

Emergency Network Los Angeles, Inc. (ENLA)

Annual Report FY 2025-2026

Message from the Executive Committee

October 28, 2026

Dear Friends and Supporters,

Fiscal Year 2025/26 was a year of sustained recovery, stronger partnerships, and renewed preparedness across Los Angeles County. As communities continued rebuilding after the 2025 Palisades and Eaton Wildfires, ENLA worked with member organizations, long-term recovery groups, donors, and government partners to help ensure that survivors remained connected to essential resources and support.

With donor-designated wildfire funding, ENLA awarded more than $600,000 in grants to organizations serving impacted communities and produced an After-Action Report and Improvement Plan to strengthen future response efforts. We also expanded preparedness and resilience work through presentations, in-person workshops, tabletop exercises, government collaborations, and outreach at community events that reached more than 3,500 residents.

These accomplishments reflect the dedication of our growing network and the generosity of those who invest in ENLA's mission. Thank you for helping us strengthen coordination, support long-term recovery, and build a more prepared and resilient Los Angeles County.

With gratitude,

Executive Committee, ENLA Board of Directors

Michael Flood
Chair

Nick Nguyen
Vice Chair

Amy Castro
Secretary

David Andrews
Treasurer

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 and is part of the state and national Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster movement.

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, mitigation, 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 95 nonprofit, 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- and faith-based organizations (CBOs and FBOs) 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.

The 2025 Los Angeles Wildfires, in particular, demonstrated the strength of ENLA's network and its ability to coordinate an effective response to a large-scale disaster.

Leadership and Governance

Board of Directors

ENLA's Board of Directors consists of both voting members from various nonprofits, community and faith-based organizations, and non-voting members from government agencies. Board elections occur annually, during the first quarter of the new fiscal year.

Nonprofit/Community-Based Voting Members 2025/26

- **Michael Flood**, Los Angeles Regional Food Bank, Chair
- **Nick Nguyen**, Salvation Army, Vice-Chair
- **Amy Castro**, 211 LA County, Secretary
- **Larry Grable**, Service Center for Independent Life, Outgoing Treasurer
- **David Andrews**, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Incoming Treasurer
- **Amanda Morita**, American Red Cross
- **Dr. Dinesa Thomas-Whitman**, Habitat for Humanity LA
- **Rev. Heidi Worthen Gamble**, Presbytery of the Pacific/Presbyterian Disaster Assistance
- **Jennifer Campbell**, Los Angeles Region Community Recovery Organization (LARCRO)
- **Kate Ekman**, LA Works
- **Mike Tang**, Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation
- **Noel Middleton**, Team Rubicon
- **Sandri Kramer**, Didi Hirsch Mental Health Services
- **Skip Koenig**, Neighborhood Legal Services of LA County (NLSLA)
- **Yosef Jalil**, Community Organized Relief Effort (CORE)

Non-Voting Government Partners

- **Eric Morgan**, City of Los Angeles Emergency Management Department
- **Kristina Rattnanak**, 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**, Director of Operations

ENLA Board 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. This fiscal year, the Communications Committee focused on providing information on alternative modes of disaster communications, such as Amateur (HAM) radio and improving communications capabilities.

Donations Management Committee works on the handling and distribution of in-kind donations before, during, and after a disaster has occurred. In FY 2025/26, the focus was largely on providing essentials, such as food and water, cleanup kits, PPE, and air purifiers, to survivors of the 2025 LA Wildfires.

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. One of the greatest needs following the 2025 LA Wildfires was, and still is, emotional and spiritual care. Throughout the year, the committee focused on providing free mental health care services to those impacted by the wildfires in office, at resource fairs, and virtually.

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. ENLA organizations were instrumental in providing shelter, temporary housing, meals, etc., following the 2025 LA Wildfires disaster.

Recovery and Case Management 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 ongoing basis after an emergency or disaster. This committee, working with local, state, and federal government agencies and the state VOAD (CA VOAD), helped communities impacted by the 2025 LA Wildfires to access critical resources and provided guidance for "standing up" long-term recovery groups and case management for survivors.

