

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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Volunteers at the San Diego Promise Zone's 4th Annual Youth-Led Career Expo on Mar. 3, 2026.



A MESSAGE TO OUR PARTNERS FROM THE PROMISE ZONE STAFF

Dear Promise Zone Network,



Happy April! In this issue, we celebrate last month's **Youth-Led Career Expo** and invite Promise Zone residents to participate in the [Community Perception Survey](#) to guide the new San Diego Promise Zone Alliance in community priorities. Our team, with SDSU research methods students, has already surveyed over 400 residents in person! Readers are invited to take the online survey if they are at least 18 years old and live in the San Diego Promise Zone.

We also recognize Housing Affordability working group co-chair **Jon Rios** in the Community Spotlight and draw attention to **Fair Housing Month**.

Save the Date! The San Diego Promise Zone's designation-ending **All-Partner Celebration** will be Thursday, **June 4**, from 1-4 p.m.

We hope you enjoy this issue and wish you a wonderful and pleasant April!

~San Diego Promise Zone Team

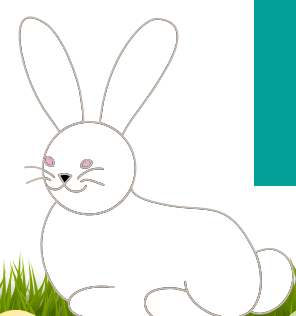
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[THE BEAUTY OF 'LOW AND SLOW': CALIFORNIA LOWRIDERS GET THEIR OWN POSTAGE STAMP IN LOGAN HEIGHTS](#)



PROMISE ZONE UPDATES

SPRING

Farewell, AmeriCorps VISTA, **Daniella Salgado**

Dani joined the Promise Zone team in May 2025 as a Communications Associate. She co-developed the monthly newsletters, designed flyers and graphics, participated in community events, co-led the 4th Annual Youth-Led Career Expo, and worked with co-chairs to facilitate Economic Activity and Jobs & Education Working Group meetings. Good luck, Dani!

"Thank you to all the partners and co-chairs for such a meaningful experience. It has truly been a pleasure working alongside you all and contributing to the work of the Promise Zone. I'm incredibly grateful for everything I've learned and will be carrying those experiences with me into my next role."



APRIL WORKING GROUP MEETINGS:

Economic Activity

April 9, 10-11:30 a.m.

Jobs and Education

April 16, 2:30-4 p.m.



All-Partner Celebration

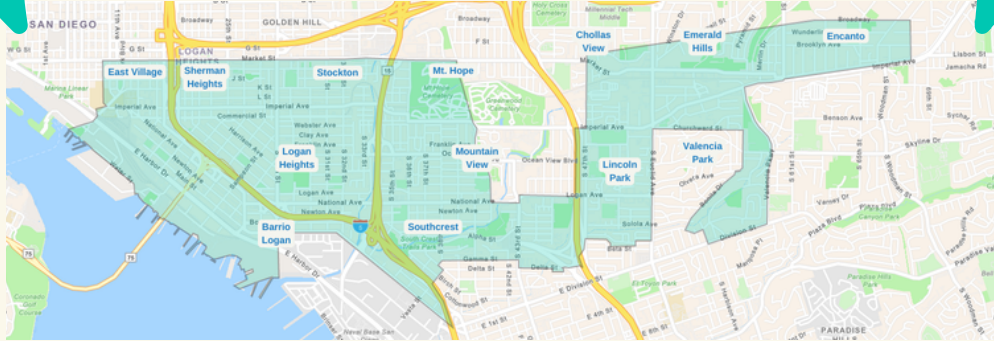
Thursday, June 4, 2026

Save the
date!

18 years
or older?



Live in the
Promise
Zone?



Contribute to the Community Perception Survey by April 17.

Your participation is
anonymous and will help
guide the San Diego
Promise Zone Alliance
to **create opportunities**
for residents in your
neighborhood.



<https://bit.ly/47FW3Jx>



2026 YOUTH-LED CAREER EXPO PHOTO RECAP



"My favorite part of the event was going out and talking to a bunch of organizations."



"I enjoyed networking and the mock interviews. It really provided some professional perspectives that will help me in future interviews."

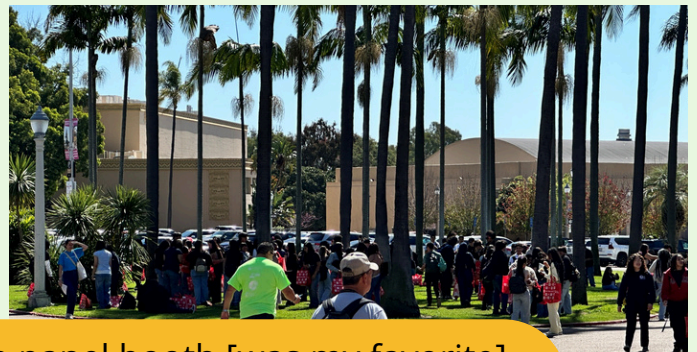
- ~250 participants
- 81 professional headshots
- 51 vendors
- Over 60 volunteers from 12+ organizations and four City departments
- 16 sponsors, including 20 raffle prizes





"My favorite part was connecting and learning all about the different careers and services offered in San Diego!"

"I enjoyed the mock interviews because they were helpful. They gave us basic information about an interview, and they gave us constructive feedback."



"The panel booth [was my favorite] because it opened up my mind."



COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

Jon Rios



The Promise Zone is...
"A promise to uplift each other so that everyone has a chance to reach their potential for a brighter and healthier future together."



