



2026 Community Needs Survey

The County of Los Angeles (LA County) receives approximately \$27,190,139 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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| ☐ a. Resident (I live in LA County) | ☐ b. Student (I go to school in LA County) |
| ☐ c. Employee (I work in LA County) | ☐ d. 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**)

- ☐ a. **Business and Job Opportunities** (training for people who need jobs, small business loans, coaching for small business owners)
- ☐ b. **Community Services** (access to health and mental health care, homeless services, services for children, services for the elderly, crime prevention programs, substance abuse programs)
- ☐ c. **Housing** (new affordable rental units, home repair, down payment assistance, prevention of discrimination, eviction prevention)
- ☐ d. **Public Facilities** (libraries, parks, senior centers, youth centers)
- ☐ e. **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)

- ☐ a. Increase **Affordable Rental Housing for Families**
- ☐ b. Increase **Affordable Rental Housing for Seniors**
- ☐ c. Increase **Affordable Housing with Supportive Services for People with Disabilities**
- ☐ d. Increase **Affordable Housing with Supportive Services for Homeless Individuals and Families**
- ☐ e. **Eviction Prevention and Renters' Rights Assistance**
- ☐ f. Assistance to **Repair and Modernize Public and Affordable Rental Housing**
- ☐ g. Assistance for Qualifying Homeowners to **Repair Issues with Homes**
- ☐ h. **Code Enforcement** to Improve the Health and Safety of Housing
- ☐ i. **Affordable First-Time Homebuyer Assistance:** Counseling, Down Payments, Closing Costs
- ☐ j. Increase **Available Housing for People Using Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers**
- ☐ k. Increase **Available Housing for People with Low Credit Scores or a Previous Eviction**
- ☐ l. Assistance for **Energy Efficiency Upgrades** to Reduce Utility Bills
- ☐ m. 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)

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

- ☐ a. Improving Water, Sewer, and Drainage Infrastructure
- ☐ b. Improving Streets/Alleys
- ☐ c. Cleanup of Trash and Illegal Dumping
- ☐ d. Graffiti Removal
- ☐ e. Tree Planting
- ☐ f. Improving Street Lighting
- ☐ g. Improving Sidewalks, including Access for Disabled People
- ☐ h. 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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| ☐ a. Parks, Playgrounds, and Recreational Areas | ☐ d. Youth/Childcare Centers |
| ☐ b. Libraries | ☐ e. Public Schools |
| ☐ c. Senior Centers | ☐ f. 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)

- ☐ a. **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)
- ☐ b. **Coaching and Technical Advice for Small Businesses** (business plans, marketing, bookkeeping, tax planning)
- ☐ c. **Increase Access to Small Business Grants or Loans**
- ☐ d. **Support for Businesses that Serve Community Needs** (access to fresh groceries, medical services, pharmacy)
- ☐ e. **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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| ☐ a. Renting a house | ☐ e. Staying in a homeless shelter |
| ☐ b. Renting an apartment | ☐ f. Homeless/Unhoused |
| ☐ c. Homeowner | ☐ g. Other (ex: living in a motel, your car, an RV, a tent) |
| ☐ d. Staying in the house/apartment of a friend or family member | |

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

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| ☐ a. 1 (I live alone) | ☐ b. 2 | ☐ c. 3 | ☐ d. 4 | ☐ e. 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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| ☐ a. Single Adult (just myself) | ☐ d. Two Adults with One or More Children |
| ☐ b. Single Parent (myself) with One or More Children | ☐ e. Multiple Generations of One Family |
| ☐ c. Two or More Adults with No Children | ☐ f. 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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| ☐ a. Yes | ☐ b. No | ☐ c. I don't know | ☐ d. 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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| ☐ a. 17 or younger | ☐ c. 25 to 34 | ☐ e. 45 to 54 | ☐ g. 65 to 74 |
| ☐ b. 18 to 24 | ☐ d. 35 to 44 | ☐ f. 55 to 64 | ☐ h. 75 or older |

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

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| ☐ a. Male | ☐ c. LGBTQIA+ | ☐ e. Another gender identity not listed |
| ☐ b. Female | ☐ d. Non-Binary | |

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

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| ☐ a. American Indian or Alaska Native | ☐ e. Middle Eastern or North African |
| ☐ b. Asian | ☐ f. Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander |
| ☐ c. Black or African American | ☐ g. White |
| ☐ d. Hispanic or Latino | ☐ h. Another race and/or ethnicity not listed |

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

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| ☐ a. Did not complete High School | ☐ d. Bachelor's Degree |
| ☐ b. High School Diploma/Equivalent | ☐ e. Some Graduate School |
| ☐ c. College/Vocational | ☐ f. Advanced/Professional Degree |

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

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| ☐ a. Full-Time Employee | ☐ e. Unemployed and Seeking Work | ☐ i. Retired |
| ☐ b. Part-Time Employee | ☐ f. Unemployed and <i>Not</i> Seeking Work | |
| ☐ c. Self-Employed | ☐ g. Unemployed/Unable to Work | |
| ☐ d. Full-Time Student | ☐ h. Stay-at-Home Parent | |

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

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| ☐ a. Disabled Person | ☐ f. First-Generation Immigrant or Refugee |
| ☐ b. Military Veteran | ☐ g. Formerly Incarcerated Person |
| ☐ c. Aged 65+ | ☐ h. Low- or Moderate-Income Person |
| ☐ d. LGBTQIA+ Person | ☐ i. Single Parent or Grandparent Raising Grandchildren |
| ☐ e. Homeless/Unhoused or Formerly Unhoused Person | |

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