

AGENDA AND NOTICE OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (SGVCOG) HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE

Wednesday, June 4, 2025 – 8:30 A.M. SGVCOG Office

1333 S. Mayflower Avenue, Suite 360, Monrovia, CA 91016

Thank you for participating in today's meeting. The Homelessness Committee encourages public participation and invites you to share your views on agenda items.

MEETINGS: Regular Meetings of the Homelessness Committee are held on the first Wednesday of each month at 8:30 AM at the SGVCOG Monrovia Office (1333 South Mayflower Avenue, Suite 360, Monrovia, CA 91016). The agenda packet is available at the SGVCOG's Office, 1333 S. Mayflower Avenue, Suite 360, Monrovia, CA, and on the website, www.sgvcog.org. Copies are available via email upon request (sgv@sgvcog.org). A copy of the agenda is also posted for public viewing at the entrance of the SGVCOG Monrovia Office Building. Any additional agenda documents that are distributed to a majority of the Board after the posting of the agenda will be available for review in the SGVCOG office during normal business hours and on the SGVCOG website noted above.

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TO ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE: At a regular meeting, the public may comment: (i) on any matter within the subject matter jurisdiction of the SGVCOG that is not on the agenda during the public comment period at the beginning of the agenda; (ii) on any item(s) that is on the Consent Calendar prior to action taken on the Consent Calendar; and (iii) on any other agenda item prior to the time it is considered by the Board or Committee. At a special meeting, the public may only comment on items that are on the agenda. Members of the public are requested to state their name prior to speaking. Comments are limited to a maximum of three minutes per person. The Committee Chair may impose additional time limits if comments become repetitious, an individual member of the public seeks to speak on numerous items, or a large number of members of the public seek to speak on an item. Except in limited situations, the Committee may not take action on items not appearing on the agenda and/or discuss them at length.

If you would like to provide a public comment during a Committee meeting, please see "Instructions for Public Comments" below.

AGENDA ITEMS: The Agenda contains the regular order of business of the Committee. Items on the Agenda have generally been reviewed and investigated by the staff in advance of the meeting so that the Committee can be fully informed about a matter before making its decision.

Chair Becky Shevlin City of Monrovia

Vice-Chair Margaret Clark City of Rosemead

Members Azusa Baldwin Park Claremont Duarte El Monte Glendora Irwindale Monrovia Montebello Pasadena Pomona Rosemead South El Monte South Pasadena LA County Supervisorial District #1





CONSENT CALENDAR: Items listed on the Consent Calendar are considered to be routine and may be acted upon by one motion. There will be no separate discussion on these items unless a Committee member so requests. In this event, the item will be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered after the Committee takes action on the balance of the Consent Calendar.

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Claremont City Hall 207 Harvard Ave. Claremont, CA 91711

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- Written Comments (Email): If you wish to submit written public comments to be distributed to the Committee Members at the meeting, please submit these materials via email to Victoria Urenia at vurenia@sgvcog.org at least 1 hour prior to the scheduled meeting time. Please indicate in the "Subject" line of the email "FOR PUBLIC COMMENT" and the agenda item number to which the public comment is addressed. Written public comments may include, but are not limited to letters, reports, and presentations.
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PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

5 MINUTES

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance
- 3. Roll Call
- 4. Public Comment (If necessary, the President may place reasonable time limits on all comments)
- 5. Changes to Agenda Order: Identify emergency items arising after agenda posting and requiring action prior to the next regular meeting (It is anticipated that the Committee may take action on these matters)

CONSENT CALENDAR

5 MINUTES

- 6. Homelessness Committee Meeting Minutes 5/7/2025 <u>Page 1</u> *Recommended Action: Approve.*
- 7. FY 2025-2026 Homelessness Committee Election

Recommended Action: Appoint the following SGVCOG Homelessness Committee Officers for FY 25-26 (effective July 1, 2025):

- Chair: Becky Shevlin
- Vice Chair: Margaret Clark
- 8. Los Angeles County Cities and Councils of Local Governments Interim Housing Services (CCOGIHS) Fund Comment Letter Page 4

 Recommended Action: Receive and file.
- 9. Judge Carter Independent Assessment of City-Funded Homelessness Assistance Programs

 Page 13

Recommended Action: Receive and file.

PRESENTATION 45 MINUTES

- 10. Homelessness Prevention Unit Brian Blackwell, California Policy Lab <u>Page 15</u> *Recommended Action: For information only.*
- 11. LACAHSA Measure A Funding <u>Page 16</u>
 Recommended Action: For information only.