Jon Rios grew up in Logan Heights across the street from Logan Elementary School. His involvement in the Promise Zone came through his position as Director of Integrated Strategies with the [San Diego Housing Commission](#), but he has stayed as a co-chair for four and a half years because of his personal connection to the neighborhood and the impact the resources have on the residents living in the communities.

For Jon, the Promise Zone is very personal. He grew up in communities where opportunity was not always easy to see or access, and where housing stability could make a huge difference in a family's future. His own family experienced homelessness for a few years, and that situation allowed him to understand first-hand how immediate those needs are. Because of that experience, Jon has always felt a responsibility to stay connected to these communities where people are working hard to build better futures for themselves and their children. His career has centered around creating opportunities for young people and families.

"The Promise Zone represents what strong communities look like to me. It brings together public agencies, nonprofits, schools, and residents to work toward shared solutions. Being involved allows me to help connect resources, align partners, and make sure the voices of residents are part of the decisions being made," stated Jon.

Jon holds a bachelor's degree in Sociology from UCSD. He enjoys spending time with his kids outdoors, coaching them in youth sports, camp, playing fantasy football, and trying out new breweries around the world.

Thank you, Jon, for allowing us to highlight you in this month's newsletter!

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

April is Fair Housing Month



Every April, we recognize Fair Housing Month as a reminder that every San Diego resident deserves a safe, stable home—free from discrimination. While federal enforcement continues to evolve, the State of California and local partners are strengthening and enforcing housing protections for individuals and families in our communities.

Under state and local fair housing law, renters and homeowners are protected from discrimination based on race, color, religion, national origin, disability, gender identity, sexual orientation, source of income, familial status and other characteristics. This means it is illegal for landlords to refuse to rent to you because you have children, use a housing voucher, are an immigrant or have a disability. It also means housing providers must offer reasonable accommodations—such as accessible parking or assistance animals—so residents with disabilities can fully enjoy their homes.

Local organizations continue to play a crucial role in preserving these rights. The City of San Diego, the Legal Aid Society of San Diego and community-based partners work year-round to educate residents, investigate complaints, and ensure that individuals and families receive the protections guaranteed under state and local law. Residents can access free workshops at www.lasdd.org/events.

This Fair Housing Month, we encourage residents to learn their rights and reach out to the Fair Housing Center at (844) 449-3500 if they experience discrimination.

Together, we can build a more inclusive, equitable and resilient community—one home at a time.

What is Fair Housing?

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

What is Housing Discrimination?

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

April Webinars

Legal Aid Society of San Diego is hosting webinars every Tuesday throughout April about common Fair Housing issues and how the law applies. The training is free and open to anyone. To learn more or to register, visit

<https://www.lasdd.org/events/month/2026-04/>.

Virtual Fair Housing Fair

CSA San Diego County is hosting a virtual Fair Housing Fair on Thursday, April 23, 2026 at 11 a.m. RSVP at 619-44-5700 or email Vanessa at Vanessa@C4SA.org.



Fair Housing Hotline: (844) 449-3500

FINANCIAL WELLNESS



April highlights Financial Literacy, including Cal Coast's financial training webinars that support individuals in building stronger money management skills. These trainings offer practical guidance on budgeting, saving, responsible credit use and planning for financial goals. By sharing these resources, we aim to empower individuals with the knowledge and tools needed to make informed financial decisions and strengthen their financial future.

Financial literacy Resources:

Taking the Mystery Out of Credit

Smarter Goals, Stronger Finances

Teaching Kids about Finance



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



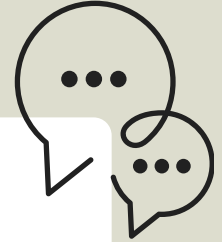
RESOURCES



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

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.



April
4

(Eco)Exchange #39 @ Jackie Robinson YMCA Event Room Saturday, April 4, 2026 from Noon - 2 p.m.

Sister Cities Project's (Eco)Exchange #39 is where Black and white communities come together — not to debate, but to build the real relationships that lead to real equity. This is a space for honest conversation, genuine connection, and meaningful progress. [Visit the event webpage to learn more and register.](#)



April
11

Urban Collaborative Project Transportation Justice Expo 2026 Saturday, April 11, 2026 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

This annual tradition honors community leadership, advances health equity, and uplifts transportation and environmental justice in San Diego's most diverse and disproportionately impacted communities. This milestone reflects our region's continued commitment to equitable, safe and sustainable mobility, infrastructure and climate solutions. [Visit the event webpage to learn more.](#)

April
22

People's Produce of @ Mt. Hope Community Garden Wednesday, April 22, 2026, from 11:00 - 1:00 p.m.

A mobile farmer's truck brings fresh, locally grown produce to neighborhoods throughout greater Southeastern San Diego. Champions for Health will be at this market providing free health screenings and vaccinations to community members.

[More information is available on the event webpage.](#)



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



Spring Egg Hunts



Willie Henderson Spring Egg Hunt

Date: Friday, April 4, 2026

Time: 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

1035 South 45th St., San Diego, CA 92113

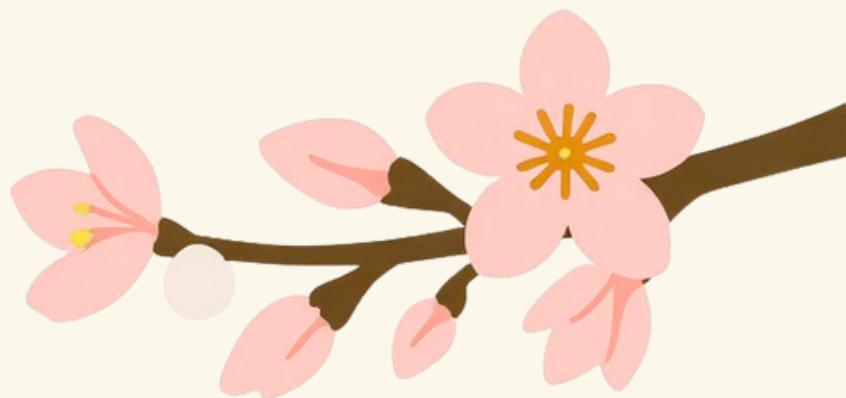


Stockton Recreation Center Spring Egg Hunt

Date: Saturday, April 11, 2026

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 1 p.m.

