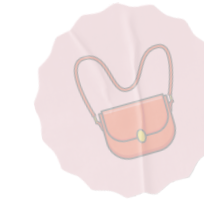


Sidewalk Vending Cart Program



Sidewalk Vending

About the Department of Economic Opportunity

The Los Angeles County Department of Economic Opportunity ("DEO") provides services to foster economic development. DEO is responsible for the County's Sidewalk Vending program thanks to the County Board of Supervisors' ("Board") approval of the Sidewalk Vending Ordinance (SVO) in 2024. Since 2020, the County (including DEO) has provided support to the sidewalk vending community through pilot programs initiated by Board directives intended to assist with finding pathways to entrepreneurship for financial resiliency, while protecting the public's health, safety, and wellness.

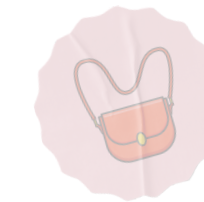
Mission

We create quality jobs, help small business and high-road employers start and grow, and build vibrant local communities and spaces.

Vision

An equitable economy with thriving local communities, inclusive and sustainable growth, and opportunity and mobility for all.





Sidewalk Vending Cart Program

Helping vendors in the unincorporated areas of L.A. County and the City of L.A.

DEO has joined in partnership with the City of Los Angeles Economic and Workforce Development Department (EWDD) to distribute **California Code Compliant Food Carts at no-cost** to eligible vendors operating in the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County or the City of L.A. The program will distribute a total of 180 County carts and 143 L.A. City Carts to eligible vendors. Eligible applicants can apply for the following:



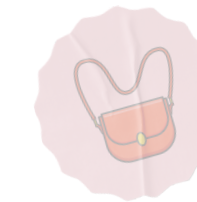
- ✓ **Integrated Grill Carts** – for foods such as tacos, hot dogs, corn, etc.
- ✓ **Cold-Hold Ice Cream Carts** – for prepackaged ice cream.
- ✓ **Hot-Holding Carts** – for warm food to be kept at safe temperatures such as wraps, tamales, gyro sandwiches, etc.
- ✓ **Cut Fruit Carts** – for fresh fruit vending such as biónicos (fruit bowl), acai bowls, etc.



Steps to completing the initial application process:

- 1 Visit main application site to learn about the program at opportunity.lacounty.gov/sidewalkvendingcarts
- 2 Check if you are eligible
- 3 Prepare required information and documents
- 4 Apply at bit.ly/CartApplication
- 5 Upon initial approval, applicants will be contacted by a DEO or City representative with next steps and help getting permitted





Sidewalk Vending Cart Program

Step 1: Learn about the program

Visit us and learn about program details, eligibility guidelines, expectations, and much more! You can also call, visit, or email DEO's Office of Small Business for any general questions.



Visit: bit.ly/SVCartProgram



Telephone
(844) 432-4900



Follow Us
bit.ly/SmallBusinessEvents



Email
sidewalkvending@opportunity.lacounty.gov

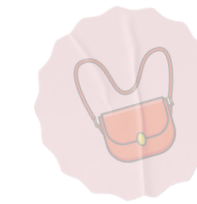


Website
https://bit.ly/LACO_SV



Office of Small Business
4716 E Cesar E Chavez Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90022





Sidewalk Vending Cart Program

Step 2: Check if you qualify

You **must** live in the County of Los Angeles and operate your business in either the unincorporated areas of the County or the City of L.A.:



**Must check
to qualify**

- ☐ Live in Los Angeles County (Verify location [here](#))



