

Emergency Network Los Angeles, Inc. (ENLA)

Annual Report 2023-2024



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Message from the Board Chair

Dear Friends and Supporters,

Reflecting on the past year, ENLA has continued to enhance its capacity and strengthen its network of partners to better serve our community in times of crisis.

With a dedicated team and the support of our members, we have made significant strides in emergency preparedness and response.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to our mission.

Sincerely,

Michael Flood

Chair, ENLA Board of Directors

About ENLA

History

Founded in March 1996, two years after the Northridge Earthquake, Emergency Network Los Angeles (ENLA) was established to formally organize a VOAD (Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster) for Los Angeles County. ENLA is Los Angeles County's official VOAD under the umbrella of Southern California VOAD, California VOAD, and National VOAD (NVOAD).

Mission Statement

ENLA's mission is to enhance the capacity of nonprofit, community, and faith-based organizations, government agencies, and the private sector in managing emergencies (preparedness, response to, and recovery from disasters in Los Angeles County) by fostering cooperation, communication, coordination, and collaboration.

Our Network

ENLA represents a robust network of over 50 nonprofits, community- and faith-based organizations, and government entities dedicated to community welfare and emergency management. Our partners range from food banks to houses of worship to mental healthcare providers, ensuring swift and effective support during emergencies.

Our Work

ENLA has become a model of how community-based organizations (CBOs) can network to better assist one another during and following emergencies and disasters. As a result, communities in need are served faster and more effectively.

Our Impact

Our impact is felt daily across Los Angeles County. Whether it is food distribution, earthquake preparedness, wildfire recovery, or responding to global pandemics, you will see the hard work of ENLA member organizations and its volunteers reflected in the communities we serve.

Leadership and Governance

Board of Directors

ENLA's Board of Directors consists of both voting members from various nonprofit, community-based, and faith-based organizations, and non-voting members from government agencies. Elections are held in January.

Nonprofit/Community-Based Voting Members

- **Michael Flood**, Los Angeles Regional Food Bank, Chair
- **Nick Nguyen**, Salvation Army, Vice-Chair
- **Larry Grable**, Service Center for Independent Life, Secretary
- **Andrew Grundig**, Volunteers of America, Treasurer
- **Amy Castro**, 211 LA County
- **David Andrews**, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
- **Deborah Brutchey**, LA Works, *Director*
- **Jennifer Campbell**, Los Angeles Region Community Recovery Organization (LARCRO)
- **Jesse Marquez**, Coalition for a Safe Environment
- **Jessica Lawson**, Habitat for Humanity LA
- **Joanne Nowlin**, American Red Cross
- **Matthew Pederson**, Team Rubicon
- **Natalie Samuels**, West Valley Counseling Center
- **Norman Yang**, Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation
- **Sandri Kramer**, Didi Hirsch Mental Health Services
- **Skip Koenig**, Neighborhood Legal Services of LA County
- **Yosef Jalil**, Community Organized Relief Effort (CORE)

Non-Voting Government Partners

- **Charles Craig**, FEMA
- **Eric Morgan**, City of Los Angeles Emergency Management Department
- **Kristina Rattanak**, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health
- **Jeanne O'Donnell**, Los Angeles County Office of Emergency Management
- **John Cvjetkovic**, Los Angeles County Department of Public Social Services

Staff

- **Lauren Meister**, Program Manager

VOAD Activities and Achievements

Disaster Update Calls

Held monthly, these calls foster dialogue among our members and provide updates on organizational activities and events.

Membership Meetings

Bimonthly meetings featuring guest speakers on topics such as emergency preparedness and recovery services. These sessions are both informative and educational.

Communications

ENLA has enhanced communications with a newly refreshed website (enla.org) that includes sections on preparedness, readiness to respond, resources, news and updates, calendar events, how to get involved, current activations, and more. ENLA also has developed an email that goes out to subscribers weekly, called Road to Resiliency.

Education & Resources

ENLA provides access to resources, educational materials, training, and other useful information through its website, enla.org, which can be utilized by members as well as the general public.

Workshops

Since March 2021, ENLA has been hosting interactive workshops exclusive to our members, focusing on subjects relevant to emergency management.

Exercises

Members of ENLA and staff attended an EOC functional exercise hosted by the City of Los Angeles.

Meetings with Government Partners

ENLA staff has attended and participated in meetings hosted by the City of Los Angeles Emergency Management Department, including meetings with the Emergency Operations Board (EOB) and the EOB Working Group.

