LA Food Equity Fund

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Background

The **Los Angeles County Chief Sustainability Office** is proud to launch the **LA FOOD EQUITY FUND** which will invest over $9.8 million of American Rescue Plan Act funding across LA County. In partnership with the county, **Community Partners** is administering the grantmaking program.

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Purpose

The purpose of these grants is to alleviate food and nutrition insecurity and contribute to building a more sustainable and resilient food system in LA County. These funds build on the community-centered equity approach of the LA **Food Equity Roundtable Action Plan.**

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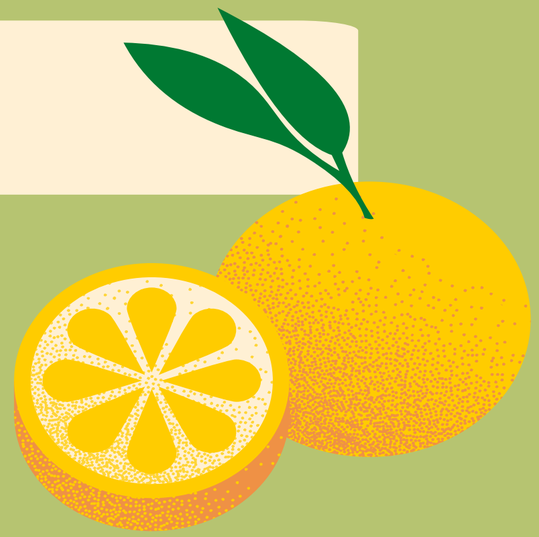
What types of grants are available?

1. CAPACITY-BUILDING

- Strengthen Food Systems and Supply Chain Infrastructure
- Nutrition Promotion
- Public Benefits Enrollment

2. FOOD DISTRIBUTION



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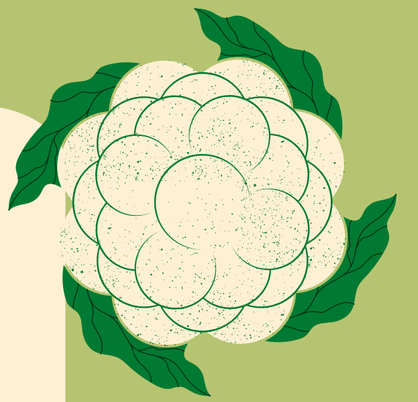
STRENGTHEN FOOD SYSTEMS AND SUPPLY CHAIN INFRASTRUCTURE

- improving efficiency in food distribution
- local or climate-friendly food production or procurement
- food recovery and waste management
- food access for priority populations and communities
- data/technology projects

Grant Amounts: $300,000 – $1,000,000



CAPACITY -BUILDING GRANTS

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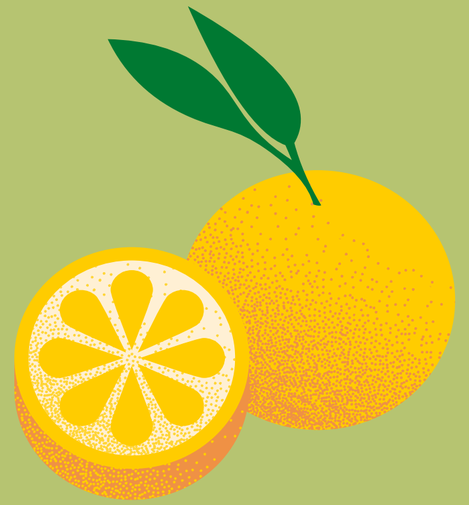
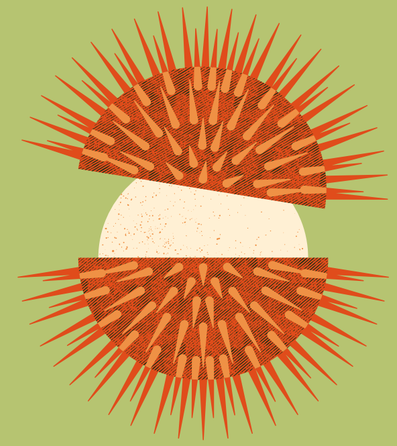
NUTRITION PROMOTION

- nutrition education and communications
- nutritious food preparation
- safe food handling education
- nutrition screenings and services in healthcare
- nutritious food availability
- nutritious food incentives