**Must check
either to
qualify**

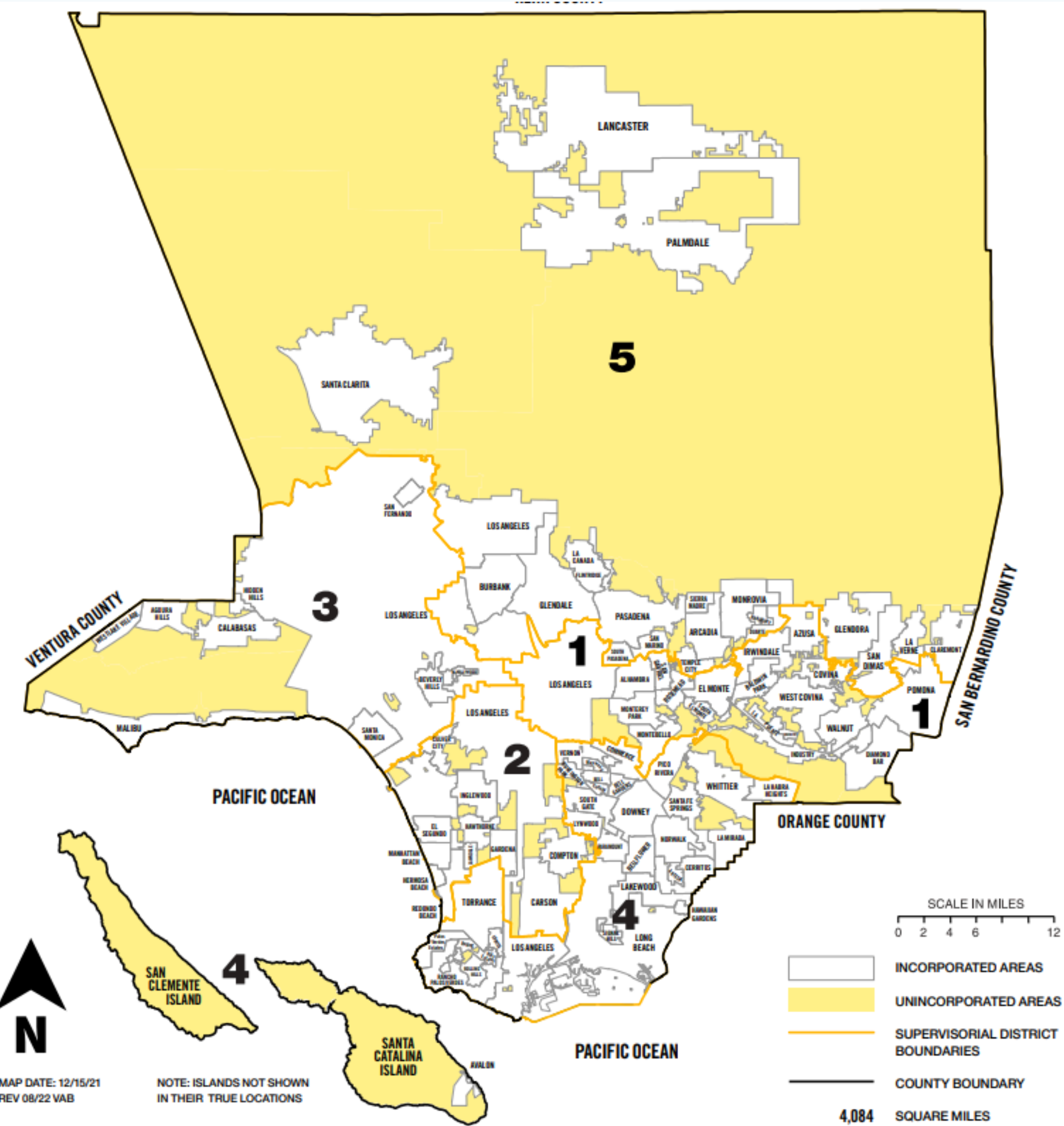
(If operating in
multiple locations in
both County, check
where the majority
of time is spent)

- ☐ Operate a vending business in the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County for more than one year (Verify location [here](#))
- ☐ Operate a vending business in the City of Los Angeles for more than one year (Verify location [here](#))

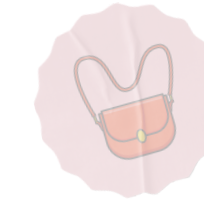


Do you operate in the unincorporated areas of the County?

