

# **Local Solutions Fund Info Session**

Measure A Local Homeless Services and Housing Programs

PRESENTATION BY

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# Agenda/Outcomes







Eligible Uses



Allocations &
Disbursements,
Agreements & budgets,
Timeline



Oversight and Accountability

# Measure A: Local Solutions Fund for LA County

- Measure A allocates significant funding to address homelessness across Los
   Angeles County through the Local Solutions Fund (LSF). This initiative represents a
   collaborative approach to combating homelessness by distributing resources
   directly to cities, Councils of Government (COGs), and unincorporated areas.
- The LSF empowers local jurisdictions to develop and implement programs tailored to their specific homelessness challenges while adhering to best practices for standardization of care and accountability measures. This presentation outlines the fund's structure, eligibility requirements, allocation formula, and implementation timeline.

## **Understanding the Local Solutions Fund**

The Local Solutions Fund represents a critical component of Measure A, providing financial resources to Los Angeles County's 88 cities, six Councils of Government, and over 120 unincorporated areas. This dedicated funding stream supports programs addressing homelessness consistent with Measure A's purposes and conditions or the L.A. County Affordable Housing Solutions Agency guidelines.

All participating jurisdictions must demonstrate progress toward meeting established goals and metrics while incorporating best practices for standardization. This ensures a cohesive, regionally aligned approach while allowing for localized implementation.

#### Key Principles

- Local control with accountability
- Evidence-based interventions
- Best practices for standardization of care

#### Eligible Use Categories

- Direct homelessness services
- Interim and Permanent Housing for PEH
- Employment services for PEH

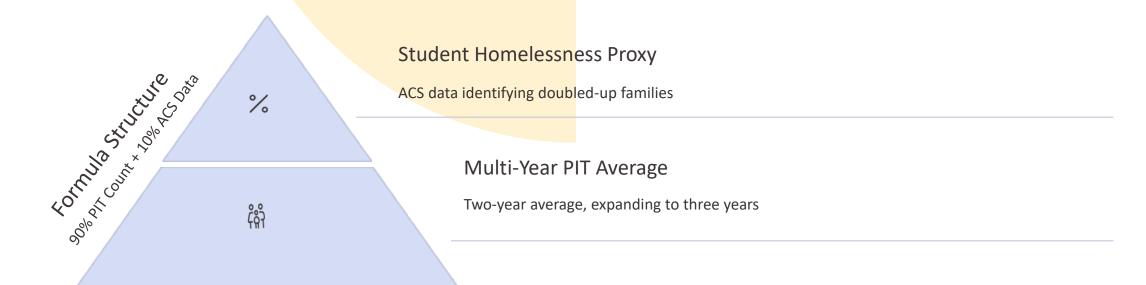
#### Oversight Mechanisms

- Regular reporting requirements
- Data sharing protocols
- Evaluation metrics

### The LSF Allocation Formula

On March 25th, the Board of Supervisors adopted an evidence-based formula for LSF distribution following extensive research and stakeholder engagement. The formula balances the immediate needs revealed by Point-in-Time (PIT) counts with broader indicators of housing insecurity.

By incorporating both visible homelessness and doubled-up student homelessness data, the formula acknowledges the complex nature of housing instability while directing resources proportionally to areas with demonstrated need. This approach ensures a balanced and equitable distribution that addresses both immediate and underlying causes of homelessness.





# LSF Eligible Uses Overview

### LSF Eligible Uses

The Local Solutions Fund Eligible Uses framework provides clear guidance to jurisdictions to promote strategic investments that support Measure A goals and target metrics. This approach creates three distinct categories of eligible uses and establishes a performance-based framework for potential future incentive funds.

#### **Group 1**

Eligible uses that can be included in a SOW without additional requirements.

- Homeless Prevention
- Permanent Housing for PEH
- Interim Housing for PEH
- Expedited Placements
- Employment Services for PEH
- Enhanced Services for TAY and Children experiencing or at risk of homelessness

#### **Group 2**

Eligible uses that require demonstrating maximized partnerships with organizations creating connections to mainstream safety net programs.

