

CITY OF
LONG BEACH



Legislative & Funding **Priorities**

ABOUT THE CITY OF LONG BEACH



Long Beach is the seventh largest city in California and second largest city in the County of Los Angeles, with a population of **467,000**; **18** historical districts; and **180** local neighborhoods and business organizations.



Long Beach is one of three municipal public health jurisdictions in California.



As a diverse city, the population ethnically identifies as **43.9%** Hispanic/Latino, **27.8%** White, **13.1%** Asian/Pacific Islander, **11.6%** Black/African American, **3.0%** two or more races, and **0.6%** other ethnicities.



Long Beach has the third-largest Unified School District in the State, Long Beach City College and California State University, Long Beach, in addition to the award-winning Long Beach College Promise.



The Los Angeles-Long Beach-Santa Ana area ranks **#2** in the nation for having the greatest number of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual or Transgender (LGBT) persons.



Globally connected, Long Beach is home to the second-busiest port nationwide and the award-winning Long Beach Airport.

FUNDING AND LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY EFFORTS

2023 ACCOMPLISHMENTS



32

The City took positions on 32 legislative proposals at the State and federal levels



66

The City wrote a total of 66 position letters to the State Legislature and Governor



2

The City sponsored 2 bills: AB 1046 (Lowenthal) and SB 498 (Gonzalez)



80

The City secured 80 grant support letters in support of City and community projects



\$12.5 MILLION

The delegation secured \$12.5 million in funding to Long Beach

2024 PRIORITIES

Grow Long Beach Initiative

Through the Grow Long Beach Initiative, Long Beach has set in motion a citywide transition towards a more climate-sustainable economy and away from its historical dependence on oil revenues by investing in five strategic industry sectors that show promise for continued growth, including: Aerospace and Aviation; Healthcare; Ports and Logistics; Housing and Education; and Arts, Culture and Tourism.

Long Beach Housing Promise

This new initiative represents a partnership between the City of Long Beach, California State University, Long Beach, Long Beach City College, and the Long Beach Unified School District to collaborate over the next 5 years on ways to ensure that quality, affordable housing is available for all residents, students, and families of students in Long Beach.

Elevate '28 Infrastructure Investment Plan

In 2028, the City of Long Beach will co-host the Olympic Games with the City of Los Angeles. The Elevate '28 Infrastructure Investment Plan combines the approved Measure A Five Year Infrastructure plan approved in FY23 along with the three new categories: 2028 Olympic Legacy, Community & Cultural Investments, and Gold Medal Park Refresh projects.

West Side Promise

Through the West Side Promise, the City has launched a 10-year community investment plan to coordinate economic development and climate mitigation efforts in West Long Beach, an area that has historically faced unique environmental challenges and adverse health impacts. Ongoing support is needed to improve open space, public health, environmental health, and public infrastructure in West Long Beach.

Mental Health Funding

There has been growing urgency around meeting the community's behavioral health needs given the strong connection between mental health conditions and substance use disorders and homelessness, educational attainment, and economic success. Additionally, there is a need for efforts to address public safety and violence. Ongoing sustainable funding to local health jurisdictions is needed to support service coordination and increase access to prevention and treatment.

**CITY OF LONG BEACH'S
PRIORITIES**

Affordable Housing

Homeless Services

Digital Inclusion

Infrastructure

Public Health

Climate Action

Equity



AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN THE CITY OF LONG BEACH

The City supports policies that maximize funding and flexibility for the development and enhancement of affordable, accessible housing.



OVERVIEW

Rising housing costs, limited supply, and an evolving economic landscape have resulted in a 43 percent rate of housing-cost burden in the City. Households with extremely low- and very-low incomes are experiencing a housing crisis, and households with moderate-incomes and above-moderate incomes are unable to afford housing in today's market. Public funding to produce housing for lower-income households is dwindling, and there are currently limited programs to assist moderate-income households. Nonetheless, with the support of State and federal partners, the City has been able to provide a number of critical housing resources for the community. Furthermore, the City launched a new initiative in partnership with California State University, Long Beach; Long Beach City College; and the Long Beach Unified School District called the Long Beach Housing Promise, to collaborate over the next five years to ensure that quality, affordable housing is available for all residents, students, and families of students in Long Beach. The coalition plans to achieve their goals through strategies that include strategic collaborations and advocacy, long-term planning, joint use of spaces, layered funding opportunities, development of shared public private partnerships, policy innovations, technical assistance, and streamlining of proposal reviews. The City remains committed to improving access to safe, quality housing for residents across all income levels, promoting a diversity of housing types and increasing the feasibility of development of underused sites throughout the city.