UPDATE ITEMS 5 MINUTES

- 12. Chair's Report
- 13. Executive Committee for Regional Homeless Alignment (ECRHA)

LIAISON REPORTS 5 MINUTES

- 14. San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust <u>Page 21</u>
- 15. San Gabriel Valley Consortium on Homelessness
- 16. Union Station Homeless Services Page 23
- 17. LA County Homeless Initiative
- 18. Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA)
- 19. Los Angeles County Affordable Housing Solutions Agency (LACAHSA)

ADJOURN



SGVCOG Homelessness Committee Meeting May 7, 2025

8:30 AM

1333 S. Mayflower Avenue, Monrovia, CA 91016

PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

1. Call to Order

Chair B. Shevlin called the meeting to order at 8:32 AM.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

K. Davis, Councilmember of Glendora, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call

Members Present:

M. Carillo, Baldwin Park

J. Leano, Claremont

V. Truong, Duarte

K. Davis, Glendora

A. Ambriz, Irwindale

B. Shevlin, Monrovia

S. Olivas, Montebello

M. Clark, Rosemead

M. Cacciotti, South Pasadena

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S. Wong

4. Public Comment

Members Absent:

R. Gonzales, Azusa

V. Sedano, El Monte

R. Cole, Pasadena

D. Holley, Pomona

R. Salas, South El Monte

There were no public comments.

5. Changes to Agenda Order:

There were no changes to the agenda order.

CONSENT CALENDAR

6. Homelessness Committee Meeting Minutes – 4/2/2025

Action: Approve

7. SGVCOG Spring Housing and Homelessness Report

Action: Receive and File.

There was a motion to approve the consent calendar. (M/S: K. Davis, M. Clark)

[MOTION PASSED]

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AYES:	Baldwin Park, Claremont, Glendora, Irwindale, Monrovia, Rosemead,
	LA County Dist. 1
NOES:	
ABSTAIN:	
NO VOTE	Duarte, Montebello
RECORDED:	
ABSENT:	Azusa, El Monte, Pasadena, Pomona, South El Monte, South Pasadena

PRESENTATION ITEM

8. FY 2025 - SB 634 (Pérez)

Elisa Arcidiacono, Townsend Public Affairs Senior Associate, presented on this item.

There was a motion to recommend the Governing Board to support SB 634.

(M/S: J. Leano, K. Davis) [MOTION PASSED]

AYES:	Baldwin Park, Claremont, Glendora, Irwindale, LA County Dist. 1		
NOES:			
ABSTAIN:	Duarte, Monrovia, Rosemead		
NO VOTE	Montebello		
RECORDED:			
ABSENT:	Azusa, El Monte, Pasadena, Pomona, South El Monte, South Pasadena		

9. L.A County Affordable Housing Solutions Agency

Ryan Johnson, Interim Chief Executive Officer of L.A County Affordable Housing Solutions Agency, presented on this item.

UPDATE ITEMS

10. Chair's Report

Chair B. Shevlin provided a verbal report.

- 11. Executive Committee for Regional Homeless Alignment (ECRHA)
 - Chair B. Shevlin and SGVCOG Planning Director C. Sims provided a verbal report.
- 12. Good Neighbor Pledge Update
 - V. Urenia provided a verbal report.

LIAISON REPORTS

SGVCOG Homelessness Committee Regular Meeting May 7, 2025 8:30 AM

Unapproved Minutes

- 13. San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust J. Leano provided an update on this item.
- 14. San Gabriel Valley Consortium on Homelessness S. Chamberlain provided an update on this item.
- 15. Union Station Homeless Services
- 16. LA County Homeless InitiativeM. Santana provided an update on this item.
- 17. Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA)D. Blackshere provided an update on this item.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 9:49 AM.

DATE: June 4, 2025

TO: Homelessness Committee

FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director

RE: LOS ANGELES COUNTY CITIES AND COUNCILS OF GOVERNMENTS

INTERIM HOUSING SERVICES (CCOGIHS) FUND COMMENT

LETTER

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Receive and file.

BACKGROUND

In 2021, the San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust (SGVRHT) began working with the City of Baldwin Park to construct Esperanza Villa, a twenty-five unit non-congregate interim housing site on city-owned property. The SGVRHT fully-funded the construction of the site, and City staff constructed many elements of the site. The SGVRHT and Baldwin Park competitively procured a site operator and, in November 2021, welcomed clients to the site. The SGVRHT fully-funded the first year of operation at Esperanza Villa.