330 32nd St, San Diego, CA 92102



Partner Announcements

Mobility Health Sustainability Community Collaboration Safe Streets Active Transportation Climate Action

5TH ANNUAL TRANSPORTATION JUSTICE EXPO

URBAN COLLABORATIVE PROJECT
CALIFORNIA STRATEGIC SOUTH COUNCIL
California Department of Transportation

Saturday, April 11 | 10 AM - 2 PM @ Market Creek Plaza
310 Euclid Ave, San Diego, CA 92114

SAVE THE DATE!

- Learn about transportation justice & clean mobility.
- Explore careers in transit, planning & sustainability.
- Connect with community organizations shaping climate action and mobility in the San Diego region.
- Access free community resources and services.
- Shape the future of transportation in your community.

Interested in Sponsoring or Volunteering?
Contact: events@ucproject.org

RSVP to Exhibit:
bit.ly/tjexpo5

Movilidad Salud Sostenibilidad Comunidad Colaboración Calles seguras Transporte Activo Acción climática

Southeastern San Diego URBAN COLLABORATIVE PROJECT **Euclid STEWARDS**

Cultivating Community Stewardship through Education & Collaboration

EARTH DAY EXTRAVAGANZA

CHOLLAS CREEK

Celebrate youth-led community stewardship!

Saturday, April 18 | 9 AM - 1 PM
Chollas Creekside Park, Market St, San Diego, CA 92102

Questions? Contact info@ucproject.org

The Urban Collaborative Project, Groundwork San Diego-Chollas Creek, and local youth are activating Chollas Creekside Park into a space for gathering, learning, and recreation! Join us for a day of community, care, and celebration.

What to expect:

- Tree planting & watering
- Litter + Invasive plant removal
- Rock Painting + LHS Art Showcase
- Community resource booths
- Live Music & family fun for all ages
- Danza Azteca Land Acknowledgement
- Free Coffee by Grinds & Grooves Coffee & Vinyl!

Access Youth Academy | San Diego Foundation | CLIFORNA | Harvest Family Foundation | GROUNDWORK San Diego (Chollas Creek) | NACOBI | HENRY FOSTER III | EIS | DiamondBID

CSA San Diego County
Fair Housing for All

Virtual Fair Housing Fair

Speakers:

 George Ibarra SENIOR FAIR HOUSING COUNSELOR	 Aiad Mekany FAIR HOUSING COUNSELOR	 Vanessa Rojas PROGRAM MANAGER
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Topics:

- ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN FAIR HOUSING
- RECOGNIZING HOUSING DISCRIMINATION
- NEW HOUSING LAWS 2026
- HOUSING RESOURCES

TO RSVP FOR THE FAIR HOUSING FAIR, YOU MAY:

- SCAN QR CODE
- CALL 619-444-5700, ASK FOR VANESSA
- EMAIL RSVP TO VANESSA@CAS.ORG

APRIL 23, 2026 AT 11 AM

Scan me

SCHOLARS FORWARD FOUNDATION

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY!!!

2026 Application link is now Live!!!

APPLICANTS MUST ATTEND ONE OF THE FOLLOWING SCHOOLS:

- CRAWFORD HIGH SCHOOL
- HOOVER HIGH SCHOOL
- SWEETWATER HIGH SCHOOL
- HELIX HIGH SCHOOL
- LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL

APPLICATION DEADLINE: MAY 15, 2026, AT 5:00 P.M. PST OR WHEN 30 APPLICATIONS ARE RECEIVED.

IN-PERSON INTERVIEWS: MAY/JUNE AWARDS CEREMONY: TBD

MUST HAVE A CUMULATIVE GPA BETWEEN 2.0 AND 2.9.

Apply at:
Scholarsforwardfoundation.org
Click on 'apply here' questions?
email: scholarsforward@yahoo.com
phone: 619-535-9495

Partner Announcements



**FREE
ENGLISH &
CITIZENSHIP
CLASSES**



TUESDAY MARTES	ESL/CLASES DE INGLÉS 5PM A 7:15PM
WEDNESDAY MIÉRCOLES	CITIZENSHIP CLASSES/ CLASES DE CIUDADANÍA 5PM A 6PM
WEDNESDAY MIÉRCOLES	ESL/CLASES DE INGLÉS 6PM A 7:15PM

¿OFRECEMOS CLASES NIVEL BÁSICO Y INTERMEDIO!

¿Preguntas?
(619) 232-5181

SHERMANHEIGHTSCC.ORG
2258 Island Avenue
San Diego, CA 92102



INTERNATIONAL CLEANING SYMPOSIUM

A gathering of Gleaners working together to fight climate change, hunger, and food waste. Join us to strengthen your Org, learn new ideas, grow your network, and find support from your peers

Register Today




Gleaningorgs.com
April 29th-May 1st,
Marina Village
San Diego






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



SCAN ME!



ELIGIBILITY

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

HAVE ANY QUESTIONS?

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

IRC Career Programs

Learn. Grow. Succeed.



NOT SURE WHERE
TO START YOUR
CAREER
JOURNEY?