489 emergency housing vouchers issued to serve individuals and families facing housing instability



\$12.7 million for the development of affordable rental housing



183 veterans supported through VASH Vouchers in FY 23



over **3,272** units of new affordable housing produced in the past two decades



230 affordable housing units completed in FY 23 to serve extremely -low, very-low, and low-income individuals and families



\$14 million awarded to housing developers in FY 23 for the construction of 340 affordable housing units

AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN THE CITY OF LONG BEACH

↘ CITY STRATEGIES

- The proclamation of a local homelessness emergency in Long Beach allowed the City to reduce the time entitled to an affordable housing project to 60 days from 6-12 months pre-pandemic.
- Achieved a Pro-Housing Designation from the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) for the City's commitment to policies and practices that remove barriers to housing production. The special classification gives Long Beach priority consideration for certain competitive housing, community development and infrastructure grant and loan funding programs administered by the HCD.
- Recognized by the American Planning Association (APA) for the City's Housing Element. The City was the first large jurisdiction in the SCAG region to have its 6th Cycle Housing Element Update certified by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) in April 2022.
- During FY23, the City facilitated new housing starts by permitting 970 new units, including 508 Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU's) and 225 affordable units.
- Implemented the Pre-Approved Accessory Dwelling Unit (PAADU) program and identified local design professionals to provide pre-approved ADU designs to be available for streamlined reviews.
- Adopted a new inclusionary housing policy requiring new residential projects in select portions of the City with 9 or more units to set aside 10-11 percent of units for affordable housing.
- Implemented a First-Time Homebuyer Assistance Program designed to assist low- and moderate-income families traditionally underrepresented in homeownership with purchasing their first home and building multi-generational wealth.
- Adopted an Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Ordinance that permits ADUs in all residential use zones with development standards varying by type of zone and ADU.
- Updated the Zoning Code (partially funded by State SB 2 and LEAP programs) with pro-housing policies, streamlined review, expanded areas for housing production, and other reforms to encourage housing development and implement the recently updated General Plan Land Use Element.
- Administered CalHome allocations to finance and construct ADUs on properties owned by low-income homeowners.
- Administered permanent housing allocations through SB 2 to expand the supply of low- and very-low income housing within the City.
- Updated the City's Housing Element to plan for the development of more than 26,500 units through 2029.

↘ SUPPORT REQUESTED

- Support policies, legislation, and funding for the implementation of the Long Beach Housing Promise to increase housing and reduce homelessness;
- Support policies and legislation that would raise the Area Median Income threshold for tenants in publicly owned and operated affordable housing projects to ensure middle-income households are not subject to possessory interest tax;
- Balance the needs of cities in compliance with the Regional Housing Needs Assessment by authorizing local control over secondary requirements;
- Increase funding for affordable housing that is equitable to Long Beach;
- Provide the City with tax increment financing for affordable housing and public infrastructure benefitting affordable housing; and,
- Support the development of allowable uses for low- to moderate-income housing funds for cities that have met their affordable housing requirements in past planning cycles.

Increased funding and policy assistance would help the City make even greater strides to increase affordable housing and develop new housing strategies that can be modeled statewide.



HOMELESS SERVICES IN THE CITY OF LONG BEACH

The City supports policies and ongoing funding proposals that comprehensively address the homelessness crisis and promote regional collaboration and accountability.



OVERVIEW

The City's Department of Health and Human Services (LBDHHS) leads a multi-pronged approach to expand capacity and enhance service delivery to those most in need. Long Beach is one of three cities in California to operate its own local health jurisdiction, and the City manages its own Continuum of Care. In an effort to address the ongoing issues of homelessness in Long Beach, the City proclaimed a local state of emergency on January 10, 2023, which has strengthened the City's preparedness and ability to respond to homelessness. Since the City Council proclaimed a state of emergency for homelessness in Long Beach, over 35,000 people experiencing homelessness have visited the City's Multi-Service Center (MSC) to get connected to important services and resources. Additionally, specially trained officers of the Long Beach Police Department help individuals connect with services via the Quality of Life Unit, and the Restorative Engagement to Achieve Collective Health (REACH) outreach teams provide physical and mental health resources as part of their outreach efforts to help people in Long Beach who are experiencing homelessness. Furthermore, in August 2023, the LBDHHS launched the Community Crisis Response (CCR) Pilot Program to provide specialized, non-law enforcement, multi-disciplinary teams to non-emergency 911 calls for service related to mental health, substance use, and other quality of life concerns.

