

August 28, 2025

# Measure A Spending Plan Process FY 2026-27

## Department of Homeless Services and Housing

Homeless Policy Deputies' Meeting



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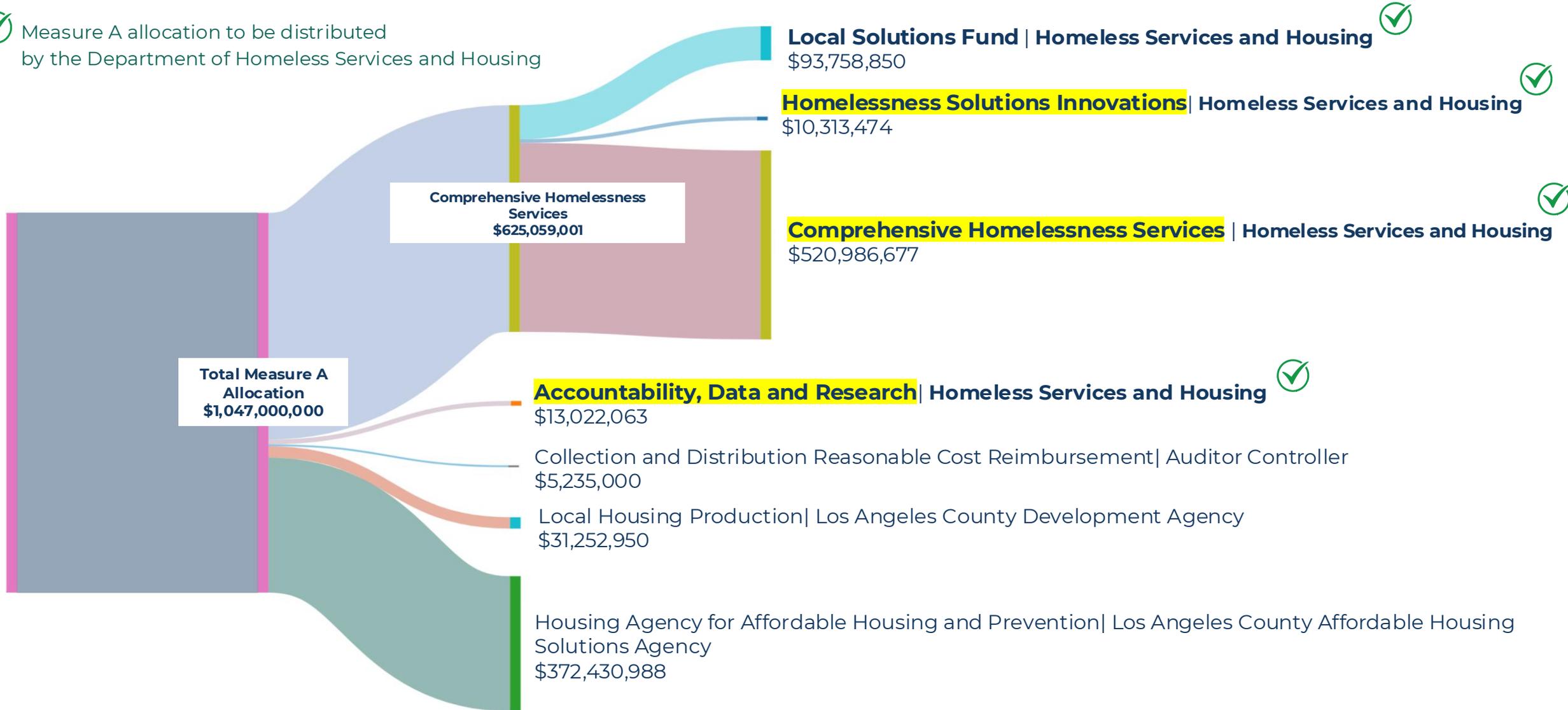
# Acknowledging the Current Fiscal Reality

With significant State, federal and local budget cuts, we must adapt to be able to continue to meet the needs of the population we serve.

