

November 16, 2022

LA County Health Services is proud to share Community Connects, a monthly newsletter designed to inform our valued community partners. As you work to engage and support our diverse communities we will provide you with updates, information and resources.

We appreciate your continued partnership and efforts!

**BOS CELEBRATES NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH WITH A LAND
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT MOTION**



On the first day of Native American Heritage Month, the Board of Supervisors approved adopted specific language to be used as a land acknowledgment for the County! Land acknowledgment is a traditional custom that dates back centuries in many Native nations and communities. Today, they are used by Native Peoples and non-Natives to recognize Indigenous Peoples who are the original stewards of the lands on which we now live.

Before public events and other important gatherings hosted by the National Museum of the American Indian, a speaker offers this acknowledgment on behalf of everyone present. Effective December 1, 2022, per Board of Supervisors [motion](#) all meetings will open with the Land Acknowledgment – both verbally and visually.

Heritage Month Celebrations

LA COUNTY MILITARY & VETERANS AFFAIRS ACKNOWLEDGES VETERANS DAY AND SERVICES AVAILABLE TO THOSE WHO SERVE OUR COUNTRY



To find out about resources, programs and benefits available for Veterans

call 877-4-LA-VETS or visit [MVA.LACOUNTY.GOV](https://mva.lacounty.gov)

PROTECT YOU AND YOUR LOVED ONES!

Get Protected Against Both



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
Public Health

With seasonal flu activity increasing across the country, and LA County continuing to show possible signs of a winter COVID-19 surge, now is the best time to get protected against both illnesses.

Flu and COVID-19 are not the same virus, but both can cause severe illness, and both have life-saving vaccines.

Go to vaccinatelacounty.com or call 833-540-0473 between 8:00 am and 8:30 pm 7 days a week for assistance with appointments.

GRANTS FOR SENIOR HOME OWNERS

A flyer for the Senior Grant Program. The background is a grayscale photo of an elderly couple smiling. The text is overlaid in white and orange. At the top left is the LACDA logo. The main headline asks if seniors need repairs to improve mobility. Below that, it states a grant of up to \$15,000 is available with no cost to the homeowner. A list of potential improvements and requirements are provided. Contact information for Maria Ortiz and Cindy Tei is listed at the bottom, along with the LACDA website and social media icons.

SENIOR GRANT PROGRAM
LACDA

**ARE YOU A SENIOR IN
NEED OF REPAIRS TO IMPROVE
MOBILITY IN YOUR HOME?**

**GRANT UP TO \$15,000 AVAILABLE
TO QUALIFIED HOMEOWNERS**

NO COST TO YOU

Partial list of potential improvements:

- Comfort height toilet
- Doorway widening
- Electrical repairs
- Handrails and grab bars
- Ramps
- Slip-resistant flooring
- Plumbing repairs
- Smoke detectors
- Water Heaters
- Windows

Requirements

- Age 62 or older
- Low-income household
- Single-family residence

Eligible Areas

- Unincorporated only

CALL OR EMAIL TODAY

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1st and 4th Supervisorial District
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SeniorGrant@lacda.org

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The Los Angeles County Development Authority just launched the Senior Grant Program which provides grants (up to \$15,000) for mobility and habitability repairs to eligible low-income seniors in Supervisorial Districts 1, 2, 4, and 5. Seniors interested in applying for the Program must be homeowners over 62 years old, low-income, and must own their own home.

[More Info](#)

BECOME A SPONSOR WITH THE DPSS ADOPT-A-FAMILY PROGRAM



You or your team can assist low-income families and individuals served by DPSS by sponsoring a family in need. Sponsors are matched with a family and given a wish list. Sponsors select new items for a holiday gift package they deliver to the family. Requests may include grocery items, clothing, gift certificates, food baskets or toys. It is a great project for families, co-workers, organizations, clubs and schools. You can make a difference in the community by remembering the true meaning of the holiday season. Email adoptafamily@dpss.lacounty.gov or Call 213-744-4344

[More Info](#)

GARRAS 2022 FASHION SHOW FUNDRAISER (ALL AGES)

November 13 marks Transgender Awareness Week, a week-long celebration raising awareness about the transgender community and the challenges our community faces. Come support our local community partners with the fashion show fundraiser hosted by Translatin@ Coalition.



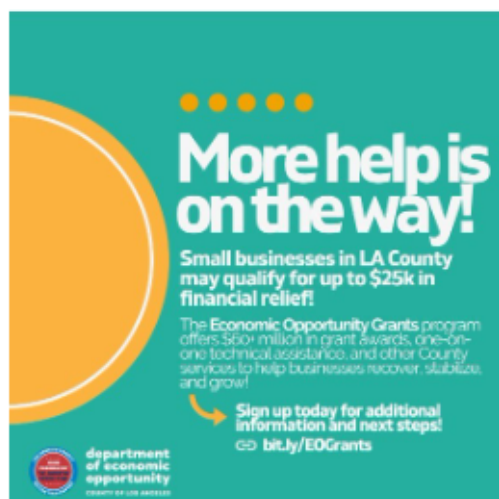
Saturday, November 19th | 7 – 10 pm PST

Pacific Design Center | West Hollywood

GARRAS.org

[Buy Tickets](#)

SMALL BUSINESSES IN LA COUNTY CAN RECEIVE FINANCIAL RELIEF



Small businesses, micro businesses, and non-profits in LA county may qualify for up to \$25k in financial relief through our Economic Opportunity Grants (EOG) program.

EOG offers **\$60+ million in grant awards**, technical assistance, and other County services to help businesses recover, stabilize, and grow!

Grants will be available over multiple rounds starting in January 2023. [Sign up today](#) for additional information and next steps!

[More Info](#)

MIDDLE CLASS TAX REFUND PAYMENTS BEING SENT



California's [Middle Class Tax Refund \(MCTR\)](#) is a one-time payment to provide relief to Californians. Most California taxpayers to receive a one-time payment from part of the \$300-billion budget to help offset the price of fuel and inflation-related cost increases. Payments will be sent as either direct deposits or as debit cards. The Franchise Tax Board expects about 90% of the direct deposits to be issued by the end of this month.

To see when you will receive your payment, visit [the Franchise Tax Board website](#).

FIND YOUR NEXT CAREER OPPORTUNITY

Small businesses and job seekers can connect to immediate post-pandemic support including work readiness training, transitional employment opportunities, streamlined hiring and reduced payroll costs through the Pandemic Relief Rapid Reemployment program!

Potential participants will be connected to a Career Pathways Advisor who will provide specialized help every step of the way! Applications are now live and can be accessed via the following links. If you are a jobseeker, [visit here](#). If you are a business, [visit here](#).

LA COUNTY HELPFUL RESOURCES:

- FIND [THANKSGIVING MEALS](#) & [HOLIDAY GIFTS](#) HERE !!
- [Community Vaccine Resource Page](#)
- [COVID-19 Testing](#)
- [Get Ahead - LA Financial Resources](#)
- [Vaccine Locator Tool](#)
- [COVID-19 Resources for Parents and Guardians](#) (Spanish: ph.lacounty.gov/covidinfopadres)
- [One Degree Community Resources](#)



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