The City is committed to providing shelter beds to its unhoused residents, both through municipal shelters and beds provided by its partners. There are approximately 1,300 beds across Long Beach provided by both the City and its partners. The City has significantly increased capacity for interim housing by adding 85 new beds through the acquisition of a property located at 702 W. Anaheim Street, which will be utilized as a permanent, year-round shelter for people experiencing homelessness. In addition, plans are underway for the development of 33 new modular non-congregate shelter units, known as Tiny Homes, to safely house people experiencing homelessness. The City is working hard to meet the current need among people experiencing homelessness while looking at upstream supports that could prevent future homelessness.



175

average visits per day to the City's Multi-Service Center (MSC) since the emergency proclamation



1,826

people enrolled in interim housing programs since the emergency proclamation



578

people enrolled in permanent housing programs since the emergency proclamation



8,191

case management sessions conducted since the emergency proclamation

HOMELESS SERVICES IN THE CITY OF LONG BEACH

↘ CITY STRATEGIES

- In June 2023, the City purchased the former Long Beach Rescue Mission, Inc. to be utilized as a permanent, year-round shelter for people experiencing homelessness, made possible by \$6.5 million from LA County, \$5.7 million from the City's Measure A Funds and the remaining \$1 million dollars from the City's General Fund.
- In March 2023, the City launched the Homelessness Text Alert program in an effort to connect residents who are unhoused with housing and support services and other resources, resulting in over 300 people reached with updates and services in English and Spanish.
- In March 2023, the City unveiled a new data dashboard showcasing local homelessness data, including demographics of people experiencing homelessness and data on the various housing and support services offered by the City.
- In August 2023, the City was awarded \$5.3 million from the State of California in Encampment Resolution Funding (ERF) to address key areas of need in Downtown.
- The City was one of eight Continuums of Care in California to be awarded 79 Stability Housing Vouchers from the U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development, which will serve to connect more qualifying individuals experiencing homelessness or at risk of experiencing homelessness to permanent housing.
- The City expanded its Safe Parking Program, which provides a safe, dignified environment for people currently sheltering in their vehicles to park overnight while receiving access to basic needs and being connected to services.
- LBDHHS was awarded \$5.2 million in grants over a three-year period from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), which will be utilized to support the City's rapid rehousing and permanent housing efforts for people experiencing homelessness.
- LBDHHS expanded mental health therapy programming for people experiencing homelessness in Long Beach, now offering mental health therapy programming in the evening for those who are unsheltered and those staying in congregate or non-congregate shelters in Long Beach.
- The City was awarded \$1.25 million from the State of California in one-time funding to bolster the City's homelessness emergency activities, prevention efforts, and services for community members at risk of or experiencing homelessness.
- In August 2023, LBDHHS launched the Community Crisis Response (CCR) Pilot Program to improve overall community health and safety through programs and services that meet residents' needs through health-based approaches.

↘ SUPPORT REQUESTED

- Unrestricted, ongoing State funding to support administrative functions, communications and outreach teams, and ongoing operations for the City's myriad homeless services and rehousing programs;
- Collaborate with the federal, state, county, local governments and other agencies to ensure all cities and intergovernmental partners are engaged and contributing resources to address homelessness in the region;
- Support policies, legislation, and funding for the implementation of the Long Beach Housing Promise to increase housing and reduce homelessness;
- Support policies, legislation, and funding that allocate direct financial resources for mental health to jurisdictions with their own city-run health departments; and,
- Investments to create rapid housing opportunities for people experiencing homelessness and long-term affordable housing.

Preventing and addressing homelessness requires sustained collaboration with partners to provide stable, affordable housing and services to those who need it most.



DIGITAL INCLUSION IN THE CITY OF LONG BEACH

The City works collaboratively on a digital inclusion vision and long-term plan that will modernize broadband infrastructure to meet economic empowerment needs.



OVERVIEW

The City's Digital Inclusion Initiative strives to ensure that everyone has equitable access to and use of digital inclusion resources and services, regardless of background, neighborhood, or identity. These resources and services include:

- Capacity: Free multilingual computer literacy training and support, job preparedness, and digital literacy skills development;
- Connectivity: Affordable and free high-speed, quality in-home Internet services and support, and free City-provided public Wi-Fi in public spaces; and,
- Technology: Free and reliable City-provided community computer labs and support.



