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Emergency Response Update: State Funding Cuts

June 13, 2024

Evolving Role:

Los Angeles County Homeless Initiative

- **Lead the overall coordination** of the emergency response and coordinate efforts with cities, unincorporated areas, and other stakeholders
- Driving a clearly-defined **vision and collective response**
- Catalyze and **braid County resources and programs** with HI administered funding aiding system optimization
- **Coordinate, align, and steer** County departments and other partners to address homelessness and support the Emergency Proclamation
- Operationalize new framework to **promote system flow** toward permanent housing
- Strengthen partnerships with and **support for local jurisdictions and unincorporates areas**
- Oversee the use of the Delegated Authorities and Expedited Processes to **maximize impact of the State of Emergency**

Evolving Role:

Catalyze and braid County resources and programs

One time

Funding sources that are one-time appropriations with expenditure deadlines

Examples: COVID Relief funding (American Rescue Plan Fiscal Recovery Funding; CARES Act)

Multi-year One-time

Funding sources that are designated as one-time but have renewed for multiple rounds

Examples: Home Safe, Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP)

Ongoing

Funding sources with reliable allocations every year

Examples: Housing Choice Voucher, HUD Home, Medi-Cal

Other

Funding sources with uncertainty about ongoing availability in future years, or where more information is needed

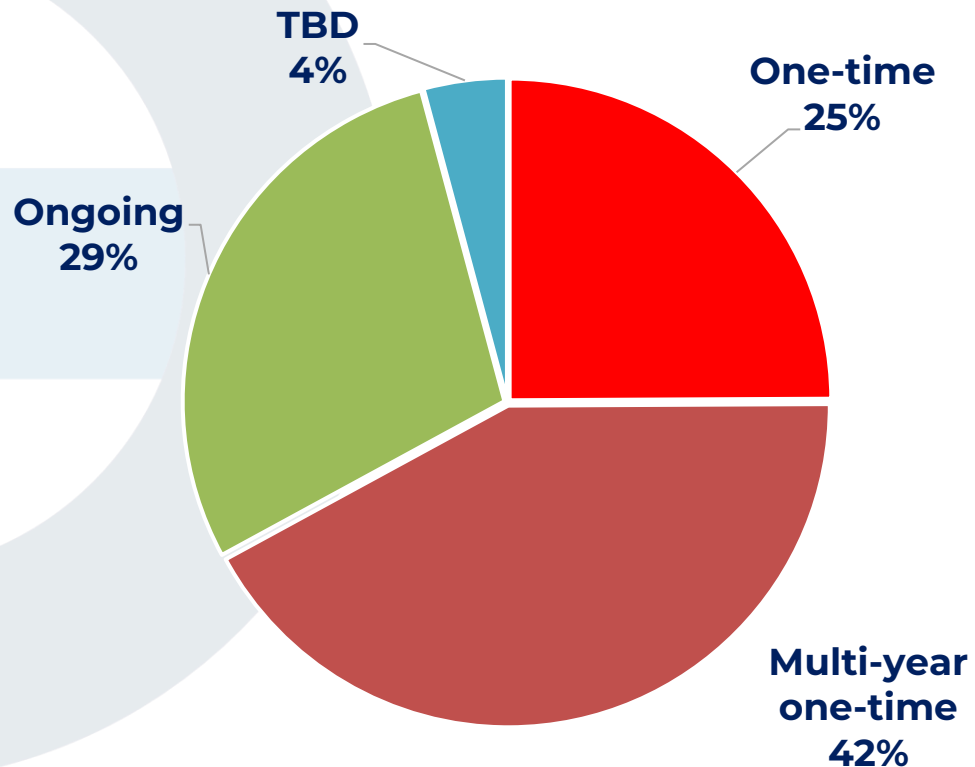
Examples: Measure H – depends on ballot initiative

This analysis focuses on these two types of funding sources as this is where most uncertainty and potential impact lies

Homelessness Funding – State Sources

FY 23-24 Budget in State Funding in County Departments, LACDA and LAHSA

by time-limited category, adjusted for % PEH, homeless response programs



- **67% of FY 23-24 funding** budgeted by County Departments, LACDA and LAHSA are one-time or multi-year one-time funding sources.
- **HHAP, Felony Incompetent to Stand Trial, and No Place Like Home** are the three largest one-time or multi-year one-time state sources.
- **10 of the top 12 state funding sources are one-time or multi-year one-time**, and MHPA is the only large source of ongoing state funding.

