA COLLEGE
- RECEIVE INSIGHTS AND CAREER ADVICE FROM INDUSTRY PROFESSIONALS

LOCATION: Mesa College
7250 Mesa College Dr
San Diego, CA 92111

DATE: Thursday, March 5, 2026

TIME: 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Registration:
Schools: Scan the QR Code!
Employers: Contact Ernesto Rivera at ernesto.rivera@sdcoe.net for more information





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SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE

USD ATHLETICS PRESENTS

EMPOWERING BLACK LEGACY

HONORING OUR LEGENDS & UPLIFTING THE NEXT GENERATION

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2026

STORIES FROM PAST AND PRESENT USD STUDENT-ATHLETES
AT THE JENNY CRAIG PAVILION • UNIVERSITY OF SAN DIEGO

1:00 PM - DOORS OPEN
PRE-GAME RECEPTION AND PROGRAM - LUNCH INCLUDED

1:30 PM - PROGRAM STARTS
HEAR FROM KEYNOTE SPEAKER AND CURRENT USD STUDENT-ATHLETES
2:30 PM - TRANSITION TO GAME

3:00 PM - MEN'S BASKETBALL GAME
FREE ON-COURT TICKETS WITH REGISTRATION TO EVENT



HOSTED BY USD ATHLETICS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH BLACK EMPLOYEE ALLIANCE, BLACK ALUMNI NETWORK AND BLACK STUDENT RESOURCE COMMONS



RECONNECTING SOUTHEAST SD & NATIONAL CITY GREEN CORRIDOR FIRST FRIDAYS 2026 KICK-OFF MEETING

February 6th, 2026 **5003 Imperial Ave**
5:30 pm-7:00pm **San Diego CA 92113**

Join us in reconnecting our communities and participate in the planning effort the First Friday in February.

Help improve connectivity!



info 619-988-4392
community@mundogardens.com



Partner Announcements



UDW RESOURCE CENTER
UDW
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

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WHAT WE OFFER:

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- 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)

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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)
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- 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

FREE BUSINESS ADVICE

From Harm to Home | Rescue.org/SanDiego
 Loans made or arranged pursuant to CA Finance Law License

SBA **SBDC** **WOMEN'S BUSINESS**

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.

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

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- \$23/hr for non-wheelchair accessible vehicles.
- \$24/hr for wheelchair accessible vehicles.

Two limited time perks*:

- New Driver Partners can earn \$300 after 30 hours of driving.
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Sign up today!

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Partner Announcements





February 2026 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		Cathy Hopper Clairemont Friendship Center 4425 Bannock Ave. Mondays 10 am - 12 pm <i>Internet Safety Series</i>	
Hour 1:	Hour 2:	2/2	Internet Search URL Overview
Class discussion on monthly topic	Q&A for basic tech questions	2/9	Types of Malware URL Review Hypertext
		2/16	Holiday
		2/23	Manage Email: Report and Block Users
Horn of Africa Community 5348 University Ave. Tuesdays 12 pm - 2 pm <i>Basic Computer Series</i>		Sherman Heights Community Center * 2258 Island Ave. Tuesdays 10:30 am - 12:30 pm <i>Email Series</i>	
2/3	Mouse and Keyboard	2/3	Email I: Email Basics
2/10	File Management	2/10	Email II: Email Features
2/17	Email Management	2/17	Email III: Efficiency and Productivity
2/24	Internet Safety	2/24	Email IV: Security and Best Practices
Valencia Park/Malcolm X Library 5148 Market St. Thursdays 10 am - 12 pm <i>Video Calls Series</i>		Metro Career Center 4389 Imperial Ave. Thursdays 12:30 pm - 2:30 pm <i>Office Computer Skills</i>	
2/5	Video Calls I: Introduction	2/5	Intro to Google Suite
2/12	Video Calls II: Zoom	2/12	Virtual Interviews
2/19	Video Calls III: FaceTime + Google Meet	2/19	Smartphones to Computers
2/26	Video Calls IV: Messenger + WhatsApp	2/26	Microsoft Excel
Otay Mesa-Nestor Library * 3003 Coronado Ave. Fridays 10 am - 12 pm <i>Google Apps for Every Day</i>		City Heights/Weingart Library * 3795 Fairmount Ave. Saturdays 10 am - 12 pm <i>Open Office Hours</i>	
2/6	Gmail and Google Contacts	2/7	Open Office Hours
2/13	Google Drive and Google Files	2/14	Open Office Hours
2/20	Google Photos and Google Maps	2/21	Open Office Hours
2/27	Google Docs and Google Sheets	2/28	Open Office Hours