\$2,178,910
ARPA
funding

\$1,000,000
CARES Act
funding



2,400
free mobile
hotspots
distributed



2,900
free computing
devices provided



49
one-on-one digital
skills appointments
through the Digital
Inclusion Confidence
Program



34,000
community members
engaged during
outreach activities



2,600
inquiries to the Digital
Inclusion Resources Hotline

DIGITAL INCLUSION IN THE CITY OF LONG BEACH

↘ CITY STRATEGIES

- Long Beach City Council approved the Digital Inclusion Roadmap (Roadmap), a blueprint for ensuring everyone in Long Beach has equitable access to and use of computer literacy training, the Internet, technology devices, and other digital inclusion resources and services.
- The City of Long Beach 2030 Strategic Vision outlines various strategies to ensure Long Beach residents have access to technology to learn, communicate, engage, and thrive in our city.
- Supported the City's homelessness emergency by providing critical technology infrastructure and equipment, technology solutions and data analysis and reporting via coordinated efforts for the City's Tiny Homes infrastructure, Safe Parking Program sites for people living in vehicles, the Mobile Access Center, and field command center.
- Supported the City's homelessness emergency by developing the homelessness services and information hub, a comprehensive one-stop shop for homelessness information, data, and resources available on the City's website; a homelessness digital dashboard to track results; a development map to show progress on affordable housing projects and a homelessness survey with 2,846 responses that included an analysis of the qualitative feedback using AI technology.
- Launched a new technology pilot program, the Long Beach Collaboratory (LB Co-Lab), an immersive technology training program convened of 30 local stakeholders from four under-resourced Long Beach neighborhoods. LB Co-Lab is a new model of smart cities that will ensure that the City invests in context-appropriate technology enhancements based on community-identified needs while teaching community members how to navigate the tech world.
- Developed a first-of-its-kind Digital Rights Platform intending to improve the legibility and visibility of smart city technologies and educate the public about the City's data privacy practices.
- Instituted the Digital Inclusion Initiative to advance digital equity and inclusion for communities and neighborhoods most in need. Through the Initiative, the City deployed more than \$2.7 million in federal digital equity grant funding under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) and American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) in collaboration with 11 community partner organizations.
- Recognized by the Center for Digital Government as a Top 10 Digital City for 13 consecutive years.
- Multi-year Digital Inclusion Trailblazers Award recipient by the National Digital Inclusion Alliance (NDIA).

↘ SUPPORT REQUESTED

- Increase the number of households and businesses that have access to and use of low-cost or free high-speed, quality Internet as well as affordable and reliable, Internet-enabled technology devices and technical support;
- Support policies, legislation, and funding that promotes digital accessibility and inclusivity practices;
- Support policies and legislation to provide free public Wi-Fi in parks, beaches, and venues in preparation for the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games;
- Assure children and youth have access to resources that aim to reduce the poverty level of the City's children and youth, including emancipated youth;
- Increase the availability of free multilingual digital literacy, financial literacy and wealth-building training opportunities for young people and disadvantaged families;
- Increase the availability of free multilingual digital literacy, financial literacy and wealth-building training opportunities for young people and disadvantaged residents; and,
- Increase funding for local and county governments to advance digital inclusion efforts.

Fortifying digital infrastructure will facilitate the growth of regional economies and decrease negative impacts on public health and quality of life.



INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE CITY OF LONG BEACH

The City supports infrastructure investments that reduce long-term operations and maintenance expenditures for the City.



OVERVIEW

Long Beach has significant infrastructure needs across the City, totaling \$3.4 billion in upgrades to streets and alleys; ADA improvements to sidewalks and curb ramps; stormwater infrastructure and treatment; bridge repairs and replacement; traffic signals and street lighting; multimodal transportation improvements; community facilities; and other assets. On August 1, 2023, the City unveiled investment plans totaling \$758 million, with \$188 million allocated over the next four years for Olympic priority projects under the Elevate '28 plan. The proposed plan includes new funding to prepare the City to be a showcase for the world during the 2028 Olympics, and continue to improve and enhance City parks, major corridors, and visitor-serving areas. The Elevate '28 Infrastructure Investment Plan combines the approved Measure A Five Year Infrastructure plan approved in FY23 along with the three new categories: 2028 Olympic Legacy, Community & Cultural Investments, and Gold Medal Park Refresh projects.