IRC San Diego supports **YOUTH** with career training, coaching, and job-ready skills

Your future career is calling ★



WE OFFER

- One-on-One Career Coaching
- Network of training partners
- Financial Coaching
- Job Placement Assistance
- Mentorship

Examples of Career Pathways

Healthcare (Medical Asst., Dental Asst., Pharm Tech)
Office Professional Training, Affordable Housing Manag. & Admin, Helpdesk Technician and more

Apply



Eligibility

- Youth 18-26
- Low-to-moderate income
- City of San Diego residents (priority)
- Immigrant Background
- Authorized to work in the US
- Speak, read, and write English
- Other Eligibility Criteria May Apply



contact us
Google # (619) 663-9182
Reem.Faraj@rescue.org

April 2026

Partner Announcements

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



Focus On Your Overall Health

Jackie Robinson YMCA
151 YMCA Way
San Diego, CA 92102
10am - 3pm

Free Resources

- 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 Alfalo
Info@healthierme@gmail.com

Wendy Shurelds
Info@mysnap.org

Healthfairs@gmail.com




USDA Food and Nutrition Service
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




SHERMAN COMEDOR

WE WARMLY INVITE YOU TO PARTICIPATE IN SHERMAN COMEDOR, OUR LUNCH AND ACTIVITIES PROGRAM FOR OLDER ADULTS. SHERMAN COMEDOR OFFERS NUTRITIOUS MEALS, RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES, AND THE OPPORTUNITY TO SOCIALIZE IN A WELCOMING AND FRIENDLY ENVIRONMENT.

THIS PROGRAM IS INTENDED FOR INDIVIDUALS AGED 55 AND OLDER WHO ARE EXPERIENCING FOOD INSECURITY.

IMPORTANT NOTICES

- ENROLLMENT IS REQUIRED TO BE CONSIDERED FOR PARTICIPATION.
- ENROLLMENT DOES NOT GUARANTEE PARTICIPATION, AS SPACE AND RESOURCES ARE LIMITED.
- PARTICIPANTS WILL BE NOTIFIED ONCE THE APPLICATION HAS BEEN APPROVED.
- THE PROGRAM WILL BEGIN ON FEBRUARY 10, 2026, AT 11:30 AM TO 1 PM AND WILL CONTINUE WEEKLY ON TUESDAYS.

IN-PERSON REGISTRATION


LOCATION: SHERMAN HEIGHTS COMMUNITY CENTER
2258 ISLAND AVENUE, SAN DIEGO, CA 92102
619 232-5181

WE ARE HERE TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY!

San Diego Foundation

THIS PROGRAM WAS MADE POSSIBLE THANKS TO GRANT SUPPORT FROM SAN DIEGO FOUNDATION.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION



1ST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH- GENERAL
2ND WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH - SENIORS
9:00 - 11:00 AM

SHCC DTG SHERMAN HEIGHTS COMMUNITY CENTER
2258 ISLAND AVE, SAN DIEGO, CA 92102
WWW.SHERMANHEIGHTSCC.ORG

Partner Announcements

AMERICA'S SBDC **LOGAN HEIGHTS** **San Diego Foundation** **The City of SAN DIEGO**

INTERESTED IN THE NEXT LEEP COHORT?

THE LOGAN HEIGHTS CDC EMERGENT ENTREPRENEURSHIP PROGRAM (LEEP) IS AN INTENSIVE 6-WEEK PROGRAM DESIGNED TO SUPPORT SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS AND ENTREPRENEURS WHO WANT TO GROW THEIR BUSINESS.

YOUR BUSINESS, YOUR FUTURE

- Develop a business plan**
Each week we cover new topics with guest experts, with the goal of helping you create an effective business plan to grow your company.
- Support network for growth**
Join a network of entrepreneurs committed to growth. LEEP offers expert workshops, mentoring, and support to help you grow.
- Grand Prize ~ \$5,000**
Those who complete the program and have their business permits will be able to compete for the grand prize of \$5,000.

Spring Cohort (English): Begins in April
Fall Cohort (Spanish): Begins in October

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

Interested?
619-858-0563 or info@loganheightscdc.org

EIS Elementary Institute of Science

PEER TUTORING PROGRAM

Offered by the Giving Circle Foundation

FREE!

SIGN UP NOW

Personalized Support

Register with the QR code or visit eisca.org

SCAN

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

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

AAP-CAS American Academy of Pediatrics
First 5 San Diego

UDW RESOURCE CENTER

FAMILY CHILD CARE EDUCATOR APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM

Do you want to pursue a career on Early Childhood Education and want to have your own business?

Apprentices will get hands-on training on how to start and manage your own Family Child Care businesses while working as assistants.

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

MORE INFORMATION:
(619) 381-4277
nhernandez@udwresourcecenter.org

www.udwresourcecenter.org 7777 Alvarado Rd Suite 116, La Mesa, CA 91942 (by appointment only)

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.



Who Should Apply?

