



2026 Community Needs Survey

The County of Los Angeles (LA County) receives approximately \$28,660,612 each year in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) Programs funding. These programs support community development activities to build stronger and more resilient neighborhoods, principally for persons of low- to moderate-income.

As part of its annual planning process, the Los Angeles County Development Authority (LACDA) would like your input on its use of CDBG, HOME, and ESG funds. Your feedback will help inform decisions on LA County's investments in its communities. The survey should take less than 10 minutes to complete.

Questions with an asterisk (*) require a response.

* 1. Which option best applies to you? (choose one)

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| ☐ Resident (I live in LA County) | ☐ Student (I go to school in LA County) |
| ☐ Employee (I work in LA County) | ☐ Business Owner (I own a business in LA County) |

* 2. In what LA County ZIP Code do you spend the most time? (living, working, studying, etc.)

* 3. Which one of the categories below is most important to you? (choose one)

- ☐ **Business and Job Opportunities** (training for people who need jobs, small business loans, coaching for small business owners)
- ☐ **Community Services** (access to health and mental health care, homeless services, services for children, services for the elderly, crime prevention programs, substance abuse programs)
- ☐ **Housing** (new affordable rental units, home repair, down payment assistance, prevention of discrimination, eviction prevention)
- ☐ **Public Facilities** (libraries, parks, senior centers, youth centers)
- ☐ **Public Improvements** (street and sidewalk repairs, water and sewer improvements, trash removal, graffiti removal)

4. Which one of the housing issues below do you think needs the most attention in your LA County community? (choose one)

- ☐ Increase **Affordable Rental Housing for Families**
- ☐ Increase **Affordable Rental Housing for Seniors**
- ☐ Increase **Affordable Housing with Supportive Services for People with Disabilities**
- ☐ Increase **Affordable Housing with Supportive Services for Homeless Individuals and Families**
- ☐ **Eviction Prevention and Renters' Rights Assistance**
- ☐ Assistance to **Repair and Modernize Public and Affordable Rental Housing**
- ☐ Assistance for Qualifying Homeowners to **Repair Issues with Homes**
- ☐ **Code Enforcement** to Improve the Health and Safety of Housing
- ☐ **Affordable First-Time Homebuyer Assistance:** Counseling, Down Payments, Closing Costs
- ☐ Increase **Available Housing for People Using Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers**
- ☐ Increase **Available Housing for People with Low Credit Scores or a Previous Eviction**
- ☐ Assistance for **Energy Efficiency Upgrades** to Reduce Utility Bills
- ☐ Short-Term **Assistance with Rent/Mortgage/Utility Payments**

5. Which one of the following community services below do you think needs the most attention in your community? (choose one)

- ☐ **Healthcare Services** (preventative/primary care, prescription drug services, dental and vision care, HIV/AIDS services)
- ☐ **Children's/Youth Services** (childcare, after school activities, tutoring, mentoring, early childhood education)
- ☐ **Senior Services** (meal services, homecare assistance, nursing home services, recreational or social opportunities)
- ☐ **Mental Health Services** (counseling and evaluation, psychiatric care, in-patient programs, support groups)
- ☐ **Substance Abuse Services** (prevention and education, treatment, recovery programs)
- ☐ **Homeless Services** (transitional shelters, permanent supportive housing placement, meals, clothing resources)
- ☐ **Services for Victims of Domestic Violence and Neglect** (family shelters, counseling)
- ☐ **Crime Prevention and Awareness Programs**
- ☐ **Services for Disabled People** (vocational/self-sufficiency programs, rehabilitation, adult day care, transportation)
- ☐ **Financial Crisis Services** (emergency assistance with bills, access to food pantries, homelessness prevention)
- ☐ **Services for Immigrants, Refugees, and/or Non-English Speakers**

6. Which **one** of the **public improvements** below do you think needs the most attention in your community? (choose **one**)

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| ☐ Improving Water, Sewer, and Drainage Infrastructure | ☐ Improving Streets/Alleys |
| ☐ Cleanup of Trash and Illegal Dumping | ☐ Graffiti Removal |
| ☐ Tree Planting | ☐ Improving Street Lighting |
| ☐ Improving Sidewalks, including Access for Disabled People | ☐ Improving Public Transportation |

7. What is **one public facility investment** that you feel should be a priority in your community? (choose **one**)

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| ☐ Parks, Playgrounds, and Recreational Areas | ☐ Libraries | ☐ Senior Centers |
| ☐ Youth/Childcare Centers | ☐ Public Schools | ☐ Healthcare Centers |

