



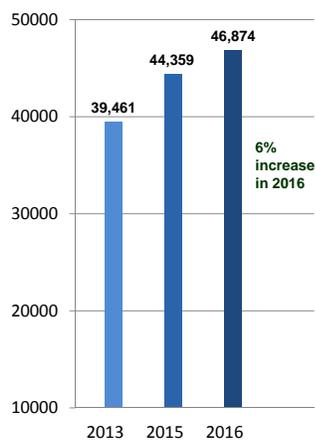
County of Los Angeles Homeless Initiative: Status

South Bay Coalition to End Homelessness &
LA Continuum of Care Quarterly Community
Meeting

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Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count

Total Homeless Population
(includes Glendale, Long Beach and Pasadena)



Total Homeless Population - Sheltered and Unsheltered



Data provided by Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority



Homeless Housing Gap

<u>Housing Type</u>	<u>Total Gap (units)*</u>	<u>Description</u>
 Permanent Supportive Housing	15,341	Provides intensive support services to chronically homeless persons
 Rapid Re-Housing	8,376	Provides short-term housing assistance. Each unit can potentially house 2 households per year
 Emergency Shelter	2,279	Provides crisis housing to unsheltered persons on the path to permanent housing
 Homeless Prevention	2,555	Provides stabilizing housing assistance that keeps people and families from falling out of housing and into the homeless system

\$450 million per year* needed to fill the homeless housing gap (not counting construction costs)

*Homeless Housing Gaps in the County of Los Angeles, Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, January 2016



Approved Strategies

(Approved by the Board on 2/9/2016)

- 47 strategies divided into six areas:
 - Prevent Homelessness
 - Subsidize Housing
 - Increase Income
 - Provide Case Management and Services
 - Create a Coordinated System
 - Increase Affordable/Homeless Housing
- Key Principles: Collaboration; investing in proven strategies; leveraging mainstream systems; and seamless, client-centered services



A. Prevent Homelessness

- Development of a comprehensive homelessness prevention program for families (Strategy A1)
 - 129 families have retained permanent housing; 247 families are currently being assisted with homeless prevention services.
- Establishment of discharge planning guidelines for all County depts. that have potential to discharge individuals into homelessness, primarily the Sheriff, DHS, DPH, and DCFS. (Strategy A2)
- Multiple actions to better ensure that foster youth do not become homeless following emancipation (Strategy A4)



B. Subsidize Housing

- Providing subsidized housing to homeless disabled individuals pursuing SSI and expanding the County's ability to recover the cost of those housing subsidies once the individual is approved for SSI (Strategies B1 & B2)
 - 12 individuals are housed; 41 are searching for housing.
- Partnering with cities to expand the availability of Rapid Rehousing (RRH), which combines time-limited rental subsidies with the services that families and individuals need to gain the ability to pay their own rent (Strategy B3)
 - 150 clients have been housed; 357 clients are enrolled in various stages of engagement leading to rapid-rehousing.
 - County is in the final stages of executing partnership agreements with the cities of Pasadena, Santa Monica, and West Hollywood to expand RRH for families/individuals.



B. Subsidize Housing

- Using a modest amount of local funds to help homeless families and individuals with a federal housing voucher secure subsidized housing (Strategy B4)
 - Six formerly homeless families have been housed - seven more in the final stages of placement.
 - 30 landlord requests to participate in the Homeless Incentive Program have been received
 - 12 vacant units for voucher holders have been secured; additional 10 vacant units currently being processed.
- Providing rapid re-housing and case management services to families in the child welfare system where the parent(s)' homelessness is the sole barrier to the return of the child(ren) (Strategy B6)



B. Subsidize Housing

- Expanding Bridge Housing for individuals exiting institutions who need short-term housing before they can secure permanent housing (Strategy B7)
 - 18 agreements have been executed to fund 168 new interim and bridge housing beds for people exiting institutions in LA County, effective Oct. 1.
- Dedicating a substantial portion of federal housing subsidies which become available through routine turnover to permanent supportive housing for chronically-homeless individuals (Strategy B8)



C. Increase Income

- Helping homeless adults secure employment through subsidized employment for parents and County contracting with social enterprises (Strategies C1 & C2)
 - C2: Ordinance for Social Enterprise Preference Program and Social Enterprise Certification Program have been implemented.
- Helping qualified disabled homeless adults secure federal disability benefits through countywide advocacy programs for Supplemental Security Income and Veterans Benefits (Strategies C4, C5, and C6)



D. Provide Case Management and Services

- Establishing standards for supportive services and housing retention for recently-housed, formerly homeless families and individuals (Strategies D1 & D3)
- Addressing the unique needs of homeless individuals involved with the criminal justice system, while in jail and upon release (Strategies D2, D4, and D6)
 - D2: Staff has been hired to support the expansion of jail in-reach. Existing work orders were augmented for participating Intensive Case Management Services providers who will be conducting jail in reach services.
- Ensuring that County departments collaborate closely with community-based homeless case managers (Strategy D5)



E. Create A Coordinated System

- Coordinating (a) law enforcement agencies and other first responders (b) public housing authorities, and (c) public funders of supportive housing (Strategies E4, E5, E10, and E13)
 - E4: The training curriculum has been developed and the initial training class took place on 10/26/16.
- Leveraging opportunities associated with the Affordable Care Act to improve health, mental health, and substance use disorder treatment for homeless families/individuals (Strategies E2, E3, and E16)



E. Create A Coordinated System

- Strengthening the emergency shelter system so that it can be an effective point of access to the broader homeless services (Strategy E8)
 - 1,595 shelter beds operating 24/7 (as of Oct). Funding awarded for housing navigation services that will focus on the shelter system.
- Strengthening outreach, engagement, and County support for homeless case management (Strategies E6, E7 & E11)
 - E6: New contracts were awarded for 12 CES outreach coordinators and 36.3 new outreach staff countywide, effective 10/1/16.
- Enhancing data and data sharing (Strategy E12)



F. Increase Affordable/ Homeless Housing

The County and cities throughout the region can increase the availability of both affordable and homeless housing through a combination of land use policy and subsidies for housing development.



Mayors' Regional Summit to Combat Homelessness (3/31/16)

200 attendees representing 56 cities and unincorporated areas (95% of the countywide homeless population)





Collaboration is Key

Homelessness is a regional problem that can only be effectively addressed with a commitment to action by the State, County, cities and a wide array of other organizations across the County.



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