



**Office of Governor Gavin Newsom
Inland Empire Regional Office End of Year Review**

Regional Events and Visits:



Health Equity Roundtable:

On June 22, 2023, the Inland Empire Regional Office had the honor of hosting a virtual Health Equity Roundtable in partnership with Congregations Organized for Prophetic Engagement (C.O.P.E) and California Department of Public Health (CDPH).

Community members had the opportunity to hear from California's State Epidemiologist, Dr. Erica Pan, regarding the end of the federal COVID-19 emergency and California's plan to address any future COVID-19 surges and other infectious diseases through an equitable framework.



State Appointments Workshops:

On August 3, 2023, the Inland Empire Regional Office had the honor of hosting Appointments Secretary Cathryn Rivera for three appointments workshops. Over 100 local leaders attended to learn more about the appointments process and how community members can help shape the future of California by serving on a statewide board or commission. These events were made possible in partnership with the Inland Empire Community Foundation, San Bernardino Community College District, Riverside Community College District, California State University San Bernardino, University of California Riverside, Civil Rights Institute Inland Southern California, Black and Brown Opportunities for Profit Center, and local legislative



offices. To apply to serve on a statewide board or commission please visit:

[https://www.gov.ca.gov/appointments/.](https://www.gov.ca.gov/appointments/)



Visit from Governor Newsom during Tropical Storm Hilary:

Since taking office, Governor Newsom has led the state's response to devastating floods, fires and other disasters driven by climate change. On August 20, 2023, the Governor met with communities across Southern California, including in the Inland Empire and Desert communities, as Tropical Storm Hilary made landfall. The Governor visited a call center run by TODEC Legal Center that connects communities with the support they need, including resources to farmworkers. Additionally, the Governor met with local officials and emergency personnel in Palm Springs, met with tribal leaders, and visited the San Bernardino County Emergency Operations Center.

Visit from Governor Newsom to the California Air Resources Board:

This past November, Governor Newsom toured the Southern California Air Resources Board headquarters in Riverside along with Minister Xie to highlight California's world-leading work to reduce emissions and cut pollution.

Recent Homekey Awards:

November 7, 2023: Governor Gavin Newsom announced the second set of grant awards from the \$736 million Round 3 of Homekey, the Administration's initiative to help jurisdictions rapidly expand availability of housing for individuals and families experiencing, or at risk of homelessness. The recent announcement

includes an award of up to \$4.375 million for the City of Riverside in partnership with Walden Family Services to purchase up to 5 five homes to create 25 units serving youth at risk of or experiencing homelessness.



Recent Climate Change Resiliency Infrastructure Awards:

[December 8, 2023](#): Governor Gavin Newsom highlighted funding to strengthen California's transportation infrastructure amid intensifying climate impacts. To better prepare California for future volatile weather conditions, through the California Transportation Commission, the state is investing over \$300 million in 15 projects to make our transportation infrastructure more resilient to the effects of climate change. One of the projects awarded is the CVAG ACCESS Project,

which received \$50 million to construct two bridges elevating the height of a critical roadway that is susceptible to floods and sandstorms. The passage connects Palm Springs and Desert Hot Springs with access to a regional hospital. A list of funded projects can be found [here](#).

Recent Transformative Climate Communities (TCC) Awards:

[December 18, 2023](#): Governor Gavin Newsom highlighted the latest round of state grants to plan and implement neighborhood level climate resilience projects and conserve agricultural land across the state. The California Strategic Growth Council approved \$98.1 million for 11 climate resilience projects through the Transformative Climate Communities (TCC) program. One of the projects that received funding is the *City of Coachella: Coachella Prospera*, which received \$22.125 million. More information on the projects awarded can be found [here](#).

Upcoming 2024 Events:

California Office of Small Business Advocate (CalOSBA) Leadership Series to host a Small Business Leadership Training in the Inland Empire:

Monday, January 22, 2023 from 4pm to 7pm

Immanuel Praise Fellowship Church, 9592 7th Street, Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730

Register: [4. RSVP: Small Business Leadership Training Rancho Cucamonga \(jofform.com\)](#)

This free event is focused on advancing equity and inclusion for small and diverse businesses across the state. CalOSBA supports economic growth and innovation by

ensuring all California small businesses have the information and direct support they need to better navigate resources, programs, and regulations. CalOSBA manages over \$5 billion of grants and resources through their various state programs. Small business owners, entrepreneurs, startups, community-based organizations, faith-based organizations and local leaders are encouraged to attend to increase their knowledge of CalOSBA programs and resources available to them.

Additional Resources:

- [California Grants Portal](#): One stop shop for all grant opportunities administered across California's state agencies. [Subscribe to grant updates](#) based on categories of interest.