Small businesses that:

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

What You Get

- Bookkeeping Support
- Compliance Training
- Funding Readiness Education

Why It Matters

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

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

Scan for More Info



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

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



April 2026 TECH ON THE GO SCHEDULE

Our Tech on the Go program supports San Diegans who need IT assistance 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	HOUR 1:	HOUR 2:	Scan this QR code for more information
One-on-one help with your device. Our structure is as follows:	Class discussion on monthly topic tech questions	Q&A for basic on monthly topic tech questions	

Cathy Hopper Clairemont Friendship Center 4425 Bannock Ave. Mondays 10 am - 12 pm <i>Google Apps for Everyday</i> 4/6 Gmail and Google Contacts 4/13 Google Drive and Google Files 4/20 Google Photos and Google Maps 4/27 Google Calendar and Google Meet	Sherman Heights Community Center * 2258 Island Ave. Tuesdays 11:30 am - 12:30 pm <i>Smartphone Basics</i> 4/7 Smartphone I - Navigating Phone and Settings 4/14 Smartphone II - Contact and Block People 4/21 Smartphone III - Smartphone Security 4/28 Smartphone IV - Apps
Valencia Park/Malcolm X Library 5148 Market St. Thursdays 10 am - 12 pm <i>Smartphone Basics Part 2</i> 4/2 Organizing Your Smartphone 4/9 Find My Device 4/16 Smartphone Emergency Essentials 4/23 Searching and Installing Apps 4/30 Open Office Hours	The San Diego LGBT Community Center 3909 Centre St. Thursdays 4 pm - 6 pm <i>Google Apps for Everyday</i> 4/2 Gmail and Google Contacts 4/9 Google Drive and Google Files 4/16 Google Photos and Google Maps 4/23 Google Calendar and Google Meet 4/30 Open Office Hours
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*Class discussion in Spanish; Q&A is offered in Spanish and English



sandiego.gov/sdaccess

Need Tech Help and Tech Resources?

The City of San Diego and C2K partner to offer free Digital Navigator services. Drop-in or call for assistance.

1(800)350-6945

APRIL 2026 DIGITAL NAVIGATOR SCHEDULE

Central Library 330 Park Blvd. English/Spanish Monday: 11:30 am - 3:15 pm English/Arabic/French Tuesday: 11:30 am - 3:15 pm	Park de la Cruz Recreation Center 3911 Landis St. English/Spanish Tuesday: 9:00 am - 11:45 am English/Arabic Thursday: 9:00 am - 11:45 am
City Heights Library 3795 Fairmount Ave. English/Arabic/French Monday: 11:30 am - 3:15 pm English/Tagalog/Spanish Wednesday: 11:30 am - 3:15 pm	Valencia Park/Malcolm X Library 5148 Market St. English/Tagalog Thursday: 11:30 am - 3:15 pm English/Chaldean/Spanish Saturday: 11:30 am - 3:15 pm
Cathy Hopper Rec Center 4425 Bannock Ave. English/Arabic Wednesday: 9:00 am - 11:45 am	Linda Vista Library 2160 Ulric St. English/Tagalog Monday: 11:30 am - 3:15 pm
Mountain View/Beckwourth Library 721 San Pasqual St. English/Tagalog Tuesday: 11:30 am - 3:15 pm	Otay Mesa - Nestor Library 3003 Coronado Ave. English/Chaldean/Spanish Wednesday: 11:30 am - 3:15 pm
San Ysidro Library 4235 Beyer Blvd. English/Arabic/French/Spanish Thursday: 11:30 am - 3:15 pm	



DIGITAL NAVIGATOR PROGRAM

Got tech questions?
We've got answers!

Visit us at select libraries and locations around the city to learn about discounted internet, low-cost computers and get one-on-one tech support.

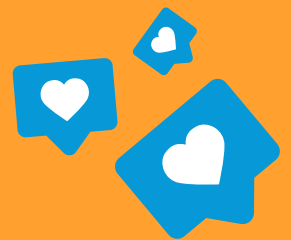
Scan the QR code for this month's schedule.



Call our helpline to learn more
1-800-350-6945



English | Spanish | Tagalog | Cantonese | Urdu | Hindi



Free Wifi at Bus Stops

San Diego Promise Zone bus stops have free wifi for you to use. Visit these stops whenever you're out and about!

Partner Announcements

P2PH-Empower: Pathways to Public Health Summer Workshop

SDSU | School of Public Health

Join the SDSU School of Public Health for a Summer Workshop Open to students:

- Currently in 9th, 10th, and 11th grade
- Interested in exploring the multidisciplinary field of public health
- Committed to making a difference in their community!

WHAT YOU WILL LEARN:

- What public health is and why it matters
- Hands-on activities: data analysis, case studies, and field trips
- Hear from current SDSU School of Public Health undergraduate students and Public Health Professionals

Join us for a **free** workshop
JUNE 15-18, 2026 San Diego State University

Please visit our website for more information!



[HTTPS://P2PH-EMPOWER.SDSU.EDU](https://P2PH-EMPOWER.SDSU.EDU) @SDSU_SPH_UNDERGRAD

Urban League San Diego County | San Diego Foundation | University of San Diego

Golden Pyramid Scholars & College Signing Day Program

Sunday, May 17, 2026, 2:00 p.m.
at the University of San Diego
Shiley-Theatre, 5998 Alcalá Park San Diego, CA 92110

Application Now Open

Things that set us apart:

- Scholarships ✓
- Motivational Messages ✓
- Financial Assistance ✓
- Mentorship Opportunities ✓
- Networking and Community ✓

We are thrilled to announce our Scholars Program, designed to empower ambitious individuals to achieve academic goals. Let's create a better tomorrow through educational achievement! Find out how you can get involved.

kea@sdul.org

Use this QR Code or the Link Below:
<https://form.jotform.com/260115221606140>

SDGE | **SOAP**

WWW.SDUL.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!
Gift Cards!
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/>

Urban League San Diego County | kea@sdul.org | (619) 266-6237 | www.sdul.org

DOORS OF CHANGE | CaseManager@doorsofchange.org | (760) 415-0009 | www.doorsofchange.org

Urban League San Diego County

ULSDC PROJECT READY LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

In-person - Free

Register Today for Open Enrollment for New & Continuing Students

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

REGISTER TODAY USING QR CODE

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

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

FILE YOUR TAXES FOR FREE!

