

Department of Homeless Services and Housing

MISSION

Together with our partners, the Department of Homeless Services and Housing leads a unified countywide response to homelessness that combines housing, health, and social services.

MANDATORY & MAJOR DUTIES

- Unsheltered response and coordination
- Housing strategy and solutions
- Supportive services
- Clinical services



LA COUNTY
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CURRENT BUDGET OVERVIEW

FY 2025-2026

Adjusted Budget¹

approved by Board 12/9/2025

(\$ Millions)

Total Appropriation

(What We Budgeted to Spend in FY 2025-26)

\$1,331.5

	Salaries & Employee Benefits (415 positions ¹)	95.5 (7%)
	Services & Supplies	922.0 (69%)
	Other (Cap Assets/Equip, Other Charges)	314.0 (24%)

Sources of Funding

(How We Pay For All of This)

\$1,331.5

	Federal Assistance	0.8 (<1%)
	State Assistance	104.8 (7.9%)
	Special Fund/Special District Taxes	540.6 (41%)
	Fees/Charges for Services ²	4.3 (<1%)
	Other Resources ³	281.3 (21%)
	Net County Cost	399.7 (30%)

¹ Adjusted Budget reflects the transfer of the DHS Housing for Health and CEO Homeless Initiative budgets to HSH; FY 2025-26 415.0 positions are ordinance only

² Some State and Federally funded services are reflected as “Fees/Charges for Services” through reimbursement mechanisms (e.g., Medi-Cal billing)

³ “Other Resources” includes miscellaneous revenues not otherwise classified, including fines, settlements, interest earnings, and interdepartmental billing

NOTE: Amounts shown above reflect the Department of Homeless Services and Housing’s operating budget and does not include the Affordable Housing budget

BUDGET BREAKDOWN BY PROGRAM AREA

What These Investments Deliver For Residents

General Program Category	% of Dept Budget
Permanent Housing	39%
Interim Housing	40%
Unsheltered Services	9%
Benefits Advocacy and Homelessness Prevention	5%
Clinical, Data Systems, Systems Coordination and Other	7%

Program categories shown here are presentation-level groupings created to consolidate information from the new LA County Enterprise System (LACES) for this briefing. Note that as part of the County's initial rollout of data-driven budgeting through LACES, categories and outcome measures will continue to evolve based on practical use and data insights as departments operationalize the system in FY 2026–27.

DEPARTMENT PRIORITIES, METRICS & OUTCOMES

Measure A Ordinance Goal	Five-Year Metrics & Outcomes (5-Year Cumulative % Change)
<p>Move people from encampments into permanent housing to reduce unsheltered homelessness</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ↓ 30% - people experiencing unsheltered homelessness ↑ 80% - people moving into permanent housing from unsheltered settings ↑ 32% - rate of people moving into interim housing from unsheltered settings
<p>Reduce homelessness among people with mental illness and/or substance use disorders</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ↓ 15% - people with SMI¹ alone experiencing homelessness ↓ 10% - people with SUD² alone experiencing homelessness ↓ 10% - people with SMI & SUD experiencing homelessness
<p>Increase permanent exits from homelessness</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ↑ 57% - participants exiting homelessness to permanent housing ↑ 101% - participants who retain permanent housing
<p>Prevent people from falling into homelessness</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ↓ 20% - people who become newly-homeless
<p>Increase affordable housing units in Los Angeles County</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ↑ Between 41% to 53% - level of affordable housing production ↑ level of affordable housing units preserved

1 Serious Mental Illness

2 Substance Use Disorder

Progress on these metrics can be tracked here: <https://homeless.lacounty.gov/measure-a-hub/>

BUDGET REQUEST (FY2026-2027)

Total New Appropriation Request¹	\$340.0M
Additional positions requested	175.0
Additional NCC requested	\$0.0M

Key Budget Requests ²	Amount (\$Millions)	One-Time/ Ongoing?	Positions
Measure A Funding	\$247.1	Both	175.0
Measure H Funding	\$20.4	One-time	0.0
Homeless Housing Assistance Prevention Funding	\$72.5	One-time	0.0

¹ Priority budget and unmet needs requests

² Amounts reflected are not new requests for funding. These items are part of the Board adopted [FY 2026-27 Measure A, Measure H, HHAP Program Spending Plan](#)

NOTE: Budget requests shown above reflect the Department of Homeless Services and Housing's operating budget and does not include the Affordable Housing budget.

CHALLENGES & MITIGATION STRATEGIES

CHALLENGES

New or expanded cost obligations

Loss of or reductions in state, federal, and one-time funding sources

MITIGATION STRATEGIES



Programmatic reforms



Identification and leveraging of additional funding sources, including resource alignment with regional partners



Funding reductions and/or curtailments