\$40 million
of Measure A for
2028 Olympic
Legacy projects



64
new projects to
elevate the city to the
international stage



\$188 million
for 2028 Olympic
Legacy projects



6
Olympic sports in
Long Beach

INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE CITY OF LONG BEACH

↘ CITY STRATEGIES

- The Elevate '28 plan includes \$214.6 million from multiple funding sources anticipated to be available from FY 24 – FY 27 dedicated to preparing the City for the Olympic games, inspiring the community, and creating a legacy for post-2028.
- The Elevate '28 plan includes 64 new initiatives ranging from park improvements, cultural center developments, and water quality projects that the City hopes to complete before the 2028 Olympics.
- 2028 Olympic Legacy includes improvements to the Long Beach Airport, the Queen Mary, Marine Stadium and the Convention Center, and completing the new Belmont pool.
- Community and cultural investments, which include plans to conduct an African American Cultural District feasibility study, construct a grand entrance for Cambodia Town, create an early design for a Latino Cultural Center and an LGBTQ+ Cultural Center, along with constructing the LGBTQ cultural district along Broadway.
- Gold Medal Park Refreshment Projects, which include improvements to various playgrounds, sports facilities and park amenities at Admiral Kidd, Houghton, Hudson, MacArthur, Silverado, Bixby and El Dorado parks, among others.
- The City adopted a Five-Year Infrastructure Investment Plan to fund \$521 million in infrastructure projects.
- The City unveiled a new 10-year community investment plan – known as the Westside Promise – to coordinate economic development, planning, and climate mitigation efforts in West Long Beach, in partnership with the private, non-profit, and philanthropic sectors
- Measure A—initially passed voters in 2016 and extended indefinitely in 2020—is the largest local infrastructure investment in decades.
- Measure A has invested nearly \$165 million in local infrastructure projects (FY 17-FY22).
- Measure A and direct State funding are vital to funding infrastructure improvements such as street rehabilitation, public facilities, parks, and mobility improvements.

↘ SUPPORT REQUESTED

- Support policies, legislation, and funding for the implementation of the Elevate '28 Infrastructure Investment Plan to revitalize the City's infrastructure in preparation for the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games (Shoemaker Bridge, Belmont Pool, Shoreline Drive Realignment, Terminal Island Freeway, Queen Mary);
- Support policies, legislation, and funding for the implementation of the Westside Promise to improve open space, public health, environmental health, and public infrastructure in West Long Beach;
- Support policies, legislation, and funding for road improvements and other transportation infrastructure improvements to attract additional industries like private spaceflight and aerospace to the City;
- Funding to support the City's pavement management plan (estimated at \$1.5 million), ADA accessible sidewalks and curb ramps (estimated at \$631 million), and facility conditions improvements (estimated at \$435 million);
- Sustainable infrastructure funding to advance the City's climate resiliency and organics waste objectives;
- Regional planning and investments in electric vehicle charging infrastructure and zero-emissions equipment;
- Support the construction of and improvements to vital public safety infrastructure such as fire and police stations, health facilities, and emergency preparation and response resources;
- Funding for public facilities such as swimming pools, parks and open space, arts and cultural resources, and community centers in historically marginalized communities; and,
- Opportunities to facilitate economic development through leveraging private investments to promote quality infrastructure benefiting all communities within the City.

Funding for infrastructure at the local level would help the City address its significant \$3.4 billion need, while advancing equity and preparing workforce for jobs of the future.



The City supports proposals that protect and expand the health care safety net and improve the health outcomes of residents.



OVERVIEW

The City's Department of Health and Human Services (LBDHHS) is one of three municipal health departments in California. This allows for better engagement with the communities served and a greater understanding of community needs. The LBDHHS offers an array of services at thirteen sites throughout Long Beach, including social supportive service programs at the Multi-Service Center for individuals experiencing homelessness, preventing communicable disease (e.g., HIV services, sexual health clinic, and Tuberculosis clinic), preventing chronic disease by promoting nutrition security through efforts such as the Women, Children and Infants (WIC) and Healthy Eating Active Living programs, as well as building safer communities through injury and violence prevention programs. There is a significant focus on mental health for which the LBDHHS publishes a comprehensive resource guide and incorporates mental health services within all programs. Strong Environmental Health programs and early childhood educational opportunities are other key components of the LBDHHS functions.

On November 9, 2021, the Long Beach City Council directed the City Manager to work with the LBDHHS and local mental health providers to explore the feasibility of establishing a more robust infrastructure for mental health services in collaboration with the County of Los Angeles. On February 8, 2022, the City Council approved \$100,000 of General Fund one-time funds to lead the mental health study efforts. These funds were utilized to convene a Mental Health Advisory Group and retain a consultant with specific expertise in mental health funding mechanisms, data, service delivery, and referral pathways to conduct a feasibility study and move this effort forward. This culminated in a report titled, "Developing a Robust Mental Health System in Long Beach", which was adopted by the Long Beach City Council in May 2023 and includes strategies and proposed action steps to guide, focus, and prioritize activities to enhance the local mental health system. The LBDHHS has identified and laid out four focus areas and strategies for localizing the mental health system within its scope of control and authority. These focus areas are mental health treatment capacity, linkage to resources and treatment, prevention, and self-care.