Volunteer Management Committee is tasked with taking account of volunteer resources of the VOAD's member organizations. The committee is also 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. This past fiscal year, the committee focused on efficient deployment of volunteers for resource fairs and other long-term recovery efforts.

VOAD Activities and Achievements

Disaster Update Calls

Held monthly, or more often when needed, these calls foster dialogue among our members and partners and are a venue for providing updates on current disaster events and response. This past fiscal year, disaster update calls focused primarily on response and recovery efforts related to the 2025 LA Wildfires.

Membership Meetings

Meetings are typically quarterly and feature guest speakers on topics such as earthquake preparedness, disaster response and recovery services, and disaster communications. In FY 2025/26, ENLA hosted four membership meetings. These meetings were both informative and educational and offered opportunities for collaboration and networking.

Communications

ENLA continued to enhance communications to its members and partners with its weekly "Road to Resiliency: tips, news, & updates" email and its website, enla.org, which includes pages on preparedness, readiness to respond, community recovery resources, events, how to get involved, sponsorship opportunities, current activations, resources for members, and more. As of June 30, 2026, the website's Road to Resiliency blog surpassed 100 posts.

Education & Resources

ENLA provides access to resources, educational materials, trainings, and other useful information through its website, which can be utilized by member organizations, as well as the public. ENLA also hosts a monthly Lunch & Learn series for its member organizations. This fiscal year, topics included business continuity planning, communications and coordination, neighborhood resilience strategies, extreme heat, mass violence recovery, and tabletop exercises for various disaster scenarios.

Workshops

ENLA hosts interactive workshops exclusive to our members and partners, focusing on subjects relevant to emergency management.

In FY 2025/26, in addition to Lunch & Learns, ENLA held two in-person workshops — one on Active Threat and the other on Wildfire Preparedness, both professionally led by High-Speed Tac Med.

To continue staff development, ENLA's Director of Operations attended a "Calm in Command" workshop, which provided mindfulness strategies to enhance leadership skills and effect collaboration in crisis.

Exercises

ENLA hosted an Earthquake Preparedness tabletop exercise, which was facilitated by California Resiliency Alliance, Statewide California Earthquake Center, and Earthquake Country Alliance.

ENLA members and staff also attended various exercises hosted by the City of Los Angeles, including a Defense Support of Civil Authorities (DSCA) tabletop, a Cyber Security tabletop, and a FIFA World Cup tabletop.

Meetings with Government Partners

In fiscal year 2025/26, ENLA staff participated in meetings and on steering committees with government partners from the City of Los Angeles and the County of Los Angeles. Discussions included Mass Violence Recovery, Extreme Heat Communications, LA City Business Operations Center CONOPS, Interfaith Task Force on Preparedness, and South LA Disaster Preparedness.

Presentations & Panels

ENLA staff continued to make presentations to interested parties about the organization and its activities. This year, ENLA presented to the Civil Grand Jury, the Preparedness Subcommittee of the LA County Commission on Aging, and the Tahoe-Truckee COAD.

ENLA was also invited to participate in several panel discussions including:

- "Extraordinary Women Panel: Angels Among Us," a panel discussion on 2025 LA Wildfire response and recovery among women leaders, hosted by VICA (Valley Industry Commerce Association).
- "Regional Governance During Crisis," a panel on Cross-Sectoral Partnerships in emergency management, hosted by the Center on National Defense and Public Safety at USC.



Recovery Efforts - 2025 LA Wildfires

In FY 2025/26, ENLA's efforts to support survivors of the Palisades and Eaton Wildfires transitioned from response to recovery.

Utilizing donor-designated funding carried over from Fiscal Year 2024/25, as well as recent program funding, ENLA was able to award over $600,000 in grants to member organizations and long-term recovery groups serving communities impacted by the 2025 LA Wildfires.

In addition to grant funding, ENLA continued to work with member organizations and government partners to coordinate support for long-term recovery.





Finally, ENLA produced an After-Action Report/Improvement Plan to document VOAD response and identify areas for improvement. This report can be accessed via the ENLA website.