**The region must make strategic choices about how we invest our limited resources.**

# Projected Measure A Allocation (FY 2026-27)

✓ Measure A allocation to be distributed by the Department of Homeless Services and Housing



# Measure A Spending Plan



# Currently Funded by Measure A in FY 2025-26\*

\*Does not include Local Solutions Fund

## FY 2025-26 Measure A Spending: \$559M



### HOUSE - \$405M

- ICMS & Rental Subsidies
- Client Engagement and Navigation Services
- Shallow Subsidies and TLS
- Interim Housing
- Emergency Housing
- Transitional Housing for TAY
- Host Homes for TAY
- Master Leasing
- Residential Property Services Section
- Permanent Housing for Older Adults
- Subsidized Housing (Individuals with SSI)
- Homeless Incentive Program



### COORDINATE - \$11M

- Regional Coordination
- Youth Collaboration
- Education Coordinators
- CoC HUD Cash Match
- Planning Grant Renewal
- Youth Homeless Demonstration Program
- DMH's Referral, Access and Data Unit
- Faith-Based Coordinators
- Coordination for Veterans Document Readiness



### STABILIZE - \$12M

- Benefits Advocacy
- Criminal Records Clearing
- Legal & Financial Services
- Employment and Income Support



### CONNECT - \$60M

- Emergency Centralized Response Center
- Countywide Outreach
- Encampment Assessments
- Mobile Public Health Clinical Services
- Housing Navigation
- Safe Parking
- Veteran Call and Resource Centers
- Campus Peer Navigation



### PREVENT - \$15M

- Homeless Prevention Unit
- Problem-Solving
- Homeless Prevention Case Management & Financial Assistance
- Youth Prevention & Family Reconnection
- Youth Homelessness and Prevention



### OTHER EFFORTS - \$56M

- Pathway Home
- Continuums of Care
- Homeless Count
- HMIS
- Client Portal
- Accountability, Data and Research: Staff, Consultants
- Technology and Services
- Community Engagement
- Administration



For more details on  
FY 2025-26 spending

# Current and Anticipated Fiscal Landscape

- 1. New and/or expanded cost obligations**
  - 2. Measure A revenue shortfall**
  - 3. Loss of or reductions in state, federal and other one-time funding streams**
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# 1. New and/or expanded cost obligations

## **Programs/Services Supported with One-Time Funding in FY 2025-26**

- Interim Housing Bed Rate - \$102M
- Pathway Home - \$100M

## **Cost Variance from FY 2025-26 to FY 2026-27 (to maintain current portfolio and expected growth)**

- Permanent Supportive Housing - \$63M
- Interim Housing - \$8M
- Costs associated with provider wages, cost of living adjustments, and administrative allowances pursuant to Measure A- TBD

## 2. Measure A revenue shortfall

FY 2026-27 Measure A Spending Plan **projected revenue decrease of \$15M**

	FY 2025-26 Approved Budget	FY 2026-27 Projected Allocation
Comprehensive Homelessness Services	\$535,455,054	\$520,986,677
Homeless Solutions Innovations	\$10,599,890	\$10,313,474
Accountability, Data, and Research	\$13,383,700	\$13,022,063
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$559,438,644</b>	<b>\$544,322,214</b>

# 3. Loss of or reductions in state, federal and other one-time funding streams

## Funding Set to End

- American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)
- Encampment Resolution Fund (ERF) Rounds 2 and 3
- Housing for Healthy CA

## Known Funding Reductions

- Housing and Disability Advocacy Program (HDAP)
- Bringing Families Home
- CalWORKs Housing Support Program (HSP)
- Home Safe
- Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Round 7

## Potential Funding Reductions or Losses

- CalAIM (MediCal)
- Ryan White Grant
- Emergency Solutions Grant
- Housing Choice Vouchers
- HOME Investment Program
- Project-Based Vouchers
- Emergency Housing Vouchers
- Community Development Block Grant
- Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS
- Homeless Assistance Grants
- Continuum of Care Grant

### 3. Loss of or reductions in state, federal and other one-time funding streams

Anticipated impacts to funding administered by the Department of Homeless Services and Housing:

Funding Source	Funding Amount*
ARPA	\$38M
CalAIM (MediCal)	\$22M (6 months)
ERF-2	\$20M
ERF-3	\$39M
Housing for Healthy CA	\$5M
One-Time Measure H	\$59M