239 families and **487** children linked to therapy, parenting classes and domestic violence support groups through the Family Preservation Program in FY 23



the Community Crisis Response (CCR) Team responded to **80** calls since the launch of the CCR pilot program in August 2023



2,209 calls to the Resource Line and **1,889** people seeking support for food, housing, mental health, rental assistance, vaccines, and more were helped by Resource navigators utilizing UniteUs assistance request platform in FY 23

PUBLIC HEALTH IN THE CITY OF LONG BEACH

↘ CITY STRATEGIES

- The LBDHHS implemented the Community Crisis Response (CCR) pilot program, an alternative mental health crisis response model in West and Downtown Long Beach.
- The LBDHHS implemented a Safe Passages program for students at Washington Middle School and crisis intervention workers, called Peace Keepers, to reduce violence in the Washington Neighborhood.
- The LBDHHS was awarded \$6.7 million Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) grant over five years to enhance the public health workforce and infrastructure.
- 7,728 people served through the Medi-Cal Outreach/Health Access Program, including assistance with enrollment, insurance renewal, and troubleshooting and referrals to other safety net programs in FY 23.
- More than 7,000 doses of vaccine provided to those impacted by monkeypox in FY 23.
- 1,216 older adults linked to essential services including nutrition, health care, mental health, caregiving/in-home support, Medi-Cal/benefits navigation, transportation and more in FY 23.
- The LBDHHS served an average of 13,490 WIC families monthly (nearly 95,000 contacts) with nutrition education breastfeeding support and education, and healthy food benefits with an estimated value of \$7,399,770 in FY 23.
- The LBDHHS launched the Mobile Access Center program, delivering homeless services in the community.
- The LBDHHS is strengthening collaboration with other City departments to build a more comprehensive approach to ensure young children and families have access to mental and wellness services.
- The LBDHHS was awarded more than \$930,000 over 5 years to initiate opioid overdose prevention initiatives.
- The LBDHHS is an established leader and key partner in the region for county, state and federal responses including supply chain shortages of medications and formula, and national security threats.
- The LBDHHS distributed more than \$630,000 for youth and community projects through Measure US to support the intersection of youth development and violence prevention, including the first citywide youth power-Long Beach community budget participatory process in FY 23.

↘ SUPPORT REQUESTED

- Support policies, legislation, and funding that allocate direct financial resources for mental health to jurisdictions with their own city-run health departments;
- Support policies, legislation, and funding that allocate direct financial resources to the City's Black Infant Health Program;
- Support policies, legislation and grants that would allow the government to negotiate drug prices to minimize cost and increase Medicare reimbursement rates as related to ambulance billing;
- Support policies, legislation, and funding for the implementation of the Westside Promise to improve open space, public health, environmental health, and public infrastructure in West Long Beach;
- Support structural local health jurisdiction funding for core public health services;
- Support for the equitable distribution of Measure H dollars and services;
- Support for violence prevention and advancing peace efforts;
- Enhance services, such as facilities, senior housing, housing for people with disabilities, social services, health care, supportive care, recreational programs, and transportation to address the diverse needs of older adults;
- Sustainable funding to support public health workforce;
- Funding for specific projects/programs (e.g., facility needs (CIP), communicable disease prevention (syphilis HIV and other STDs); and,
- Resources to implement the Veterans Strategic Plan.

The City seeks increased assistance from partners to meet the growing need to advance health equity, address homelessness, and expand access to mental health services.



CLIMATE ACTION IN THE CITY OF LONG BEACH

The City supports proposals that reduce greenhouse gas emissions while preparing for the impacts of climate change.



Overview

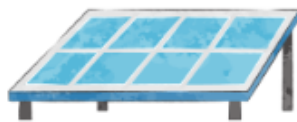
On August 16, 2022, the City Council approved the Long Beach Climate Action Plan (LB CAP), which provides a framework for reducing our city's greenhouse gas emissions and mitigating the impacts of climate change. One of the primary objectives of LB CAP is for the city to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions to 40 percent by 2030. To help reach this goal, LB CAP outlines detailed actions across several sectors to combat issues related to extreme heat, air quality, drought, sea level rising and flooding, building and energy, transportation, and waste. Since LB CAP adoption, much of the work conducted over the last year has focused on developing and establishing the new Office, which included merging with the existing Office of Sustainability and the addition of four new climate action positions to align climate resiliency and environmental sustainability efforts. With the newly established Office of Climate Action and Sustainability (OCAS), the City is now organized to centrally coordinate interdepartmental efforts for LB CAP implementation and, in the coming year, this team will be calling on our residents, businesses, and industries to take steps to reduce our GHG emissions. Furthermore, the OCAS completed a GHG emissions report and began production of a public dashboard to transparently publish LB CAP performance data.