- Enhanced Emergency & Interim
   Housing
- Mental Health Services
- Substance Abuse Services
- Case Management & Outreach

#### **Group 3**

Eligible uses that require demonstrating intent to braid/pair LSF Funding with eligible LACAHSA funding to serve people experiencing or at risk of homelessness.

- Housing Preservation
- New Affordable housing
- Tenant Protection
- Planning & Technical Assistance



## LSF Allocations, Agreements, and Timeline

## **Funding Allocation and Distribution**

As of November 2024, the LSF will distribute an impressive \$96,363,637 annually across eligible jurisdictions. This figure This figure represents at least 15% of Measure A's Comprehensive Homelessness Services funding, though the exact amount exact amount may fluctuate based on updated revenue projections.

The County serves as the central disbursement authority, channeling funds to cities and COGs according to the established established formula. While participating jurisdictions must adhere to Measure A's requirements, they retain the autonomy to the autonomy to decline funding if they wish to avoid the associated conditions.

\$96.3M

**Annual Distribution** 

Projected funding for 2025-2026

88

Cities

Eligible jurisdictions in LA County

27

Total Direct Agreements

17 Direct contracts with cities5 contracts with Councils of Government5 contracts with Unincorporated Areas

15%

Percentage

Minimum portion of Measure A funding

120 +

**Unincorporated Areas** 

Additional eligible communities

# Direct Agreements & Statement of Work Guidance Tools

- Allocations
- SOW Template
- SOW Instructions
- LSF Eligible Use
- Advisory Guidance
- Technical Assistance



#### 2. Eligible Activities

The following table identifies the eligible activities for the LSF, indicating three groupings of eligible uses based on the criteria the County will use to determine whether the activity can be included in an LSF SOW.

#### 2.1 Eligible Uses of Local Solutions Funding Chart

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Emergency & Interim Housing	0
cuperative Care iched Residential Care	Construction of new Affordable Housing  Preservation of Affordable Housing
tpatient therapy/counseling services	Prevention of Housing Loss through Tenant Protection and Support Programs Planning and Technical Assistance
	sessment tpatient therapy/counseling services /chiatric care/medication management

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## **Timeline of SOW Approval**

We understand this is a complex transition as we switch from Measure H to Measure A. In order to ensure we execute agreements by July 1<sup>st</sup>, we appreciate adhering to the following condensed timeline so we can execute timely agreements by July 1st. To achieve that objective, we are aiming for the following milestones:

- CEO-HI shares Board adopted Measure A Formula Allocations and guidance on Measure A LSF Eligible Uses by March
   26th.
- CEO-HI will begin to work with Direct Local Jurisdiction Funding Recipients.
- CEO-HI will host an information session on the LSF for all jurisdictions on April 3rd.
- Direct Local Jurisdiction Funding Recipients submit clean Statements of Work ("SOWs") and budgets that are consistent with the allowable uses by **April 15th**.
- CEO-HI finalizes those SOWs and Budgets by April 30th and sends them to each jurisdiction to sign by May 1st.
- Direct Local jurisdiction Funding Recipients return signed agreements to CEO-HI by June 1st.
- CEO, on behalf of the County, fully executes the agreement by June 30th.



# **Accountability and Oversight**

## LSF Oversight and Accountability

- How does oversight & Accountability apply to the Local Solutions Funds and its recipients?
  - Measure A emphasizes oversight and accountability with annual independent audits and a Universal Data and Accountability Plan to track progress.
  - As Funding Recipients All 88 cities in Los Angeles County, COGs, and/or the County on behalf of its unincorporated areas are eligible to receive or benefit from the LSF funds.
  - Programs that receive or benefit from any funds through the LSF must adhere to Measure A's
    requirements and conditions, including but not limited to its reporting, data sharing, evaluation,
    oversight, and audit requirements. Funding Recipients retain the autonomy to refuse funding
    under Measure A to avoid any unwelcome conditions on that funding.
  - If LSF underspend exceeds 30% in two consecutive years triggering a redirection of funding per Measure A, funds would be used to create an incentive fund for improving data quality and tracking progress toward Measure A goals. In subsequent years, such a fund could incentivize funded activities and programs that result in demonstrable progress toward Measure A Goals for jurisdictions that opted for investments in Group 1 activities.

# Accountability



# Thank You

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