*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.
(800)350-6945

FEBRUARY 2026 DIGITAL NAVIGATOR SCHEDULE

Central Library 330 Park Blvd. English/Arabic	Park del Cruz Recreation Center 3911 Landis St. English/Arabic
*Monday: 11:30 am - 3:15 pm English/Arabic/French/Tagalog Tuesday: 1:00 pm - 4:45 pm	Tuesday: 9:00 am - 11:45 am English/Arabic Thursday: 9:00 am - 11:45 am
City Heights Library 3795 Fairmount Ave.	Valencia Park/Malcolm X Library 5148 Market St.
English/Arabic/French *Monday: 11:30 am - 3:15 pm English/Tagalog/Spanish Wednesday: 11:30 am - 3:15 pm	English/Spanish Thursday: 11:30 am - 3:15 pm English Saturday: 11:30 am - 3:15 pm
Cathy Hopper Rec Center 4425 Bannock Ave.	Skyline Hills Library 7900 Paradise Valley Rd.
English/Arabic Wednesday: 9:00 am - 11:45 am	English/Tagalog *Monday: 11:30 am - 3:15 pm
Logan Heights Library 567 S. 28th St. English/Spanish	Otay Mesa - Nestor Library 3003 Coronado Ave. English/Arabic/French
Tuesday: 11:30 am - 3:15 pm	Wednesday: 11:30 am - 3:15 pm
San Ysidro Library 4235 Beyer Blvd. English/Arabic/French	
Thursday: 11:30 am - 3:15 pm	

*Libraries will be closed on Monday, February 16th in observance of President's Day.







TECH ON THE GO

Come learn foundational **computer skills** and get basic tech support!

DATES & TOPICS

February 3 Mouse and Keyboard	February 10 File Management	February 17 Email Management	February 24 Internet Safety
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Hour 1: Class discussion on topic | Hour 2: Q&A for basic tech questions

🕒 **Tuesdays, 12:00PM - 2:00PM**

📍 **Horn of Africa Community**
5348 University Ave., Suite 101
San Diego, CA 92105

Feel free to bring your own devices for specific questions

sdfutures.org
 hornafrica.org

FREE PROGRAM
sponsored by
the City of San Diego



Partner Announcements



University of San Diego
**SCHOOL OF LEADERSHIP
AND EDUCATION SCIENCES**

The Nonprofit Institute
Transform. Know. Advocate.

The Nonprofit Institute's Governance Lab

The Nonprofit Institute at the University of San Diego is proud to host the inaugural **Governance Lab**, a free, six-session, research-informed training series designed to equip nonprofit leaders with the knowledge, tools, and confidence to govern with purpose, accountability, and strategic vision. The program integrates evidence-based governance practices, through case discussions, small-group dialogue, applied exercises, and includes up to three (3) hours of individualized consultation to support real-world application within each organization's unique context.

Deadline to apply: February 6th

Acceptance confirmed by: February 10th

Program dates: February 17, 2026 – April 28, 2026

The Community Health & Resource Fair 1st Wednesday of Every Month



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Jackie Robinson YMCA

151 YMCA Way
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10am - 3pm



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- Diabetes Screening
- Blood Pressure Check
- Cholesterol Screening
- HIV & HEP-C Screening
- San Diego Humane Society
- Mammograms & Sign Up
- Breast Exams
- Vaccines Available
- Health Insurance
- Food Distribution
- Raffle Prizes

2026 Event Dates

- February 4th
- March 4th
- April 1st
- May 6th
- June 3rd
- July 1st
- August 5th
- September 2nd
- October 7th
- November 4th
- December 2nd

Dr. Suzanne Afflalo
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MIÉRCOLES

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MIÉRCOLES

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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



SENIOR SOLUTIONS

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 - MTS Day Passes

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Phone: (619) 295-8393 ext. 306

