

HOMELESS POLICY DEPUTIES MEETING AGENDA

MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE IN PERSON WITH A VIRTUAL OPTION

Date: Thursday, September 12, 2024
Time: 2:00 PM
Location: Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple St.,
Room 374-A
Los Angeles, CA 90012

For members of the public who wish to join virtually or over the phone, please see below:

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Teleconference Number: [+1 323-776-6996,,110359772#](tel:+13237766996)

For Spanish interpretation, members of the public should send emails within 48 hours in advance of the meeting to ClusterAccommodationRequest@bos.lacounty.gov

	AGENDA ITEM	LEAD
I.	Welcome and Introductions	Amy Perkins, Third District
II.	HI Prevention Update	Almas Sayeed, Senior Manager, CEO-Homeless Initiative
III.	Homeless Emergency Mission 4 Update: Eviction Prevention	Rafael Carbajal, Director, Department of Consumer and Business Affairs Dana Pratt, Deputy Director, Department of Consumer and Business Affairs Manuel Ruiz, Chief, Department of Consumer and Business Affairs
IV.	Items Recommended for Future Discussion	
V.	Public Comment*	

* Public Comment is limited to one minute. Those joining virtually interested in speaking should raise their hand on Microsoft Teams and unmute once called upon by the Chair. Those on their phones should press *5 to raise their hand and *6 to unmute.

NEXT MEETING: SEPTEMBER 26, 2024

Homeless Prevention

Homeless Policy Deputies Meeting

September 12, 2024



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PREVENTION

In 2023, our rehousing system permanently ended homelessness for more than 27,400 people. **If we sustained this emergency response, and prevented any more inflows into homelessness, then we could end homelessness in less than three years.**

The goal of the Homeless Initiative's prevention efforts is to **reduce inflow into the homeless response system.**

The most effective way to reduce inflow is by **focusing on households** who are experiencing housing instability and are at greatest risk of becoming homeless.

PREVENTION

Landscape

- (1) **A recently coordinated prevention strategy:** Efforts to build solutions and infrastructure to address homelessness have historically focused on those who have already fallen into homelessness.
- (2) **Not funded at scale:** Prevention efforts aimed at reducing inflow into the homeless services system have insufficient funding.
- (3) **Does not address main driver:** The lack of available, affordable housing is the primary cause of inflow into homelessness.

PREVENTION

Countywide Efforts

Prevention and Promotion Systems Governing Committee (PPSGC)

- Established July 2023
- 9-member body: Directors of County Departments and/or County Initiatives, and a non-County entity (all Board-appointed)
- Purpose is to improve collaboration and coordination of the infrastructure, services, and supports that prevent negative outcomes *and* help residents thrive.

Prevention and Promotion Coordination Implementation Team (PPCIT)

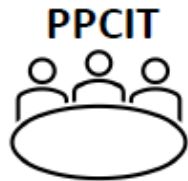
- Made up of program and agency leads
- Provide inventories of prevention services and programs, and their funding sources/restrictions
- Purpose is to convene and facilitate coordination across County department

How the Prevention and Promotion Systems Governing Committee and the Prevention and Promotion Coordination Implementation Team Work Together

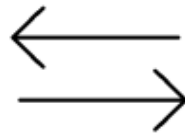
Governing Committee



Governing Committee requests assistance from PPCIT to achieve deliverable(s)



PPCIT



PPCIT...

- Convenes Funding Stream Analysis workgroup
- Secures consultants/technical assistance as needed
- Coordinates with other workgroups (e.g., legal analysis)
- Presents recommendations/work products to the Governing Committee

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High-Risk Factors

Income & Housing

- 50% AMI or lower.
- Prior experiences of homelessness.
- Living without a lease.