While responding to climate change presents the City with urgent challenges, addressing the City's vulnerabilities is an opportunity to tackle issues and systemic inequities that residents face today. In addition to addressing these challenges, the LB CAP enables the City to continue to be on the forefront of sustainable planning. Sustainable planning is about meeting the needs of the present without compromising the future. Through a coordinated response to climate change that includes addressing public and environmental health disparities, investing in youth, and fostering jobs and economic opportunity, Long Beach can move to a more equitable, low-carbon, climate-resilient future where everyone can live in thriving communities that are built on sustainability and resilience.



210

trees planted in 2023 through the Street Tree Planting Program



70 percent

of the energy needs for the Long Beach Airport's public facilities and airfield will be generated through solar canopies located on top of Parking Structures A and B



166

parks, places, and open spaces in Long Beach



40

participants for the first Youth Climate Corps Cohort

CLIMATE ACTION IN THE CITY OF LONG BEACH

↘ CITY STRATEGIES

- Unleaded aviation gas became available for purchase for the first time at LGB. To further support the transition to unleaded aviation gas for piston-powered aircraft, LGB waived fuel flowage fees and created the Supplemental Type Certificate (STC) reimbursement incentive program for LGB-based pilots.
- Long Beach Airport renewed its Level 2 "Reduction" Airport Carbon Accreditation and demonstrated that carbon emissions decreased by approximately 28% between 2016 and 2022.
- The City officially began its first Youth Climate Corps cohort in June 2023, which aims to increase youth employment, develop youth interest and experience towards a career in public service, and strengthen city capacity to address education, climate & food insecurity.
- In October 2022, the City, in partnership with the Conservation Corps of Long Beach, celebrated the grand opening of a new Environmental Education Center at DeForest Park.
- In 2023, OCAS' Mulch Delivery and pickup program provided 488 deliveries and redirected over 350 tons of tree trimmings that would otherwise go to the landfill.
- The City has over 953 alternative fuel vehicles, including CNG, electric, hybrid, LNG, biodiesel, and propane powered vehicles.
- The City Vehicle EV Charger project has grown to over 100 dedicated electric vehicle charging ports and 4 mobile solar chargers. Coordination between Fleet Services and the Public Works Department has resulted in over 240 additional planned chargers at 11 City-owned properties.
- The City ranks second in nationally recognized 2022 Green Fleet Award.

↘ SUPPORT REQUESTED

- Support policies, legislation and funding in alignment with the LB CAP, the Parks, Recreation and Marine Strategic Plan, the Green Terminal Island Transition Plan, and the Long Beach Strategic Vision 2030;
- Support regional planning and investments in electric vehicle charging infrastructure and zero emissions equipment through robust grants and financial incentives;
- Support alternative energy proposals that promote the use of solar/alternative energy at City facilities, and for utility customers and providers;
- Support the development of incentives for cities with alternative fuel programs to encourage the use of clean burning alternative fuels or electronic charging stations for vehicles;
- Direct financial resources to mitigate the City's liability for oil well abandonment and ensure the State saves for their abandonment costs in the Tidelands;
- Support policies, legislation, and funding for the implementation of the Grow Long Beach Initiative to prepare for the transition away from fossil fuel production;
- Support policies and legislation that maximizes equitable access to shared micromobility;
- Advance the transition of the City's waste-to-energy facility into a regional organics processing resource or other solution for the City's waste management needs;
- Support implementing the climate pollutant reduction goals of state legislation SB 1383, including the expansion of organics collection citywide;
- Provide additional resources for the development and transition to unleaded aviation gas (avgas);
- Support the development of the Port of Long Beach's Pier Wind project to accommodate the assembly of offshore wind turbines on the West Coast;
- Improve the air quality and health issues associated with construction improvements and operations of the I-710 Freeway and Port of Long Beach; and,
- Support policies and funding to advance projects that improve regional sewer system infrastructure, prevent upstream sewage spills, and provide resources to communities that are impacted when spills occur.

Increased assistance from our partners is critical to expand access to parks and open space, arts and cultural resources, and community centers in historically marginalized communities.



EQUITY IN THE CITY OF LONG BEACH

The City supports proposals that advance equity and ensure that all Long Beach residents have what they need to thrive, regardless of their background and identity.