TO QUALIFY:

- Extremely low income
- Reside housed/unhoused in Promise Zone
- Immunocompromising condition
- Proof of medical/housing appointment

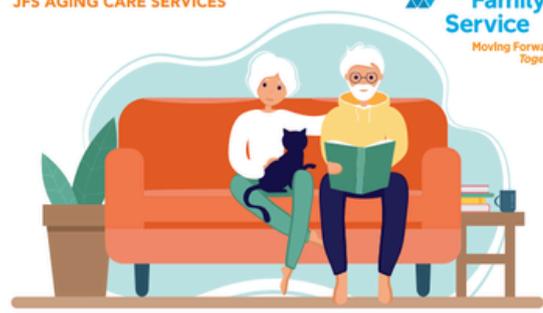
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San Diego, CA 92101

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Wednesdays from 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM
Thursdays from 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM

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Partner Growth Fund
07/1/25 to 6/30/26

revised: January 2026



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**



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OUR SERVICES:

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- Minor Sick Visits
- Sports Physicals
- TB Testing (All ages)
- WIC Hemoglobin Test



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To schedule an appointment or more information please call (619)662-4199

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- Mentorship

Eligibility

- Youth 18-26
- Immigrant Background
- Authorized to work in the US
- Speak, read, and write English
- Other Eligibility Criteria May Apply

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Contact Us

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Reem.Faraj@rescue.org

Partner Announcements

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

Baker McKenzie
NATIONAL NETWORK for YOUTH

**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.

Through the Lens of Boys, Young Men and Those Who Care About Them

MENTAL HEALTH MEDIA CHALLENGE

This is your chance to tell a story, be real, and make a difference.

Young men experience mental health challenges and feelings of loneliness just like many other young people in California, but often they have to face cultural and societal norms that don't make it easy for them to express emotions, ask for help, or feel supported by others. California is working to change this and now we want to hear from you.

Submission Format: 60-second films

Who can participate? Young people ages 12 to 25 in California. (You don't have to identify as a boy or young man to submit.)

Submission Deadline: Submit by March 1, 2026 to the Directing Change Program and Film Contest.

Prizes:
FIRST PLACE: \$500
2nd place \$300 | 3rd place \$200

Get Started At: www.DirectingChangeCA.org

This media challenge is sponsored by the Children & Youth Behavioral Health Initiative which is transforming the way California supports children, youth and families.

YOUTH CREATING CHANGE | Directing Change | CYBHI

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

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

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

¡No pierdas esta oportunidad de obtener asesoramiento legal!

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



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, microfibre 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.





MAAG NEXT LEVEL & GRID ALTERNATIVES PRESENT

THE FUTURE OF SOLAR JOBS

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



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

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GRID Alternatives Workforce Development Workforce Coordinator
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elbar@gridalternatives.org

ELIGIBILITY

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




MAAG: Next Level Internal Photo GRID Alternatives: Isaiela Form

CONTACT US:   

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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.

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- 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



gridalternatives.org/solarcorps

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

Partner Announcements




Register Today for Open Enrollment for New & Continuing Students

ULSDC PROJECT READY LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

In-person - Free

This program focuses on:

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

Contact Kea Hagan at:
619.266.6265; kea@sdul.org

REGISTER TODAY USING QR CODE



<https://form.jotform.com/251430870925154>

HOUSING OUR YOUTH

YMCA YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES



The Housing Our Youth (HOY) program offers specialized support for youth and young adults ages 16–24 in San Diego County who are at-risk of, or currently experiencing, homelessness. Participants enrolled in the program may receive services such as housing assistance and connection, resource navigation, employment and education support, and other wraparound services tailored to help them achieve stable housing and work toward self-sufficiency. For more information or to explore enrollment in the program, scan the QR code below to complete an inquiry form.

WHO DO WE SERVE?
Young adults up to and including the age of 24, who are facing homelessness throughout San Diego County.