With the success of Esperanza Villa, the City of Montebello approached the SGVRHT with interest in constructing its own site. Operation Stay Safe (OSS), a thirty-unit non-congregate interim housing site on an underused corner of a Metrolink parking lot. The SGVRHT once again fully-funded the construction of the site and worked closely with the City of Montebello throughout the construction process. The SGVRHT and Montebello competitively procured a site operator and, in May 2022, welcomed clients to the site. The SGVRHT fully-funded the first year of operation at OSS.

These sites were the first non-congregate interim housing sites in the San Gabriel Valley, and they provided invaluable housing resources for the County's homeless services system in SPA-3. Yet, they were only constructed because of the leadership of these two cities and the ability of the SGVRHT to project manage and fund the sites' construction and first-year of operation. It became quickly evident that it would be difficult to sustain these sites without ongoing operational funding. Measure H provided more than \$300 million annually that could only be used for homelessness services; however, cities and the SGVCOG had minimal access to these resources and instead had to self-fund the operation of these interim housing sites. As such, the SGVCOG, the SGVRHT, and the cities advocated strongly to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors (LACBOS) that these sites – and other sites like them – should be funded by the County of Los Angeles. If local jurisdictions were taking the initiative to construct interim housing sites, the County should provide funding for the operation of these sites.



In November 2021, LA County Supervisors Hilda Solis and Kathryn Barger authorized a motion that created the "Interim Housing Services Fund for Cities and Councils of Governments" (subsequently renamed the CCOGIHS) and allocated \$10 million to support services at interim housing sites in local jurisdictions across the County. The County Homeless Initiative (HI) subsequently released a notice of funding availability (NOFA), through which both Esperanza Villa and OSS were awarded operational funding. At that time, both sites were awarded funding of \$80 per bed per night, resulting in an award of \$730,000 for Esperanza Villa and \$876,000 for Operation Stay Safe.

CCOGIHS has been an extremely valuable resource for Esperanza Villa and OSS. Both sites have subsequently received operational funding each year that has allowed the sites to continue to operate. Since their opening, the sites have interimly housed, stabilized, and connected people to medical and mental health resources and supportive services. 92 of these clients have been permanently housed (48 at Baldwin Park and 44 at Montebello).

While CCOGIHS has been a valuable resource for Esperanza Villa and OSS, there have been significant limitations to its effectiveness. The sites' CCOGIHS allocation has increased by just 10% over the last 3 years – far less than the rate of inflation – while the sites' operational costs have increased by 30% at Esperanza Villa and more than 50% at OSS. This has left the cities responsible for a growing funding gap. These CCOGIHS-funded interim housing sites have consistently had less access to system resources like housing navigation, time-limited subsidies (TLS), and County departments than other LAHSA or County-funded sites. Esperanza Villa and OSS have had to greatly increase their on-site resources to support their clients and ensure that they are receiving the resources that they need to successfully move into permanent housing. These sites have also had to deal with a complex County bureaucracy and delays in County contracting that has led to 2 to 3 month funding delays at the beginning of each contract year, requiring the cities to cover the costs themselves.

Other San Gabriel Valley cities that saw the impact and success of these sites and used their own funding and political capital have not received any CCOGIHS funding, due to the set-up of the Program. CCOGIHS funds were geographically allocated by Supervisorial District; however, there has been unequal rates of construction of interim housing projects between Supervisorial Districts. The San Gabriel Valley has five city-supported interim housing sites, all of which are located in Supervisorial District 1. However, there is only CCOGIHS available to support 3 of these sites. In 2024, the City of Azusa self-funded the construction and operation of a 25-unit non-congregate interim housing site. However, since all of the Supervisorial District 1 CCOGIHS funds have bene allocated, the City has received no CCOGIHS funding. The City has to identify and use other City resources to cover more than 75% of the cost of the \$1 million annual operational contract.

The SGVCOG strongly believes that each of these city-supported interim housing site provides critical housing resources that support the County's homeless services system. The County should support them in this way as well.