Grant Amounts: $150,000 – $400,000





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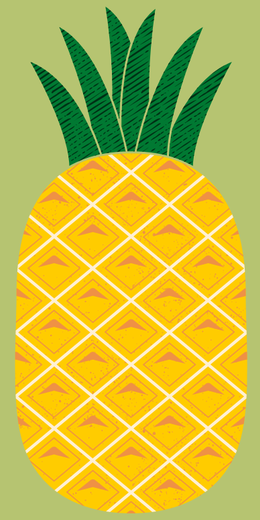
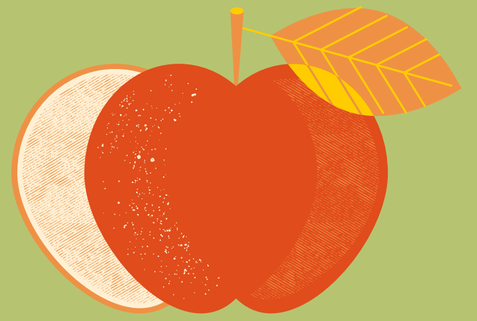
PUBLIC BENEFITS ENROLLMENT

- increase access to healthy foods
- outreach and engagement
- development of targeted materials
- development of accessible tools and processes

Grant Amounts: $100,000 – $250,000





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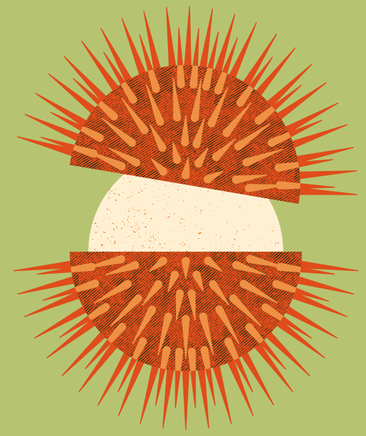
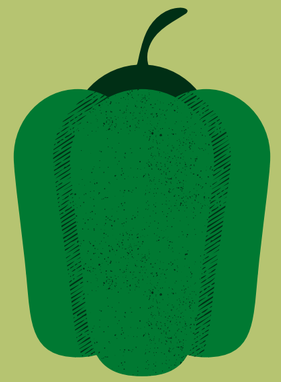
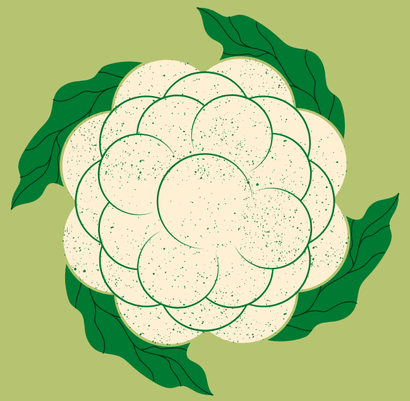
FOOD DISTRIBUTION GRANTS

- culturally relevant food items
- infant formula
- personal hygiene products such as diapers
- staffing and other direct expenses associated with the procurement of items.

Grant Amount: up to $100,000







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What types of projects are you looking for?

These funds build on the community-centered equity approach of the **LA County Food Equity Roundtable Action Plan.**

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Timeline

SEPTEMBER 18, 2023 – OCTOBER 30, 2023

Applications open for submissions

NOVEMBER – DECEMBER 2023

Panel of Food Equity Advisors will review applications

JANUARY 2024

Selected applicants receive notifications

FEBRUARY 1, 2024

Grant period begins

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Who can apply?

Those eligible to apply include:

- Community-based organizations (CBOs)
- Fiscally-sponsored organizations
- Faith-based organizations
- Small businesses
- Social enterprises
- Local government agencies
- School districts

Those NOT eligible to apply include:

- Individuals
- State government

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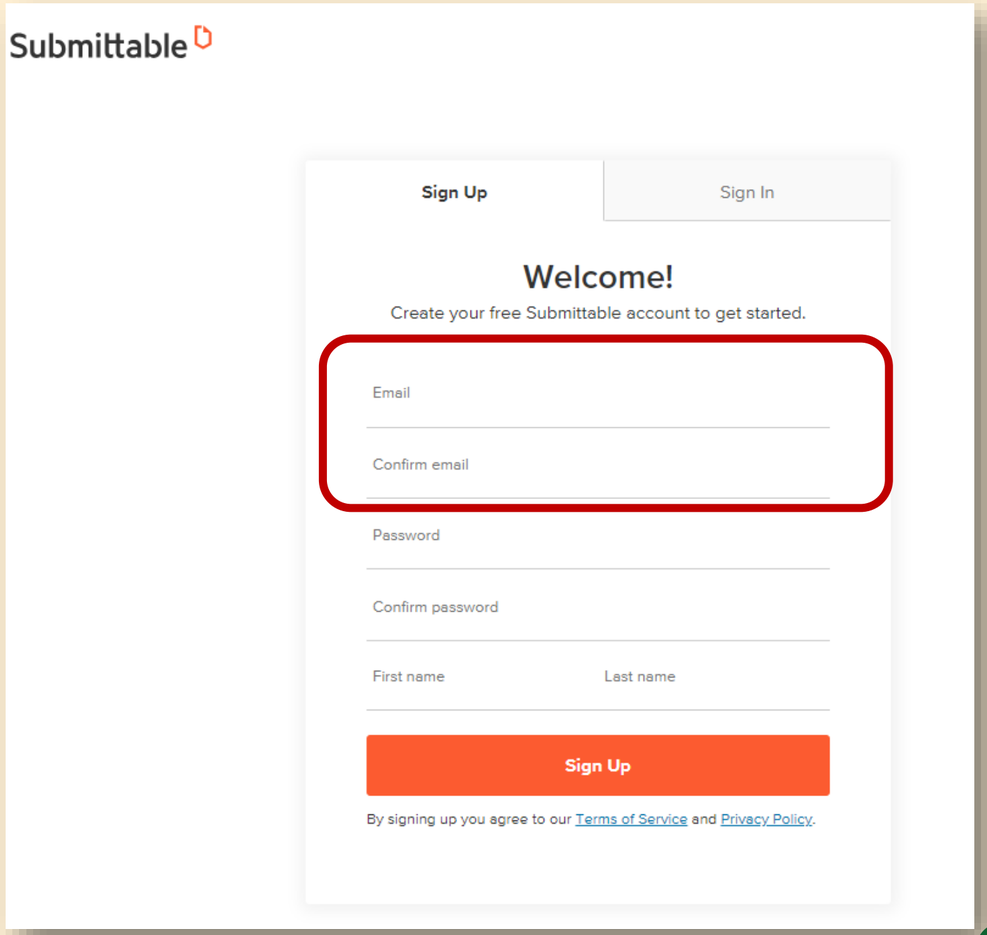
How do I apply?

1. Create free account in Submittable: https://manager.submittable.com/signup

Compatible web browsers

- Google Chrome
- Mozilla Firefox
- Apple Safari



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How to know if my organization is eligible to apply?

#1: Your Project Location

- Project MUST primarily operate in areas identified as “highest” and “high” needs categories by the LA County Equity Explorer.

#2: Financial Hardships

- Applicants who faced financial insecurity during the COVID-19 pandemic are also eligible.

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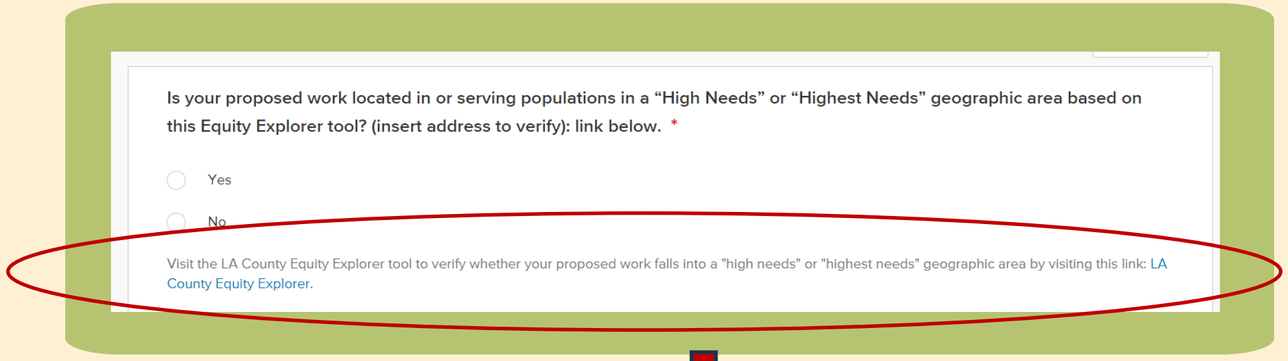
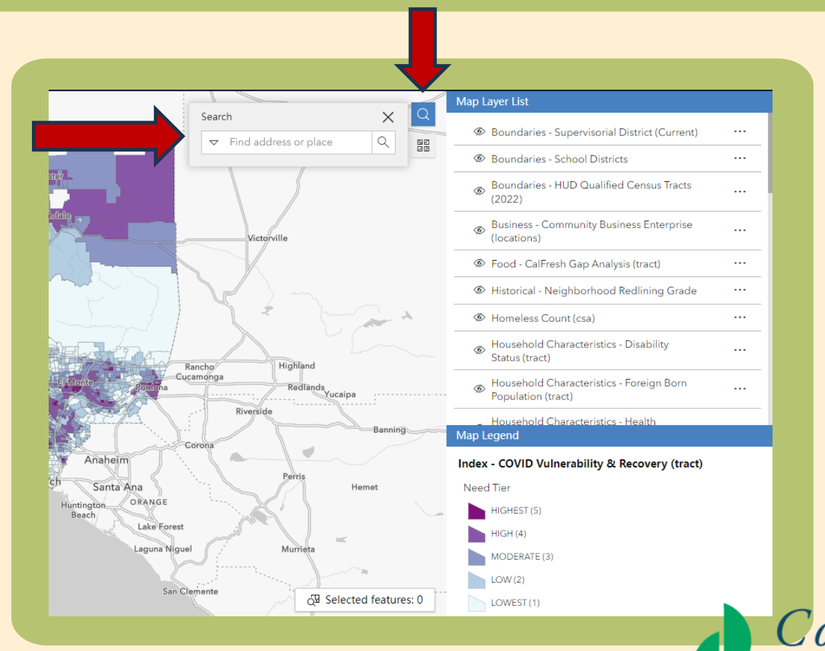
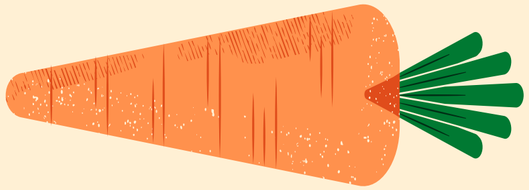
How to use the Equity Explorer Tool?

