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Presentation Highlights

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- ❖ Legal Aid for Small Businesses Owners
- ❖ Tenant Protections Hotline/Small Claims Advisor Program
- ❖ Capacity Building for Immigrant-Focused CBOs
- ❖ Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) for Low-Moderate Income and Homeless Individuals

I. ARP Global Program Overview

(Updated as of February 28, 2022)

Progress	<i>Equity-Focused Investments</i> (Pillar 1 Projects)	<i>Building Bridge to Equitable Recovery</i> (Pillar 2 Projects)	<i>Fiscal Stability and Social Safety Net</i> (Pillar 3 Projects)	Project Amounts
<i>Design/Development</i>	20	21	6	\$489,380,000
<i>ARDI/CoCo Review</i>	0	0	0	\$0
<i>Approved for Launch/Implementation*</i>	16	16	4	\$485,620,000
TOTAL	36	37	10	\$975,000,000

**Includes \$89,220,000 in funding allocated for critical pandemic response services, DSWs and other County costs.*

II. Department Spotlight: **Consumer and Business Affairs**

II. Department of Consumer & Business Affairs

1. Legal Aid for Small Businesses Owners
2. Tenant Protections Hotline/Small Claims Advisor Program
3. Capacity Building for Immigrant-Focused CBOs
4. Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) for Low-Moderate Income and Homeless Individuals

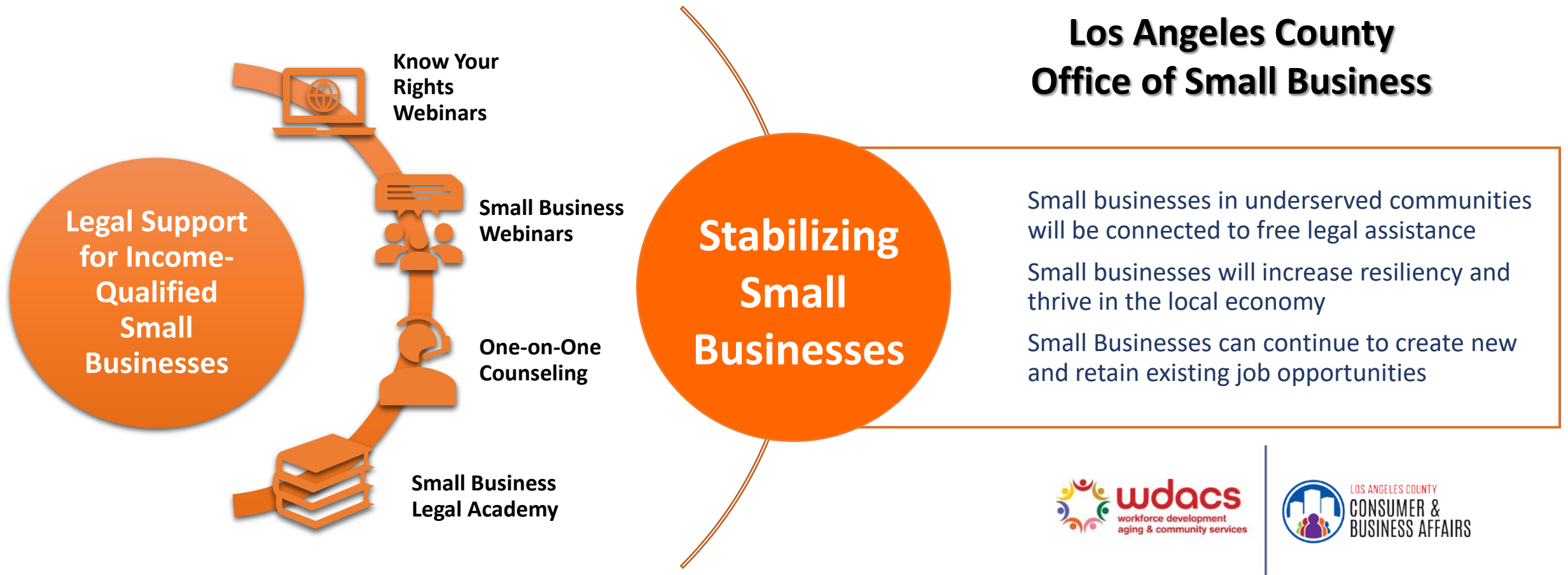


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Legal Aid for Small Business

