FISCAL YEAR 2027-28 MEASURE A SPENDING PLAN

Frequently Asked Questions

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About Measure A, the FY 2027-28 Measure A Spending Plan, and the HSH Budget

What is Measure A?

- A majority of the Department of Homeless Services and Housing (HSH)'s annual budget comes from Measure A, a half-cent sales countywide sales tax to support housing and services for people currently experiencing homelessness while addressing prevention.
- Measure A is one of many funding sources administered by HSH. You can review a comprehensive overview of the full HSH operating budget on page 207 here.

What other funding sources does HSH receive outside of Measure A? Why can't we weigh in on how those resources are spent?

- Measure A is HSH's largest funding source. However, the department receives and administers additional ongoing and one-time funding sources. Apart from Measure A and Measure H carryover, these sources are not included in the Measure A Spending Plan and community engagement process because they often have specific grant and contractual requirements. They include:
    - Various agreements with County departments and budget units (e.g., DPSS, DMH, DPH, CFCI/Measure J, DHS-ODR), local jurisdictions, and other entities (e.g., LACAHSA, Managed Care Plans, LA Metro)
    - Net County Cost (County General Funds)
    - State Funding (e.g., HHAP, ERF, HHIP)
    - Realignment Funding (AB 109)
    - Federal Funding (e.g. YHSI grant)
- Outside of the HSH Measure A Spending Plan process, the community can weigh in on the entire HSH budget and all the funding sources we administer during the County's regular budgeting process.

What services and programs does the current HSH Measure A Spending Plan fund?

- The FY 2026-27 HSH Measure A Spending Plan prioritizes core programs and services that have proven most effective in reducing homelessness with a focus on serving disproportionately impacted populations, including families, youth, residents of color, older adults, and survivors of domestic violence.
- This year's plan funds significant investments in housing with $277 million for interim housing and nearly $239 million for permanent housing across the County.

Providing Input on the FY 2027-28 Measure A Spending Plan

How can I weigh in on the FY 2027-28 Spending Plan?

- HSH is committed to building a Measure A Spending Plan for the 2027-28 Fiscal Year that is transparent, accountable, and shaped by our community.
- This year, members of the public and community partners can share input and questions about the Spending Plan at any time through our online public comment form. The purpose of this form is to create an ongoing dialogue with our community to help us identify emerging needs and priorities and better assess the impact of our outreach and communication. The public comment form will close on November 13th, 2026.
- You can also weigh in by attending a community meeting. Community meetings provide opportunities for all residents to learn about the Measure A Spending Plan process and share your questions and feedback. These meetings are open to the public and are designed to encourage meaningful participation and transparency throughout the planning process. View a schedule of upcoming meetings here.

How can I trust that my feedback will be incorporated into the Spending Plan?

- We know that participating in a community engagement process takes time and effort, and it can feel frustrating if you don't see your input reflected in the final spending plan.
- The truth is that we can't fund every individual request in the Measure A Spending Plan due to budget constraints and competing demands. Or, in some

cases, a program may not be funded through the Measure A Spending Plan because it is funded through a separate funding source or entity.

  - For example, the Los Angeles County Affordable Housing Solutions Agency (LACAHSA) will administer $385 million in Measure A funding for affordable housing and homelessness prevention in FY 2026-27, which is outside HSH's Measure A Spending Plan.

- However, community input *does* shape our high-level priorities and how programs are designed over time. And we're taking some key steps to improve the community engagement process this year to make it easier to make your voice heard.

Budget Constraints in FY 2027-28

How will these budget constraints affect my community?

- Due to rising costs and the loss of other funding source, last year, HSH had to stretch Measure A to cover a $303 million budget constraint in the FY 2026-27 Spending Plan. This required us to make extremely difficult decisions to protect our core housing programs.
- Our spending plan for the current fiscal year provides our starting point for developing next year's budget. Unfortunately, many of the budget constraints we faced last spending plan cycle will continue into FY 2027-28.
- This means Measure A is picking up a growing tab and we won't be able to fund everything we value and that is making an impact in our communities.
- Because we have already cut programs like street outreach to their limits, **future budget constraints will inevitably reach our housing programs,** with interim housing programs likely facing the biggest impacts.

Where is HSH looking for more funding? Isn't there money elsewhere in the County budget that can be used to fill the gap?