One-Time Multi-Year Funding: Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP)

Current Status: The Governor did not propose any HHAP Round 6 funding, but the Assembly and Senate Joint Legislative Budget Plan released on May 29th does include \$1.0B for HHAP Round 6.

- The first award was provided in 2020 and five annual rounds have been awarded to date. **\$358.6M awarded to CEO-HI** and **\$1.0B awarded cumulatively to LAHSA and the Cities of LA, Long Beach, Glendale and Pasadena.**
- If at least \$1.0B for HHAP Round 6 is not included in the FY 2024-25 Budget, **the LA Region will be faced with a \$329M funding gap in FY 2025-26.**
- LA County **directly administers \$85M of the total \$1.0B** annual HHAP baseline allocation.
- **LAHSA's FY23-24 budget includes \$225.3M** in HHAP funds from County, City and a direct allocation to LAHSA.

One-Time Multi-Year Funding: Home Safe

Current Status: The Governor proposed in his May Revise to revert the one-time FY 2022-23 Home Safe allocation to counties by \$65M. The Assembly and Senate Joint Legislative Budget Plan rejected that reduction.

- The Legislature and Governor will decide whether to maintain this funding by June 30th.
- First round awarded in 2021. Two rounds awarded to date to LA County total **\$53.6M**.
- Round 2 Home Safe program and funding is currently scheduled to sunset (per statute) on June 30, 2025.
- When Home Safe funding and the program sunset, the County will need to either reduce housing and supports for hundreds of older adults currently housed with Home Safe funding or identify new funding to back-fill the loss.

One-Time Multi-Year Funding: Bringing Families Home (BFH) Program

Current Status: The Governor proposed in his May Revise to reduce the one-time FY22-23 allocation to counties by \$80M. The Assembly and Senate Joint Legislative Budget Plan rejected that reduction and instead propose to delay \$40M to FY25-26 and delay the other \$40M to FY26-27.

- The Legislature and Governor will decide whether to maintain this funding by June 30th.
- First round awarded in 2021. Two rounds awarded to date totaling **\$60.1M**.
- The Bringing Families Home program is currently **scheduled to sunset once all State funding is exhausted**.

One-Time Multi-Year Funding: Housing and Disability Advocacy Program (HDAP)

Current Status: *The Governor proposed in his May Revise to reduce the one-time FY22-23 allocation to counties by \$50M. The Assembly and Senate Joint Legislative Budget Plan adopted that reduction.* Therefore,

- This reduction **will likely be approved** as part of the FY 2024-25 State Budget.
- The County receives **\$6.5M** in ongoing HDAP funding annually. In 2021 and 2022, the County received two additional one-time allocations totally **\$93.0M**.
- Although the County will continue to receive its small annual on-going HDAP allocation in FY 2024-25, **the County will lose its share of the \$50M one-time funding reduction.**

Takeaways and Next Steps

Takeaways

- Only by shifting funds away from other vulnerable individuals who also need housing and services would the County be able to backfill the loss in State funding.
- CEO-HI, in collaboration with other departmental partners, is **planning for the impact of these cuts**.

Next Steps

- **Continued advocacy** to mitigate the impact of these cuts.
- CEO-HI will **strategize with impacted departments and service providers** as part of the FY25-26 HI Funding Recommendations process.

