



October 11, 2023

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!

CELEBRATE FILIPINO AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH (FAHM) IN WEST COVINA



On **October 14** get ready for a day filled with exciting activities, delicious food, captivating performances, and a celebration of Filipino American culture. Watch video [HERE](#).

This event is a fantastic opportunity to connect with the vibrant Filipino American community, learn about their rich history, and enjoy a fun-filled day with family and friends.

FAHM MANIA 2023 | 112 Plaza Drive, West Covina, CA 91790

RSVP Free

CELEBRATE GERMAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE DAY ALL MONTH LONG



German-American Heritage Day celebrates and honors the 300th anniversary of German culture and immigration to the United States.

CELEBRATE WITH FOOD, MUSIC & DANCE!

Old World Oktoberfest

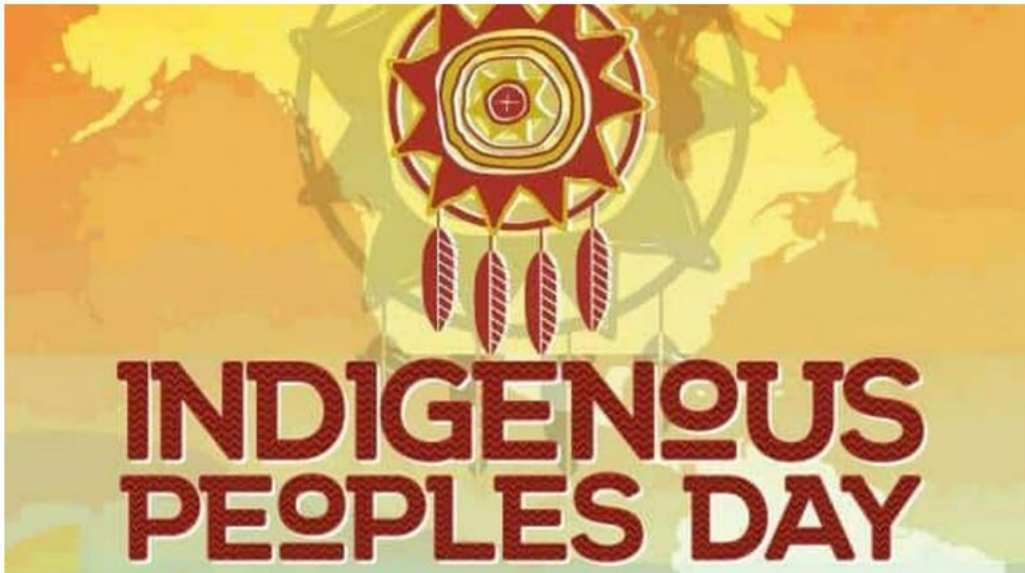
Biergarten at Old World Village | 7561 Center Avenue | Huntington Beach, CA 92647

Wednesdays/Thursdays (FREE ADMISSION) | Saturday-daytime only and Sundays are FREE ADMISSION FOR ALL AGES (under 21 must be accompanied by a parent) Friday & Saturday nights paid admission 21+ ONLY with VALID ID | Free Parking

[Watch Video of Past Oktoberfest](#)

[More Info](#)

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY



For all of its emphasis on commemorating Indigenous history and culture, Indigenous Peoples' Day is also a time to move forward and look to the future.

Some Indigenous leaders use the holiday as an opportunity to draw attention to issues that continue to affect Native Americans today, including climate change, tribal sovereignty and land rights.

Though the day has passed there are more thrilling things to do this October in Los Angeles!

October fun in LA

LA COUNTY LIBRARY OFFERS FREE IN-PERSON DIGITAL ASSISTANTS



[Delete The Divide](#) and LA County Library are now offering FREE computer assistance and digital training to community members and small businesses. Digital Assistants are ready to help you in-person with tech support and accessing online resources, as well as providing:

- Onsite support for [Affordable Connectivity Program \(ACP\)](#) enrollment, providing up to \$30 off your monthly internet bill
- Digital literacy training

- Other basic computer assistance

For more information and a list of participating libraries, visit lacountylibrary.org/digital-assistants/.

DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS (DCA) HOSTS FREE ART WORKSHOPS FOR DIA DE LOS MUERTOS



DCA's Art in the Park will have classes and workshops led by Berta and Stan Sosa with community teaching artists, from September 21 **to November 2, 2023**, free with RSVP. Activities include: **Día de los Muertos & Making Paper Flowers; Designing Banderitas and Luminarias; Papel Picado; Making Amaranth Skulls & Sugar Skulls; Setting up a Community Altar for Día de Los Muertos;** and much more.

RSVP

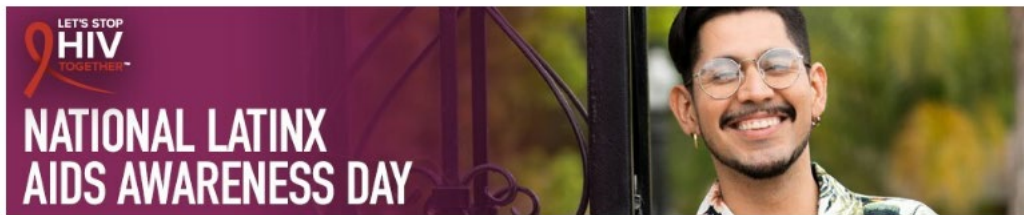
LA COUNTY OFFICE OF IMMIGRANT AFFAIRS OPENS GRANTS TO IMMIGRANT-FOCUSED ORGANIZATIONS

CAPACITY STRENGTHENING GRANTS FOR IMMIGRANT-FOCUSED CBOS

***The application period for the \$125,000 grant awards
is now open***

The Los Angeles County Office of Immigrant Affairs (OIA) in the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs is expanding the Capacity-Strengthening for Immigrant-Focused Community-Based Organizations grant program funded by Los Angeles County's American Rescue Plan allocation.

The application period is now open, and ***submissions will be accepted through October 27, 2023, by 5:00 p.m.*** PST. For more information about the initiative, visit cnmsocal.org/capacity-strengthening-grants-for-immigrant-focused-cbos. Grant-specific questions can be addressed to CNM's Joni Byun at grants@cnmsocal.org or (213) 266-8448.



[More Info](#)

NATIONAL LATINX AIDS AWARENESS DAY IS OCTOBER 15

October 15 is National Latinx AIDS Awareness Day, a day to help stop HIV stigma and address the disproportionate impact of HIV on Hispanic/Latino communities. View data at <https://bit.ly/3CvPXNb> #StopHIVTogether #NLAAD

Watch a video with more information [HERE](#).

Ways to Get Involved

ITS LA COUNTY ADOPT-A-SHELTER-DOG MONTH!



The County of Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors has officially declared October 2023 as "Adopt-a-Shelter-Dog Month" throughout Los Angeles County. Adopt-a-Shelter-Dog Month brings attention to the many wonderful dogs who are waiting for their forever homes in the County animal care centers.

Adopting a shelter dog not only provides a loving home for a deserving dog but is a proactive response to the high volume of dogs being admitted to the animal care centers. Throughout the month of October, dog adoption fees are waived at all County Department of Animal Care and Control's animal care centers. For more information and to view adoptable pets, visit www.animalcare.lacounty.gov.

[More Info](#)

LA FOOD EQUITY FUND GRANTS REQUESTING APPLICATIONS



LA Food Equity Fund

Grant Funding Available : Request for Applications

Community Partners and the Los Angeles County Chief Sustainability Office are proud to launch the LA Food Equity Fund, which will invest over \$9.8 million of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding into communities across LA County.

Building on the community-centered equity approach of the Los Angeles Food Equity Roundtable and its Food Equity Roundtable Action Plan, grants aim to alleviate food and nutrition insecurity and contribute to building a more sustainable and resilient food system.

Two types of grants are available:

- **Capacity Building:** activities may include improving efficiency in food distribution, production, and procurement; food recovery; waste management; food access; data/technology projects; nutrition education and communications; food preparation; safe food handling education; nutrition screenings and services in healthcare; food availability; nutritious food incentives; outreach and engagement; development of targeted materials; and development of accessible enrollment tools and processes (Awards ranging from \$100,000 – \$1,000,000)
- **Distribution:** eligible items for reimbursement include culturally relevant food items; infant formula; personal hygiene products such as diapers; and staffing and other direct expenses associated with the procurement of items. (Awards of \$100,000)

For more information about eligibility and how to apply for these grants, visit us at:

www.communitypartners.org/foodequity.