Individuals and families earning less than \$70,000 per year may qualify for **FREE** tax filing assistance!



Expert tax preparers will check if you qualify to claim the following tax credits to put more money back in your pocket.

- Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)
- California EITC (CalEITC)
- Child tax credits
- Additional eligible tax credits

Let us help you get the money you qualify for!

 **Call 2-1-1 or go to myfreetaxes.org to learn more!**

This program is brought to you by the San Diego County EITC Coalition and the following partners:



LOW COST

SDSU CENTER FOR COMMUNITY COUNSELING AND ENGAGEMENT

COUNSELING SERVICES





We offer **online and in-person** appointments. Come and talk with our counselors about life stress, political worries, work anxiety, coming out, relationship challenges, parenting stress, or ANY other issue.

- ✓ INDIVIDUAL COUNSELING
- ✓ COUPLES COUNSELING
- ✓ FAMILY THERAPY
- ✓ \$15 PER SESSION

CONTACT US

Web: www.ccce.sdsu.edu Phone Number: 619-594-4918

Location: 4283 El Cajon Blvd. #215 San Diego, CA 92105

LH LOGAN HEIGHTS Legal Services **SDVLP** SAN DIEGO VOLUNTEER LAWYER PROGRAM

WALK-IN OFFICE HOURS

2ND WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH

9AM - 12 PM

3040 IMPERIAL AVE. SAN DIEGO, CA 92102

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

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

SERVICIOS SIN CITA PREVIA

2DO MIERCOLES DE CADA MES

9AM - 12 PM

3040 IMPERIAL AVE. SAN DIEGO, CA 92102

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

¡No pierdas esta oportunidad de obtener asesoramiento legal!

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, 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.



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.



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.

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GRID Alternatives Workforce Development Workforce Coordinator
(619) 520-5209
ebaratt@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 Interest Form | GRID Alternatives Interest Form

CONTACT US:  

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
- PERSONAL DEVELOPMENTAL WORKSHOPS
- EMPLOYMENT & EDUCATIONAL COORDINATION
- PARENTING SUPPORT
- HOUSING ASSISTANCE & PLACEMENT
- WORK READINESS TRAINING
- FINANCIAL LITERACY
- 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
- SECS
- 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 hoey@ymcasd.org

Housing Our Youth is funded by the County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency.



Partner Announcements



SENIOR SOLUTIONS

TRAVELERS AID
A helping hand along the way

TRAVELERS AID SOCIETY OF SAN DIEGO

What We Provide

- Quick in-take assessment to identify your transportation needs
- Transportation solutions on the spot:
 - SDM Pronto cards
 - MTS Access Tickets
 - MTS Day Passes

For More Information:
Email: lorena@travelersaidsandiego.org
Phone: (619) 295-8393 ext. 306

TO QUALIFY:

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

Walk In Services
*No appointment needed

Location: 1501 Imperial Ave
San Diego, CA 92101

Mondays from 8:30 AM - 10:00 AM
Wednesdays from 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM
Thursdays from 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Subject to change. Call to verify date and hours
Funded by the San Diego Promise Zone
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**



SAN YSIDRO HEALTH | MOBILE HEALTH SERVICES

San Ysidro Health operates Mobile Health Services Units, providing healthcare services to children aged 2 months to 17 years in San Diego County.

OUR SERVICES:

- Well Child Visits (2 months -17 years)
- Immunizations (bring your child's shot record)
- Minor Sick Visits
- Sports Physicals
- TB Testing (All ages)
- WIC Hemoglobin Test

For more information scan the QR Code or visit
<https://www.syhealth.org/services/mobile-health-services>

Office Hours are Monday-Friday from 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM
To schedule an appointment or more information please call (619)662-4199

Medi-Cal and Uninsured accepted

www.syhealth.org | Follow us @sanysidrohealth



IRC Career Programs
Learn. Grow. Succeed.

START A CAREER IN HEALTHCARE

Certified Medical Assistant
Certified Nurse Assistant
Dental Assistant and more

Career help for ages 18-26, get started now

WE OFFER

- One-on-One Career Coaching
- Network of training partners
- Financial Coaching
- Job Placement Assistance
- Mentorship

Eligibility

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

THE FUTURE DEPENDS ON WHAT YOU DO TODAY

Apply

Contact Us

Google # (619) 663-9182
Reem.Faraj@rescue.org

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

A.J. Muste Foundation for Peace + Justice

The A.J. Muste Foundation for Peace + Justice supports grassroots movements advancing human rights, equality, and efforts to dismantle systems of social, economic, and political oppression. Through its Rapid Response Grants program, the Foundation provides emergency funding to U.S. organizations engaged in nonviolent activism. Grants support organizing events, direct actions, and other time-sensitive efforts responding to urgent needs or emerging political opportunities.

Award Amount: Up to \$5,000

Deadline: April 10, 2026



CalMoneySmart 2026-2028 Grant Program

CalMoneySmart aims to advance financial empowerment for unbanked and underbanked Californians by investing in nonprofit organizations that deliver free, high-quality financial education and related services. The program equips nonprofits with grants of up to \$200,000 per year to help reduce socioeconomic disparities, improve access to safe and affordable financial products, and ultimately promote greater financial security statewide.

Award Amount: Up to \$200,000

Deadline: April 27, 2026



Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act

The Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act (CARA) Community-based Coalition Enhancement Grants support U.S. community coalitions working to prevent opioid, methamphetamine, and prescription drug misuse among youth ages 12-18. The program provides funding to current or former Drug-Free Communities (DFC) Support Program recipients to expand local prevention efforts and address emerging drug crises.

Award Amount: Up to \$75,000

Deadline: April 28, 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.