Thank You



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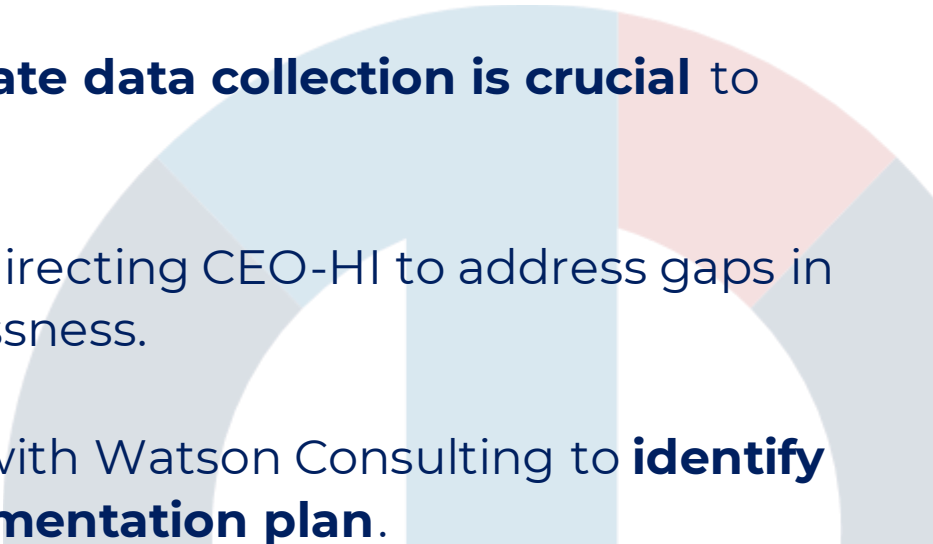
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American Indian and Alaska Native (AIAN)
Homelessness: Initiatives and Partnerships

June 13, 2024

Background: Addressing AIAN Homelessness

- **LA County has the largest AIAN population in any U.S. County** (approximately 165,513 individuals), with significant issues of historical underrepresentation and misclassification.
 - **The AIAN community in LA County faces high rates of homelessness.** A 2016 survey of more than 501 American Indians and Alaska Natives living in Los Angeles found that **one in every 7 respondents (14%) had experienced homelessness.**
 - **Ensuring culturally appropriate services and accurate data collection is crucial** to addressing AIAN homelessness effectively.
 - On October 15, 2019, the Board adopted a motion in directing CEO-HI to address gaps in data related to and services to address AIAN homelessness.
 - In response to the Board motion, CEO-HI partnered with Watson Consulting to **identify service gaps, best practices, and develop an implementation plan.**
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How Does CEO-HI's AIAN Work Fit Into Our Broader Framework?

- The AIAN Workgroup's recommendations include **reducing barriers, increasing provider access, supporting community self-organization,** and **improving data practices.**
- These efforts integrate into the CEO-HI New Framework, emphasizing **rehousing, prevention,** and **city participation.**
- CEO-HI gathered AIAN community input and identified service gaps through **culturally-affirming community engagement sessions.**
- CEO-HI's AIAN work aligns with strategies to **advance racial equity in homeless services and systemic practices.**
- ARDI applies an equity lens to all activities, **ensuring equitable distribution of resources and services for AIAN communities.**

AIAN Homelessness and Housing: Updates and Perspectives from the LANAIC

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Commission



An Illustration of Data Genocide


Healthy LA Natives Study (2023)	American Indian Counseling Center (2023)	RAND Neighborhood Study (2022)*	Study of Older AIAN Adults (1980s)	2023 Point in Time Count**
14%	34%	19%	16%	3.8%*

*AIAN alone or in combo with other races

**2,700 AIAN people (Hispanic + Non-Hispanic)



Patterns of Health Care Access and Use in an Urban American Indian and Alaska Native Population

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Primary Psychiatric Diagnoses, Commercialized Tobacco Use, and Homelessness: Comparisons Between Urban American Indian/ Alaska Native and Non-American Indian/Alaska Native Adult Clinical Samples

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A Sample of Where We Have Been



SEPTEMBER 25, 2020
9:30 AM (PST)



Housing Webinar:
Lessons Learned from
Chief Seattle Club

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American
Connections

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Mayor OLA

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CITY OF LOS ANGELES

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MENTAL HEALTH
hope. recovery. wellbeing.