To that end, the SGVCOG plans to submit the attached letter to the LACBOS, advocating for changes to CCOGIHS and an expansion of CCOGIHS to support San Gabriel Valley jurisdictions. Specifically, the SGVCOG states the following:



- 1. The County should address contracting issues and timely contract execution to ensure ongoing support for existing sites and avoid timing issues that place an undue burden on local jurisdictions by delaying reimbursement. The SGVCOG regularly faces 2 to 3 month delays in the award of annual funding allocations, meaning that the cities and SGVCOG have to cover the cost of the agreement during this gap period. The County must ensure that there are no delays in contract or amendment execution that cause funding gaps.
- 2. CCOGIHS must be permanently funded on an annual basis. The FY 2025-26 Measure A Funding Recommendations include more than \$200 million for the operation and administration of interim housing by the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA), the County Department of Health Services (DHS), the Homeless Initiative (HI), and the County Department of Public Health (DPH). The County clearly recognizes the importance of interim housing and is willing to support large, ongoing investments in sites that are operated by LAHSA or its own County departments. However, there is no Measure A funding allocated for CCOGIHS or local jurisdictions' interim housing sites. The SGVCOG understands that CCOGIHS funding will continue to be available for existing projects for the next fiscal year, using another County funding source. However, the future of CCOGIHS seems uncertain. The County must acknowledge the existence of local interim housing sites as a critical part of the County's homeless services system and permanently fund these sites on an ongoing basis.
- 3. The County must remove the geographic earmarks on CCOGIHS funding. When CCOGIHS was established in 2021, the County allocated funding equally between the five supervisorial districts. This created an immediate challenge for the San Gabriel Valley, as three sites within Supervisorial District 1 – Esperanza Villa, OSS, and a family site in the City of Pomona – immediately requested funds in 2022 and exhausted the CCOGIHS allocation for District 1. When two other sites have opened in Supervisorial District 1 – Serenity Homes in Baldwin Park in 2022 and Azusa Resource Center (ARC) in Azusa in 2024 – there were no District 1 CCOGIHS funds to access. This has put both cities at a significant disadvantage, as they have had to find other grants, contracts, and General Fund resources to fund 100% of the operation of these sites. Meanwhile, there is still CCOGIHS funding available for allocation in all other supervisorial districts more than three years after the funding began, as fewer cities in those districts have constructed eligible interim housing sites. The SGVCOG acknowledges that geographic equity is important. However, after more than three years, the funds should be released and provided to cities that have opened interim housing sites, regardless of the supervisorial district in which they are located.
- 4. CCOGIHS-funded sites must have access to the same resources as County- and LAHSA-funded sites, to ensure equitable access to care for all clients across the County. It takes many resources including housing navigation, mental and physical health resources, housing placement resources, and much more to facilitate a client's move from an interim housing site to permanent housing. The County has recognized this for its own interim housing sites and directed resources appropriately: for example, a



County Pathway Home site includes ongoing coordination of resources with County departments, housing navigation and a time-limited subsidy slot for each client. This is what is required to help a client move from interim housing into permanent housing, and with this level of resources, it is much easier for clients at those sites to be successfully placed in permanent housing. However, CCOGIHS-funded sites do not have access to these same resources. CCOGIHS-funded sites have limited access to housing navigation and time-limited subsidy slots and do not have the same access to County departments and other County and/or system programs. Cities do not have the funding to provide the same resources that the County can. This creates a system in which clients have different access to resources, based not on their needs but on which government agency is administering an interim housing site. The County must ensure that residents at each interim housing site, regardless of administrator, have the same access to all system resources.

- 5. CCOGIHS nightly reimbursement rates must match those paid for County- or **LAHSA-administered sites.** As noted previously, the initial reimbursement rate for CCOGIHS was \$80 per bed per night. In the last three and a half years, this reimbursement rate has only increased to \$88 per bed per night. At the same time, the County has acknowledged that a service provider's nightly per bed cost to operate a non-congregate interim housing site is much higher: for the County's Pathway Home sites, the County is reimbursing service providers more than \$100 per bed per night. In addition, the County has completed a robust evaluation of service provider reimbursement rates and will be raising the rate for its County-supported interim housing sites. The County is the largest funder of non-congregate interim housing sites, so, as its reimbursement rate has increased, so too has the cost of all service provider contracts – even those held by local jurisdictions. While the initial nightly bed rates for Baldwin Park and Montebello were \$80 and \$83 respectively, the current nightly bed rates for these cities are \$104 and \$128 respectively. The County appears to be budgeting for these increased nightly bed rates with Measure A and other restricted funds as a necessary expenditure to continue the high-quality operation of its important interim housing sites. The County must also increase the CCOGIHS nightly reimbursement rates to match those that it is paying to its own interim housing site operators.
- 6. CCOGIHS must be expanded to provide operational funding for any jurisdiction that constructs an interim housing site. The County has encouraged local jurisdictions to provide more housing resources for persons experiencing homelessness (PEH). Many local jurisdictions including the cities of Azusa, Baldwin Park, Montebello, and Pomona have responded by financing the construction and start-up of non-congregate interim housing projects without County or Measure H funds. In the San Gabriel Valley, these five sites provide 80 units of interim housing for individuals and nearly 20 units of interim housing for families. These units are a critical piece of the homeless services system in the San Gabriel Valley and will be invaluable as the County aims to reduce unsheltered homelessness by 30% by 2030. However, these sites are not fully-funded by the County as if they are critical pieces of the system. The City of Azusa is almost entirely funding the operation of its 25-unit interim housing site with City funding. Like most other cities in the County, the City's allocation of Measure A Local Solutions Fund (LSF) is too small to fund the operation of a site: Azusa's FY 2025-26 LSF allocation covers only one-quarter



