

**Emergency
Network
Los Angeles**

Voluntary Organizations
Active in Disaster
for LA County

RESILIENT & PREPARED COMMUNITY PARTNERS [RPCP] INITIATIVE

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



- ▶ **Emergency Network Los Angeles (ENLA)** was founded in March 1996, two years after the devastating Northridge Earthquake, to formally organize the **Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD) for Los Angeles County**.
- ▶ **ENLA** represents a network of nonprofits, community and faith-based organizations, and government entities working in the space of community welfare and emergency management. From food banks to services for disabled persons, to faith-based organizations, to mental healthcare providers, **our partners help us extend our reach and impact in the community**.
- ▶ **ENLA's** mission is to enhance the capacity of non-profit organizations, government agencies, and the private sector in managing emergencies as we foster the "**four C's**" of emergency management: **cooperation, communication, coordination, and collaboration**.
- ▶ **ENLA's Resilient & Prepared Community Partners (RPCP) Initiative** is a **multi-year initiative** to help LA County communities **prepare for, withstand, and recover from** shocks or stresses, such as natural disasters, economic downturns, public health crises, large-scale events, or other disruptions.
- ▶ **The primary objective of the RPCP Initiative** is to work with **community-based and faith-based organizations** across Los Angeles County to be better prepared for disasters and emergencies — **resulting in better prepared, disaster resilient communities**. These organizations **know their communities best** and are **uniquely positioned** to lead efforts implementing local resilience strategies, particularly for vulnerable populations.
- ▶ ENLA's robust **RPCP Initiative** will require \$84,700 in funding for Year 1 and an additional \$272,500 (total) for Years 2-4. Funding will cover program staff and operating costs, training of ENLA community partners and staff, emergency preparedness educational materials and paraphernalia to promote preparedness and response capacity in LA County.



STATEMENT OF NEED

- ▶ It is estimated that 22.4% of Los Angeles County's total population of 10 million people exhibit 3+ components of social vulnerability. Over half (52%) exhibit 1 to 2 components of social vulnerability.*
 - 55.5% speak a language other than English at home
 - 23.2% of households include a household member with a disability
 - 13.9% of households are living below poverty level
 - 9.4% of those under the age of 65 are without health care coverage
 - 9.0% of households are comprised of an older adult (65+) living alone
 - 8.7% of households do not have access to a vehicle
 - Over 75,000 people are experiencing homelessness**
- ▶ Vulnerable populations, such as people with Access & Functional Needs (AFN), have, historically, been disproportionately impacted by disasters.
- ▶ Community and faith-based organizations are often relied upon for support during or following a disaster.

*Based on data collected by the US Census Bureau (ACS 2018-2022)

** Based on data from LAHSA (2024 Homeless Count)

RPCP INITIATIVE: OUR PLAN

The **Resilient & Prepared Community Partners (RPCP) Initiative** is a bold one. To accomplish the objectives of the **RPCP Initiative**, **our plan** is to:

1. **Expand the ENLA network** to better serve all of Los Angeles County, with a focus on improving coverage of low to middle income communities.
2. **Provide professional emergency management training** to ENLA staff and community partner organizations to enhance knowledge, efficiency, and response effectiveness.
3. **Improve outreach and communications** and **provide relevant educational materials** for partner organizations to share with their respective communities.
4. **Increase ENLA's visibility** across Los Angeles County and **heighten community awareness** of ENLA's mission to enhance capacity related to emergency preparedness, mitigation, response, and recovery.

WHOLE COMMUNITY APPROACH

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- ▶ We believe in a **Whole Community Approach** with the goal of building resilience and strengthening communities.
- ▶ A **Whole Community Approach** involves the participation of:
 - Individuals, families, and households
 - Neighborhoods and local businesses
 - Community and faith-based organizations (CBOs and FBOs)
 - Non-governmental organizations (NGOs)
 - Local, state, federal government and tribal communities

OBJECTIVE, GOALS, AND OUTCOMES

The primary objective of **ENLA's RPCP Initiative** is to help make community and faith-based organizations across Los Angeles County better prepared for emergencies — **resulting in better prepared, disaster resilient communities.**

