

Department of Mental Health Housing Resources



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▶▶ DMH Overview

DMH is the Mental Health Plan in 85 cities (does not include the Tri-City area, La Verne, Claremont or Pomona)

Responsible for providing specialty mental health services to eligible individuals

DMH directly-operated and contracted providers serve over 250,000 clients per year

- Based on several point-in-time data matching analyses using InfoHub data, an estimated 20% of DMH clients were flagged as homeless at some point during the year.
- In FY 2022-23, between 40-50% of individuals receiving DMH crisis services, including crisis stabilization, acute inpatient and Institution for Mental Disease (IMD) services, were homeless at the time of service.

▶▶ DMH Overview - Continued

DMH services and housing target individuals with **Severe Emotional Disturbance (SED)** or **Serious Mental Illness (SMI)**, defined as those with major depressive disorder, bipolar disorder, schizophrenia and other psychotic disorders, which is in alignment with how SMI was defined under Measure A

- DMH currently receives only **\$5.4M of Measure A funds** for 24 staff
- DMH is committed to partnering with other departments, government entities and homeless service providers to meet Measure A goals and has made **significant investments in homeless and housing services** through other DMH funding sources - which adds capacity to the whole system for a specific target population

In FY 2024-25, DMH served **11,134 clients** through the housing resources managed by DMH

- Total Interim Housing = 2,466
- Total Permanent Housing = 8,668
- Total Newly Housed = 3,099

▶▶ MEASURE A GOALS



Proposition 1 – Approved by Voters on March 5, 2024

Transforms the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Passed by Voters in November 2004 – 1% Tax on Personal Income over \$1M

NEW funding to develop an array of behavioral health treatment facilities and supportive housing

Behavioral Health Infrastructure Bond Act (BHIBA) **\$6.38B**

Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA)

EXISTING funding that must be shifted in accordance with BHSA requirements

Los Angeles County Regional Allocations

Required Distribution of Funding by State

Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program (BHCIP)
\$479M

Funding for behavioral health treatment and residential settings

Homekey+ for Veterans
\$277.9M

Housing investments for Veterans experiencing or at risk of homelessness

Homekey+ for Non-Veterans
\$321.4M

Housing investments for persons experiencing or at risk of homelessness with behavioral health challenges