- We are working with our partners, including other County departments and local jurisdictions, to look under all our couch cushions and identify all possible funding sources to help ease this budget constraint.
- We're also taking every opportunity to apply for more funding. For example, HSH submitted two Encampment Resolution Fund grant proposals to the state for resources to address unsheltered homelessness. HSH has also:

  - Submitted two applications through the Continuum of Care (CoC) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO);
  - Applied for and received some funding from LACAHSA;
  - Applied for and received a youth grant from Cedars-Sinai;
  - Submitted a large request to a group of philanthropic partners for a significant investment in the Youth System;
  - And received a grant from HealthNet to expand Flexible Financial Assistance.
- It's important to note that Los Angeles County has *not* reduced its funding for homelessness and housing programs. However, the County keeps picking up a growing tab.
- This is due to a variety of factors, most notably programmatic cost increases and reductions in state, federal, and local one-time funding. Measure H is also going away as we spend it down.
- As a last resort, Measure A is being used to backfill costs previously supported by other funding sources so we can ensure people don't fall right back into homelessness.
- The budget we are building now is an estimate, based on the best available information almost a year out from the start of the fiscal year. The Board of Supervisors will finalize the full HSH 2027-28 budget in October 2027, which will include the approved Measure A Spending Plan and any new or increased revenue and carryover funding from the previous fiscal year.

2026 Homeless Count

Is the budget constraint why we saw an increase in homelessness this year?

- Partially, yes. This year's Homeless Count results, which show a slight increase in the number of people experiencing homelessness in Los Angeles County, reflect a significant decline in state and federal funding for our region.
- For example, cuts in state homelessness spending contributed to a pause in new enrollments in Time-Limited Subsidies, a short-term rental subsidy and proven re-housing tool that helps move people quickly into affordable housing. This resulted in 5,100 fewer people housed in 2025 and a bottleneck across our system.
- Increases in homelessness are also tied to challenging economic conditions that disproportionately impact low-income households (e.g., lopsided [k-curve] wage growth, higher food and transportation costs), the largest federal cuts to

food and healthcare safety net programs since 1996, and an ongoing national, state, and local shortage of affordable housing.

How are Homeless Count results used in funding decisions?

- This year's Point-in-Time Homeless Count results will directly influence the Local Solutions Fund (LSF) formula, which determines how much Measure A funding LSF is allocated to cities, Councils of Government, and the County's unincorporated areas.
- The Point-in-Time results also help determine our region's Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention program (HHAP) allocation from the state.

Federal Continuum of Care (CoC) Funding

If our CoC loses federal funding because of ongoing litigation, will HSH be able to fill the gaps?

- HSH, as well as our partners at the City of Los Angeles, LAHSA, and the Los Angeles CoC Board, are committed to ensuring the LA region retains federal funding that houses over 11,000 formerly homeless individuals, families, and children.
- If our region loses this vital funding, Measure A funding alone is not enough to keep people from losing their homes.
- This is a team effort. HSH is working closely with our partners, such as LACAHSA, LAHSA, and our public housing authorities, to determine how we can collectively fill gaps resulting from a loss of federal funding.

How LA County Homelessness and Housing Resources are Spent

Why are we putting so much funding into Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) when we aren't seeing new PSH in our communities?

- There are different levels of resources in different communities. What works well in one community isn't necessarily a template that works for every community.
- Project-based Permanent Supportive Housing also looks different for different communities.

- There are lots of other ways we fund permanent housing in addition to PSH. For example, we fund a variety of rental subsidies that people can use to rent an apartment.
- This is exactly the kind of input we want to hear from you during our September Community Input Sessions, so jot this down and come back next month!

What programs and services are funded within the Homelessness Solutions Innovations Fund category?

- Under Measure A, the Homelessness Solutions Innovations category is a small but targeted portion of the county's homelessness funding.
- It's designed to support new strategies, demonstration projects, and pilot programs aimed at achieving the goals outlined in Measure A.
- In 2026-27, the Measure A funding allocations for Homelessness Solutions Innovations support:
    - **Community Liaisons**, a program to support service providers and people with lived homelessness experience in leadership roles countywide.
        - The need for community liaisons arose during the community engagement work that took place in 2025 to inform the formation of HSH. You can learn more about that work on our **website.**
    - **Faith-Based Regional Coordinators,** which support partnerships between faith-based organizations and the homelessness response system.
    - **Homelessness Prevention Unit**, which uses predictive analytics to identify households at high risk of falling into homelessness and proactively reaches out to connect them with support.
    - **Youth Homelessness Prevention**, a new initiative to provide direct housing assistance for youth at risk of long-term homelessness.
    - **Benefits Advocacy** for veterans experiencing homelessness, in partnership with the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs.