[Interactive Map](#)



- Acton
Agoura Agua Dulce
Alpine 5 Altadena
Antelope Acres
Athens (or West Athens)
Avocado Heights
Baldwin Hills
Bandini (islands)
Bassett
Big Pines
Bouquet Canyon
Calabasas (adjacent)
Calabasas Highlands
Canyon Country
Castaic
Castaic Junction
Charter Oak (islands)
Citrus (Covina islands)
Crystallaire
Deer Lake Highlands
Del Aire
Del Sur
East Azusa (islands)
East Rancho Dominguez
East Los Angeles
Belvedere Gardens
City Terrace
Eastmont
East Pasadena
East San Gabriel
East Whittier
El Camino Village
El Dorado
Elizabeth Lake
Fairmont
Firestone
Florence
Forrest Park
Franklin Canyon
Glendora (islands)
Gorman
Graham
Green Valley
Hacienda Heights
Hi Vista
Juniper Hills
Kagel Canyon
Kinneola Mesa
- La Crescenta
La Rambla
Ladera Heights
Lake Hughes
Lake Los Angeles
Lakeview
Lang
Lennox
Leona Valley
Littlerock
Llano
Long Beach (islands)
Longview
Los Cerritos Wetlands
Los Nietos
Malibu Vista
Marina del Rey
Mint Canyon
Monrovia/Arcadia/ Duarte (islands)
Monte Nido
Montrose
Mulholland Corridor
Cornell
Las Virgenes/Malibu
Canyon
Malibou Lake
Malibu Bowl
Malibu Highlands
Malibu/Sycamore
Canyon
Monte Nido
Seminole Hot Springs
Sunset Mesa
Trifuno Canyon
Neenach
Newhall
North Claremont (islands)
Northeast San Dimas (islands)
Northeast Whittier (island)
Northwest Whittier
Norwalk/Cerritos (islands)
Oat Mountain
Pearblossom
Placerita Canyon
Quartz Hill
Rancho Dominguez
Redman
- Roosevelt
Rowland Heights
San Clemente Island
San Pasqual
Santa Catalina Island
Saugus
Soledad
South San Gabriel
South San Jose Hills
South Whittier
Stevenson Ranch
Sulphur Springs
Sun Village
Sunland/Sylmar/Tujunga (adjacent)
Sunshine Acres
Three Points
Topanga Canyon
Fernwood
Glenview
Sylvia Park
Topanga
Twin Lakes
Universal City
Val Verde
Valencia
Valinda
Valyermo
Vasquez Rocks
Veterans Administration Center
View Park
Walnut Park
West Arcadia (islands)
West Carson
West Chatsworth
West Pomona (islands)
West Puente Valley
West Rancho Dominguez/ Victoria
West Whittier
Westfield
Westmont
White Fence Farms
Whittier Narrows
Willowbrook
Wilsona Gardens
Windsor Hills
Wiseburn
Wrightwood



Sidewalk Vending Cart Program

Step 2: Check if you qualify (cont...)

You **must** be 18 years old or older, have a household revenue of \$75,000 or less, be actively operating for more than 1 year:



- ☐ You are 18 years old or older
- ☐ Your household earns less than \$75,000 per year
- ☐ You are currently vending on a public sidewalk in an unincorporated area of the County of Los Angeles or within City of L.A. boundaries
- ☐ You have been in operation as a sidewalk vendor for at least one year
- ☐ You are the owner of your business and operate from only one location at a time (may not be an employee or operate multiple locations simultaneously)

**Must check
all
to qualify**

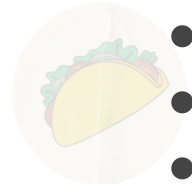




Sidewalk Vending Cart Program

Step 3: Collect Required Information and Documents


Prepare the following information to apply:

- 
- Full name
 - Age
 - Household income
 - Residential address
 - Contact information
 - Business name
 - Business operations address and/or route, including hours and days of operation
 - List of items sold
 - Verification of being sole proprietor with only one cart/set-up (employees do not qualify)
 - In good standing with County/City
 - If in City, impact from COVID-19



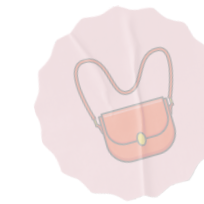
**Applicants that live in low, moderate, high, and highest need areas per the Covid-19 Index will be prioritized*

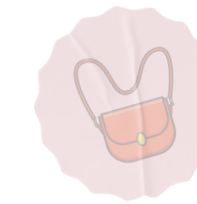
Applicants that have the following will be prioritized*:

- 
- ☐ CA Seller's Permit
 - ☐ Doing Business As (DBA), if needed
 - ☐ Food Handler's Permit
 - ☐ Compact Mobile Food Operations (CMFO) Subsidy

PLEASE NOTE: Those selected must acquire a CMFO Permit from the County's Department of Public Health, a County Sidewalk Vending Registration Certificate (SVRC) or City Sidewalk Vending and Park Permit, and agree to a 5-year covenant agreement prior to receiving a cart.

Applicants have a 45-day deadline to complete compliance requirements from time of conditional award. Some costs related to acquiring a Health Permit may apply, however full or partial subsidies are available.



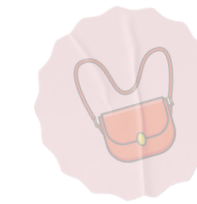


Sidewalk Vending Cart Program

Step 4: Apply

Visit [Sidewalk Vending Cart Program](#) and click on the “Apply Now” button to go to the application. Once in the application, please click “Start Now.”





Sidewalk Vending Cart Program

Step 4: Apply (cont...)

If you prefer to fill out your application in Spanish, please click “Español” in the right top corner of the application:



Sidewalk Vending Cart Program

When you submit this form, it will not automatically collect your details like name and email address unless you provide it yourself.

* Required

GENERAL INFORMATION

Sidewalk Vending Cart Program In recognition of the financial barriers that exist for sidewalk vendors looking to acquire a California State compliant cart and participate in the formal economy, the Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) in partnership with the City of Los Angeles' Economic & Workforce Development Department (EWDD) launched the Sidewalk Vending Cart Program. This Grant Program is distributing approximately 300 carts to sidewalk vendors that operate within the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County and the incorporated City of Los Angeles. It is made possible by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and administered by DEO. To ensure fair and equitable distribution, each household is eligible to receive only one cart through this program. The application period opens October 15, 2025, and will remain open while supplies last. For more information about the program visit ----

1. Name *

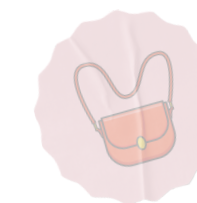
Enter your answer





Sidewalk Vending Cart Program

Step 4: Apply (cont...)



Please fill out your full name, email address, and select “Yes” if you are 18 years old or older. If you are younger than 18, you will not qualify. Then press “Next.”

Click yes or no if you live in LA County. Then press “Next.”

Click yes or no if your gross annual income of your household is \$75,000 or less. Then press “Next.”

Mark if you currently a food sidewalk vendor and select the length of time of food sidewalk vending.

1. Name *

2. Email *

3. Are you 18 years old or older?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Next





Sidewalk Vending Cart Program

Step 4: Apply (cont...)

Please fill out your home address, phone number, business name, vending address, vending location major cross streets, and number of days of the week you vend. Then press “Next.”

10. Home Address *

Street Address (123 Main St.)

Enter your answer

11. Home Address City *

Enter your answer

12. Home Address Zip Code *

Enter your answer

15. Vending Address *

Business Street Address (123 Main St.)