Household Composition

- Head of household younger than 25 (particularly those with system involvement)
- Head of household older than 65
- Pregnancy or children under the age of one
- Major life events, such as death of parent who is a leaseholder

Other Factors

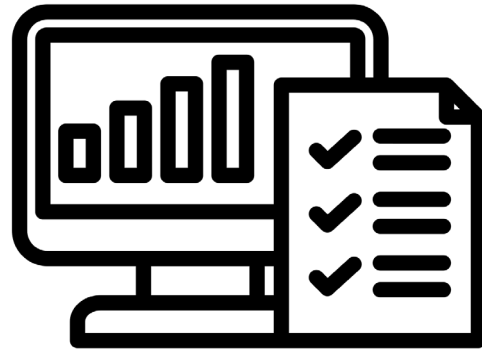
- Justice impacted, including arrest
- Chronic health conditions
- Disabling conditions
- Documentation status
- Child welfare system involvement

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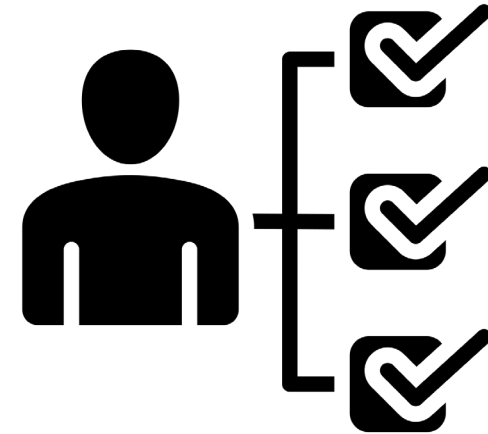
Three-Pronged Approach



**Centralized
Access
& Enhanced
Programming**



**Predictive
Modeling**



**Categorically
High Risk
Populations**

PREVENTION

Three-Pronged Approach



Centralized Access and Enhanced Programming

Centralized Access to create a multi-jurisdictional streamlined access point with screening tools to triage those in need of prevention resources.

Enhanced Programming by funding efforts to support those at highest risk of becoming homeless.

Key features

Access Oriented

Client-Centered

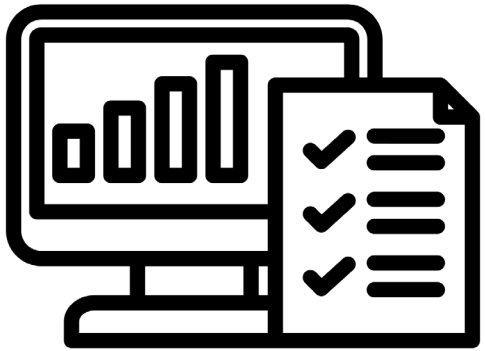
Multi-Jurisdictional

High-risk factors for enhanced programming include:

- ✓ Disabling conditions
- ✓ Head of housing older than 65
- ✓ 50% AMI or lower
- ✓ Living without a lease
- ✓ Head of household younger than 25

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Three-Pronged Approach



Predictive modeling to identify individuals and families who are most at risk of losing their housing within the next 12 months.

Key features

Proactive

Data-driven

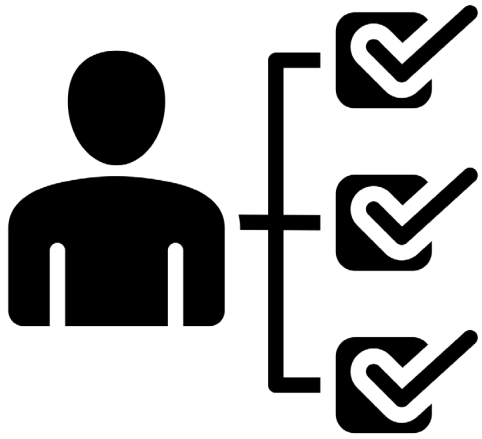
Client-centered

Predictive Modeling

Over 400 features produce the High-Risk List*, including:

- ✓ DHS Emergency Room Visits
- ✓ DMH Crisis Stabilization Holds
- ✓ Application for public benefits through DPSS
- ✓ Arrests/interactions with Probation
- ✓ Lists are sent to HPU for outreach, care and coordination

KEEPING PEOPLE HOUSED: Three-Pronged Approach



**Categorically
High-Risk
Populations**

Population focused dedicated programs for those who are categorically at high risk of homelessness and who may have unique needs.

