



Los Angeles County Development Authority 2022 Community Needs Survey

INTRODUCTION

Purpose of the Community Needs Survey – Each year, Los Angeles County receives about \$32,946,000 from Federal Community Development Block Grants (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Programs. 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 five-year planning process, the Los Angeles County Development Authority would like your input on the use of CDBG, HOME, and ESG funds. Your feedback will help inform decisions about the County’s investments in its communities. The survey should take less than 10 minutes to complete.

Questions with an asterisk (*) require a response.

***1. Please choose your primary relationship to Los Angeles County.** (check all that apply)

- Resident (I live here)
- Student (I go to school here)
- Employee (I work here)
- Business Owner (I own a business here)
- Other (please specify) _____

***2. In what Los Angeles County ZIP code do you spend most of your time (live, work, study, etc.)?**

NEEDS ASSESSMENT RANKING

***3. Please rank your overall priorities for investment** in your Los Angeles County community. You will have the opportunity to select specific projects and services in later questions.

1 = Highest Priority

5 = Lowest Priority

___ **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

NEEDS ASSESSMENT – HOUSING

4. Please select **up to three housing issues** most in need of attention in your Los Angeles County community:

- 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**

(Optional) Please comment on your choices, or a housing issue not listed:

NEEDS ASSESSMENT – COMMUNITY SERVICES

5. Please select **up to three community services** most in need of attention in your community.

- 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**

(Optional) Please comment on your choices, or a service need not listed:

NEEDS ASSESSMENT – PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND FACILITIES

6. Please select **up to three public improvements** most in need of attention in your community.

- 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

(Optional) Please comment on your choices, or a public improvement not listed:

7. Please select **up to two priorities for public facility investment** in your Los Angeles County community.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Parks, Playgrounds, and Recreational Areas | <input type="checkbox"/> Libraries | <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Centers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth/Childcare Centers | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Schools | <input type="checkbox"/> Healthcare Centers |

(Optional) Please comment on your choices, or a type of public facility not listed:

NEEDS ASSESSMENT – BUSINESS AND JOB OPPORTUNITIES

8. Please select **up to two business and job opportunity issues** most in need of attention in your community.

- 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

(Optional) Please comment on your choices, or a business and job opportunity issue not listed:

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

9. In the past month, what has been your housing situation?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Renting a house | <input type="checkbox"/> Renting an apartment | <input type="checkbox"/> Homeowner |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Staying in the house/apartment of a friend or family member | <input type="checkbox"/> Staying in a homeless shelter | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Homeless with no fixed shelter | Other (please specify): _____ | |

10. How many people usually live in your household?

- 1 2 3 4 5 or more

11. What best describes your household? (children are under 18, adults are 18 and older)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Single Adult | <input type="checkbox"/> Single Parent with One or More Children |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Two Parents with One or More Children | <input type="checkbox"/> Two or More Adults with No Children |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple Generations of One Family | <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple Unrelated Families |

Other (please specify): _____

12. Do you spend more than 30% of your monthly income on housing expenses? (rent/mortgage + utilities)

- Yes No I don't know

(Optional) Would you like to explain your answer? Please comment here:

DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION (OPTIONAL)

While optional, the following questions are crucial for helping Los Angeles County determine the needs of its residents. *Answers provided cannot and will not be used to identify anyone who participates in this survey.*

13. What is your age?

- 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? (check all that apply)

- Male Female Transgender Non-Binary I decline to say

Another gender identity (please specify): _____

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

- 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

Other (please specify): _____

16. Do any of the following describe you or a member of your family? (check all that apply)

- Disabled Person Military Veteran Aged 65+ LGBTQIA Person
 Homeless or Formerly Homeless Person First-Generation Immigrant or Refugee
 Formerly Incarcerated Person Low- or Moderate-Income Person
 Single Parent or Grandparent Raising Grandchildren

17. What level of education have you completed?

- Less than High School High School Diploma/Equivalency Some College
 Bachelor's Degree Some Graduate School Advanced/Professional Degree

18. What is your employment status?

- Full-Time Employee Part-Time Employee Self-Employed Retired
 Unemployed and Seeking Work Unemployed and Not Seeking Work

CONTACT INFORMATION (OPTIONAL)

19. If you would like to receive additional information from the Los Angeles County Development Authority regarding its CDBG, HOME, and ESG investments, please enter your contact information.

Name	
Company	
Address	
Address 2	
City/Town	
State/Province	
ZIP/Postal Code	
Email Address	
Phone Number	