Enter your answer

16. Business Address City *

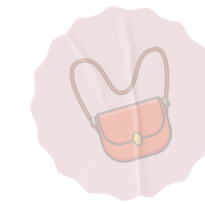
Enter your answer

17. Business Address Zip Code *

Enter your answer

18. Vending Location(s) Major Cross Streets *

Enter your answer





Sidewalk Vending Cart Program

Step 4: Apply (cont...)



Please select where you vend the most. Then press “Next” and complete the Qualifying questions.

You will then be prompted to select your household status and revenue range (not just for your or your business, but for your entire household), and if you have any of the following:

- CA Seller’s Permit
- CA Food Handler Certificate
- Fictitious Business Name (DBN)/Doing Business As (DBA)
- Subsidy for Compact Mobile Food Operations (CMFO) Health Permit
- CMFO Health Permit from the LA County Department of Public Health

Then select food items you plan to sell, then press “Next.”

PROGRAM AVAILABILITY

This program is only available to vendors operating within the City of Los Angeles or within the Unincorporated Area of LA County.

To verify if you are **vending within the Unincorporated Area of LA County** visit the LA County District Locator at <https://bit.ly/LA> ing address and if the results include the word "Unincorporated" it means the address provided is within the unincorporated area o
To verify if you are **vending within the City of Los Angeles** visit the Neighborhood Info website by clicking here <https://bit.ly/LACi> address(es) in which you operate without any periods (e.g. 14410 Sylvan St instead of 14410 Sylvan St.). If not in City, it will not show

20. Where do you vend most of the time? *

☐ City of Los Angeles

☐ Unincorporated LA County

☐ Other





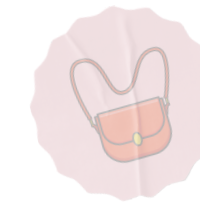
Sidewalk Vending Cart Program

Step 4: Apply (cont...)

Please note that a selection is required for each of the following, however “Decline to State” is an option.

Select appropriate demographic information, including disabled, veteran status, race, ethnicity, and gender.

Then press “Next.”



Applicant Demographic Information

34. Are you disabled *

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Decline to State

35. Are you a Veteran *

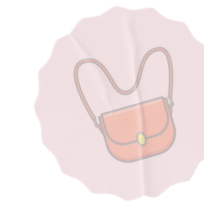
- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No





Sidewalk Vending Cart Program

Step 4: Apply (cont...)



Please read the Disclosures and Attestations section carefully. By typing your full name and selecting “Submit,” you confirm that all information provided in this application is accurate and complete, and that you acknowledge all required statements.

Once you click “Submit,” you will not be able to make changes or corrections to your application. If multiple applications are submitted, only the first one received will be reviewed; all subsequent submissions will be disregarded.

You will then receive a confirmation message thanking you for applying and be provided an email confirmation within 72 hours.



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* Required

Disclosures and Attestations

- By submitting this application, I acknowledge that I am requesting to be considered for participation in the Sidewalk Vendor Cart Program and for the CMFO permit subsidy offered in partnership by the Los Angeles County Department of Economic Opportunity and the City of LA. I understand that submission does not guarantee approval or selection for either opportunity.
- I acknowledge that each household is eligible to receive only one cart through this program. Duplicate applications from the same household or address will not be considered. Submitting multiple applications may result in disqualification.
- I acknowledge that the CMFO subsidy will cover up to 75% of the permit costs with Department of Public Health to obtain a CMFO permit.
- I acknowledge that this offering is valid until the program funds are exhausted.
- I acknowledge that completed applications for the food cart and the subsidy will be processed on a first come first serve basis.
- I acknowledge that receipt of a CMFO subsidy does not guarantee that I will be approved and granted a CMFO permit or a food cart.
- I certify that neither I, nor my business, is currently suspended, disbarred, ineligible, or excluded from participation in federal, State, or County assistance programs or from receiving federal or State financial or nonfinancial assistance and/or benefits.
- I acknowledge that if I am awarded a cart, I will be subject to the requirements of the California Retail Food Code