College Life Protected



College Life Protected provides grants in three areas: graduate research on college completion and student financial risk, professional development for higher education professionals, and financial literacy programs for students. Research priorities include mental health and student success, campus safety, student debt, medical withdrawals, and on-campus housing. Eligible activities include graduate research, conference scholarships, professional development institutes, campus financial literacy programs, student scholarships, and contributions to nonprofits.

Award Amount: \$1,500

Deadline: May 1, 2026



Amazon Literary Partnership



The Amazon Literary Partnership provides annual grants to nonprofit literary organizations whose core mission is to develop emerging writers, build the careers of working writers, and connect them with readers. Funding supports organizations across all genres and formats, including fiction, nonfiction, poetry, and translation. This includes writing centers, residencies, literary magazines, independent publishers, and national storytelling organizations.

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

Deadline: May 1, 2026



It Gets Better: Changemakers



The It Gets Better Changemakers program funds projects led by LGBTQ+ young people to make their communities and schools safer, bolder, and more inclusive. The program partners with public and charter schools and nonprofits serving students aged 13 to 18 across the United States, with a particular interest in projects that support LGBTQ+ youth of color, trans and nonbinary youth, and LGBTQ+ youth with disabilities. Grants are available at two funding levels based on projected reach and impact.

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

Deadline: May 3, 2026





 **FY25-26 Next Generation Warning System Grant Program - CFO**

The purpose of the NGWS Grant Program is to enhance public safety in California by implementing alert and warning solutions that deliver timely emergency information to the public and help protect critical infrastructure. This effort supports a reliable, resilient, and consistent capability for local, state, territorial, tribal, and federal public safety officials to effectively communicate public warnings and emergency information.

Award Amount: Award Amount Not Specified
Deadline: May 22, 2026



  **Agriculture and Food Research Initiative**

The Agriculture and Food Research Initiative - Education and Workforce Development (EWD) focuses on developing the next generation of research, education, and extension professionals in the food and agricultural sciences. Including support for, but not limited to:

- professional development opportunities for K-14 educational professionals;
- non-formal education that cultivates food and agricultural interest in youth;
- workforce training at community, junior, and technical colleges;

Award Amount: \$10,000 - \$650,000
Deadline: December 31, 2026



 **Wish Local Empowerment Program**

The Wish Local Empowerment Program provides grants to support Black-owned brick-and-mortar retail businesses across the United States. The \$2 million fund awards approximately 4,000 grants to help cover operating expenses such as workforce retention, rent, inventory, customer outreach, and community engagement. The program aims to promote equity and strengthen diversity in entrepreneurship. Eligible businesses must have 20 or fewer employees and annual revenue under \$1 million.

Award Amount: \$500 - \$2,000
Deadline: Rolling





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.

Zorya Foundation: Mothers in Medicine Fund



The Zorya Foundation’s Mothers in Medicine Fund provides childcare support to women working in healthcare who are mothers or primary caregivers. Grants are available to direct service healthcare workers to help offset childcare costs and support job retention. Applicants may apply for either a one-time \$1,000 grant to cover one month of childcare or a full-year childcare grant totaling \$12,000.

Award Amount: \$1,000 - \$12,000

Deadline: Rolling



W.K. Kellogg Foundation



The W.K. Kellogg Foundation funds various initiatives aimed at supporting children, families, and communities. Its funding priorities include: education, health, community development, racial equity, and job opportunities.

Award Amount: Award Amount Not Specified

Deadline: Rolling



California STEP Grant



The Governor’s Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz) oversees the California State Trade Expansion Program (STEP), aimed at helping small businesses expand into global markets by increasing the number of exporters and the volume of goods and services they trade. STEP is partially funded in part through a Cooperative Agreement with the U.S. Small Business Administration.

Award Amount: Award Amount Not Specified

Deadline: Rolling





INSIDER TIP!



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Reach out to promiszone@sandiego.gov for more information.

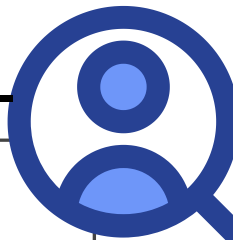
Community Enhancement Grant

The Community Enhancement Program provides grant funds to nonprofit organizations and public agencies for programs and services that promote: tourism, job creation and economic development, quality of life and cultural activities.

Award Amount: Award Amount Not Specified
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.

Civic Engagement in the Promise Zone

1

City of San Diego Crosswalk and Stop Sign Policy Survey

Provide feedback about the City's process for approving crosswalks and stop signs.

Council Policy 200-07: Marked Crosswalk Criteria at Uncontrolled Locations was first adopted in 1962 and was most recently updated in 2015.

Council Policy 200-08: Criteria for the Installation of Stop Signs was also first adopted in 1962, and was most recently amended in 1997.

[Take the survey.](#)



2

Community Input on City Budget

As the City of San Diego begins to develop the annual budget for the next fiscal year, Mayor Todd Gloria is asking San Diegans to provide feedback that will help determine which programs and services are prioritized and which are reduced.

Residents who live within San Diego city limits are invited to take the five-minute survey at sandiego.gov/BudgetSurvey until the beginning of May 2026.



Civic Engagement in the Promise Zone

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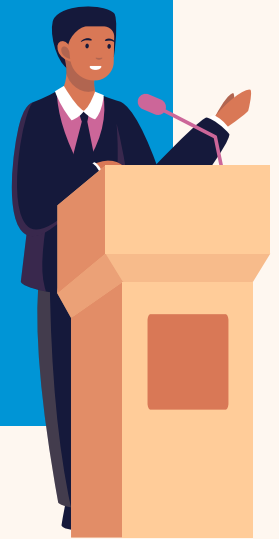
Open Consolidated Plan Advisory Board Positions

The [Consolidated Plan Advisory Board \(CPAB\)](#) serves in an advisory capacity to the Mayor/City Manager, City Council 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.