STEP 1: CLICK THE LINK TO ACCESS THE LA COUNTY EQUITY EXPLORER TOOL.



STEP 2: CLICK THE MAGNIFYING GLASS ICON TO SEARCH FOR AN ADDRESS.





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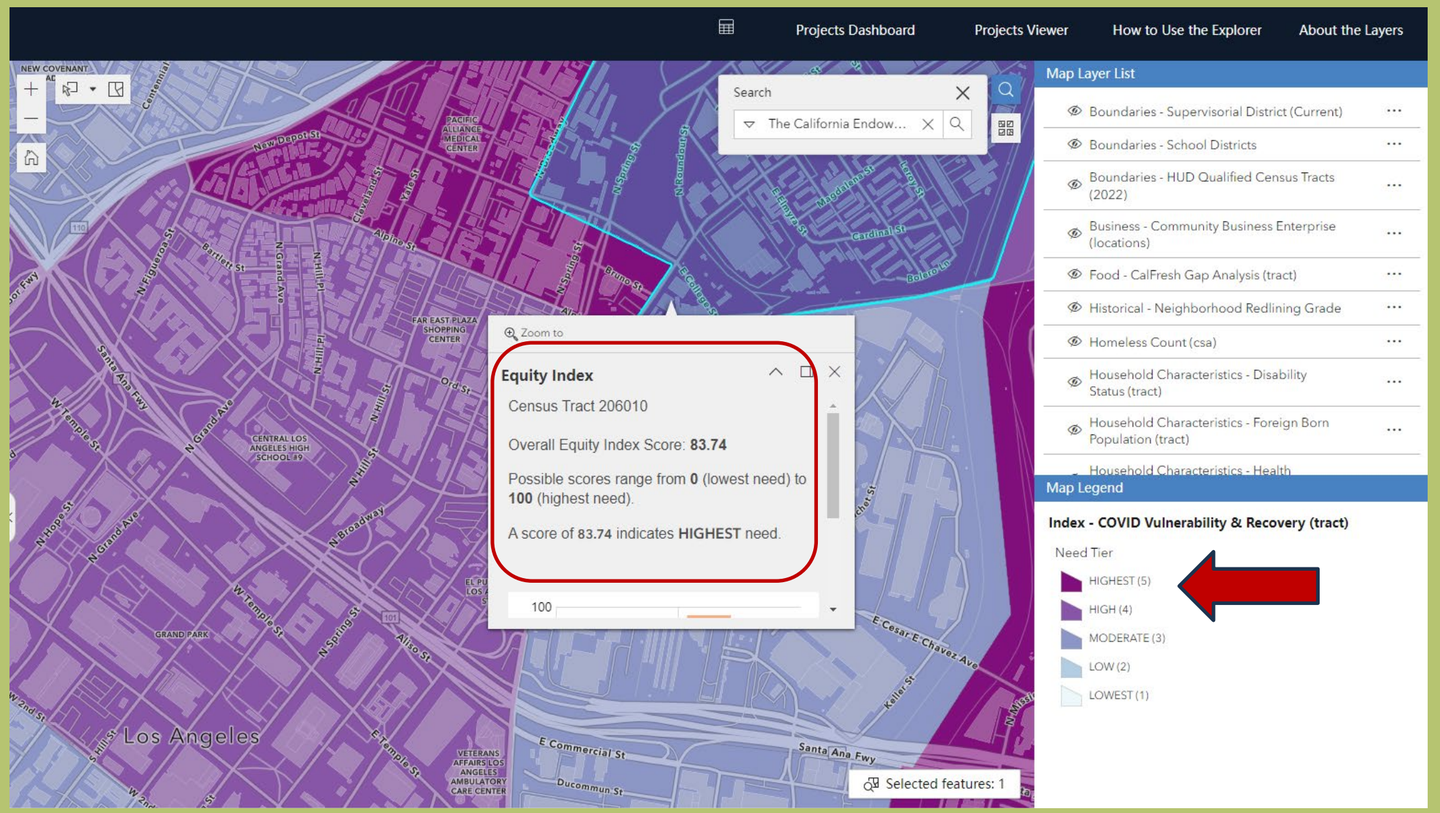