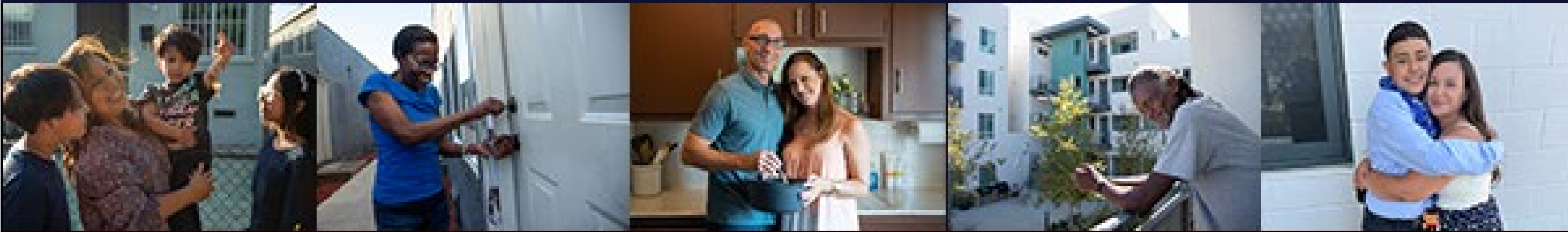
Key features

Proactive Data-driven Client-centered

As directed by the Board, populations for initial focus include:

- ✓ Older Adults (especially those using County safety net services)
- ✓ Transition Aged Youth

Thank you.



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HOMELESS DEPUTIES CLUSTER PRESENTATION

September 12, 2024



AGENDA



Introduction



Overview of DCBA Programs that support Homelessness Prevention



**Program Highlight:
Stay Housed LA**

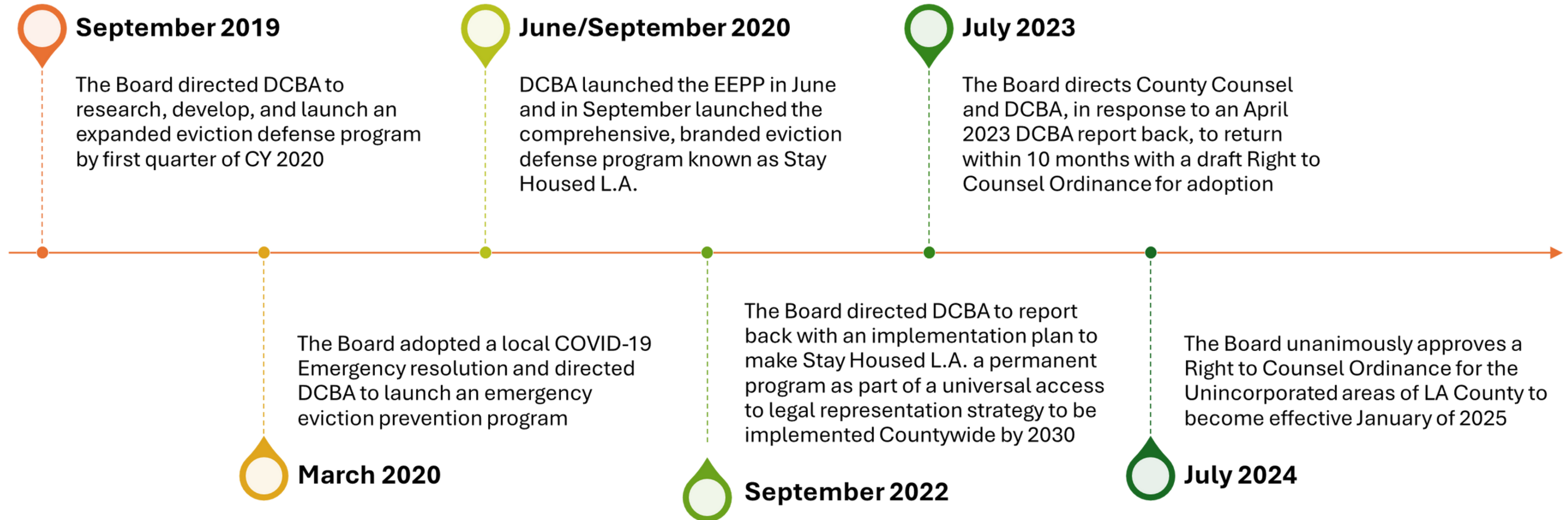


Next Steps

DCBA Homelessness Prevention Programs

- 01** Rent Stabilization
- 02** Housing Financial Assistance Programs
- 03** Dispute Resolution
- 04** Self-Help Legal Access Centers (SHLAC)
- 05** Tenant Protections Hotline
- 06** Foreclosure Prevention
- 07** Stay Housed LA

Eviction Defense Efforts **Timeline**



Stay Housed L.A.