Grant Programming

Emergency Preparedness, Response, & Recovery

ENLA received over $88,000 in grants and donations in Fiscal Year 2025/26. With these and other resources, ENLA was able to provide educational materials and preparedness supplies for 11+ disaster preparedness events and resource fairs across the county, reaching over 3,500 community members. ENLA was also able to provide its members and partners with professionally led workshops and training.

Our **GRANTORS** in Fiscal Year 2025/26 included:

Edison International — awarded ENLA with a $10,000 grant in November 2025. The funding supported ENLA's continued work on the "Energizing Resiliency & Equity in Emergency Management" program by covering staff time and program operating costs, training of ENLA community partners and staff, as well as production of emergency preparedness/educational materials to be distributed by community partners to promote and enhance preparedness and response capacity in LA County.

California Fire Foundation — awarded ENLA with a $70,000 grant in December 2025. This funding provided much-needed resources to support ENLA's Resilient & Prepared Community Partners (RPCP) Initiative, a program to help LA County communities prepare for and recover from shocks or stresses, such as natural disasters and other disruptions. With this grant, ENLA and its partners were able to provide updated information on recovery resources, including emails to over 6,000 wildfire survivors, registered in-person at Disaster Resource Centers and Multi-Agency Resource Centers, as well as online via disaster recovery websites. In addition, ENLA was able to develop two pocket-sized disaster preparedness brochures, which once completed, will be printed and shared with member organizations and long-term recovery groups.

Membership Growth

In fiscal year 2025/26, ENLA saw a modest increase in membership (5%). However, it was anticipated that growth this year might be minimal as the previous fiscal year saw an unprecedented surge in growth, at approximately 50%.

Member Support

SUSTAINING MEMBERS are those that support ENLA at a higher level than membership requires. ENLA is grateful for the additional support from these member organizations in Membership Year 2026:

Habitat for Humanity of Greater LA	$1,500
LA Works	$1,350
Didi Hirsch Mental Health Services	$1,000

Financial Overview

Fiscal Year Comparison

	Current Year FY 2025/26	Prior Year FY 2024/25
Revenue		
Grant Income/Contributions	$88,221.	$1,200,927.
Membership Fees	21,539.	12,575.
Interest Income	21,079.	202.
Total Revenues	**$130,839.**	**$1,213,704.**
Expenses		
Grant Disbursements	$615,000.	$87,000.
Salary and Employee Benefits Expense	88,127.	80,265.
Contract Services	0.	86,424.
Other Expenses	34,586.	30,570.
Total Expenses	**$737,713.**	**$284,259.**
Surplus/Deficit	**-$606,874.**	**$929,445.**
Net Assets	**$417,351.**	**$1,024,225.**

Note: The 2025-26 financials (July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026) show a substantial operating deficit due to the disbursement of restricted funds received in FY 24/25 (July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025) in the wake of the January 2025 wildfires. See the discussion on page 7. Net of these disbursements, there was an operating surplus.

Future Goals

Disaster Preparedness & Resilience

ENLA seeks to promote disaster preparedness and resilience by:

- Fostering partnerships with local organizations to build a stronger, more resilient community
- Encouraging disaster preparedness and mitigation during blue skies
- Advocating for policies and practices that support long-term community resilience

Disaster Response

ENLA strives to improve disaster response by:

- Expanding education and training to strengthen the VOAD (Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster) network
- Identifying sites county-wide for VOAD-led MARC (Multi-Agency Resource Centers) implementation
- Establishing donation management plans, public education and messaging, and partnerships for distribution of disaster preparedness and recovery materials

Organizational Development

ENLA aims to sustain its long-term growth by:

- Identifying and recruiting nonprofit, community and faith-based organizations that will enhance VOAD coverage throughout Los Angeles County, and particularly, in communities that are underserved
- Building long-term relationships with donors, sponsors, and the philanthropic community to secure sustainable funding and resources
- Collaborating with nonprofit partners on grant applications and other funding opportunities
- Expanding and strengthening ENLA's presence and reach across Los Angeles County



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.