WHAT SERVICES DO WE OFFER?
Our goal is to interrupt poverty and provide youth with the skills and tools to lead a financially independent and successful life. Our services include the following:

- MENTORING & CASE MANAGEMENT
- HOUSING ASSISTANCE & PLACEMENT
- PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS
- WORK READINESS TRAINING
- EMPLOYMENT & EDUCATIONAL COORDINATION
- FINANCIAL LITERACY
- PARENTING SUPPORT
- BASIC NEEDS SUPPORT

Youth & Family Services is the lead organization for this project. We are working in collaboration with youth-serving organizations across the entire San Diego County. Members of the Housing Our Youth Collaborative include:

- Home Start
- North County Lifeline
- San Diego LGBT Community Center
- San Diego Youth Services
- SBKS
- Urban Street Angels
- YMCA Youth & Family Services



FOR MORE INFORMATION:
SCAN our QR code to view our HOY Inquiry (Interest) Form or
Contact David Baker at (760) 908-9126. Questions can be sent to hoy@ymcasd.org

PROJECT READY 2.5

PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS

ENROLLMENT OPEN NOW

Education Youth Advocacy Program
The Urban League of San Diego County and Doors of Change are partnering to support youth who face multiple barriers, including housing and learning challenges.

Ages 14-24

Free!
Incentives!
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Mobile Devices!

- Safe Shelter & Housing Assistance
- Access to Basic Needs (i.e. Food, Clothing...)
- College & Cas & Career Readiness
- Life Skills, Social Justice, Leadership Skills & Mentorship

SCAN HERE



Register Now!

<https://sdul.org/csi-pr-2-5-pathways-to-success/>

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www.sdul.org

DOORS OF CHANGE
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(760) 415-0009
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Urban League of San Diego County & Doors of Change

PROJECT READY 6 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	Doors of Change
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.	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:  Kea Hagan Kea@sdul.org (619) 266-6265 sdul.org/project-ready/	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.

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

Employment Pathways Technical Assistance (EPTA) Grant for Program Year 2025-26 (PY 25-26)

The EPTA Grant (PY 2025–26) supports organizations providing technical assistance and capacity building for workforce and employment pathway programs serving Californians with barriers to employment. Funding focuses on strengthening service delivery, coordination, and outcomes across the state’s workforce ecosystem.

Award Amount: Not stated
Deadline: February 3, 2026



Pollution Control Financing Authority (PCFA) / CARB PCB RFA

The California Air Resources Board has released a Request for Applications (RFA) under the Pollution Control Financing Authority (PCFA) program to support projects that reduce air pollution and advance clean technologies across California. Eligible efforts may include emissions reduction projects, clean transportation, energy efficiency, and other pollution control solutions. This opportunity is relevant for local governments, public agencies, and project developers seeking financing mechanisms to advance projects that improve air quality and support California’s climate and environmental goals.

Award Amount: Not stated
Deadline: February 10, 2026



2025-26 Digital Divide Grant Program Round 3

The Digital Divide Grant Program will award one grant of \$100,000 for rural and urban public schools and two grants of up to \$50,000 each for non-profit Community Based Organizations (CBO). The grants will fund digital projects that serve beneficiary public schools/districts and non-profit Community Organizations. Projects may address gaps in broadband networks, affordability, access to personal devices and digital skills training.

Award Amount: \$50,000 – \$100,000
Deadline: February 12, 2026





INSIDER TIP!



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

Youth Workforce Development Services
Responding to Identified Services Needs and Gap



SDWP is seeking proposals for youth-centered workforce programs that expand economic mobility by aligning young people’s interests and skills with education, training, and in-demand career pathways. This RFP prioritizes programs grounded in collaboration, inclusion, and strong employer connections that prepare opportunity youth for meaningful employment.

Award Amount: Not Stated
Deadline: February 13, 2026



CHS: Cooperative Education



CHS and the CHS Foundation invest in programs that strengthen rural communities and build the next generation of agricultural leaders. The Cooperative Education program funds projects that educate students about the agricultural cooperative business model, with a focus on reaching middle school students through young producers. Funded projects should help build a diverse pipeline of future leaders in agriculture. Priority is given to national or multi-state programs.

Award Amount: \$1,000 - \$500,000
Deadline: February 15, 2026



Conagra Brands Foundation



The Conagra Brands Foundation’s Community Impact Grants support nonprofit organizations working to address food insecurity. Funding is available for initiatives focused on food access, nutrition education, cooking skills, healthy and active lifestyles, and community-based urban agriculture programs that build entrepreneurial skills. The Foundation also provides support for nonprofit-led special events.