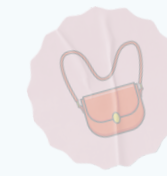
Before Cart is Awarded:

Required to get awarded

Once you apply, if you qualify and are selected, you will be contacted by a County or City representative with next steps. **You will be expected to acquire the following:**

- ✓ CA Seller's Permit
- ✓ Food Handler's Certificate
- ✓ Standard Operating Procedures
- ✓ Fictitious Business Name (DBA) if last name not used in Business Name
- ✓ Business License (City only)
- ✓ Menu
- ✓ Commissary space and approved storage facility
- ✓ Compact Mobile Food Operations (CMFO) Permit from the LA County Department of Public Health*
- ✓ Vehicle to transport cart to and from vending locations
- ✓ Acquire a County Sidewalk Vending Registration Certificate (SVRC) or City Sidewalk and Park Vending permit
- ✓ Provide signed agreement to adhere to a 5-year covenant

**Educational workshops to learn about CMFO requirements and acquire up to 75% subsidy on a CMFO permit may be available to those eligible for the subsidy! Vendors are expected to pay 25% of remaining costs if they qualify for the subsidy.*





Sidewalk Vending Cart Program

Application Process



Start Here...



Apply for application

opportunity.lacounty.gov/sidewalkvendingcarts



Confirmation Email from DEO within 72 hours



Receive an email from DEO or City within 3-4 weeks of acceptance or denial to the program

If accepted, applicant is connected to a Community Business Organization (CBO) for help acquiring permits



Attend SVRC/CMFO Workshop

Business must attend workshop

Submit CMFO Subsidy Application online

English: bit.ly/CMFOEng
Spanish: bit.ly/CMFOSp



Receive email of Subsidy Approval



Pick up CMFO Subsidy Certificate

Get in-person support applying for CMFO permit



Pick up your Cart + Sidewalk Vending Registration Certificate!

Bring signed agreement and Government Issued Photo ID. Post SVRC or City Permit and other required licenses on vending cart.

With CBO Support secure:

- ☐ Seller's Permit
- ☐ Standard Operating Procedures
- ☐ Menu
- ☐ Food Handler's Certificate
- ☐ Commissary Space and approved storage facility
- ☐ Fictitious Business Name

Apply for CMFO Permit

bit.ly/CMFOInfo

Confirm cart transportation

Complete:

- ☐ Cart Operation Training
- ☐ DPH Cart Inspection
- ☐ Receive CMFO Permit from DPH

If operating in the County, apply for Sidewalk Vending Registration Certificate (SVRC) at epicla.lacounty.gov

If operating in the City of L.A., visit streets.lacity.gov/resources/sidewalk-vending to get a Sidewalk & Park Vending Permit

Receive Approval Email

Including pick-up directions and covenant agreement

IMPORTANT: After notification of acceptance to the program and the conditional award, applicants have 45 days to complete the permitting process before the cart is awarded to another applicant.

Need help?

Inclusive Action for the City

info@inclusiveaction.org

(323) 604-9765

DEO Office of Small Business (OSB)

4716 E. Cesar E Chavez Ave.
Los Angeles 90022

(844) 432-4900

bit.ly/OSBConcierge

Need Help Applying?

Technical Assistance is available from the following Community Partners:



If vending in the Unincorporated Areas
of LA County

Inclusive Action for the City

✉ info@inclusiveaction.org
☎ (323) 604-9765

If vending in L.A. City

**Initiating Change in Our
Neighborhoods (ICON CDC)**

✉ infosidewalkvending@iconcdc.org
☎ (818) 647-970Z

For general questions:



**DEO's Office of Small
Business Concierge**

*Available virtually, by phone, or
in-person.*

BOOK NOW



Start your application!

opportunity.lacounty.gov/sidewalkvendingcarts