A SNAPSHOT OF AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKA NATIVE HOMELESSNESS

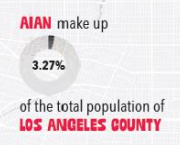
IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY



- Los Angeles County occupies the unceded land originally and **STILL INHABITED BY:**
- Fernandefio Tataviam Band of Mission Indians
 - Gabrielino Tongva Indians of California Tribal Council
 - Gabrieleño/Tongva San Gabriel Band of Mission Indians
 - Gabrieleño Band of Mission Indians - Kizh Nation
 - San Manuel Band of Mission Indians
 - San Fernando Band of Mission Indians

LOS ANGELES is the county with the largest number of American Indian and Alaska Native (AIAN) people in the United States

327,930*
*Census 2020



In addition to local tribe Los Angeles is also home to individuals represent more than **200 TRIBAL NATIONS** from across United States.

AIAN is a **CULTURALLY DIVERSE POPULATION** made up of more than **571 FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED TRIBAL NATIONS**, and numerous tribal nations who continue to fight for their status to be recognized today

AIAN IDENTITY is shaped by a complicated and resilient past, such that racial and ethnic diversity is also part of our story



American Indian and Alaska Native Homelessness

Background

Los Angeles County has a larger American Indian/Alaska Native (AIAN) population than any other county in the United States (165,513¹). The county also sits on the traditional homeland of three AIAN tribes: Fernandefio Tataviam, Tongva, and Chumash². However, the AIAN community is often underrepresented in sample data. Further, identity is often misclassified. For example, the 2019 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count found that approximately 1,800 people experiencing homelessness identify as AIAN (of both Hispanic and Non-Hispanic origin) – meaning that just over 1% of AIAN people in the county are experiencing homelessness. However, in the Healthy LA Natives study³, a 2016 survey of AIAN people in Los Angeles County, 14% of respondents reported experiencing homelessness. While the two data sources have different sample sizes and methodologies, the discrepancy in results warrants an examination of the underrepresentation of the AIAN population across sources data available in Los Angeles County. Historical underrepresentation and misclassification are problematic in that ignores the unique challenges of this population and may divert resources and services that are required to address the specific needs of the population. This brief builds off of Los Angeles County’s Community Forum on Native American Homelessness report and analyzes data specific to the AIAN population experiencing homelessness.

04 How Can We Better Serve Urban Indigenous People



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President and Chief Executive Officer of Native American Connections



A Sample of Where We Have Been (cont.)

**COMING
SUMMER 2024**

UCLA School of Law
**Native Nations Law
& Policy Center**



**Advancing Indigenous
Housing Rights in Los Angeles:
International Best Practices and
a Legal Framework**

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**A TRUST OBLIGATION TO
HOUSE LOS ANGELES'S
AMERICAN INDIANS AND
ALASKA NATIVES**

Where We
Are Going

Communications with the BOS

Data Advocacy

- 4 signature letter from the BOS to the OMB to support the proposed change to have a single combined race/ethnicity question and to discourage ethnic top-coding practices.

Budget Request

- Budget request letter included ask for FTE within CEO HI, and that County Counsel retain a firm or attorney with Indian law expertise

Sep. 2023

Apr. 2023

Oct. 2023

Item Request

Letter to BOS offices requesting stop-gap between consultant contract for CEO-HI as well as an FTE to be housed within CEO HI

November 2023 | Communication with CEO HI Encouraging:

Regular engagement with the LANAIC

Regular engagement with relevant AIAN stakeholders (e.g. the emergent AIAN Housing Collaborative and beyond)

Staff development:

- Foundational trainings on AIAN
- Attend relevant tribal housing conferences (with urban AIAN tracks)
- Complete site visits in other COCs with AIAN culturally supportive housing
- Become familiar with the body of work that the LANAIC is conducting that intersects with this work (e.g. Harms Report, Tribal consent and consultation policy, etc.)
- Any trainings or consultation that can provide an appreciation of AIAN specific statewide or Federal housing opportunities. This includes seeking out technical assistance, where possible.