Behavioral Health Services and Supports (BHSS)
35%

Full Service Partnership (FSP)
35%

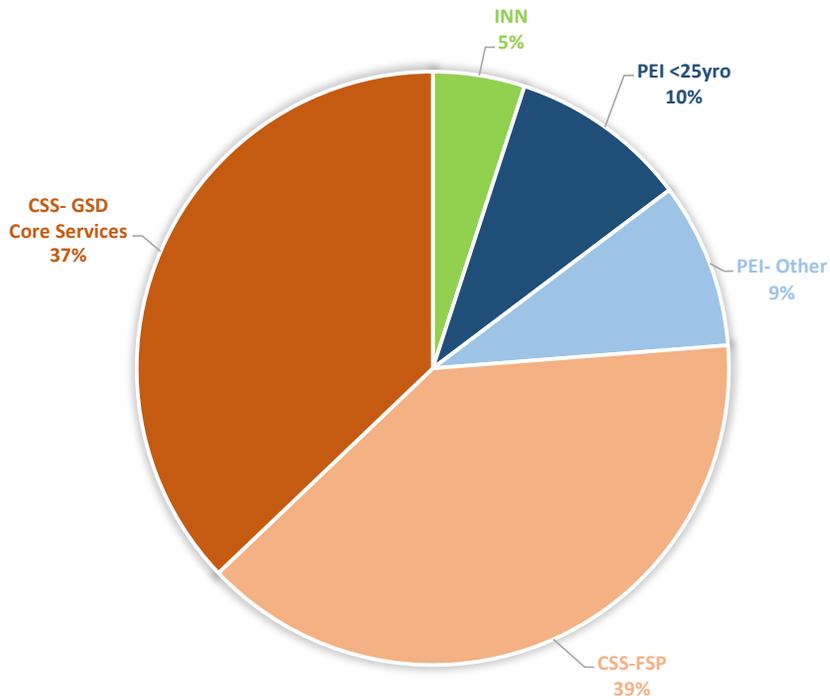
Housing Interventions
30%

17.15%
Outpatient Services

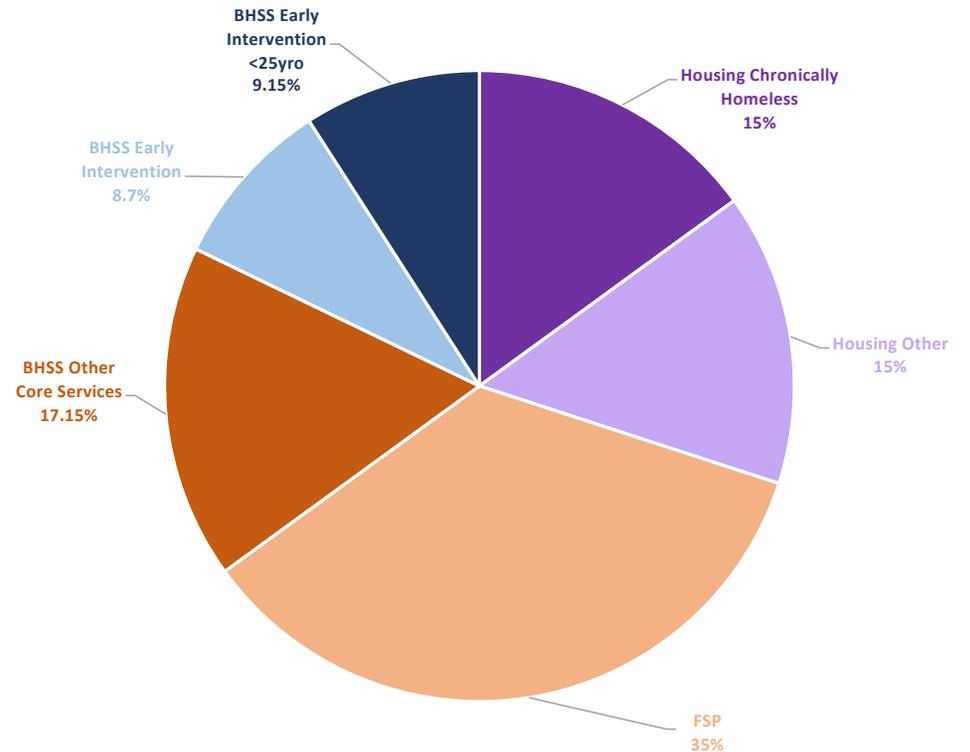
17.85%
Early Intervention
(50% children and youth)

▶▶ MHSA Components vs. BHSA Categories

Current MHSA Funding Components



BHSA Proposed Funding Categories



▶▶ Interim/Bridge Housing



Sites provide interim housing and are intended to serve as a bridge to permanent housing for people experiencing homelessness who are living with SED or SMI

Number of Budgeted Resources

Program	Online	In Process	Total
Behavioral Health Bridge Housing (BHBH) Rental Assistance Program		150	150
Enhanced Emergency Shelter Program (EESP) for Transition Age Youth	110		110
Pathway Home Motel Beds	78	42	120
Interim Housing Program	891	796	1,687
Total	1,079	988	2,067

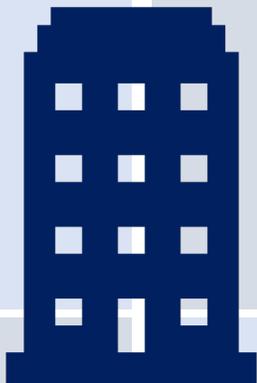
Funding Sources for Operations

- BHBH = **\$80,015,515**
- Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) = **\$47,203,416**
- Supervisorial District 3 (EESP) = **\$310,000**

Annual Total
\$127.53M



▶▶ Licensed Residential Care



Funding is used to assist individuals with SMI who have higher acuity needs to obtain and maintain housing at a licensed residential care facility including paying for rent, personal and incidental expenses and/or enhanced rates for enhanced services

Number of Budgeted Resources

Program	Estimated Capacity	In Process	Total
Enriched Residential Care (ERC) Program	1,355		1,355
ERC+		272**	272
Highly Enriched Residential Care Services (HERCS)	94*		94
Total	1,449	272	1,721

*Some HERCS clients may also be enrolled in ERC.

**ERC+ Request for Applications was released on August 4, 2025.

Funding Sources for Operations

- MHSA = **\$21,239,776**
- BHBH = **\$17,417,683**
- Community Care Expansion (CCE) = **\$9,401,699**
- Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) = **\$7,452,000**

Annual Total
\$55.51M



▶▶ Permanent Supportive Housing



Funding is used to provide DMH clients who are homeless with locally funded rental subsidies and move-in assistance

Number of Budgeted Resources

Program	Estimated Capacity
Homekey+	374
Housing for Empowered Adult Living (HEAL)	95
Housing For Mental Health (HFMH) for FSPs	331
Rental Assistance Program (RAP)	279
Housing Assistance Program (security and utility deposits, household goods, and eviction prevention)	N/A
Total	1,079

Funding Sources for Operations

- MHTSA = **\$35,287,600**
- County General Fund = **\$810,000**
- SAMHTSA Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH) = **\$409,000**

