



## NEWS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 4, 2020

EWDD's BusinessSource, WorkSource and YouthSource Centers continue to provide critical services to Angelenos. This week's EWDD-sponsored COVID-19 Business Breakout Tuesday webinar offered small businesses tips on how to prepare for the "new normal." EWDD sponsors the weekly webinar series in partnership with the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce, the Bixel Exchange and other local partners as part of EWDD's efforts to provide technical assistance to local small businesses impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Last week, EWDD's Rapid Response Team reconciled records filed by businesses that reported closures in multiple locations, indicating that **598 businesses** closed in the City of LA, impacting more than **132,000 employees**. Approximately **26,792** people in the City of LA filed for Unemployment Insurance (UI) last week. Over the past four weeks, the number of claims filed has steadily declined, but is still exponentially higher than the pre-COVID-19 range of 1,500-3,500 claims filed per week. The California Employment Development Department (EDD) phone lines remain overloaded and this will likely continue for weeks to come, according to local EDD officials.

EWDD's BusinessSource, WorkSource and YouthSource Centers continue to operate, with some centers offering limited, scheduled in-person appointments. Please contact your local center before visiting to allow staff to time to prepare and maintain social distancing according to public safety guidelines (links below).

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### LINKS to COVID-19 RESOURCES

#### JOB RESOURCES

*Virtual Orientations:* [bit.ly/LAjoblosshelp](https://bit.ly/LAjoblosshelp)

#### BUSINESS RESOURCES

*Small Business Emergency Microloan:* [LAMayor.org/loan](https://LAMayor.org/loan)

*Microloan Application:* [bit.ly/EWDDC-19BusinessLoan](https://bit.ly/EWDDC-19BusinessLoan)

*LA CARES CORPS:* [coronavirus.lacity.org/CARESCorps](https://coronavirus.lacity.org/CARESCorps)

*Small Business Resilience Toolkit:* [bit.ly/LABusinessToolkit](https://bit.ly/LABusinessToolkit)

**BUSINESSSOURCE CENTERS:** [bit.ly/LABusinessSource](https://bit.ly/LABusinessSource)

**WORKSOURCE CENTERS:** [bit.ly/EWDDWorkSource](https://bit.ly/EWDDWorkSource)

**YOUTHSOURCE CENTERS:** [bit.ly/EWDDYouthSource](https://bit.ly/EWDDYouthSource)

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**HELPING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE & HUMAN TRAFFICKING SURVIVORS****LA WDB DISTRIBUTES COVID-19 GRANT FUNDING TO WORKSOURCE CENTERS**

On Wednesday May 6, 2020, the City of Los Angeles Workforce Development Board (WDB) approved \$810,000 in grants to the City's 16 WorkSource Centers, with a Council District 9 motion to accept the funds (CF 20-0536) pending in Council. This funding will assist 1,000 survivors of domestic violence or human trafficking whose livelihoods have been impacted by COVID-19. Provided by the California Employment Development Department, participants will receive up to \$800 that can be used toward supportive services, including equipment necessary to telework (such as a computer or internet service), housing assistance, utility assistance, childcare assistance and transportation assistance. All existing WorkSource Centers will receive a base allocation of \$24,000 to serve a minimum of 30 participants. In addition to the grant funding, all participants will be enrolled in EWDD's WorkSource Center system and be screened for eligibility for other workforce programs, leading them toward a pathway for career and employment opportunities.

**WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT DIVISION**

<b>RAPID RESPONSE LAYOFF ASSISTANCE (COVID-19)</b> <b>From March 16, 2020 to-date</b>	
Number of WARN notices received	598
Number of employees impacted in City of Los Angeles (cumulative)	132,588
Number of Virtual Rapid Response Orientations held to-date	1,690
Number of Unemployment Insurance Claims filed in the City of LA (week of April 25, 2020)	26,792

<b>WORKSOURCE CENTER CONTACT PERFORMANCE (COVID-19)</b> <b>April 27, 2020 to May 1, 2020</b>	
Number of walk-ins	803
Number of walk-ins by appointment	534
Number of call/emails	5,655
Number of calls regarding UI	3,263

## WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT DIVISION, continued

YOUTHSOURCE CENTER CONTACT PERFORMANCE (COVID-19) April 27, 2020 to May 1, 2020	
Number of walk-ins	263
Number of appointments	546
Number of calls received	972
Number of clients contacted	3,291

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

LOS ANGELES BUSINESSSOURCE CENTERS (LABSCs) METRICS	
<b>LABSCs Reporting:</b>	North Valley, West Valley, South Valley, South LA, East LA, Mid City, Central West, Hollywood and Harbor
Microenterprise assisted	291
Microenterprise enrolled	17
Small businesses assisted*	48
Small businesses enrolled	6

\*Compared to a pre COVID-19 weekly average number of 23


## WORKFORCE METRICS

(Monthly metrics for month ending March 31, 2020)\*

### CalJOBS<sup>SM</sup> (online and mobile)



15,536


551% 

Prior month, February 2020  
(2,387)

### WorkSource Centers



13,824

188% 

February 2020  
(4,792)

Note: CalJOBS data takes 30 days to finalize. These increases were driven by increased registrations for online services through CalJOBS. WorkSource Center enrollments actually dropped as centers began to adapt to COVID-19 related social distancing guidelines.

"Updates" is the weekly report from the EWDD General Manager to the Office of Mayor Eric Garcetti, and is produced by EWDD's communications section. If you have questions, comments or wish to have a contribution considered for an upcoming "Updates," please contact Jamie Francisco at 213-744-9048 or [Jamie.Francisco@lacity.org](mailto:Jamie.Francisco@lacity.org)

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