*\*Subject to change as calculations are refined.*

# HHAP Overview and Funding Challenges

- **The County is still awaiting its second Homeless, Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Round 5 disbursement.** Delays in the allocation may create fiscal impacts, as the funding has been programmed in this FY.
- The HHAP Round 6 application was submitted on August 27, 2025
  - County allocation: \$85M to sustain ICMS and TAY Transitional Housing
  - HHAP Round 6 allocations are less than Round 5, with anticipated challenges in distribution timing

## Ongoing Advocacy

- Earlier this month, in collaboration with our office, the Bring CA Home coalition:
  - shared proposed HHAP Round 7 trailer bill language with Assembly and Senate Budget Committee Staff for consideration with the intent to streamline the Round 7 application process and accelerate the 100% disbursement of HHAP-7 in one tranche
  - sent a joint letter with CSAC, the League of Cities, and Big City Mayors to the Governor and Legislative Budget Leadership outlining a set of principles we are requesting be reflected in the HHAP-7 trailer bill language

# Ongoing Efforts to Address Fiscal Impacts



**Transitioning ICMS clients to lower billing rates and graduation when housing stability is sustained**, recycling vacated or lower-cost slots to serve others—without increasing the overall budget



**Identifying and leveraging all available funding** and revenue streams (including Medi-Cal) to ensure full utilization and drawdown **opportunities**



**Absorbing ICMS growth within existing capacity** through improved processes for repurposing vacant slots and modeling needs, reducing Measure A requests



Through the creation the new Department of Homeless Services and Housing, we may discover additional **efficiencies and/or opportunities for streamlining**



**Right-sizing locally funded rental subsidies by** not enrolling additional people and allow natural attrition for programs with expiring funding sources



**Collaborating with system partners** to strategically plan for service reductions in alignment with funding realities



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# Rethinking Regional Funding Priorities

# Measure A Spending Plan Rubric

**Given the fiscal landscape, we need to establish a transparent process to guide strategic funding decisions by using a rubric.**

## **What is a rubric?**

- A tool used to consistently evaluate programs and/or services against specific stakeholder-informed criteria to help inform strategic funding decisions in the Measure A Spending Plan process.

# Strategic Decision Making

## Why a funding rubric?

- Provides transparent criteria to assess funding in alignment with systemwide priorities.
  - Uses community and stakeholder input to inform strategic funding decisions.
  - Ensures equity remains central to policy, planning, and service delivery.
  - Will be public, used consistently, and adapted as needs and priorities evolve.
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# Draft Criteria for Rubric

- 1. Measure A Target & Equity Metrics:** Does this program/service support Measure A target or equity metrics in alignment with the Measure A goals per the ordinance language?
- 2. Legal Settlements & Agreements:** Is this program/service something that must be funded in order to comply with legal settlements or agreements? If response is yes, funding is mandatory in order to avoid legal liabilities.
- 3. Keeping People Housed:** Does this program/service support literally keeping people housed, including permanent housing and the relevant supportive services? If this program is not funded, will people lose their permanent housing?
- 4. Fund Match:** Does this program/service require a fund match in order to maximize drawdown for additional local, State or federal dollars?
- 5. Return on Investment:** Does this program/service demonstrate a clear or measurable return on investment relative to other impactful programs/services?
- 6. Leveraging Other Resources:** Has the administrator of this program/service leveraged or exhausted all other resources to fund this program/service?

# Opportunities for Public Comment & Engagement

## EverExcel Community Engagement Forums for Funding Rubric:

### General Countywide

- September 5, 6 PM
- September 8, 6 PM
- September 16, 6 PM

### Service Providers

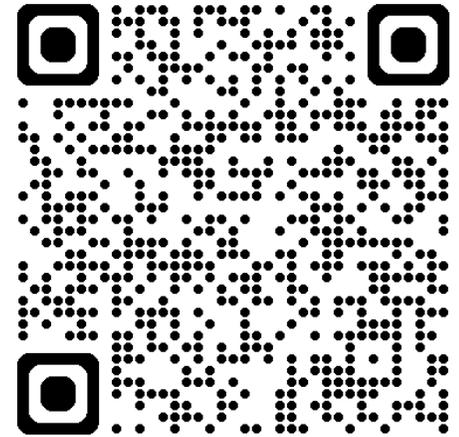
- September 5, 12 PM
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- September 16, 12 PM
- Service Providers CEOs - TBD