Goals	Expected Outcome 1	Expected Outcome 2	Expected Outcome 3
Goal #1: Expand the ENLA network to better serve all of LA County	Identify low-middle income areas and AFN populations in LA County that are more likely to be impacted by disaster	Reach out to community and faith-based organizations in areas identified and communicate benefits of joining ENLA	Recruit community and faith-based organizations located in identified areas to join ENLA's network (waived 1 st year dues)
Goal #2: Provide professional emergency management training	IAEM training for Program Manager for Associate Emergency Manager (AEM) Certification	In-person and online preparedness training for ENLA partners (including new partners located in identified areas)	In-person and online preparedness exercises for ENLA partners (including new partners located in identified areas)
Goal #3: Improve outreach and communications, and provide useful educational materials to local communities	Bolster educational materials on ENLA's website as well as in email communications	Acquire and print multilingual preparedness materials to distribute to partners in diverse communities	Improve community resilience by providing education and information that is relevant to diverse communities in LA County
Goal #4: Increase visibility and heighten community awareness of ENLA's mission	Produce ENLA-branded preparedness paraphernalia and "take-aways" for events	Promotional materials will be distributed at various emergency preparedness fairs, trainings, etc.	Increase community awareness of the ENLA network and the importance of preparedness

PROJECTED BUDGET: YEAR 1

Expense	Description	Cost
ENLA program staff and operating costs	Program management, including research, interviews, VisionLink mapping, outreach, recruitment, orientation, preparing educational materials, training, and presentations (50% of cost to maintain Program Manager for Year 1)	\$46,800.00
Trainer/Facilitator	Quarterly emergency preparedness training and exercises for ENLA agencies and staff	\$24,000.00
ENLA-branded paraphernalia	Design and production of ENLA-branded preparedness paraphernalia and take-aways for trainings, fairs, presentations, etc.	\$8,500.00
Multilingual emergency preparedness materials	Production of multilingual emergency preparedness materials for meetings, trainings, fairs, presentations, etc.	\$3,000.00
Staff training and IAEM certification	Training, education, and certification exam for ENLA staff	\$2,400.00
ENLA's RPCP Initiative (Grant Proposal)	COST OF PROGRAM — YEAR 1:	\$84,700.00

PROJECTED BUDGET: YEARS 2 - 4

Expense	Cost - Year 2	Cost - Year 3	Cost - Year 4
ENLA program staff and operating costs	\$49,100.00	\$51,500.00	\$54,000.00
Trainer/Facilitator	\$26,000.00	\$28,000.00	\$30,000.00
ENLA-branded preparedness paraphernalia	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00
Multilingual emergency preparedness materials	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Staff training	—	—	*\$2,400.00
ENLA's RPCP Initiative — Grant Proposal Program Costs:	\$85,600.00	\$90,000.00	\$96,900.00

*Additional training recommended for staff in Year 4 to prepare for specific emergency management needs related to 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games in Los Angeles.

ABOUT EMERGENCY NETWORK LOS ANGELES

- ▶ **Emergency Network Los Angeles (ENLA)** is the **Los Angeles County unit** of the National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (NVOAD) and the Southern California VOAD. **ENLA** is also a legally registered 501(c)(3).
- ▶ Founded in the wake of the 1994 Northridge Earthquake, **ENLA** has become a model of how CBOs can network to better assist one another during and following emergencies and disasters.
- ▶ **ENLA** is governed by a Board of Directors comprised of representatives from community-based and faith-based organizations (CBOs and FBOs), national disaster agencies, and non-voting government representatives.
- ▶ **ENLA's** mission is to enhance the capacity of non-profit organizations, government agencies, and the private sector in managing emergencies as we foster the "four C's" of emergency management: **cooperation, communication, coordination, and collaboration.**