Award Amount: Not Stated
Deadline: February 15, 2026





Department of Veterans Affairs



The Department of Veterans Affairs' Transition In Place program funds community-based organizations to provide transitional housing services that help veterans move into permanent housing. Grants support individual apartment units where veterans receive time-limited, intensive supportive services until they can assume the lease of the home. Eligible applicants include nonprofits, local and state governments, public housing authorities, and federally recognized tribes.

Award Amount: Not Stated

Deadline: February 17, 2026



Request for Application (RFA) 25-10031: Local Training and Education Program for the Prevention of Domestic Violence (DV)



The Local Training and Education Program for the Prevention of Domestic Violence provides funding to support community-based training, education, and outreach efforts aimed at preventing domestic violence across California. Eligible activities include public education campaigns, training for service providers and community members, and programs that promote awareness, early intervention, and prevention strategies. This opportunity is well suited for CBOs, local governments, and partner organizations working to strengthen community safety, improve access to prevention resources, and address domestic violence through education and capacity building.

Award Amount: Not Stated

Deadline: February 19, 2026





INSIDER TIP!



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

Senate Bill 1 Sea Level Rise Adaptation Grant Program – Track 2



OPC’s SB 1 Sea Level Rise Adaptation Grant Program (SB 1 Grant Program) provides funding for coastal communities to develop sea level rise adaptation plans (Track 1) and implement nature-based adaptation projects (Track 2) to build resilience to sea level rise along the California coast and San Francisco Bay. Track 2 focuses on implementing priority, nature-based sea level rise adaptation projects identified through local planning efforts.

Award Amount: Not stated
Deadline: February 20, 2026



Literacy Coaches and Reading Specialists Educator Training Grant Program



The goal of this grant will be to develop and provide training for educators to become literacy coaches and provide credentialing opportunities for educators to become reading and literacy specialists as well as provide support for the local educational agencies that receive the allocation in Assembly Bill 121, Section 51 (Chapter 8, 2025).

Award Amount: \$15,000,000
Deadline: February 23, 2026



National Infrastructure Investments (BUILD)



The Department of Transportation’s 2026 National Infrastructure Investments program provides competitive grants for planning and constructing transportation projects that improve safety, mobility, environmental sustainability, economic opportunity, and community connectivity. Grants aim to fund projects with significant local or regional impact, supporting innovation, partnerships, and quality of life improvements. Eligible applicants include states, territories, local governments, transit agencies, port authorities, federally recognized Tribes, and multi-jurisdictional groups.

Award Amount: Up to \$25,000,000
Deadline: February 24, 2026



Social Entrepreneurs for Economic Development 3 (SEED 3) Grant

 The purpose of the SEED Initiative is to support the entrepreneurship of immigrants and limited English proficient (LEP) individuals who face significant employment barriers, which will also increase the state's economic diversity and help spur business innovation. The SEED Initiative will provide micro-grants, entrepreneurial training, and technical assistance to SEED target populations to support them in starting or maintaining a small business in California aimed at addressing a social problem or meeting a community need.

SEED target populations are individuals who face significant barriers to employment, specifically: (1) individuals with limited English proficiency, regardless of immigration or citizenship status; or (2) individuals who are neither U.S. citizens nor lawful permanent residents. This includes individuals who may not be lawfully present in the United States, and individuals who have been granted Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) or Temporary Protected Status (TPS). In addition, SEED is open to all individuals in the target populations, including other immigrants, refugees and asylees, and United States citizens.

Award Amount: Not stated

Deadline: February 26, 2026



Helping Justice-Involved Reenter Employment 2.0

  The California Workforce Development Board (CWDB) is pleased to announce the availability of approximately \$9.5 million in funding for the Helping Justice-Involved Reenter Employment 2.0 (HIRE 2.0) grant program. This funding builds on past and current investments in the reentry population. HIRE 2.0 extends the CWDB's portfolio of investments for California's reentry population and represents the second cycle of the HIRE grant program.

Award Amount: Not stated

Deadline: February 26, 2026





INSIDER TIP!