The Los Angeles County Chief Sustainability Office has launched the LA Food Equity Fund to alleviate food and nutrition insecurity to build a more sustainable and resilient food system. Grants from \$100,000 to \$1,000,000 are available as capacity-building or distribution grants.

Visit the link [here](#) to view eligibility requirements and learn more.

Deadline: October 30

More Info

OCTOBER IS LGBT HISTORY MONTH



LA County is celebrating LGBTQ+ History Month with a number of community events and programs happening throughout the month.

Click the links below to find events, programming and resources that are available for you to access.

Events & Resources

LA COUNTY HOUSING RESOURCE CENTER - YOUR ONE-STOP FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING



Looking for housing? There are currently several affordable housing developments accepting applications throughout Los Angeles County. [Click here](#) to learn more about the developments and their application process.

CENTRAL CITY NEIGHBORHOOD PARTNERS HEALTH AND RESOURCE FAIR OCTOBER 28



Multiple organizations will come together to provide free health assessments, resources, and information and prizes. We intend that children and their families will have the information and resources to stay healthy, be happy and ready to succeed at school.

Please join us in this wonderful event to provide the people in our community with information, resources, health checkups, and tips for healthy living.

Saturday, October 28, 2023

from 10am to 2pm.

Flyer

LA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT (DYD) REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (RFP) TO IDENTIFY ORGANIZATIONS FOR FUTURE PARTNERSHIPS



The Los Angeles County Department of Youth Development (DYD), Youth Programs Request for Information (RFI) begins with a set of questions related to organizational background information and service delivery, followed by questions specific to the program categories described above.

DYD asks organizations to submit their responses no later than Friday, October 20, 2023 at 12pm.

PLEASE NOTE: This is not a solicitation, and your response does not infer a contract or in any way obligate the County to enter into contract pursuant to this request.

[More Info](#)

LA COUNTY LIBRARIES HOST FREE NALOXONE CLINICS



No ID Required | No Proof of Insurance Necessary | No Cost

Thanks to a partnership with Los Angeles County Department of Public Health and California Department of Health Care Services, customers can pick up a free dose of naloxone (Narcan) at one of our upcoming clinics. Customers do not have to provide identification, proof of insurance, or payment. Customers will need to complete a brief training on how to administer naloxone, which will be available on site. Limit one per customer while supplies last.

[Naloxone Sites](#)

LA COUNTY CARE FIRST COMMUNITY INVESTMENT HAS MANY FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Third Party Administrator

CFCI and Non-CFCI Funding Opportunities
LA County Care First Community Investment

L.A. County Justice, Care and Opportunities Department (JCOD) has officially launched the third year of funding opportunities through L.A. County's Care First Community Investment (CFCI) Care Grant.

All community-based organizations that have expertise and capacity in any of the specified program areas, are strongly encouraged to apply.

For more information, to find out if you qualify, or to register for webinars that will walk you through the process, visit JCOD's Third-Party Administrator, Amity's website: [click here](#) or go to <https://www.amityfdn.org/tpa>.

[More Info](#)

LA COUNTY PARKS AND REC EVERYBODY PLAYS AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM



Need a place for your child to play after school? Join the Everybody Plays Program! Children of ages 7 to 17 are welcome to attend this program which offers multiple activities, programs, and resources such as art classes, homework assistance, and sports activities. Call your local LA County Park to get more information.

[More Info](#)

HOME BASED TUTORING DEVICES AVAILABLE TO LAUSD STUDENTS



Is your child an LAUSD student? Do they need a device? Students who are enrolled in tutoring with LAUSD are now able to request a learning device such as a laptop to virtually connect with their tutor and/or complete assignments online. Request a device through the link below.

[Request a Device](#)

LA COUNTY HELPFUL RESOURCES:

- [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](#)