4 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



C2K DIGITAL NAVIGATOR

A Digital Navigator helps community members access affordable internet and devices while providing hands-on support with everyday technology skills, such as using email, apps and basic computer programs, through in-person assistance and a helpline.



CAL COAST 2026 SUMMER INTERNSHIP

California Coast Credit Union is offering a resume-building, paid summer internship. Cal Coast has multiple opportunities in various departments for students to choose from. \$18/hour.



TRAFFIC SIGNAL TECHNICIAN I

A Traffic Signal Technician I installs, maintains, and repairs traffic signal systems and electrical equipment, troubleshoots wiring and digital controls and operates specialized vehicles and lift equipment to keep signals functioning safely and reliably.

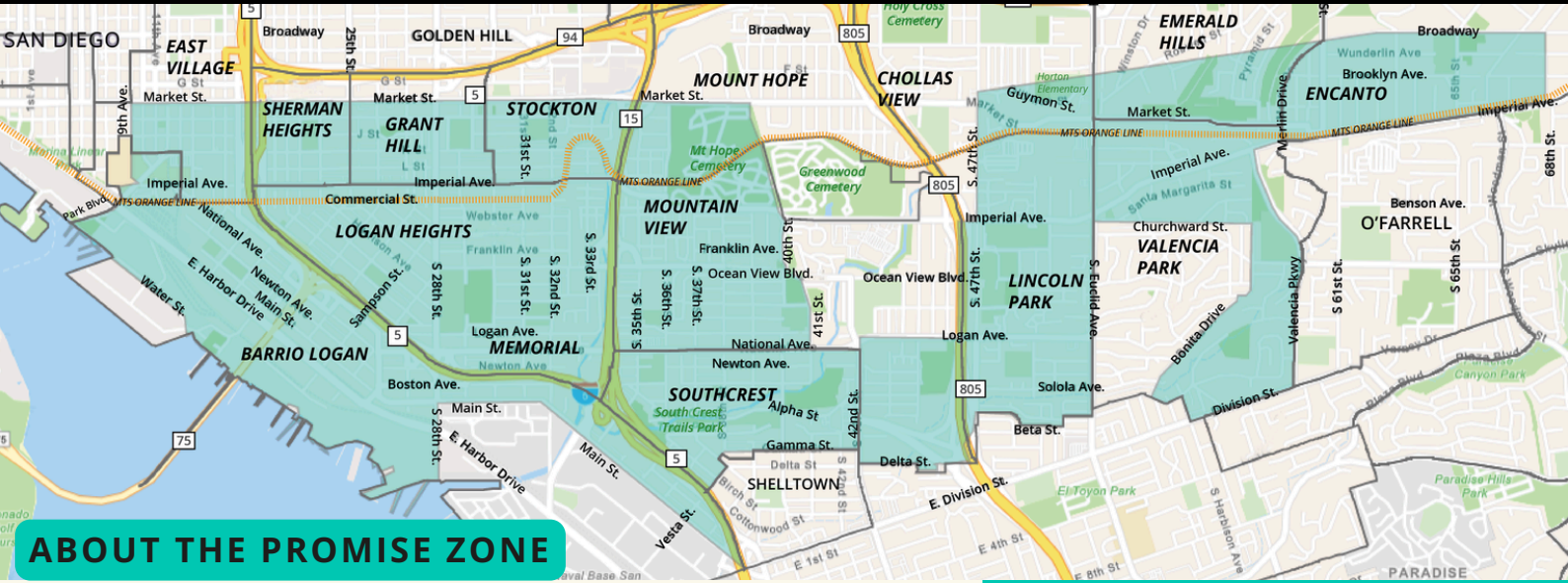


Looking for more roles? Check out additional job boards:

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

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

San Diego Clean Energy [Career Map](#)



ABOUT THE PROMISE ZONE

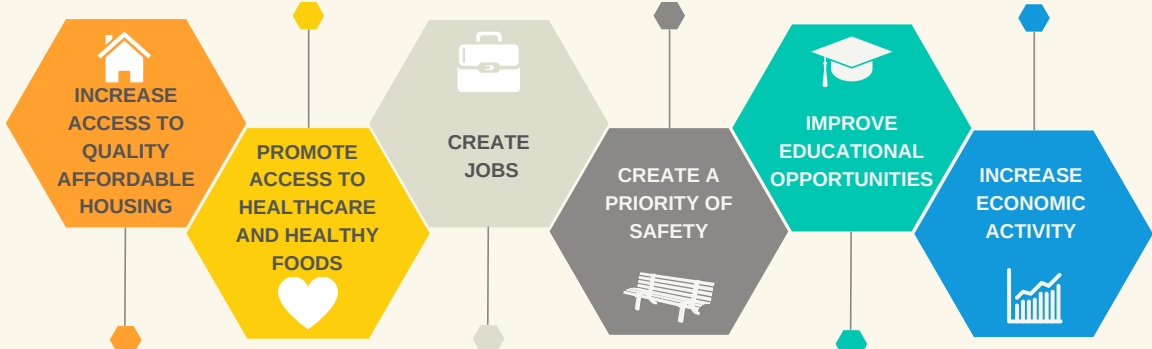
In 2016, the San Diego Promise Zone became one of 22 federally designated Promise Zones in the United States and one of only four in California. The San Diego Promise Zone covers a 6.4-square-mile targeted area with more than 80,000 residents that spans East Village and Barrio Logan east to Encanto.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