



**Economic & Workforce  
Development Department (EWDD) Weekly Updates**  
**NEWS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 19, 2021**

## Success Stories



*Preparing youth to join a post-COVID-19 workforce*

### **PLANTING SEEDS FOR YOUTH TO GROW JOB SKILLS**

Last week, several Boyle Heights Technology YouthSource Center participants

started their hands-on internship hours with North East Trees, a community based, grassroots, environmental non-profit organization that specializes in landscape improvement and habitat restoration projects throughout the LA region. At Ascot Hills Park in El Sereno, the YSC participants learned about native plants and how to care for them, said EWDD Senior Project Assistant Juan Romero. “These interns were amazing and they all have a green thumb!” Participants will also have the opportunity to learn about water irrigation, plant native seeds, and the importance of open space in our communities. EWDD purchased program t-shirts and work shoes for the interns, one of the many ways the YouthSource Centers provide support services to youth participants.



## YOUTH INTERNS EARN SAFETY TRAINING CERTIFICATIONS

Nearly 40 youth interns from the Boyle Heights Technology YouthSource Center earned safety training certifications in OSHA 10, Post COVID-19 Awareness Training and Cal/OSHA Confined Spaces, programs designed to prepare them on how to safely enter the workforce after COVID-19. The interns also received their first paychecks after completing the training. “These past couple of months have been really busy for these participants completing their training and career pathway workshops! They also earned their first internship

paycheck. I'm so proud of these young women and men for being so committed. Thank you again to all our partners, mentors, and teachers for motivating our participants!" said EWDD Senior Project Assistant Juan Romero. These entry-level certifications will give youth an advantage when they apply for their first jobs. OSHA 10 is a 10-hour program that teaches workers about occupational hazards they may encounter on a job site. Cal/OSHA Confined Space Training is a four-hour program designed to increase knowledge about what constitutes a permit-required confined space, along with how to control hazards within a confined space and rescue and emergency services. Post COVID-19 Awareness Training is a two-hour course that teaches employees about hazards they may encounter on a job site related to potential occupational exposure to the SARS-CoV-2 virus. Training emphasizes how to protect workers, along with and cleaning and disinfecting methods.

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### ***LA Regional COVID-19 Recovery Fund***

#### **GRANT HELPS AUTO REPAIR SHOP KEEP ENGINE RUNNING**

The LA Regional COVID-19 Recovery Fund provided a grant to Roberto Oliva that helped his automotive shop Rob's Service Center stay open during COVID-19. Rob's Service Center is an automotive repair facility that has served the Chatsworth community for more than 25 years. When the pandemic hit, Oliva found himself struggling to keep his employees paid and cover the rent for the facility. When he applied for the LA Regional COVID-19 Recovery Fund's grant program, Oliva did not think he would actually get the grant. When the Fund reached out to inform him that he was picked to receive a grant, he was so thankful that his luck was turning around. With the grant in hand and the kindness of his landlord, Oliva used his grant to cover COVID-19 related expenses, including catching up on rent, bills and keeping his staff employed during the pandemic. "The grant has been the biggest help I have gotten so far," Oliva noted. "I want to say thank you and I am appreciative for the help. It has been a tough year for me and my family." The LA Regional COVID-19 Fund was a joint effort between the City and County of Los Angeles to provide financial assistance to micro-entrepreneurs, small businesses and non-profits experiencing economic hardships due to the coronavirus. Recipients were awarded grants ranging from \$5,000 to \$25,000. The program was funded by the CARES Act, which required that all funds to be awarded by December 30, 2020.

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**LINKS to COVID-19 RESOURCES**  
**JOB RESOURCES**

LA JOBS PORTAL: [jobs.lajobsportal.org](http://jobs.lajobsportal.org)  
VIRTUAL ORIENTATIONS: [bit.ly/LAjoblosshelp](http://bit.ly/LAjoblosshelp)

#### BUSINESS RESOURCES

LA REGIONAL COVID FUND: [lacovidfund.org](http://lacovidfund.org)  
SMALL BUSINESS PROGRAM: [ewddlacity.com/index.php/small-business-loans](http://ewddlacity.com/index.php/small-business-loans)  
LA CARES Corps: [coronavirus.lacity.org/CARESCorps](http://coronavirus.lacity.org/CARESCorps)

BusinessSource Centers: [bit.ly/LABusinessSource](http://bit.ly/LABusinessSource)  
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## EWDD Metrics

### WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

WORKSOURCE CENTER CONTACT PERFORMANCE (COVID-19) April 12, 2021 to April 16, 2021	
Number of walk-ins	1,122
Number of walk-ins by appointment	689
Number of call/emails	2,342
Number of calls regarding Unemployment Insurance (UI)	700

YOUTH WORKFORCE DATA FY 20-21 (HIRE LA'S YOUTH) Week ending April 16, 2021	
Number of applications	12,115
Number of youth in lottery pool	1,153
Number of youth enrolled	3,928
YouthSource Center (YSC) enrollments	1,292
YSC enrollment goal	1,932
Percent complete	66.87%

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

### LOS ANGELES BUSINESSSOURCE CENTERS (LABSCs) METRICS

April 12, 2021 to April 16, 2021

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

Microenterprise assisted	110
Microenterprise enrolled	12
Small businesses assisted	22
Small businesses enrolled	0
Number of BSC Clients who attended virtual workshops	41
Sidewalk vendors assisted	20
Sidewalk vendors enrolled	4



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