What programs is the County investing in to prevent people from falling into homelessness?

- Most of the Measure A funding for homelessness prevention is distributed by the Los Angeles County Affordable Housing Solutions Agency (LACAHSA). These dollars are funding rental assistance, flexible prevention funds, eviction prevention work, legal services, and other strategies to assist households at risk of losing their housing.

  - In FY 2026-27, $115 million (30% of the LACAHSA budget) is dedicated to Renter Protection and Homelessness Prevention.

- You can learn more about available resources to help LA County residents, including families, seniors, renters, homeowners, and fire survivors, on LA County's new prevention resource page: lacounty.gov/prevention.
- This web page provides a centralized hub for homeless prevention resources offered by HSH, the LA County Department of Consumer and Business Affairs, the Los Angeles County Development Agency, LAHSA, and LACAHSA.
- It offers guidance on rental assistance, tenant protections policies, mortgage relief, utilities assistance, legal aid, housing navigation, as well as eligibility for benefits like CalFresh, Medi-Cal, and California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids.

What funding is included in MediCal/MediCaid funding noted on slide 6 in the Knowledge Building presentation?

- The Medi-Cal funding reflected in Slide 6 represents a combination of federal, state, and County funds and includes reimbursements provided for eligible services provided through Medi-Cal Managed Care Plans.
- This funding also includes CalAIM resources supporting Community Supports and Enhanced Care Management.

What funding is included in Realignment funding noted on slide 6 in the Knowledge Building presentation?

- There are several different terms County departments use to describe Realignment funding. All the funding displayed in the diagram on Slide 6 refers to funding sources where the state and County share the cost of specific programs, or where the state has shifted responsibility to the County along with a dedicated portion of tax revenues.
- For example, in 2011, the state passed a measure called AB109 that diverts defendants convicted of less serious felonies to serve their time in County jail rather than state prison. As part of that legislation, LA County receives dedicated tax revenue each year to pay for additional costs associated with programs that were realigned to the county.

- In 2020, the LA County Board of Supervisors approved a motion to reallocate AB109 funds from jails to alternatives to incarceration. Those funds now support many homeless response programs, including the Office of Diversion and Reentry at the Department of Health Services (DHS) and dedicated AB109 Housing Subsidies.

Are these Realignment and medical funds just focused on homelessness?

- Yes. All funding shown on Slide 6 relates specifically to resources supporting the County's homeless response system.
- For example, DCFS leverages several types of realignment funding to support their housing programs such as Transitional Housing Program Plus and Prevention and Aftercare.
- For Medi-Cal, several departments including DHS and the Department of Mental Health (DMH) use Medi-Cal and CalAim funding for programs like Intensive Case Management Services (ICMS), Interim Housing, Full-Service Partnerships, and outreach programs.
- The diagram on slide 6 is based on dozens of data sources collected at slightly different points in time so the numbers can fluctuate. It is not intended to represent an official County budget figure but rather provides a reasonable picture of recent and relevant funding that LA County departments receive and use to support our collective homeless response.

Transparency and Accountability

Who is monitoring the new department?

- The Board of Supervisors directly monitors HSH, and the homeless governance bodies that advise the Board (e.g., Executive Committee for Regional Homeless Alignment) play an important role in holding HSH accountable for results on Measure A goals and metrics.
- The structure of the new department makes it far easier to track which contracts are being funded, what services are being delivered and whether providers are being paid on time.
- By placing contract management, program oversight, and fiscal accountability under one roof, HSH can work directly with service providers, strengthen trust, and ensure resources reach the front lines where budgets are tight and delays can be destabilizing.

- Most importantly, the public can now see quantifiable results, such as the number of people housed or connected to services, all in one place through online dashboards and reporting tools.
- Our outcome dashboards on our website show the number of people housed and connected to services, and our Measure A progress tracker shows how we are doing toward achieving Measure A goals and metrics.