### Lived Experience

- TAY - September 10, 12 PM
- All - September 18, 6 PM

### Cities and Councils of Government

- September 11, 12 PM
- September 11, 6 PM



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# Opportunities for Public Comment & Engagement

## Opportunities for Engagement on funding rubric:

### Homeless Policy Deputies' Meeting

- August 28
- September 25

### Executive Committee for Regional Homeless Alignment

- September 5
- September 26



# FY 2026-27 Spending Plan Timeline

<p>EverExcel Community Engagement Forums Begin (year-round process)</p>	<p>Finalize Rubric by end of September</p>	<p>Finalize Draft Spending Plan  Public Webinar and Comment Period</p>	<p>Present Draft Spending Plan at ECRHA, LT and Homeless Policy Deputies' meetings</p>	<p>Present Final Spending Plan at Board of Supervisors meeting</p>	<p>Final Spending Plan to be considered in County's Recommended Budget Phase</p>	<p>FY 2026-27 Service Provider Contracts executed under Department of Homeless Services and Housing</p>
<p><b>AUG</b> 2025</p>	<p><b>SEPT</b> 2025</p>	<p><b>NOV</b> 2025</p>	<p><b>DEC</b> 2025</p>	<p><b>JAN</b> 2026</p>	<p><b>MAY</b> 2026</p>	<p><b>JULY</b> 2026</p>

# Department of Mental Health Housing Resources



**Rimmi Hundal, M.A., Chief Deputy Director**

**Maria Funk, Ph.D., Deputy Director, Housing and Job Development Division**



# ▶▶ Department Overview

- Mental Health Plan for Los Angeles County - provides Specialty Mental Health Services to qualified individuals
- Serves 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
- DMH services and housing target individuals with Serious 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 Measure A
- DMH is committed to partnering with the other departments, government entities and homeless service providers to meet these goals and has made significant investments in homeless and housing services

# ▶▶ MEASURE A GOALS



# ▶▶ Proposition 1

**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 to be utilized 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)**

# ▶▶ 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

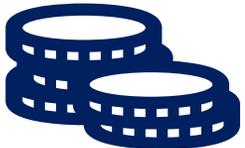
## Number of Budgeted Resources

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
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,079</b>	<b>988</b>	<b>2,067</b>

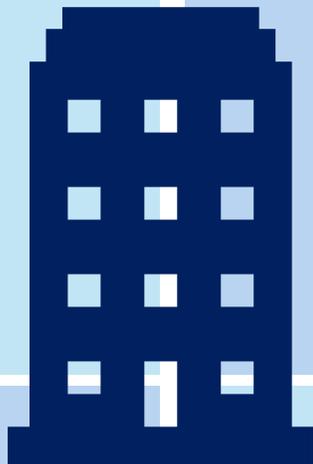
## Funding Sources for Operations

- 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
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,449</b>	<b>272</b>	<b>1,721</b>

\*Some HERCS clients may also be enrolled in ERC.

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

## Funding Sources for Operations

- MHTA = **\$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)	331
Rental Assistance Program (RAP)	279
Housing Assistance Program	N/A
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,079</b>

## Funding Sources for Operations

- MHTSA = **\$35,287,600**
- County General Fund = **\$810,000**
- SAMHSA 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
<b>DMH-Managed Resources</b>					
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	<b>\$219,546,689</b>
<b>Other DMH-Funded Resources</b>					
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				<b>\$49,219,475</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$152,950,267</b>	<b>\$106,834,897</b>	<b>\$7,861,000</b>	<b>\$1,120,000</b>	<b>\$268,766,164</b>

## 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
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$80,132,000</b>	<b>\$121,511,144</b>	<b>\$14,000,000</b>	<b>\$215,643,144</b>

# ▶▶ 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
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,003,203,877</b>