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Local Data for Equitable Communities



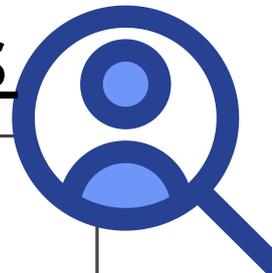
Robert Wood Johnson Foundation invites eligible nonprofit organizations in the U.S. to apply for a grant to collect, analyze, and use data to address inequities in the physical, economic, and social conditions of a place.

Award Amount: Not stated

Deadline: March 3, 2026



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: Employ & Empower

The City of San Diego's Employ & Empower program is dedicated to expanding access to meaningful workforce opportunities for young San Diegans who face barriers to employment. As a citywide, grant-funded internship program, Employ & Empower connects participants with hands-on experience across City departments while supporting projects that serve communities citywide.

Since launching in 2022, the program has hosted more than 1,370 interns, with over 79% living or attending school in communities of concern. Interns have contributed more than 760,000 hours of service, and more than \$16 million has been invested directly into youth through paid internships.

Employ & Empower also provides professional development and supportive services beyond job placement. Through the GrowSD Certificate program, interns gain exposure to City operations, build workplace skills and receive career-readiness training. Participants also receive equipment, transit support, professional attire assistance and mentoring to help remove barriers to success.

The program partners with City departments, community organizations and schools to create diverse workforce pathways across public service. Internship opportunities are posted on a rolling basis, and the Employ & Empower team will be at the [Promise Zone's Youth-Led Career Expo](#) in Balboa Park on March 3 to share more information.

To learn more, visit sandiego.gov/employandempower.

Civic Engagement in the Promise Zone

1

City of San Diego Invites Residents to Help Improve Access to City Council Information

The Office of the City Clerk is hosting community listening sessions to hear directly from residents about how they access City Council agendas, notices and other public information. These sessions are part of the City's ongoing effort to make local government more transparent, accessible and easier to engage with for all San Diegans.

Community members are encouraged to attend in person or virtually and share their feedback by participating in a public engagement survey. Learn more and get involved at www.sandiego.gov/listening.



2

Trash and Recycling Customers Can Now Apply for Financial Assistance

Starting Thursday, Jan. 22, customers of the City of San Diego's Environmental Services Department (ESD) can apply for financial assistance to pay annual fees for trash and recycling services. Applications can be **submitted online** and in-person assistance will be available for people who need help with the application process.



3

City of San Diego Community Recreation Needs Assessment

The City of San Diego, in partnership with Keen Independent Research Inc., has launched its first Community Recreation Needs Assessment to identify and address the recreational, communication and financial needs of residents in all nine Council Districts. Share your input by Feb. 28, 2026.

Click the link to get started: <https://sandiego.gov/parksurvey>.



Civic Engagement in the Promise Zone

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 is **one vacancy** in the Promise Zone:

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.



5 Use the Get It Done App

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

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JOB BOARD

POOL GUARD I

Pool Guard I is a primarily part-time position responsible for ensuring the safety of pool patrons by monitoring facilities, enforcing rules, performing rescues, providing first aid/CPR, assisting with registrations, and maintaining records and pool operations.



AI ANALYST INTERN

The AI Analyst Intern at SANDAG supports ethical and data-driven AI initiatives to improve public services and operations. The role offers hands-on experience with data analysis, AI projects, and cross-team collaboration in a public-sector setting.

DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT

The Director of Development (Corporations) leads corporate fundraising strategy and partnerships to grow revenue and support Workshops for Warriors' mission of training and employing veterans in advanced manufacturing.