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NEXT STEPS

SGVCOG staff will submit the attached letter, outlining the points above, to the LACBOS and will continue to advocate for these points.

Prepared by:

Caitlin Sims

Manager of Local Programs

Approved by: 1

Marisa Creter Executive Director

ATTACHMENT

Attachment A - CCOGIHS Fund Comment Letter





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First District, LA County Unincorporated Communities Fifth District, LA County Unincorporated Communities SGV Water Districts The Honorable Kathryn Barger Los Angeles County Supervisor, Fifth District Chair, Board of Supervisors 500 West Temple Street Los Angeles, CA 90012

Subject:

Dear

On behalf of the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG), I am writing to provide comments on the County's Cities and Councils of Government Interim Housing Services (CCOGIHS) Fund. The SGVCOG is extremely appreciative of Supervisors Barger and Solis for their proactive support for cities' local efforts to address homelessness through the establishment of the CCOGIHS Fund. Since the start of the CCOGIHS Fund in 2022, the SGVCOG and the San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust (SGVRHT) have worked with the cities of Baldwin Park and Montebello to support the operation of 55 interim housing units with CCOGIHS funding. This funding source has been critical for the continued operation of these sites.

Interim housing is life changing. Since opening, Esperanza Villa in Baldwin Park has housed 48 individuals and inspired surrounding cities to host shelters by demonstrating the effectiveness of a local resource- Baldwin Park has halved its homeless count since 2020. Operation Stay Safe (OSS) in Montebello has proven that even tough to reach clients who are frequent users of emergency medical services, can thrive with a safe space to sleep and access to supportive services- the site has housed 44 individuals and prevented deaths due to street-based homelessness. Both sites provide dignity, respite, and onsite services including job training to set clients up for long-term success- a former OSS resident is now a Metro bus driver. These sites inspired Azusa to open its 25 bed Azusa Resource Center and at least two additional SGV cities are considering interim housing if additional operational dollars can be identified.

CCOGIHS is an extremely important resource for the San Gabriel Valley, and the SGVCOG believes that it can be even more impactful to produce more impact for the Region. To that end, I am providing the following comments to support the continued growth and success of the CCOGIHS Program:

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- 5. CCOGIHS nightly reimbursement rates must match those paid for Countyor LAHSA-administered sites. As noted previously, the initial reimbursement rate for CCOGIHS was \$80 per bed per night. In the last three and a half years, this reimbursement rate has only increased to \$88 per bed per night. At the same time, the County has acknowledged that a service provider's nightly per bed cost to operate a non-congregate interim housing site is much higher: for the County's Pathway Home sites, the County is reimbursing service providers more than \$100 per bed per night. In addition, the County has completed a robust evaluation of service provider reimbursement rates and will be raising the rate for its Countysupported interim housing sites. The County is the largest funder of non-congregate interim housing sites, so, as its reimbursement rate has increased, so too has the cost of all service provider contracts – even those held by local jurisdictions. While the initial nightly bed rates for Baldwin Park and Montebello were \$80 and \$83 respectively, the current nightly bed rates for these cities are \$104 and \$128 respectively. The County appears to be budgeting for these increased nightly bed rates with Measure A and other restricted funds as a necessary expenditure to continue the high-quality operation of its important interim housing sites. The County must also increase the CCOGIHS nightly reimbursement rates to match those that it is paying to its own interim housing site operators.
- 6. CCOGIHS must be expanded to provide operational funding for any jurisdiction that constructs an interim housing site. The County has encouraged local jurisdictions to provide more housing resources for persons experiencing homelessness (PEH). Many local jurisdictions – including the cities of Azusa, Baldwin Park, Montebello, and Pomona - have responded by financing the construction and start-up of non-congregate interim housing projects without County or Measure H funds. In the San Gabriel Valley, these five sites provide 80 units of interim housing for individuals and nearly 20 units of interim housing for families. These units are a critical piece of the homeless services system in the San Gabriel Valley and will be invaluable as the County aims to reduce unsheltered homelessness by 30% by 2030. However, these sites are not fully-funded by the County as if they are critical pieces of the system. The City of Azusa is almost entirely funding the operation of its 25-unit interim housing site with City funding. Like most other cities in the County, the City's allocation of Measure A Local Solutions Fund (LSF) is too small to fund the operation of a site: Azusa's FY 2025-26 LSF allocation covers only one-quarter of the annual cost of operating the site. This is not reasonable, and it will likely deter many other cities from completing a project. If a city is using its own funding and political capital to build an interim housing project that is helping the County meet its overall homelessness goals, the County should treat these sites like every other interim housing site operated by DMH, DPH, LAHSA, or HI and fully-fund its operation.

