

## **How Does The Homeless Court Citation Clinic Work?**

1. Attend a Clinic event to enroll in the Homeless Court Program.
2. HEART will conduct a brief intake with you to ensure eligibility.
3. HEART will then give you an obligation form with a set list of direct services to engage in onsite at the event.
4. You will be asked to turn in the obligation form to HEART before leaving the event.
5. HEART will go back to the office to review your file.
6. HEART will identify eligible infractions.
7. HEART will run a background check to ensure there are no open misdemeanor or felony cases.
8. HEART will file a motion with the Los Angeles Superior Court, requesting a dismissal, and/or suspension of fines, and recall of associated warrants.
9. HEART will send proof of dismissal to your email or mailing address.

## **Criminal Record Clearing Project: Los Angeles County Homeless Court Program**



### **For upcoming events:**

**213-978-1913**

### **For status updates:**

**213-978-1937**

### **For more information:**

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*Staffed by*  
**Los Angeles City Attorney's  
Homeless Engagement and  
Response Team**

**H.E.A.R.T.**



## **What is HEART?**

Homeless Engagement and Response Team

HEART administers the LA County Homeless Court Program. HEART deploys its staff to homeless connect days in the community alongside mobile teams from the LA County Public Defender. The teams assist adults who are experiencing homelessness or are at risk of experiencing homelessness. The Homeless Court helps participants resolve eligible traffic and pedestrian infraction citations by engaging in services instead of paying fines and fees they cannot afford. HEART asks the LA County Superior Court to dismiss the infraction if it is open, suspend the fines and fees if it is in collections, and recall any associated warrants.

## **Frequently Asked Questions:**

### **What tickets are eligible?**

- Some minor traffic tickets and some pedestrian citations within LA County.
- Tickets must be filed as an infraction.
- Collections status is not disqualifying.
- Parking and Metro tickets cannot be resolved through the program.

### **Who is eligible?**

- Must be 18 years of age or older.
- Individuals qualify if they are experiencing homelessness or those at risk of experiencing homelessness.
- Individuals may also qualify if they require substance or mental health treatment assistance.

### **How long does the program take?**

- Resolving eligible tickets through the Homeless Court Program can take several months.

### **Are there other restrictions?**

- We cannot process your file if you have an open misdemeanor or felony case.

## **Criminal Defense Resources:**

- **LA County Public Defender Record Clearing Unit**  
213-351-8248  
<http://pd.co.la.ca.us/>

## **Parking Ticket Assistance:**

- **LA Dep. of Transportation**  
213-978-4400  
[Ladot.capp@lacity.org](mailto:Ladot.capp@lacity.org)

## **Shelter, Food, Healthcare:**

- **211 LA County**  
2-1-1 or dial (800) 339-6993

## **Legal Resources in LA County:**

(These firms don't handle criminal cases.)

- **Legal Aid Foundation of LA**  
800-399-4529
- **Neighborhood Legal Services LA**  
800-433-6251
- **Public Counsel**  
213-385-2977