Presentations

ENLA has developed PowerPoint presentations on Resilience Leadership and Continuity Planning (An Introduction), as well as updated its presentation, About ENLA.

Functional Committees

ENLA's six functional committees typically meet quarterly, or more often if needed, to support the emergency management infrastructure of Los Angeles County.

Communications Committee provides for the coordination of ENLA communications services by ensuring that key information and updated status reports are distributed among ENLA members and government emergency response agencies during disaster or emergency events. Preparing for this role is an on-going function of the committee.

Donations Management Committee works on the handling and distribution of in-kind donations before, during, and after a disaster has occurred.

Emotional And Spiritual Care Committee looks after the mental health and wellbeing of Los Angeles County residents, with special emphasis on individuals affected by disaster.

Mass Care Committee is responsible for analyzing and implementing the preparedness, response, and recovery efforts of ENLA members to feed, shelter, provide short-term housing and meet other immediate needs for persons adversely affected by disaster. It will include efforts to help organizations serving those with special needs (seniors, DAFN, homeless, limited English proficiency, animals, etc.) to better prepare for emergencies or disasters.

Recovery Committee is activated in a declared emergency or disaster and consists of organizations involved with case management and other activities related to recovery on an on-going basis after an emergency or disaster. These services are delivered under difficult environmental conditions that typically result in loss of infrastructure, disruption of operations, and special challenges for communication, record keeping, coordination, and efficiency. The committee stays connected to local, regional, state and, in a declared disaster area, federal assistance, and stays connected to local FEMA activated entities.

Volunteer Management Committee is tasked with taking account of volunteer resources of the VOAD's member organizations. The committee will also be charged with planning for the influx of volunteers that occurs during and after an emergency or disaster and will help to match volunteers with organizations providing direct services to those affected by the disaster.

Grant Programming

Cal OES Listos California Statewide Grant

Awarded in June 2022, this grant for \$150,000 has supported various programs enhancing emergency management infrastructure, including community disaster preparedness, annual insurance, conference reimbursements, and a contract with VisionLink (emergency management software).

Edison International's Energizing Resiliency & Equity in Emergency Management Grant

Awarded \$10,000 in December 2023 for outreach and engagement work, supporting e-newsletter development, multilingual fact sheets, community outreach, and training.

Edison International supports grantmaking in Los Angeles across all of its giving areas, benefitting underserved populations. Edison International's examples are women, people with low incomes, "diverse ethnic groups," senior citizens, people with special needs, and LGBTQ populations. The foundation has also given several Emergency Preparedness awards to organizations, like ENLA, that are committed to protecting SoCal communities against the threats of earthquakes and wildfires.

Additional Grants

ENLA also received a \$20,000 grant from LAEDC and \$1,000 from LA Regional Food Bank for program administration and operating expenses.

Financial Overview

Fiscal Year 23/24 (July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024)

Revenues

Grant Income	\$135,845.00
Membership Fees	3,400.00
Unrestricted Contributions	<u>1,849.00</u>
Total Revenues	\$141,094.00

Expenses

Administrative	
Accounting	\$4,390.00
Liability Insurance	2,324.00
Other Administrative Expenses	<u>1,818.68</u>
Total Administrative Expenses	\$8,532.68
Program	
Salaries/Benefits/Payroll Taxes	46,506.62
Contract Services	23,643.75
Program Supplies	10,635.81
Other Program Expenses	<u>5,888.00</u>
Total Program Expenses	\$86,674.18
Total Expenses	<u>\$95,206.86</u>

Net Ordinary Income **\$45,887.14**

Net Assets (June 30, 2024) **\$94,780.00**

Future Goals

Membership Growth

ENLA intends to expand membership by:

- Raising awareness of ENLA throughout Los Angeles County
- Identifying and recruiting nonprofit, community-based, and faith-based organizations as members
- Broadening and fortifying our network's presence across Los Angeles County

Fiscal Health

ENLA aims to strengthen its fiscal health by:

- Boosting the organization's visibility
- Identifying and securing new funding sources
- Collaborating with other nonprofits on grant applications
- Expanding and strengthening financial stability and reach throughout Los Angeles County

Community Resilience

ENLA seeks to promote community resilience by:

- Heightening community preparedness and response capabilities
- Fostering partnerships with local organizations to build a stronger, more resilient community
- Implementing programs that enhance the ability of communities to recover from disasters
- Advocating for policies and practices that support long-term community resilience

Get Involved

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Thank You!

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to ENLA's mission. Together, we can build a more resilient Los Angeles County.