# ▶▶ 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
- BHSAs revenue volatility

## Potential New Revenue

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



Los Angeles County  
Department of Public Health  
Substance Abuse Prevention and Control Bureau

# Substance Use Disorder Services for People Experiencing Homelessness

August 28, 2025

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## People Experiencing Homelessness (PEH) in SUD Treatment FY 24-25

### Primary Characteristics at Admission

Total # of unduplicated PEH served	<b>13,796</b>
Gender	64.3% male
Age	66% 26-44 years of age
Race/Ethnicity	54.6% Latinx
Primary Substance Used	38.4% methamphetamine
Mental Health	64.1%
Living Outside	36.7%
Discharged with Positive Compliance	60.6%

# Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Treatment Services

- Total number of unduplicated PEH served in specialty SUD treatment system in FY 2024-2025: **13,796**
- **Levels of Care:** Outpatient, Residential, Opioid Treatment Services, Medications for Addiction Treatment (MAT), Withdrawal Management, Recovery Services
- Approximately **90 agencies**, with **over 450 sites** countywide
- SUD treatment services are primarily funded by Drug Medi-Cal (DMC)
- **Total DMC expenditures for homeless SUD clients for FY 2024-25: \$167.8 million**
- SAPC leverages other County funds to support treatment services not reimbursed by DMC (e.g., room and board, local match) through a blended funding model.
  - Funds include: CalWORKs, Assembly Bill (AB) 109, General Relief (GR), Care First Community Investment (CFI) Community Safety Implementation Team (CSIT), Substance Use Block Grant (SUBG), etc.

# Interim Housing – RECOVERY BRIDGE HOUSING (RBH)

Recovery-oriented, peer supportive interim housing provides a safe living environment for homeless or unstably housed clients while receiving outpatient SUD treatment.

- 25 agencies with 156 sites
- Approximately 1,750 beds
- LOS: Up to 360 days
- **Dedicated funding:** Measure A, Opioid Settlement, Behavioral Health Bridge Housing (BHBH), CFCI
- Other braided funding: AB109, GR, SUBG
- **Contracted Funding Amount: \$36.9 million of which \$25.75 million is dedicated funds.**

Dedicated Funding Sources	FY25-26 Allocation
Measure A	\$12.67 million
Opioid Settlement	\$3.00 million
BHBH	\$8.07 million
CFCI	\$2.00 million
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$25.75 million</b>

## Interim Housing – RECOVERY HOUSING (RH)

Similar to RBH except does not require concurrent enrollment in SUD treatment, however, must have engaged in SUD treatment within the last 90 days.

- 7 agencies with 13 sites
- Approximately **195 beds** of which 50 are pending
- LOS: Up to 365 days
- **Dedicated funding:** BHBH, Opioid Settlement
- **Contracted Funding Amount: \$4.21 million**

Dedicated Funding Source	FY25-26 Allocation
Opioid Settlement	\$1.08 million
BHBH	\$3.13 million
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4.21 million</b>

# Supportive Services

## Client Engagement and Navigation Services (CENS)

- Provides in-person service navigation to facilitate access to and completion of SUD treatment across each SPA
- Total number of unduplicated PEH served in FY 24-25: 5,705
- Total CENS funding is approximately \$21 million
- Braided funding: AB 109, CFCI, GR, CalWORKs, SUBG
- **Dedicated Funding for PEH:** Measure A, CalWORKs specifically Family Solution Centers, Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Interim Housing Outreach Program (IHOP)
- **Contracted Funding Amount: \$7.5 million**

## Housing Navigation

- Assist clients in identifying housing options, resources, and/or services, including finding, move in, and retaining affordable housing
- Provided to all clients in RBH and RH to ensure they can actively work towards securing a permanent housing setting
- Includes Participant Assistance Funds: monetary assistance funds to remove barriers to securing housing,
- Funded through BHBH and launched in FY 24-25 Quarter 4.
- **Contracted Funding Amount: \$8.7 million**

# SAPC: Expenditures for Homeless SUD Clients in FY24-25



SAPC leverages a blended-funding model to support SUD services for homeless clients. This model allows SAPC to strategically use funds to enhance effectiveness and efficiency. The table below describes service **expenditures** by funding source for PEH with SUD in SAPC's specialty SUD system.

