

2024 Impact Report



Neighbors Helping Neighbors



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About Harbor Connects

Founded in 2022, Harbor Connects is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization located in Wilmington, CA. Serving LA City Council District 15, Harbor Connects provides microgrants, wayfinding, and convening support to Neighbors and Service Providers.

Focused on supporting the unhoused and those at risk of becoming unhoused, Harbor Connects provides gap-filling assistance to help our Neighbors in their goal of becoming or remaining housed.

Harbor Connects Board of Directors and staff at Day of Thanks 2024 on the Battleship USS Iowa.



Mission

We support neighbors and service providers in the fight against homelessness.

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Message from our Executive Director

Dear Neighbor,

I am delighted to present the 2024 Impact Report for Harbor Connects. As we reflect on our collective journey, this report showcases the progress we've made, the lives we've touched, and the meaningful impact we've created together.

This report is not only a reflection of our hard work but also a testament to the dedication of our Board of Directors, partners, supporters, volunteers, and the incredible community we serve. It highlights our commitment to filling gaps and fostering positive outcomes across the Harbor Area.

Our team continues to focus on driving transformative initiatives that address the pressing challenges faced by our unhoused neighbors. The stories and data within this report illustrate the tangible difference our efforts have made in the fight against poverty. We are proud of our achievements, and we remain focused on the path ahead—ensuring that we continue to create collaborative, sustainable impact in the years to come.



After months of struggling, I received a 3-day notice to pay or quit. I was desperate for help, but found none. Then I called Supervisor Janice Hahn's office and was connected to Harbor Connects.

They were a lifesaver, helping with my rent and preventing me from becoming homeless. I plan to give back when I can — this experience has shown me the incredible strength of community.

From Sarah, a single mom of two



I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to everyone who has been part of this journey. Your ongoing support and belief in our mission are integral to our success. Together, we are shaping a brighter future, and it is an honor to share our progress with you.

Thank you for your continued partnership.

Be Well,

Meghan Langfield, MSW
Executive Director, Harbor Connects

Our Team Includes:

Travis Cole
Engagement
Coordinator

2024

At a Glance

What we did:	The Impact:
Number Served	1,100
Microgrants Awarded	141
Wayfinding Assistance	950
Most Common Assistance	Rental Assistance
Referring Partner Agencies	29
Top Referring Agency	Harbor Interfaith Services
Total Spent Assisting Neighbors	\$105,894.46

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The Three Pillars:

At Harbor Connects we operate primarily through three main pillars:

Wayfinding



Microgrants



Convening



We connect individuals directly to resources, mentoring and advocacy.

We elevate service providers' impact through gap-filling support.

We bring together service providers to foster increased collaboration and resource utilization.

Wayfinding:

While our service area is LA City Council District 15 (CD15), including Harbor City, Harbor Gateway, San Pedro, Watts, and Wilmington, we will happily assist anyone with wayfinding, getting them connected to the services best suited to meet their needs. In total, we have worked with more than 1,100 individuals and families in 2024. We provided wayfinding for at least 950 of these. This means 86% of Neighbors we assisted needed some level of wayfinding whether it was in addition to financial assistance or wayfinding alone. The remaining 14% of Neighbors did not require wayfinding assistance because we were able to directly meet their needs, they were already connected to other services, or the assistance they were seeking was not available.

Another way in which we provide wayfinding and system navigation assistance is through our Resource Hub found on our website. Our Resource Hub currently contains 119 resources serving CD15. This tool not only provides assistance to those in our communities but is also useful for our partner organizations when searching for resources for those they serve in CD15.

No Wayfinding Required
13.6%



Wayfinding Provided
86.4%

As little as \$750 can change the trajectory of someone's life.

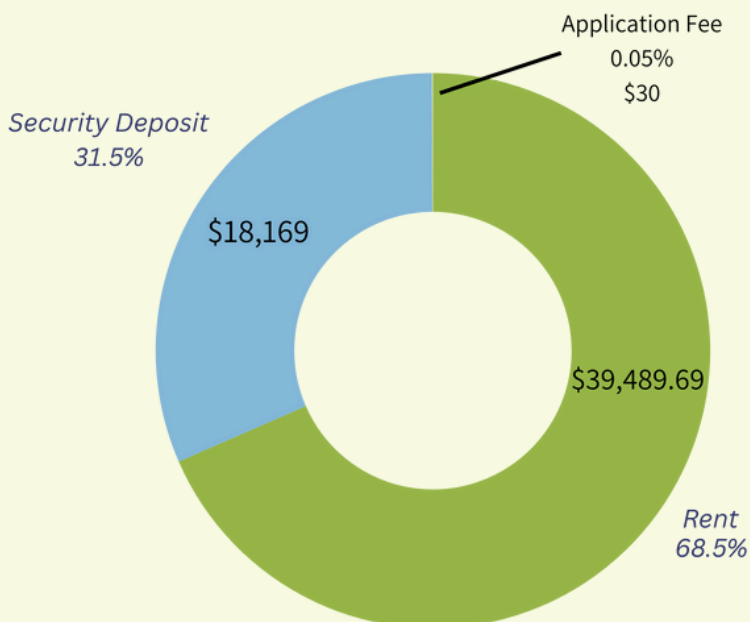
Microgrants:

When those seeking assistance are within our service area and the request meets our funding parameters, we use our microgrants to assist. This can look like anything from covering a security deposit to getting a vehicle repaired and more. About 54% of requests we assisted with were directly related to housing, 27% to other basic needs, and 19% to vehicles. In 2024, we directly assisted 141 individuals and families, spending more than \$105,000 on supporting our Neighbors. For a more detailed breakdown of how our funds were spent, please take a look at the graphs.

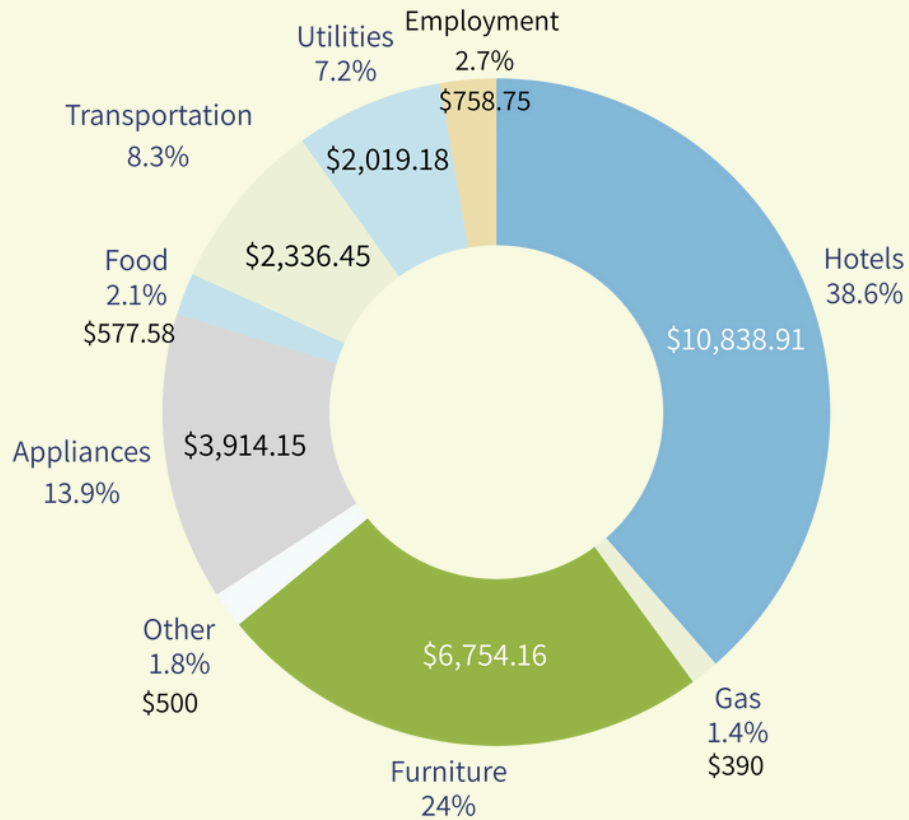
Requests by Area	Number of Requests
San Pedro	212
Wilmington	86
Harbor City	9
Harbor Gateway	5
Watts	5
Out of Service Area	118

Harbor Connects is here to fill gaps. We work closely with the many outstanding organizations providing services for our Neighbors here in the Harbor Area and do our best to support them and those they serve when needed. In fact, 80% of all requests are received as referrals from partner organizations, the other 20% being requests coming directly from Neighbors in our communities. When taking a closer look at this 80%, we find 38% percent of referrals come from government agencies and 62% from community-based organizations. This highlights the need for Harbor Connects to exist to continue supporting both our Neighbors and the agencies they depend on for services.

