



**Economic & Workforce
Development Department (EWDD) Weekly Updates**
NEWS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 15, 2021

Success Stories



MEDICAL TRANSPORT COMPANY RECEIVES URGENT COVID LOAN

The North Valley [BusinessSource Center](#) helped entrepreneur Armando Miranda successfully obtain loans and grants that helped his company, [Angels of Hope Med Trans](#), stay open during COVID-19.

Armando (pictured above) had more than seven years of experience in the non-emergency medical transportation field when he was inspired to open his own business after receiving positive feedback from customers who specifically requested him as their driver.

In 2019, Armando began working closely with the North Valley BusinessSource Center on business plan development, the creation of balance sheets and profit and loss statements. With assistance from the BSC, Armando officially launched his business in January 2020.

Angels of Hope Med Trans was still in its infancy when the pandemic hit. North Valley BSC Financial Business Coach Alma Torres helped Armando secure \$30,000 in COVID-19 financial assistance grants and loans. The infusion of urgent funding helped the nascent business weather the pandemic and stay in operation as it works toward economic recovery, Armando said.

“The loans helped a great deal during the pandemic shut down. It allowed us to remain open and pay our bills. Had we not received the loan and grants we would not be in business at this time. The loans and grants were a tremendous help.”

The North Valley BSC, in partnership with the Northeast Valley [WorkSource Center](#), are working to assist Armando with recruitment for a receptionist and driver for Angels of Hope Med Trans. As more customers feel more confident and comfortable requesting transportation services, the company hopes to offer additional services.

Angels of Hope Med Trans is located in LA City [Council District 7](#).

National Dislocated Worker Grant - Temporary employment for Angelenos

The California Employment Development Department (EDD) National Dislocated Workers Grant (NDWG) provided paid work experience for workers to assist with recovery efforts to residents and businesses that were severely impacted by the state’s megafires. EWDD’s WorkSource Centers and workforce partners helped administer the NDWG, which has provided temporary employment to hundreds of Angelenos. This project is 100% federally-funded in the amount of \$1.8 million. The following images showcase the work of NDWG grant recipients who served on crews responsible for restoring landscapes destroyed by the 2018 Woolsey Fire, which burned nearly 97,000 acres throughout Los Angeles and Ventura Counties.

The NDWG also provided funding to provide temporary employment to individuals who lost their jobs during COVID-19. This week’s EWDD Updates also features a Watts WorkSource Center participant who received an NDWG subsidized job opportunity to assist local youth.



*Top row from left, before and during restoration of Malibu Pacific Trail.
Bottom left, restoration nearly completed. Bottom right, restoration complete.*

CREW RESTORES MALIBU PACIFIC TRAIL DAMAGED BY FIRE

Pictured above is about a stretch of the Malibu Pacific Trail that was deeply eroded during the Woolsey fire. Due to heavy rains and erosion following the fire, a large trench with an average depth of two feet, needed to be repaired. The crew reinforced the trail by placing large rocks and boulders in order to solidify and reinforce the trench. After hauling the rocks and filling the trench, the crew then covered the trail with sediment and finally compacted and leveled the ground. The trail is now accessible and safe for the public to use as a hiking path again.



WATTS WSC HELPS IMPERIAL COURT RESIDENT GUIDE LOCAL YOUTH

The National Dislocated Worker Grant also provided funding to provide temporary employment to individuals who lost their jobs during COVID-19. Through the grant, the Watts [WorkSource Center](#) connected Imperial Courts resident Lakenya Spikes (pictured above) with a subsidized job opportunity. She worked at the [Watts Empowerment Center](#), a non-profit that offers youth, young adults and families in Watts Housing Projects an avenue to discover their purpose, while developing their talents with the help of business professionals. Through the grant, Lakenya was able to engage and provide support to her neighbors, the children, youth and residents of Imperial Courts Public Housing Site. The Watts Empowerment Center staff said that she excelled in her role. “She has the respect from the kids in the community (which is a BIG DEAL) and the skills that make her an incredible asset to the whole team.” Now that her temporary subsidized employment opportunity has ended, Lakenya is currently weighing two job options at the [Jordan Downs Redevelopment Project](#).

LINKS to COVID-19 RESOURCES

JOB RESOURCES

LA JOBS PORTAL: jobs.lajobsportal.org

VIRTUAL ORIENTATIONS: bit.ly/LAjoblosshelp

BUSINESS RESOURCES

LA REGIONAL COVID FUND: lacovidfund.org

SMALL BUSINESS PROGRAM: ewddlacity.com/index.php/small-business-loans

LA CARES Corps: coronavirus.lacity.org/CARESCorps

BusinessSource Centers: bit.ly/LABusinessSource

WorkSource Centers: bit.ly/EWDDWorkSource

YouthSource Centers: bit.ly/EWDDYouthSource

EWDD Metrics

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

WORKSOURCE CENTER CONTACT PERFORMANCE (COVID-19)

November 8, 2021 to November 12, 2021

Number of walk-ins	1,212
Number of walk-ins by appointment	650
Number of call/emails	2,738
Number of calls regarding Unemployment Insurance (UI)	329

YOUTH WORKFORCE DATA FY 20-21 (HIRE LA'S YOUTH)

Week ending November 12, 2021

Number of applications	6,162
Number of youth in lottery pool	1,556
Number of youth enrolled	2,480
YouthSource Center (YSC) enrollments	653
YSC enrollment goal	2,100
Percent complete	31%

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

LOS ANGELES BUSINESSSOURCE CENTERS (LABSCs) METRICS November 8, 2021 to November 12, 2021

LABSCs Reporting: North Valley, West Valley, South Valley, South LA, East LA, Mid City, Central West, Hollywood and Harbor

Microenterprises assisted	93
Microenterprises enrolled	7
Small businesses assisted	31
Small businesses enrolled	1
Number of BSC Clients who attended virtual workshops	124
Sidewalk vendors assisted	24
Sidewalk vendors enrolled	12



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