Total SUD Tx, Supportive Services, & Housing Expenditures	\$225,076,209	Services Provided
Drug Medi-Cal	\$167,806,804	SUD Treatment
Measure A	\$12,925,511	Housing, CENS
CalWORKS	\$995,679	SUD Treatment, CENS
AB109	\$2,115,338	SUD Treatment, Housing, CENS
General Relief	\$3,346,162	SUD Treatment, Housing, CENS
CFCI – CSIT	\$2,773,642	SUD Treatment
CFCI – RBH	\$1,999,957	Housing
BHBH	\$7,518,891	Housing, Housing Navigation
SUBG	\$12,599,344	SUD Treatment, Housing, CENS
Other funding	\$9,152,063	SUD Treatment, Housing
MHSA – IHOP	\$3,842,818	CENS

# Anticipated Impact on State or Federal funding Streams

H.R.1 Medicaid Changes Impacting Enrollment	Projected DMC Revenue Loss Based on % Reduction Clients Served			
	Funding Type	10% ↓	20% ↓	30% ↓
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Redeterminations every 6 months instead of every 12 months</li> <li>• Retroactive coverage from 3 months to 1 month for post ACA members and 2 months for pre-ACA members</li> <li>• Cost-sharing exempts SUD but expect unintended impact</li> <li>• Work requirements exempts SUD but expect unintended impact</li> </ul>	<b>Lost DMC Claims Revenue</b>	(\$53,396,843)	(\$106,793,686)	(\$160,190,530)
	<b>Lost DMC Admin Overhead</b>	(\$8,009,526)	(\$16,019,053)	(\$24,028,579)
	<b>Total</b>	<b>(\$61,406,369)</b>	<b>(\$122,812,739)</b>	<b>(\$184,219,109)</b>

### Other Funding Risks:

- Increased federal scrutiny to detect service delivery to individuals with unsatisfactory immigration status (UIS) – SUBG already prohibits use for UIS but increased requirements (e.g., data collection) may impact
- New contractual language that requires cooperation with ICE which may prevent funds acceptance
- Sunsetting of State BHBH funds in FY 27-28 that support RBH/RH/Housing Navigation

# General Relief Housing Subsidy and Case Management Program

Presenter: Luis Ontiveros



# General Relief Housing Subsidy and Case Management Program



**The General Relief (GR) Housing Subsidy and Case Management Program assists eligible GR participants who are experiencing homelessness or are at-risk of becoming homeless by providing a monthly rental subsidy.**

- GR participants must either be disabled and pursuing Supplemental Security Income or be employable and participating in the START Program (formerly known as GROW).
- The housing subsidy is a maximum of \$475 for one person and a maximum of \$950 for a couple. The GR participant is required to contribute \$100 from their GR grant towards the housing subsidy. A total of \$575 for a single person or \$1,150 for a couple is paid directly to the landlord once housing is secured.
- Qualified program participants may also receive a once-in-a-lifetime move in assistance payment of up to \$500 to cover costs associated with moving into housing.

# General Relief Housing Subsidy and Case Management Program



## Funding Sources

- **Measure A** - \$10.415 Million
  - ▷ 1,927 housing subsidies
- **Net County Cost (NCC) \*** - \$8.120 Million
  - ▷ 1,055 housing subsidies



\*Amount subject to change with final budget approval.

# CalWORKs Program

1. State Homeless Assistance;
2. County Supplemental Homeless Assistance;
3. Housing Support Program.

Presenter: Noemi Faure (CalWORKs Program Director)



# CalWORKs: STATE HOMELESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

There are four **State** Homeless Assistance Programs available which are outlined within the following slide. These programs are entitlement programs.

**Population:** Available to all CalWORKs families.

**Time Limits:** Available once every 12 months. Exception when homelessness is due to domestic violence; prior residence is uninhabitable; a medical or mental illness; **or** a disaster.