A countywide program that operates as a first line of defense against mass evictions and potential homelessness



First-of-its-kind partnership between the County of L.A., the City of L.A., the City of Long Beach, tenant-led community organizations, and legal service providers



Services are delivered by over 25 partner organizations that specialize in providing multilingual, culturally competent services in targeted communities throughout the entire County

Partner Organizations

Legal Aid Organizations

BASTA Universal
Bet Tzedek Legal Services
Community Legal Aid SoCal
Eviction Defense Network
Housing Rights Center
Inner City Law Center
Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles
Mental Health Advocacy Services
Movement Legal
Neighborhood Legal Services of Los Angeles County
Public Counsel

Community-Based Organizations

Alliance of Californians for Community Empowerment (ACCE)
Armenia Relief Society
Coalition for Economic Survival (CES)
Communities for a Better Environment
East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice
Eastside LEADS
Inquilinos Unidos
Koreatown Immigrant Workers Alliance (KIWA)
Liberty Hill Foundation
Long Beach Residents Empowered (LiBRE)
Los Angeles Community Action Network (LA CAN)
Los Angeles Center for Community Law and Action
Paving the Way Foundation
Pomona Economic Opportunity Center
People Organized for Westside Renewal (POWER)
SAJE - Strategic Actions for a Just Economy
Social Justice Learning Institute

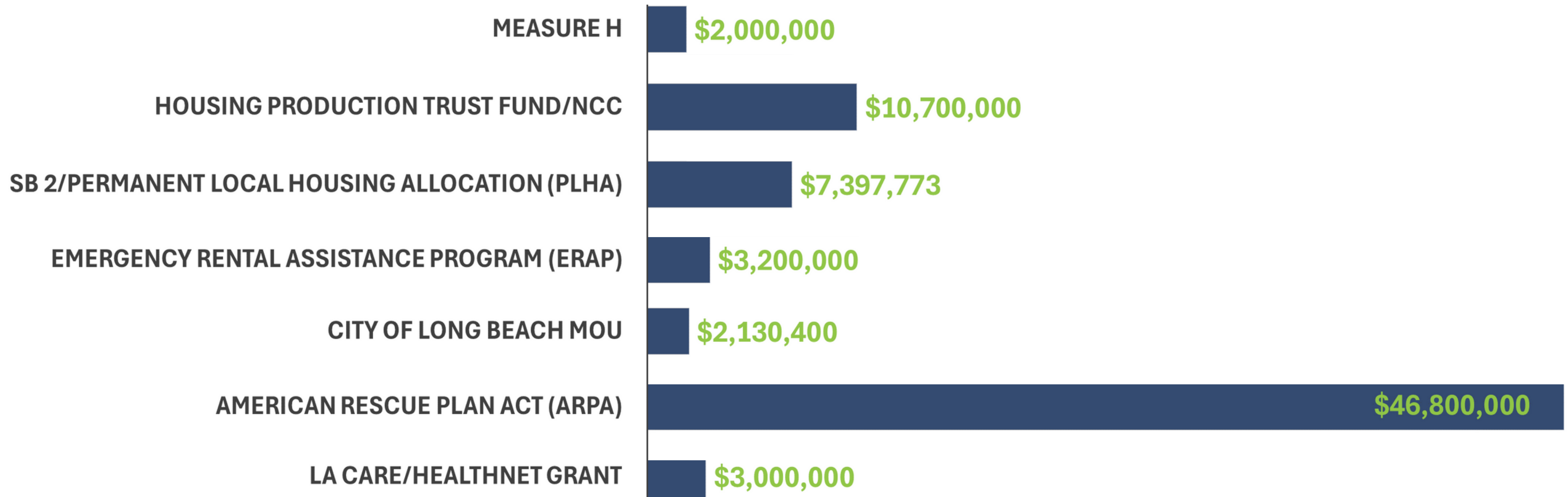


What Does Stay Housed LA Do?