Annual Total
\$36.51M



▶▶ Housing Resource Funding Summary

FY 2026-27 OPERATIONS FUNDING

Program	MHSA	State	Federal	County	Total
DMH-Managed Resources					
Interim Housing	\$47,203,416	\$80,015,515		\$310,000	\$127,528,931
Licensed Residential Care	\$21,239,776	\$26,819,382	\$7,452,000		\$55,511,158
Permanent Housing	\$35,287,600		\$409,000	\$810,000	\$36,506,600
Subtotal	\$103,730,792	\$106,834,897	\$7,861,000	\$1,120,000	\$219,546,689
Other DMH-Funded Resources					
Diversion, Reentry and Mental Health (DREAM)	\$27,000,000				\$27,000,000
Enhanced Residential Services	\$5,231,000				\$5,231,000
FSP Client Housing Support	\$10,602,475				\$10,602,475
Intensive Case Management Services (ICMS)	\$6,386,000				\$6,386,000
Subtotal	\$49,219,475				\$49,219,475
Total	\$152,950,267	\$106,834,897	\$7,861,000	\$1,120,000	\$268,766,164

ONE-TIME CAPITAL FUNDING

Program	MHSA	State	County	Total
Homekey+ Capital	\$33,932,000			\$33,932,000
ERC - Capital Projects	\$46,200,000	\$55,560,974		\$101,760,974
Metropolitan State Hospital			\$14,000,000	\$14,000,000
BHBH Infrastructure		\$65,950,170		\$65,950,170
Total	\$80,132,000	\$121,511,144	\$14,000,000	\$215,643,144

BHSA Housing Interventions funding is estimated to be \$250 million per year over a three-year period



▶▶ Other Housing and Service Resources

- Other Housing Resources

- ◁ Federal Housing Subsidies for DMH Clients

- Current Allocation = 2,261 subsidies
 - Requires 25% service match

- ◁ MHSA Capital Investments and Other Units Dedicated to Individuals with SMI

- Online = 3,936 units
 - Pipeline = 1,546 units

- Homeless and Housing Services

- ◁ Full Service Partnership Program (FSP)
 - ◁ Intensive Case Management Services (ICMS)
 - ◁ Housing Supportive Services Program (HSSP)
 - ◁ CalWORKS Coordinated Entry System Family Solution Centers
 - ◁ CARE Court
 - ◁ Assisted Outpatient Treatment for Los Angeles (AOT-LA)
 - ◁ **Countywide Engagement Services**
 - Homeless Outreach and Mobile Engagement (HOME)
 - Interim Housing Outreach Program (IHOP)
 - Men’s and Women’s Community Re-Entry Program
 - Prevent Homelessness Promote Health
 - Hollywood 2.0
 - Enhanced Care Management
 - Skid Row Concierge
 - Veteran and Military Family Services
 - Library Engagement and Access Program
 - Emergency Centralized Response Center

**DMH ONE-TIME CAPITAL INVESTMENTS
(2008 – Present)**

Program Name	MHSA Amount
No Place Like Home	\$ 744,903,877
Special Needs Housing Program/MHSA Housing Program	\$ 155,000,000
Mental Health Housing Program	\$ 103,300,000
Total	\$ 1,003,203,877

▶▶ Current and Anticipated Fiscal Landscape

Time-Limited Funding

- CCE – March 31, 2029
- BHBH – June 30, 2027
 - DMH and SAPC

Potential Funding Reductions or Losses

- Medi-Cal
- SAMHSA/PATH
- Federal Subsidies
- Emergency Housing Vouchers
- Time Limited Subsidies
- BHSA revenue volatility

Potential New Revenue

- CalAIM Community Supports – Transitional Rent and Housing Deposits
- Enhanced Care Management

▶▶ Breakdown of BHSA Housing Interventions Funding

- Under BHSA, 30% of funding MUST be used for Housing Interventions.
- Of the Housing Interventions funding, 50% must be used for individuals that meet criteria for chronic homelessness.
- Up to 25% may be used for the capital development of housing.