## **Motel Vouchers are not Provided:**

- A **payment** is issued via an Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) card; **and**
- The applicant/participant uses the payment issued via the EBT card to pay for:
  - **Temporary Housing:** Payment for a motel/hotel, a stay with a family/friend, etc.; **or**
  - **Permanent Housing:** Assists families with security deposits, last months rent, etc.

**Units/Beds:** DPSS does not fund bed/units for any of the programs.

**Budget Impact:** None of the State Homeless Assistance Programs are impacted due to state and federal decreases/cuts.

# CalWORKs: STATE HOMELESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

- ❑ **Temporary Homeless Assistance** – Provides homeless CalWORKs families \$85-\$145 (depends on the Assistance Unit [AU] size) a night for 16 days of temporary shelter payments to stay in a hotel/motel, commercial establishment, enter into a shared housing agreement, or enter into a short-term lease or sublease. *Available once every 12 months with exceptions.*
  - **Expanded Temporary Homeless Assistance** – Provides CalWORKs applicants who provide a sworn statement of past or present domestic violence and who are fleeing their abuser with up to two 16-day payments equaling a total of 32 days of Temporary HA shelter. If the applicant only used the first 16-day issuance, the second 16-day Temporary HA lump-sum issuance is available in another instance of homelessness, months or even years later, provided the CalWORKs applicant meets all eligibility requirements. *Available once-in-a lifetime.*
- ❑ **Permanent Homeless Assistance** – Provides homeless CalWORKs families with assistance to pay for security deposit costs and utility turn-on fees. *Available once every 12 months with exceptions.*
  - **Permanent Homeless Assistance Arrearages** – Provides CalWORKs families at-risk of homelessness with assistance to pay up to two months of past due rent, to prevent an eviction. *Available once every 12 months with exceptions.*

**Funding Source:** Federal (29.1%)/State (68.4%)/County (2.5%)

**Expenditures: Permanent Homeless Assistance: \$8,242,307; and  
Temporary Homeless Assistance: \$37,456,240.**

# CalWORKs: COUNTY SUPPLEMENTAL HOMELESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

There are four **County** Homeless Assistance Programs available which are outlined within the following slide. These programs are discretionary programs.

**Population:** Available **only** for CalWORKs families who are participating in Welfare-to-Work (WtW)/GAIN.

**Time Limits:** Available once in a lifetime; some exceptions exist.

**Motel Vouchers are not Provided:**

- A **payment** is issued via an Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) card; **and**
- The applicant/participant uses the payment issued via the EBT card to pay for:
  - **Temporary Housing:** Payment for a motel/hotel, a stay with a family/friend, etc.; **or**
  - **Permanent Housing:** Assists families with security deposits, last months rent, etc.

**Units/Beds:** DPSS does not fund bed/units for any of the programs.

**Budget Impact:** None of the County Supplemental Homeless Assistance Programs are impacted due to state and federal decreases/cuts.

# CalWORKs: COUNTY SUPPLEMENTAL HOMELESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

- ❑ **Temporary Homeless Assistance+ 14 (THAP+ 14)** – Provides a homeless CalWORKs Welfare-to-Work (WtW) family who has exhausted or is ineligible to the State’s Temporary HA Program up to 14 days of temporary shelter payments. The daily rate is \$85-\$145 per day, depending on the AU size. *Available once-in-a-lifetime with exceptions.*
- ❑ **Emergency Assistance to Prevent Eviction (EAPE)** – Provides CalWORKs WtW families at-risk of homelessness with assistance to pay past due rent and/or utilities to prevent an eviction. *Note: The request can include multiple months of past due rent and/or utilities. Maximum payment is \$5,000 for eligible family. Available once-in-a-lifetime, no exceptions.*
- ❑ **Moving Assistance (MA)** – Provides CalWORKs WtW families with assistance to pay for moving costs, including security deposit, truck rental, utility turn-on fees, and refrigerator and/or stove. Maximum payment for the Moving Assistance Program is \$2,500. *Available once-in-a-lifetime with exceptions.*
- ❑ **4-Month Rental Assistance Program (4-Month RA)** – Provides formerly homeless or at-risk of homelessness WtW families with a rental subsidy for up to four months (eight months if the family is enrolled in Family Stabilization), after securing permanent housing. *Available once-in-a-lifetime, no exceptions.*