ENLA LEADERSHIP: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Position	Organization Name	Representative
Chair	Los Angeles Regional Food Bank	Michael Flood
Vice Chair	The Salvation Army	Nicholas Nguyen
Secretary	211 LA County	Amy Castro
Treasurer	Service Center for Independent Life	Larry Grable
Member	American Red Cross	Joanne Nowlin
Member	Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation	Norman Yang
Member	Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints	David Andrews
Member	Coalition for a Safe Environment	Jesse Marquez
Member	Community Organized Relief Effort (CORE)	Yosef Jalil
Member	Didi Hirsch Mental Health Services	Sandri Kramer
Member	Habitat of Humanity Los Angeles	Iliana Gonzalez
Member	Los Angeles Region Community Recovery Organization (LARCRO)	Jenni Campbell
Member	LA Works	Deborah Brutchey
Member	Neighborhood Legal Services of LA County	Skip Koenig
Member	Team Rubicon	Noel Middleton
Member	Volunteers of America Los Angeles	Andrew Grundig
Member	West Valley Counseling Center	Natalie Samuels
Member	City of Los Angeles Emergency Management Department	Eric Morgan
Member	Los Angeles County Office of Emergency Management	Jeanne O'Donnell
Member	Los Angeles Department of Public Health	Kristina Rattnanak
Member	Los Angeles Department of Public Social Services	John Cvjetkovic
Member	Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)	Charles Craig

OUR NONPROFIT PARTNERS (PARTIAL LIST)



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OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS



OUR NONPROFIT PARTNERS (PARTIAL LIST)



OUR GOVERNMENT PARTNERS (PARTIAL LIST)



OUR WORK

- ▶ **ENLA** is active in times of blue skies as well as gray skies by regularly engaging with community and government partners to discuss preparedness, response, and recovery.
- ▶ **ENLA's** member-led functional committees — Communications, Mass Care, Volunteer Management, Donations Management, Emotional & Spiritual Care, and Recovery — convene when needed to assist community and government partners following a disaster.
- ▶ Our **ENLA** network provides a range of services following disaster, such as:
 - ✓ Distributing food and other necessities
 - ✓ Providing shelter
 - ✓ Assisting with Wildfire recovery
 - ✓ Responding to global pandemics

OUR IMPACT

Our impact is felt daily across Los Angeles County.

- ▶ Recent Operations:
 - ❖ Franklin Fire (Malibu)
 - ❖ Chinatown Structure Fire
 - ❖ Bridge Fire (Angeles National Forest)
- ▶ Major Operations:
 - ❖ COVID-19 Pandemic: distribution of PPE, communications on vaccines, supported testing/vax administration, augmented social services
 - ❖ Woolsey Fire Long Term Recovery (Malibu)
 - ❖ Bobcat/Lake Wildfires (Antelope Valley)
 - ❖ 27th Street Incident (South LA)
 - ❖ Cathay Manor Building Incident (Chinatown)
 - ❖ Southern Border Surge
 - ❖ Afghan Refugee Resettlement

WHY SUPPORT ENLA



- ▶ **Emergency Network Los Angeles (ENLA)** operates as the official **VOAD** (Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster) for Los Angeles County. If activated by LA County Office of Emergency Management (OEM) or other government entity following a disaster, ENLA's Program Manager acts as "Incident Commander" for the ENLA network of community and faith-based organizations and providers.
- ▶ **ENLA is a legally registered 501(c)(3) located in Los Angeles, California.** ENLA is funded primarily by grants, donations, and sponsorships. Dues account for less than 10% of ENLA's revenues. ENLA purposely keeps membership dues low so that we can attract small, community and faith-based organizations to the network.
- ▶ With events like the World Cup, Super Bowl, Olympic and Paralympic Games all taking place in the LA area, **LA County communities will need to be confident and prepared hosts.** Any disaster or emergency that befalls LA County will likely have an even greater impact due to additional demands on our residents, businesses, infrastructure, and environment. The ability for disaster agencies to respond to public safety, medical, and transportation needs will be far more challenging -- and so LA County communities will need to be ready.
- ▶ ENLA's **Resilient & Prepared Community Partners (RPCP) Initiative** is laser focused on training community and faith-based organizations across LA County to be better prepared for disasters and emergencies — **resulting in better prepared, disaster resilient communities.**

RECENT FUNDERS (PARTIAL LIST)



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THANK YOU!


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