STEP 3: CLICK ON THE AREA WHERE YOUR PROJECT ADDRESS IS LOCATED TO IDENTIFY YOUR NEEDS TIER.

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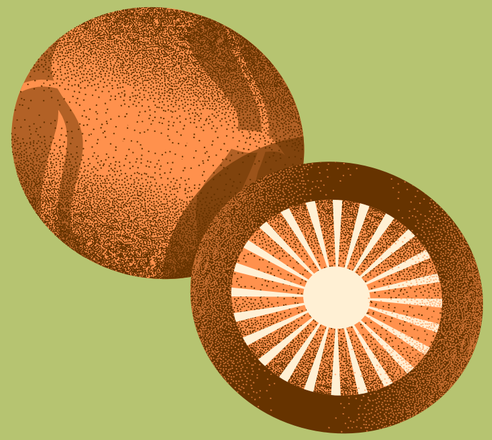
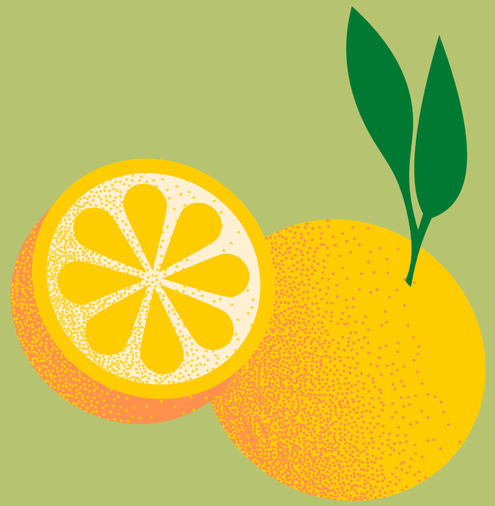
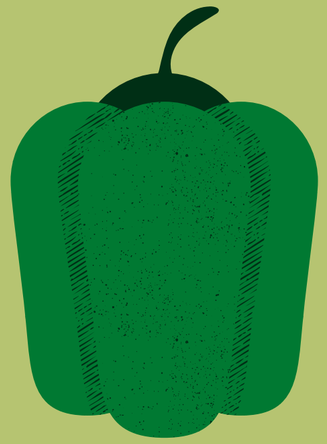

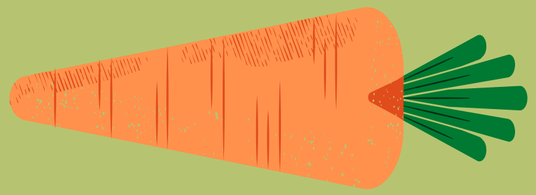
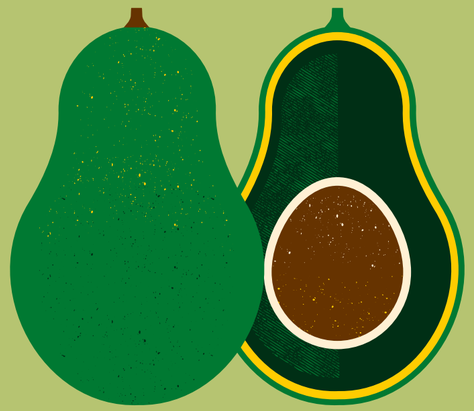

Need help?

- Join us for virtual Office Hours.
- Check out our Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)
- Send questions or requests for assistance: **foodequityfund@communitypartners.org**.
- Information and application at www.communitypartners.org/foodequity.

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