Overview

The Office of Equity works across all City departments to advance equity and inclusion in their policies, practices, programs, and processes. Long Beach is one of the few cities that has an office explicitly dedicated to listening to the community and catalyzing actions that address racial injustice. The City uses an equity lens in all decisions to create a more inclusive perspective, drawing attention to how the decision potentially impacts marginalized populations and low-income communities of color. The City's commitment to equity can be seen in the development of our Equity Toolkit, Racial Equity 101 Training, Language Access Policy, Digital Inclusion efforts, Long Beach Guaranteed Income Pilot Program, First-Time Homebuyer Program, Climate Action Plan, Vizion Zero Action Plan, Long Beach Recovery Act, Long Beach Justice Fund Program, Long Beach Strategic Vision 2030, and the 'Everyone In' Economic Inclusion Initiative, to name a few.

The City acknowledges the existence and impacts of historic systemic racism and supports equitable community practices through innovative local government models. In the wake of the murder of George Floyd, the Long Beach City Council unanimously declared racism a public health crisis and adopted the Racial Equity and Reconciliation Initiative Initial Report that includes over 120 immediate, short-, medium-, and long-term actions to address and end systemic racism in Long Beach. By making equity a core operating principle and implementing policies and strategies that ensure all can reach their full potential, Long Beach can become a stronger city for everyone.

Language Access



664 documents translated in FY23



297 requests for interpretation during meetings in FY23

Reconciliation



facilitated 46 hours of racial equity capacity-building trainings for City staff and leaders



established 60 Racial Equity Champions leading the internal transformation efforts across the City of Long Beach

Accessibility



supported 31 requests for critical improvements to pedestrian facilities and the public right-of-way through the ADA Access Request Program in FY 23



facilitated 18 accessibility-related trainings designed for city staff

EQUITY IN THE CITY OF LONG BEACH

↘ CITY STRATEGIES

- The Long Beach City Council adopted the Racial Equity and Reconciliation Initiative: Initial Report, resulting in 4 Goals, 21 Strategies, and just over 120 potential actions to advance racial equity.
- The City established 60 Equity Champions in all City Departments, who work as liaisons with the Office of Equity to implement racial equity trainings and design department-specific racial equity plans.
- The Office of Equity facilitated 46 hours of racial equity capacity-building trainings for City staff and leaders: including 7 Racial Equity Executive Team Sessions, 6 Racial Equity Champion Sessions, and 5 Learning Sessions for the Inaugural Racial Equity Action Planning Cohort.
- The City achieved a perfect score on the Human Right's Campaign's Municipal Equality Index, demonstrating our commitment to fostering a safe and inclusive environment for the LGBTQ+ community.
- The Office of Equity hired an Education and College Promise program specialist to liaise with local schools and institutions on matters related to education and workforce equity.
- The Office of Equity released an RFP for a Justice fund to offer free legal assistance to individuals facing deportation.
- In October 2023, the City and community partners hosted its first-ever job fair for people with disabilities.
- The City established a Commission on Women and Girls to inform and advise the City Council on issues and inequities affecting women and girls in Long Beach.
- To ensure equitable outreach and community engagement, the City has a Language Access Policy to promote greater access to City services for people with limited English language proficiency.

↘ SUPPORT REQUESTED

- Support resources to advance the City's equity and reconciliation priorities;
- Support resources to non-profit organizations, community-based organizations, and trusted partners that serve Black, Latinx, Asian, Indigenous, and other people of color;
- Maximize opportunities for racial equity through housing policies that address segregation and access to homeownership;
- Increase the recruitment and retention of Black, Latinx, Asian, Indigenous, and other people of color to employment and leadership positions;
- Support policies, legislation, and funding that focus on racial healing with Black, Latinx, Asian, Indigenous, and other people of color most impacted by systemic racism;
- Increase access to economic opportunities in low-income communities to advance economic equity;
- Support opportunities to provide and improve active transportation infrastructure, and to increase access, safety, and equity;
- Support policies, legislation, and grants that prioritize road safety investments through an equity lens;
- Expand the Americans with Disability Act to fully support the rights of individuals with disabilities and provide assistance for businesses and local governments to implement ADA requirements;
- Support policies and legislation that provide a sufficient process for businesses and other governmental entities to implement ADA requirements and to fully support residents with disabilities; and,
- Support funding sources that enhance pedestrian pathways for safe, accessible connections between neighborhoods and their parks and between bike ways, public transit, and the park network.

Increased assistance from our partners is critical to support communities most impacted by inequities.





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