Eviction Defense Funding Allocations Since Inception

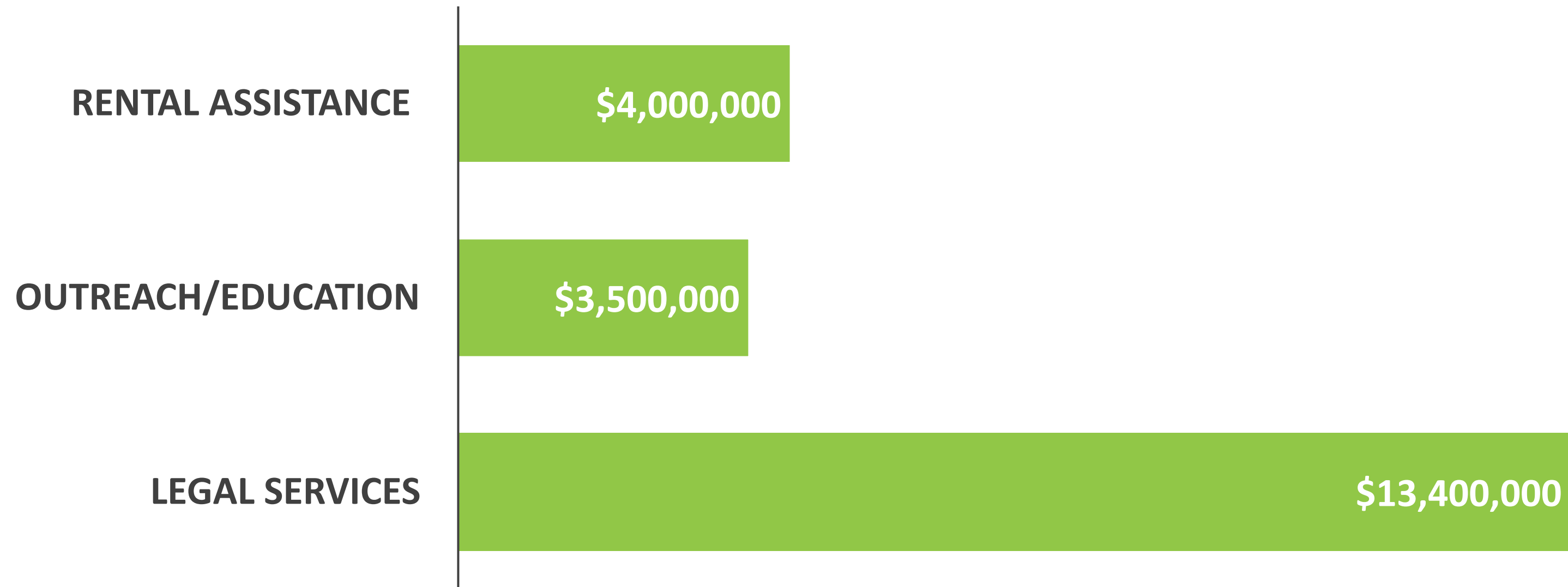
Stay Housed L.A. County Funding Allocations (since July 2020 - July 2026)



SHLA/RTC Funding for FY 2024-25

Implementation of RTC and Universal Access to Legal Representation Program

Stay Housed LA (RTC and Universal Access Year 1)



Stay Housed To-Date L.A.



Reached **1,564,287** tenants in Los Angeles County with workshops, clinics and tenant navigation services.



Provided limited legal services and assessments to **22,204** tenant households.