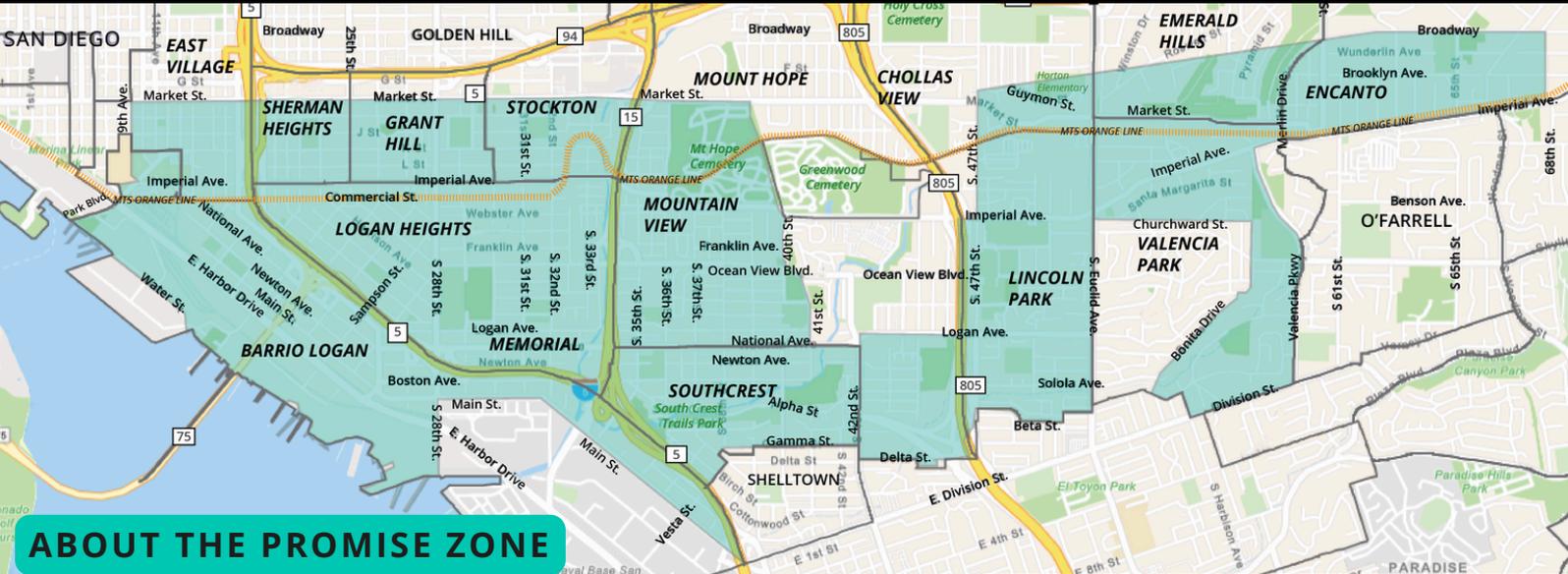


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ABOUT THE PROMISE ZONE

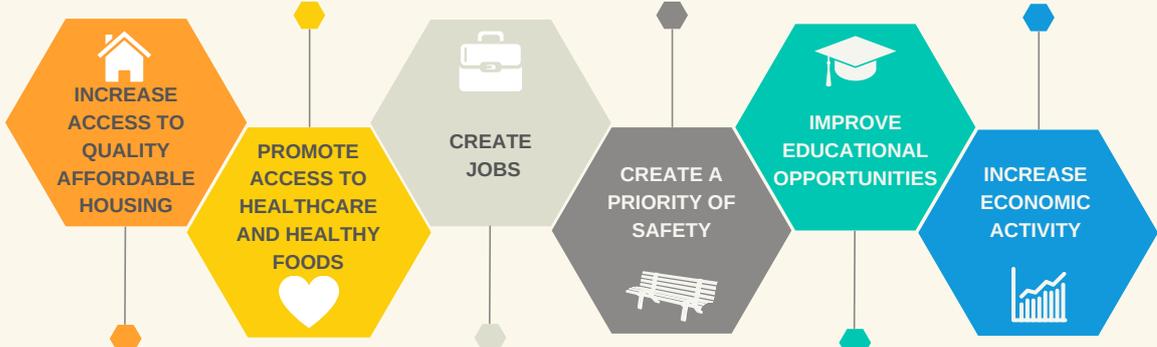
In 2016, the San Diego Promise Zone became one of 22 federally designated Promise Zones in the United States and one of only four in California. The San Diego Promise Zone covers a 6.4-square-mile targeted area with more than 80,000 residents that spans East Village and Barrio Logan east to Encanto.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

Through the [Promise Zone initiative](#), community-based organizations (CBOs), 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.

- 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.

WORKING GROUP GOALS



- 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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