

# Parolee-Housing Assistance Program

## Background of the Program

- California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation's (CDCR) Integrated Services for Mentally Ill Parolee Program that provided community-based mental health services and short-term rental assistance terminated as of January 2021.
- The Hilton Foundation made a local investment by partnering with LACDMH to provide \$500,000 through fiscal intermediary, Brilliant Corners, to be used for the short-term housing needs of those linked to LACDMH from CDCR.

## Key Programmatic Features

Identify eligible parolees and link them to LACDMH field-based services if needed

Provide short-term rental assistance for 9 to 12 months

Assist participants in developing and executing a long-term housing plan

Increase income through employment or financial benefits to which they are entitled within 6 months

Transition participants to other permanent housing within 9 to 12 months of receiving short-term rental assistance

## Statistical Data

(Bureau of Justice Statistics)

77% of parolees released from the prison were arrested within 5 years due to:

- Unable to find affordable housing
- Not being linked to mental health provider and lack of comprehensive mental health services
- Unable to reactivate or establish benefits and assistance with decent employment

## Eligibility Requirements

- Participant is in the process of or has transitioned from CDCR to LACDMH system and/or is on parole
- Participant has a serious mental health illness as determined by LACDMH staff
- Participant is linked to LACDMH mental health field-based services
- Participant is homeless or at risk of homelessness at the time of their prison release
- Participant is in need of short-term rental or other housing assistance

## P-HAP Application Process

- Case manager completes a HAP application - Download HAP application at <http://dmh.lacounty.gov/our-services/housing/countywide-assistance/>
- Application must be emailed to Brilliant Corners at [hapapps@brilliantcorners.org](mailto:hapapps@brilliantcorners.org)
- LACDMH approves payment and Brilliant Corners issues rental assistance check

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