November 2023 | Communication with CEO HI Encouraging:

Acknowledgement that the report and action plan may now be outdated, and an understanding that this may best be treated as a living document

In engaging other pertinent stakeholders, we learned the following:

- As it relates to the Internal County AIAN Working Group, there were questions about the function and path forward
- There was a direct question about County land that was to be identified as part of the original board motion

- CEO HI, LAHSA, LACDA, LACDMH and multiple other departments
- Data
- Policy
- Processes
- Representation
- Resources
- Relationships and repair

County
Systems

Community
Readiness:
AIAN
Housing
Collaborative

- Building organizational and community capacity to:
- Connect to HMIS
 - Apply for funding
 - Staff up and train as needed
 - Provide service provision, operations, and/or eventually build AIAN housing and beyond
 - *Dream and think outside the box*

- Tribal consent and consultation
- Harms Report
- Tribal Affairs Office
- Beyond land acknowledgement
- Building a knowledge base and partnerships

LANAIC
Foundational
Work

Room for the
unknown

- Home is *more* than housing!

Ongoing Requests

- Final report back and action plan from original board motion, "Identifying, Supporting, and Serving American Indians and Alaska Natives Who Are at Risk of or Experiencing Homelessness"
- One senior position FTE within CEO HI dedicated exclusively to AIAN homelessness and housing
- County Counsel retains expertise in Indian Law
- Ongoing support of adjacent LANAIC work that supports the holistic landscape of this work (tribal consultation and consent policy, researching a tribal affairs office, commitment to going beyond a land acknowledgement, repairing harm)

Additional Goals

- Continue to build off the AIAN language in the NOFA 30 for culturally supportive housing
- AIAN Vouchers
- ...and many many more goals!



Maacagíraac | Thank you

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LAHSA

Homeless Policies Deputy Meeting

American Indian/ Alaskan Native Community

Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority

Taylor Pulsifer – AI/AN Coordinator

June 2024

Internal Work & Successes

- Internal representation and dedicated position within LAHSA to lead the AI/AN work
- Reconvening and identifying correct representatives for the internal WG
- Collaboration across all WG's in planning a joint retreat
- Ongoing internal training and community connecting around AI/AN history and affairs

Internal Work & Successes

- Building interdepartmental partnerships to understand and connect w/ AI/AN service providers
- Recruitment for AI/AN representation on the lived experience advisory board
- Ongoing AI/AN providers “All-hands meeting” to build capacity
 - Torrez Martinez Tribal TANF
 - United American Indian Involvement
 - PUKUU Community Services
 - DMH- American Indian Counseling Center
 - NDNz Org
- AI/AN representation on the COC board

External Work & Successes

- Ongoing LAHSA representation and cross agency collaboration within HI-CEO WG.
- Building relationships between AI/AN providers and community members (presenting at DM meetings, Equity Dept. EDS events...etc)
- Ongoing internal liaison to support and build capacity for AI/AN community providers

Goals for 2024

1) Increase engagement across internal WG and begin the implementation stage of the recommendations

2) Create a contingency plan for all recommendations to ensure sustainability of efforts

3) Engage w/HI-CEO's WG to strengthen external partnerships and efforts

4) Individually support departments within LAHSA to increase efforts of system refinement in building capacity for the AI/AN community

Goals for 2024

5) Assessment of culturally Inclusive Housing Options for the AI/AN community

6) Continue to work with DM department to accurately capture and report the AI/AN population

7) Support the HR and training department with finalizing the AI/AN training modules for employees and providers