The SGVCOG is extremely grateful for the resources provided through CCOGIHS, and we look forward to working with the County to make these resources even more effective for our member cities. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Caitlin Sims at csims@sgvcog.org.

Sincerely,

Marisa Creter Executive Director San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments

cc: The Honorable Hilda L. Solis
The Honorable Holly J. Mitchell
The Honorable Lindsay P. Horvath
The Honorable Janice Hahn

DATE: June 4, 2025

TO: Homelessness Committee

FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director

RE: JUDGE CARTER INDEPENDENT ASSESSMENT OF CITY-FUNDED

HOMELESSNESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Receive and file.

BACKGROUND

In 2024, an independent financial and performance assessment was ordered by Federal Judge, Honorable David O. Carter, to examine the appropriation and expenditure of funds by the City of Los Angeles under the Roadmap Program – Freeway Agreement, Alliance Settlement Program, and Inside Safe Program from June 1, 2020, through June 30, 2024. The assessment of these homelessness programs aimed to provide an objective perspective on the alignment of financial decisions with service delivery outcomes.

In an effort to provide stakeholders with a clear understanding of the Programs' overall impact and identify opportunities to enhance efficiency and effectiveness in addressing homelessness, the following key findings were identified:

- Poor data quality and integration;
- Poor quantification of funding for City programs;
- Disjointed Continuum-of-Care system;
- Limited financial oversight and performance monitoring;
- Lack of contractual clarity and accountability;
- Cost and service variability;
- Reconciliation of spending.

Additionally, the report highlights the following key recommendations for improvement:

- Establish a comprehensive homelessness strategy and strengthen fiscal alignment;
- Strengthen coordination and data sharing;
- Enhance financial oversight and transparency;
- Strengthen invoice transparency and institute real-time monitoring;
- Improve contract monitoring and compliance;
- Optimize resource allocation;
- Conduct an independent operational assessment of Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA).

Attachment A provides the full report.



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ATTACHMENTS

<u>Attachment A - Independent Assessment of City-Funded Homelessness Assistance Programs</u>



DATE: June 4, 2025

TO: Homelessness Committee

FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director

RE: HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION UNIT

RECOMMENDED ACTION

For information only.

BACKGROUND

In July 2021, the Homelessness Prevention Unit (HPU) launched in Los Angeles County to identify clients with a higher risk of experiencing homelessness and to test strategies to prevent their homelessness. The program was established through a partnership between LA County Housing for Health, the Department of Mental Health Services (DMH), and the California Policy Lab (CPL) at UCLA. The program uses a multi-disciplinary, problem-solving approach to target interventions to utilizers of county services who have an increased risk of becoming homeless. CPL has an established data-sharing partnership with Los Angeles County that provides access to anonymized data from eight Los Angeles County agencies for the express purpose of developing models to identify clients of County services who are at high risk of homelessness.

Clients are identified through predictive modeling developed by CPL. HPU staff work with clients from four to six months to help stabilize their housing and improve their overall health. The program also provides flexible financial assistance that can pay for rent, utility payments, vehicle repair, and debt resolution. Additionally, individuals and families are also linked to health and mental health services, substance use treatment, benefits advocacy, legal aid, employment assistance, and education.

In 2024, 712 households were served and 90% of HPU clients retained housing or transitioned to other permanent housing upon exiting the program.