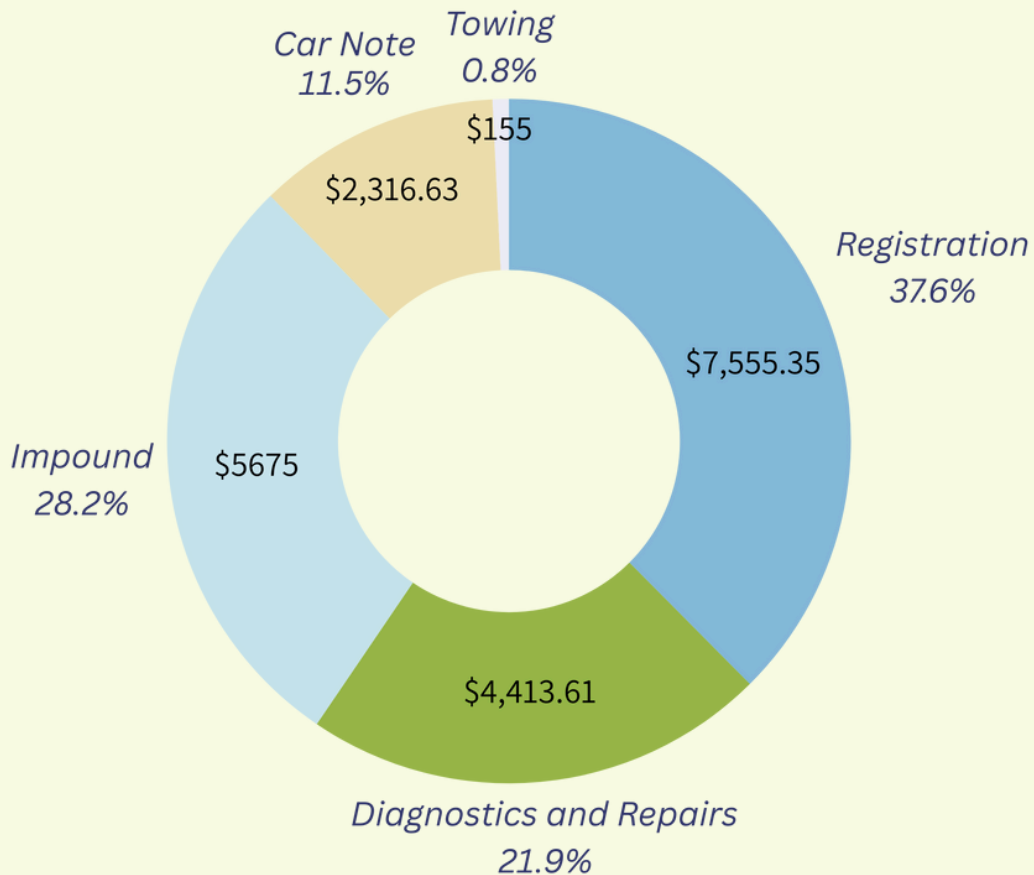
Housing Assistance: \$57,688.69



Basic Needs Assistance: \$28,089.18



Vehicle Assistance: \$20,116.59



Convening:

The final pillar of Harbor Connects is convening. We actively collaborate with service providers, government agencies, local businesses, and the fine folks who make up our communities on every front, as much as possible. We work closely with organizations throughout Los Angeles County, especially those who also serve CD15. In fact, in 2024, we received referrals from 29 different partner organizations.

Convening goes beyond referrals, however. An example of how we activate this pillar can be seen through the startup and facilitation of the Wilmington Collaborative. The Wilmington Collaborative is a collective of service provider leaders and community members motivated to solve the challenges faced by the residents of Wilmington, CA. The overarching goal of the collaborative is to solve community issues, break down silos, and work more collaboratively in service of the community.

Top Referring Agencies	Number of Referrals
Harbor Interfaith Services	129
CD15	39
Community Resource Center of Wilmington	33
Toberman	19
CIRCLE	14

Beyond the Wilmington Collaborative, Harbor Connects participates in a large number of other collaboratives, roundtables, and regular meetings to stay abreast with the communities, their needs, and the work that is being done. We know that the best way to make lasting change is by working together.

2024 was a year of growth for Harbor Connects. We are happy to share our tremendous accomplishments and are excited about 2025. Our work in 2025 will build upon the tremendous efforts of 2024 while bolstering our intentional collaboration efforts. We know that through collaboration, systems change for the betterment of communities is possible. More than 70% of our revenue goes back into the communities we serve, we cannot continue this work without your support. It is only through your contributions that we can continue to serve our Neighbors and continue our ongoing fight against poverty.



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