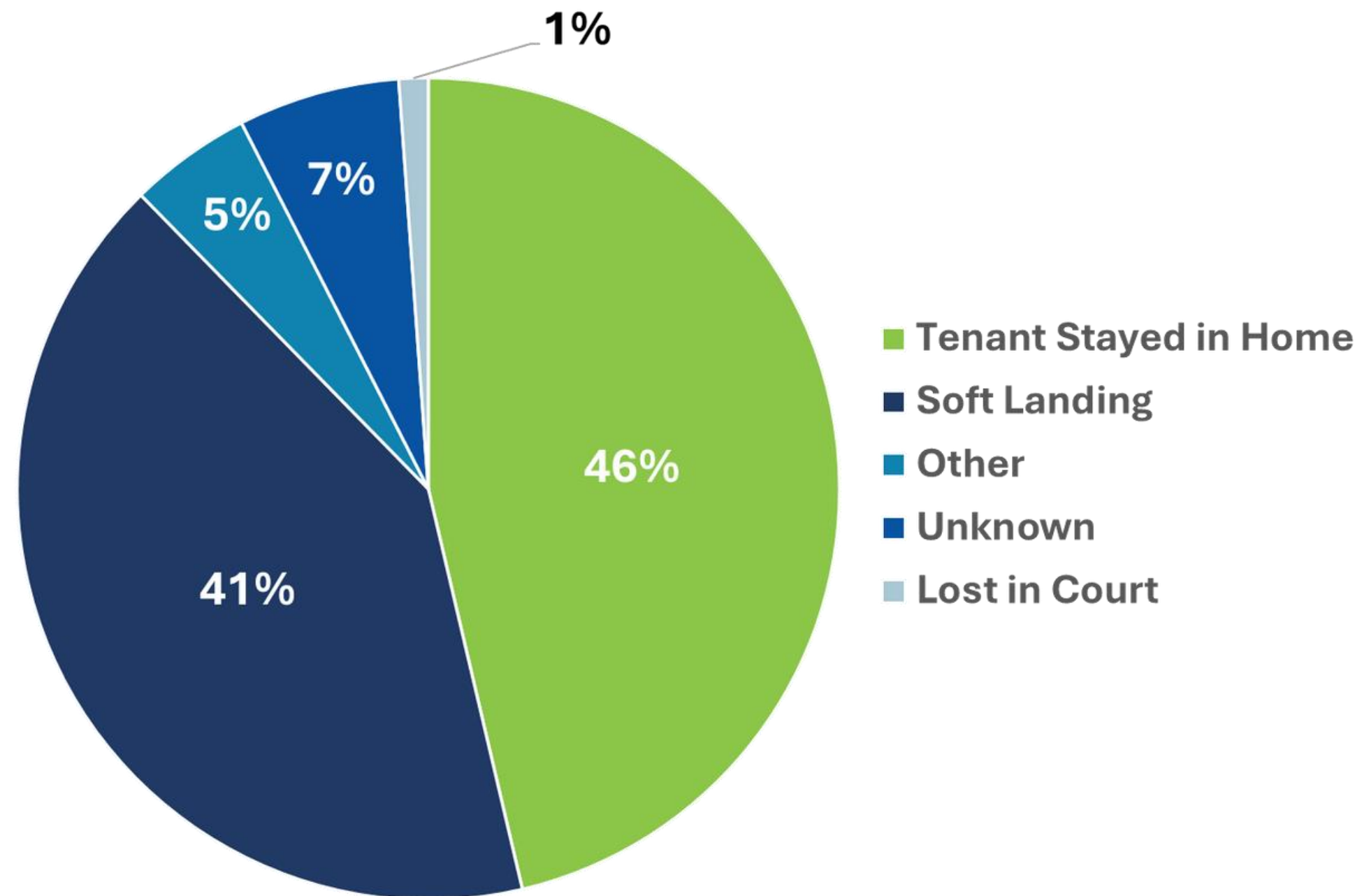


Provided **\$3,802,784** in financial assistance disbursed (as of July 31, 2024).



Provided full-scope legal representation to **3,420** tenant households.