Brian Blackwell, Senior Data Scientist, California Policy Lab, will present an overview during the meeting.

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DATE: June 4, 2025

TO: Homelessness Committee

FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director

RE: LACAHSA MEASURE A FUNDING

RECOMMENDED ACTION

For information only.

BACKGROUND

In 2022, Senate Bill 679 (Kamlager), the Los Angeles County Regional Housing Finance Act Legislation established the Los Angeles County Affordable Housing Solutions Agency (LACAHSA). LACAHSA's purpose is to work regionally to increase the supply of affordable housing and housing options in the County and to help people stay in their homes. LACAHSA was established to address two key needs to address the homelessness crisis – the need to prevent vulnerable residents from becoming unhoused and the need to scale up affordable housing options.

In November 2024, Measure A was passed by Los Angeles County voters, authorizing a half-cent countywide tax to address housing and homelessness on an ongoing basis. Measure A became effective April 1, 2025, and provides a funding source for LACAHSA. Measure A is estimated to levy approximately \$1 billion in revenue in its first fiscal year per the LA County Auditor Controller. Measure A also establishes that 35.75% will be allocated to the Los Angeles County Affordable Housing Solutions Agency (LACAHSA) for the production of affordable housing and for renter protections. Based on this percentage and anticipated Measure A revenues, LACAHSA is anticipated to receive approximately \$383 million from Measure A.

The LACAHSA Board is responsible for allocating and administering its Measure A funding. The LACAHSA-enabling legislation (SB 679) and Measure A provide some guidance on the specific programs that can be funded by LACAHSA's revenue measures. Over the last several months, LACAHSA has been developing its FY 2025-26 Funding Expenditure Plan, which describes the funding categories, eligible uses, the share of revenue and estimated funding amount to be spent on each of the following program categories. These are outlined below:

- **Production, Preservation, & Ownership (PPO)** (60% of allocated funds): Eligible uses include new construction (including substantial rehabilitation), preservation, acquisition, rehabilitation, ownership, and rent and operating subsidies. 77.25% of this allocation must be used for new construction (including substantial renovation), including operating subsidies for new construction projects that meet specific project-level affordability requirements. The remaining 22.75% can be used more flexibly (including preservation, acquisition, rehabilitation, ownership and including associated operating subsidies).
- Countywide Renter Protection & Homelessness Prevention (RPHP) (30% of allocated funds): Designed to help renters of lower income households (less than 80% of area median



income) and eligible uses can include but are not limited to intake and assessment; legal assistance and tenant outreach; emergency rental assistance; short-term income support; flexible financial assistance; and relocation assistance (beyond that which is required by State or local law).

- **Designated "Annual Priorities"** (15% of allocated funds): The LACAHSA Board can allocate these funds to any eligible LACAHSA's eligible uses. LACAHSA staff has recommended to the LACAHSA Board that this category be allocated for "Production, Preservation, and Ownership."
- Technical Assistance, Research, and Policy Development (5% of allocated funds): Eligible uses include local agency technical assistance grants; direct programming; program design, administration, monitoring, and evaluation; and professional services support.
- LACAHSA Administration (5% of allocated funds).

The LACAHSA-enabling legislation also dictates that LACAHSA funds shall be distributed between LACAHSA and defined "eligible jurisdictions." Specifically, within the "Production, Preservation, & Ownership (PPO)" and "Countywide Renter Protection & Homelessness Prevention" and "Technical Assistance, Research, and Policy Development" funding categories, 30% of programmatic funds are allocated to LACAHSA, and 70% of programmatic funds are allocated to the defined eligible jurisdictions, as defined in SB 679 The LACAHSA-enabling legislation states funding for "Production, Preservation, and Ownership" be allocated to each eligible jurisdiction based on its pro rata lower income housing need, as defined by the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA). At the May 14, 2025, LACAHSA Board meeting, LACAHSA staff has also recommended that LACAHSA's funding for "Annual Priorities" be designated for production, preservation, and ownership, and that 70% of these funds should also be allocated to eligible jurisdictions based on RHNA share. Funding for "Technical Assistance" is be allocated to eligible jurisdictions on a per low-income renter household basis. LACAHSA is utilizing "Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy" (CHAS) data, which is collected and calculated by the U.S. Census Bureau, to calculate this share. LACAHSA is also using CHAS data to allocate "Renter Protection and Homeless Prevention" between eligible jurisdictions.