8. Which **one** of the **business and job opportunity issues** below do you think needs the most attention in your community? (choose **one**)

- ☐ **Job Readiness and Retention** (training and referral programs, English as a Second Language/ESL classes, adult literacy, high school equivalency and college preparation, adult/juvenile detention discharge counseling)
- ☐ **Coaching and Technical Advice for Small Businesses** (business plans, marketing, bookkeeping, tax planning)
- ☐ **Increase Access to Small Business Grants or Loans**
- ☐ **Support for Businesses that Serve Community Needs** (access to fresh groceries, medical services, pharmacy)
- ☐ **Commercial Building Rehabilitation** (repair or improve the exterior of businesses, including signage and awnings)

9. What **best** represents your housing situation in the **past 30 days**? (choose **one**)

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| ☐ Renting a house | ☐ Renting an apartment | ☐ Homeowner |
| ☐ Staying in the house/apartment of a friend or family member | ☐ Staying in a homeless shelter | |
| ☐ Homeless/Unhoused | ☐ Other (ex: living in a motel, your car, an RV, a tent) | |

10. How many people in **total** live in your household? (choose **one**)

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| ☐ 1 (I live alone) | ☐ 2 | ☐ 3 | ☐ 4 | ☐ 5 or more |
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11. Which **best** describes your household right now? (choose **one**; children are under 18, adults are 18 and older)

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| ☐ Single Adult (just myself) | ☐ Single Parent (myself) with One or More Children |
| ☐ Two or More Adults with No Children | ☐ Two Adults with One or More Children |
| ☐ Multiple Generations of One Family | ☐ Multiple Unrelated Families |

12. In general, does your **household** spend more than 30% of its **monthly** income on housing expenses, such as rent/mortgage + water, electricity, gas, trash? (choose **one**)

a. Add your **monthly** rent/mortgage + utilities costs = \$ _____

b. Multiply your **monthly household** income by **0.3** = \$ _____

If "a" is **greater than** "b," check yes below. If "a" is **less than** "b," check no below.

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| ☐ Yes | ☐ No | ☐ I don't know | ☐ Not applicable/I am a student |
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Answers provided in questions 13 through 18 cannot and will not be used to identify anyone who participates in this survey.

13. How old are you?

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| ☐ 17 or younger | ☐ 18 to 24 | ☐ 25 to 34 | ☐ 35 to 44 |
| ☐ 45 to 54 | ☐ 55 to 64 | ☐ 65 to 74 | ☐ 75 or older |

14. What gender do you identify as? (choose one)

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| ☐ Male | ☐ Female | ☐ LGBTQIA+ | ☐ Non-Binary |
| ☐ Another gender identity not listed above | | | |

15. What is your race and/or ethnicity? (check all that apply)

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| ☐ American Indian or Alaska Native | ☐ Asian | ☐ Black or African American | ☐ Hispanic or Latino |
| ☐ Middle Eastern or North African | ☐ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander | ☐ White | |
| ☐ Another race and/or ethnicity not listed above | | | |

16. What level of education have you completed? (choose one)

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| ☐ Did not complete High School | ☐ High School Diploma/Equivalent | ☐ College/Vocational |
| ☐ Bachelor's Degree | ☐ Some Graduate School | ☐ Advanced/Professional Degree |

17. What is your employment status? (choose one)

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| ☐ Full-Time Employee | ☐ Part-Time Employee | ☐ Self-Employed | ☐ Full-Time Student |
| ☐ Unemployed <u>and</u> Seeking Work | ☐ Unemployed <u>and</u> <i>Not</i> Seeking Work | | |
| ☐ Unemployed/Unable to Work | ☐ Stay-at-Home Parent | ☐ Retired | |

18. Do any of the following describe you and/or a member of your household? (check all that apply)

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| ☐ Disabled Person | ☐ Military Veteran | ☐ Aged 65+ | ☐ LGBTQIA+ Person |
| ☐ Homeless/Unhoused <i>or</i> Formerly Unhoused Person | ☐ First-Generation Immigrant or Refugee | | |
| ☐ Formerly Incarcerated Person | ☐ Low- or Moderate-Income Person | | |
| ☐ Single Parent or Grandparent Raising Grandchildren | | | |

Thank you for participating in the community survey!

Please provide your contact information if you would like to receive the results of the survey.

Name

Business Name

Address

City

State

ZIP Code

Email Address

Phone Number