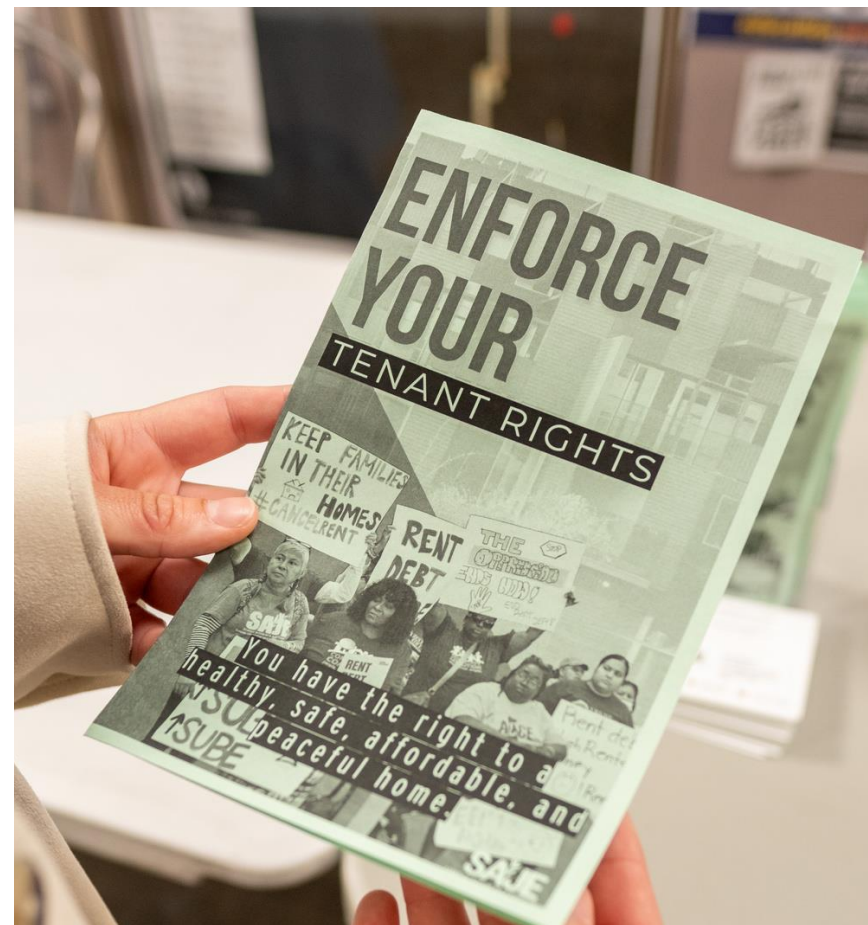
Stay Housed LA Outcomes*



*Outcomes from closed full scope cases for the County's program
(September 2020 through July 2024)

- **Tenant Stayed in Home:** Tenants remained in their homes
- **Soft Landing:** Tenants negotiated a soft landing to prevent homelessness including extra time to move-out, moving expenses and a sealed eviction record
- **Other:** Tenants had some other outcome including prevention of harassment, enforced habitability rights, preservation of housing benefits, obtained advice regarding housing matters, etc.
- **Unknown:** No record of outcome due to incomplete data from early pandemic efforts
- **Lost in Court:** Tenant lost case in court

Success Stories



- Cassandra started falling **behind on her rent** after becoming disabled
- Cassandra worked with Stay Housed LA Partner- **Community Legal Aid SoCal (CLA SoCal)**
- CLA SoCal identified an error on landlords' Notice to Pay Rent or Quit which **overstated** the amount that Cassandra owed
- Los Angeles Superior Court **dismissed case** based on misinformation and Cassandra was able to stay in her home

Success Stories

- Yesenya is a 65-year-old **women diagnosed with a disability.**
- She rents a mobile home where she **relies on help** from her daughter to pay the rent.
- In May 2023, Yesenya was **hospitalized with Covid-19.** At the same time, her daughter feel ill and could no longer help with rent.
- Yesenya worked with Stay Housed LA Partner, **Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles (LAFLA).**
- LAFLA helped Yesenya apply for low-income housing, provided moving assistance to cover her security deposit/first month's rent and **sealed her eviction record.**



Next Steps



Implementation of RTC

January 2025
Unincorporated
LA County



SHLA Support

Capacity Building
Sustainable & Ongoing
Funding



DCBA Prevention Work

Departmental & Program
Support



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An aerial photograph of the Los Angeles skyline, showing a dense cluster of skyscrapers in the center, surrounded by residential and commercial buildings, with green trees in the foreground.

Questions?