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Application Period Now Open for Long Beach Small Business and Nonprofit Relief Grants

The City of Long Beach is now accepting applications for the recently announced Long Beach Recovery Act Small Business and Non-Profit Relief grants, a new recovery program to help small businesses and nonprofits that have experienced financial hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Now until 8 p.m. on May 15, 2022, eligible small businesses and nonprofits can apply to receive working capital to help pay for a variety of business expenses.

Applications can be submitted through LiveStories, the City’s vendor application portal. The City will begin to review and award grant applications as early as April 15, so businesses and nonprofits are encouraged to apply as early as possible. Additional information, including eligibility requirements, required documentation, application questions and the application process, is available at longbeach.gov/smallbizgrants.

Currently available grant opportunities include:

- **Restaurant, Brewery and Bar Relief Grant** will provide direct financial relief to small Long Beach food and beverage businesses. Eligible small businesses can receive between $5,000 and $25,000 to support their business.
- **Personal Services and Fitness Relief Grant** will provide direct financial relief to small Long Beach personal services and fitness businesses. Eligible small businesses can receive between $5,000 and $25,000 to support their business.
- **Small Business Relief Grant** will provide direct financial relief to small Long Beach businesses that do not qualify for the Restaurant, Brewery and Bar Grant nor the Personal Services and Fitness Relief Grant. Eligible small businesses can receive between $2,500 and $10,000 to support their business.
- **Non-Profit Relief Grant** will provide direct financial relief to 501c3, 501c19, and fiscally sponsored nonprofits. Eligible nonprofits can receive between $5,000 and $25,000 to support their nonprofit.

The City is partnering with community-based organizations to serve as Business Navigators and offer free assistance for small businesses and nonprofits applying for grant programs and has contracted with LiveStories to provide comprehensive grants administration support services. Businesses and nonprofits can access free application assistance by calling the City’s BizCare Hotline at 562.570.4249, emailing 4Biz@longbeach.gov, or visiting longbeach.gov/bizcare. Technical support for the LiveStories online portal is available weekdays from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. by calling 855.582.3973 or emailing forward-support@livestories.com.
LA County to Cancel Tax Penalties for Landlords Impacted by Eviction Moratorium

On Tuesday, March 15, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors voted on a motion to cancel property tax penalties and other fees incurred by property owners who have been financially impacted by the county’s moratorium on evictions of tenants unable to pay their rent due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The county’s eviction moratorium will remain in effect — although to varying degrees — through the end of the year.

Under the motion, which was approved unanimously, the county Department of Consumer and Business Affairs will reach out to property owners with information about the process to request cancelation of penalties, interests, costs, and fees for late payments for those who have been impacted by the Tenant Protections. This will also include targeted outreach to the rental properties that are already registered or have been asked to register for the County’s newly established rent registry under the County’s Rent Stabilization Ordinance.

For more information, please visit the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisor’s website.
Five-Year Consolidated Plan

The City of Long Beach is developing the next five-year Consolidated Plan (Con Plan) and we want you to be a part of this important process. The Con Plan serves as a comprehensive strategy, that identifies community needs, prioritizes those needs, and details how they will be addressed with funds from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The ConPlan serves as the City’s vision for the next five years.

Join us for two virtual meetings where you’ll have the opportunity to help the City determine which housing, community and economic development projects and activities in Long Beach should be prioritized and funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development over the next five years.

**Thursday, March 24, 2022, from 5:30 – 7 p.m.**

Join by phone: 213.306.3065
Meeting number (access code): 2491 244 3783
Meeting password: ConPlan1

**Saturday, March 26, 2022, from 9 – 11 a.m.**

Join by phone: 213.306.3065
Meeting number (access code): 2493 093 7851
Meeting password: ConPlan2

To learn more about the Con Plan, visit [longbeach.gov/LBConPlan](http://longbeach.gov/LBConPlan).
Links

Queen Mary Reopening Plan Update
Long Beach Unveils Digital COVID-19 Memorial

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