▶▶ BHSA Housing Interventions Priorities and Eligible Populations

Housing Interventions Priorities

- Reduce homelessness among BHSA eligible individuals, focusing on the chronically homeless
- To the extent possible, provide individuals with permanent supportive housing
- Provide flexibility for counties to respond to local conditions and needs, and to innovate
- Provide individuals receiving Housing Interventions with access to clinical and supportive behavioral health services
- Support the provision of low barrier, harm reduction and Housing First principles
- Complement ongoing state, county, city, Continuum of Care and tribal efforts to address homelessness including but not limited to those provided through Medi-Cal

Housing Interventions Eligible Populations

- Those that meet Specialty Mental Health criteria or have at least one diagnosis of a moderate or severe substance use disorder
- Chronically homeless, with a focus on people in encampments, or experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness
- **Homeless Definitions are broader than HUD's:**
 - If homeless prior to entering an institution, considered homeless or chronically homeless as long as they met the criteria prior to entering the institution and regardless of length of stay
 - Chronic homelessness is defined as any number of occasions of homelessness so long as the combined duration is at least 12 months

▶▶ BHSA Housing Interventions: Expenditures Guidance

Allowable Expenditures:

- Rental Subsidies
- Operating Subsidies
- Allowable Settings (Non Time-Limited Permanent Settings and Time-Limited Interim Settings)
- Other Housing Supports
 - Landlord Outreach and Mitigation Funds (e.g., holding fees, damage reimbursement, unit holds, eviction prevention)
 - Participant Assistance Funds (e.g., credit report and housing application fees, storage fees, furniture, and pet, security and utility deposits)
 - Housing Transition Navigation Services and Housing Tenancy and Sustaining Services
- Other Housing Interventions Requirements
- Capital Development Projects

Housing Interventions may not be used for:

- Mental health or SUD services
- Housing supports covered by a Medi-Cal Managed Care Plan (MCP) including the CalAIM Community Supports Housing Trio (Housing Transition Navigation Services, Housing Tenancy and Sustaining Services, and Housing Deposits) and Transitional Rent

▶▶ BHSA Housing Interventions: Allowable Settings Non-Time-Limited Permanent Settings

Supportive housing

Apartments including
master-lease
apartments

Single and multi-family
homes

Housing in mobile
home communities

Single room occupancy
units

Accessory dwelling
units including Junior
Accessory Dwelling
Units

Tiny homes

Shared housing

Recovery/Sober Living
housing including
recovery-oriented
housing

Assisted living (adult
residential facilities,
residential facilities for
the elderly and licensed
board and care)

License-exempt room
and board

Other settings
identified under the
Transitional Rent
benefit

▶▶ BHSA Housing Interventions: Allowable Settings Time-Limited Interim Settings

Housing and motel stays

Non-congregate Interim housing models

Congregate settings that have only a small number of individuals per room and sufficient common space (not larger dormitory sleeping halls)
-Does not include behavioral health residential treatment settings

Recuperative care

Short-term post-hospitalization housing

Tiny homes, emergency sleeping cabins, emergency stabilization units

Peer respite

Recovery/Sober Living housing including recovery-oriented housing*

▶▶ Other BHSA Housing Interventions Requirements

All BHSA Housing Interventions information must be entered into the Continuum of Care's Homeless Management Information System (HMIS).

All settings funded through BHSA Housing Interventions must meet minimum quality standards in alignment with the standards under Transitional Rent.

Funding can only be used in housing settings that meet minimum standards for habitability under the National Standards for the Physical Inspection of Real Estate (NSPIRE).

Housing Interventions must be available to support Family Housing which prioritizes not separating family members and meets the needs of the family. If a child is eligible for BHSA Housing Interventions, the family is eligible as long as the parent or guardian lives with the child.

▶▶ Utilizing CalAIM Community Supports Funding Prior to BHSA Housing Interventions Funding



Counties can only use BHSA Housing Interventions to cover items or services that are not covered by Medi-Cal managed care including CalAIM Community Supports under the MCPs such as Transitional Rent and Housing Deposits.



Counties can use the BHSA Housing Interventions category to cover items or services not covered under Medi-Cal managed care or after the MCP Community Supports benefit is exhausted (e.g. ERC)



DMH and DPH-SAPC are planning to leverage contracts held by the Department of Homeless Services and Housing (HSH) with the Medi-Cal MCPs rather than contracting directly and are currently working with HSH and their MCP partners to develop workflows and strategies on the roll out.



DMH and DPH-SAPC leadership and staff participate on weekly Housing Workgroup meetings hosted by the County Behavioral Health Directors Association of California (CBHDA) that are focused on the implementation of BHSA Housing Interventions and Transitional Rent and have used that forum to clarify policies and provide feedback to the State as appropriate given the significant impact Community Supports will have on BHSA and how it is implemented.

Flexible Housing Subsidy Pool (FHSP) – Coordinating Multiple Funding Streams

Using the FHSP is a key strategy recommended by the State to support local partners in braiding and coordinating multiple streams of funding for housing including Community Supports

DMH already uses the FHSP through a direct contract with Brilliant Corners (BC) and by leveraging Department of Health Services – Housing for Health’s FHSP contract with BC



Flexible Housing Subsidy Pool Workflow