ARPA Funds: \$ 1.5 M

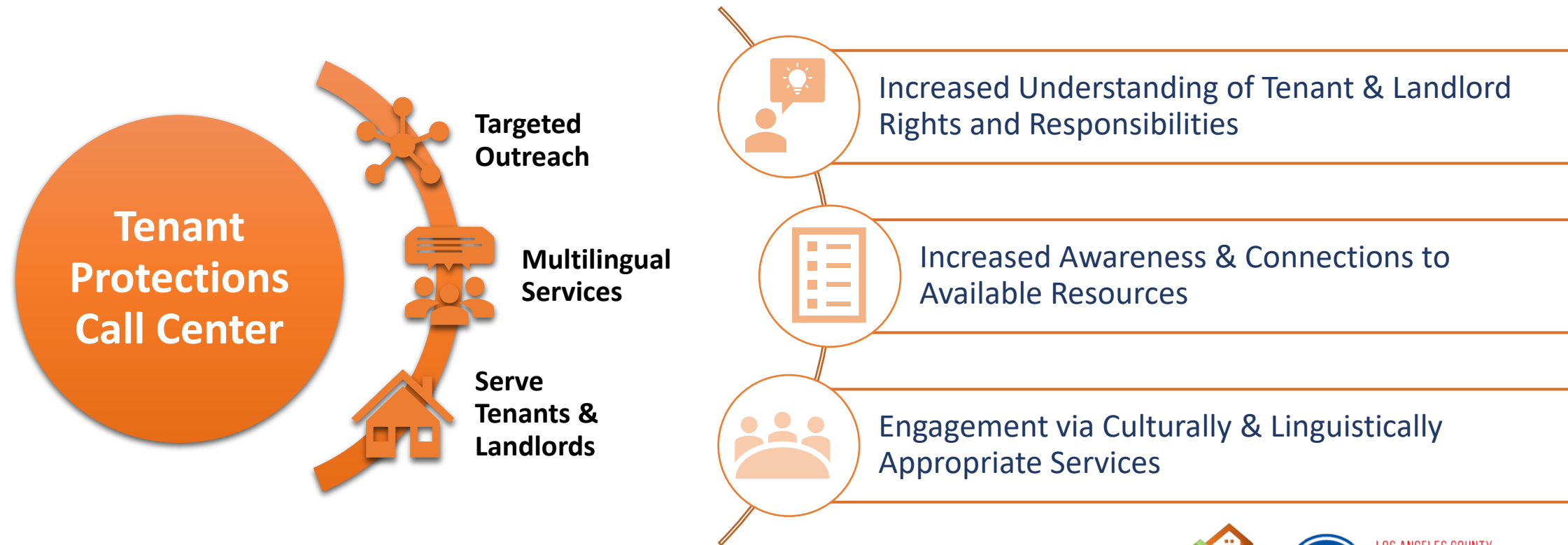
Tentative Launch: February 2022



Tenant Protections Hotline

ARPA Funds: \$ 500K

Tentative Expansion: March 2022



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Capacity Building for Immigrant-Focused Community Based Organizations

ARP Funds: \$ 3.5M

Tentative Launch: April 2022



Recovering Better than Before

- Increasing & stabilizing capacity of immigrant-serving CBOs
- Expanding the number and types of immigrant communities served
- Increase partnerships and collaboration between immigrants serving CBOs & the County

How

- Award Capacity Building Grants to CBOs serving LA County Immigrant residents disproportionately impacted by the pandemic
- Investments aim to increase immigrant access to benefits and social safety net services, in turn, contributing to the long-term economic mobility of immigrants, their families, and ability to build intergenerational wealth
- Allowable Grant Activities: Staffing, Planning, Strategic Partnerships, Up-Skilling, Technology, and Program Evaluation

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) for Low-Moderate Income and Homeless Individuals

ARP Funds: \$ 2.3M

Tentative Launch: April 2022



Recovering Better than Before

- Increase VITA services and access to services for underserved populations, including low-moderate income households and the unhoused through increased capacity
- Partner with local VITA Service providers to work with human service organizations to increase free tax filings services

How

- Expand VITA services outside of the City of LA to reach areas hardest hit by COVID and VITA deserts
- Increase capacity of existing VITA providers to expand services and access
- Build capacity of Homeless Service Providers and other Human Service Organizations who do not currently provide VITA services
- Make free income tax filing VITA services more accessible by meeting residents where they're at



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