**Funding Source:** Federal (70%)/State (30%)

**Expenditures: THAP + 14: \$2,538,724;**

**EAPE/MA: \$4,934,765;**

**4 Month RA: \$801,828.**

# HOUSING SUPPORT PROGRAM

- HSP is administered by the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA).
- The Coordinated Entry System for Families consists of eight (8) Service Planning Areas (SPAs) throughout Los Angeles County.
  - DPSS Homeless Case Managers are co-located at the FSCs to connect **CalWORKs** families to benefits and services.
- LAHSA subcontracts with homeless providers and Family Solutions Centers (FSCs) located across the 8 SPAs to provide homeless services to CalWORKs homeless families enrolled in the CESF which includes the following:

HSP funded Program	Services Provided
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Crisis Housing</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Temporary Homeless Assistance (Family Shelter); &amp;</li><li>• Temporary Homeless Assistance (Motel Vouchers).</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Rapid Rehousing</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Security Deposit;</li><li>• Utility assistance;</li><li>• Landlord Incentives;</li><li>• Rental Assistance (Time Limited Subsidies, TLS);</li><li>• Tenant Screening Reports (covers subscription to run credit reports &amp; background checks);</li><li>• Move In Expenses;</li><li>• Furniture costs;</li><li>• Application Fee;</li><li>• Storage Fees; and</li><li>• Truck Rental/Movers</li></ul>

# HOUSING SUPPORT PROGRAM(cont'd)

- HSP Allocation & Expenditures for Fiscal Year (FY) 21/22 through FY 25/26:

FY	Allocation	Expenditures	Allocation % (+/-) from prior FY
21/22	\$71,125,375	\$11,739,424	370%
22/23	\$71,500,537	\$26,148,892	1%
23/24	\$11,812,448	\$49,081,290	-83%
24/25	\$11,761,492	\$53,500,254	0%
25/26	\$11,773,731	\$23,546,254* (project amount)	0%

**Note:** Starting in FY 21/22, the State supported counties to carry over unspent allocations to subsequent FYs which is why there are some FYs where the expenditures exceed the allocation amounts. Starting with FY 25/26, the State shared that unspent allocations cannot carry over to subsequent FYs; they must be spent by 6/30/2026.

- Due to the current funding limitations in LA's CESF for FY 25/26,
  - LAHSA/FSCs will **only** serve families with HSP funding who are **currently** receiving Interim Housing and Time Limited Subsidy payments.
  - HSP will not be used for Housing Navigation and Prevention services.

# Homeless Services Section

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# Home Safe Program

The Home Safe Program supports the safety and housing stability of seniors and adults with disabilities served by or in the intake process for Adult Protective Services (APS) who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness. This funding allows counties to provide housing crisis intervention and helps reduce the risk of homelessness among older and dependent adults. Services include but are not limited to: housing related financial assistance, legal services, eviction prevention, heavy cleaning, and landlord mediation. Home Safe is locally administered by the Aging and Disabilities Department (AD), with DPSS as the passthrough for funding. DPSS provided all funding to AD for the administration of the program.

\* **Note:** FY 2025-26 one-time funding has not yet been released by the state.

County	Total Funding FY 21-22 (expend by 12/31/25)	Total Funding FY 22-23 (expend by 6/30/26)
Los Angeles Home Safe	\$26,803,564	\$26,803,564

# Challenges



- Lack of Affordable Housing.
- Lack of **sufficient** Housing Support Program (HSP) funding as well as other funding that LAHSA receives to support CalWORKs families who are referred to the Family Solution Centers for housing assistance.
  - DPSS provides short-term housing services. CalWORKs families are referred to the Family Solution Centers (FSC) for housing assistance. Due to limited funding and the number of beds/units available to the County for FY 25/26, CalWORKs families who are referred to the FSCs will be placed on a waitlist.
- To be eligible for CalWORKs Permanent Homeless Assistance, the family's share of the rent must not exceed 80% of the family's Total Monthly Household Income.
- Potential reductions in federal or state funding may increase reliance on Net County Cost and impact the County's ability to sustain the GRHSCMP.

# Thank You



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