The "eligible jurisdictions" defined in the LACAHSA-enabling legislation are the County's four largest cities (Los Angeles, Long Beach, Santa Clarita, and Glendale), the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County, and the County's councils of governments. The legislation also allows LACAHSA to allocate the appropriate pro-rata funding allocation to a regional housing trust that does not correspond to an existing council of governments, which they have done for the Burbank-Pasadena-Glendale Regional Housing Trust. The San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG) is an eligible jurisdiction, and the enabling legislation allows the SGVCOG to allocate its funds – or a portion of its funds – to the San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust (SGVRHT). While not listed as an eligible jurisdiction, LACAHSA has also recommended that the North County Transportation Commission (NCTC) – which includes the cities of Lancaster and Palmdale – receive an allocation, likely because Lancaster and Palmdale are not part of a council of governments and NCTC was therefore the most appropriate subregional entity through which to distribute the funds.

LACAHSA intends to execute a memorandum of agreement (MOA) with each eligible jurisdiction



to facilitate expenditure of those funds. As such, the SGVCOG expects to execute an MOA with LACAHSA to receive these funds, and LACAHSA has indicated that this process will occur prior to July 1, 2025.

DISCUSSION

As part of its MOA, the SGVCOG will be required to identify eligible projects and programs to expend its allocated funds, based on the funding guidelines for eligible jurisdictions.

Based on the funding allocations included in the LACAHSA Expenditure Plan, the SGVCOG anticipates the following allocations within each category listed above:

Production, Preservat	tion, & Ownership	Renter Protection	Tachnical	
New Construction	Flexible	& Homelessness Prevention	Assistance	TOTAL
\$9,360,717	\$2,756,716	\$8,172,640	\$1,362,107	\$21,652,180 ¹

While the SGVCOG is still awaiting the funding guidelines from LACAHSA that will dictate the exact programs implemented through these projects, staff proposes the following approaches to ensure these programs can be initiated quickly:

Production, Preservation, & Ownership

At its May 22, 2025, meeting, the Governing Board authorized the Executive Director to execute an agreement with the San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust (SGVRHT) to administer the SGVCOG's "Production, Preservation, & Ownership" funding, as allowed by the LACAHSAenabling legislation. As noted previously, the "Production, Preservation, & Ownership" funding is split between two eligible project types: new construction and "flexible" funding (for acquisition, preservation, and other similar project types). The SGVRHT has extensive experience in both of these areas. For new construction, the SGVRHT has several programs in place which could immediately benefit from LACAHSA funding. This includes the SGVRHT's Affordable Housing Pipeline (which provides traditional gap financing for affordable housing projects) and the Revolving Loan Fund (which provides 3 to 5 year loans for developers for pre-development and acquisition costs), to facilitate the "new construction" funding. There are also some additional opportunities identified within the LACAHSA Expenditure Plan, including operating subsidies and substantial renovation, so there will likely be additional opportunities to establish more innovative approaches to affordable housing, pending more information from the funding guidelines. For flexible funds, the SGVRHT also has a history of supporting innovative housing projects, through its "Innovation" funding program. Through the Innovation program, the SGVRHT has supported the construction of interim housing sites and has acquired multiple properties, which are being ground-leased for affordable housing and interim housing. Pending the funding guidelines, the SGVRHT will likely have additional opportunities to pilot additional

¹ As noted above, at its May 14, 2025, LACAHSA staff recommended that LACAHSA's "Annual Priorities" funding allocation be dedicated for preservation, production, and ownership and to also allocate 70% of this funding to eligible jurisdictions. The additional money under consideration could increase the total SGVCOG allocation to \$25,691,324, with the amount allocated for PPO as \$16,156,576. The LACAHSA Board did not have time to consider that item at its meeting, so SGVCOG staff expects that it will be presented at the next LACAHSA meeting in June.



innovative approaches. The SGVRHT will work closely with the SGVCOG to program these funds based on the funding guidelines and throughout the Program implementation.²

Renter Protection & Homelessness Prevention and Technical Assistance

At its May 22, 2025, meeting, the Governing Board authorized the Executive Director to develop and release applications and execute agreements and amendments necessary for the expenditure of funds within the "Renter Protection and Homelessness Prevention" and "Technical Assistance" categories. It is difficult to outline the specific approach for these programs without having the LACAHSA funding guidelines, which are expected to be released in mid-June. However, the most important point about the "Renter Protection and Homelessness Prevention" funding is that these funds **cannot** be used to support persons who are currently experiencing homelessness, and it caps "rental assistance" at a maximum of six months of support for a client.

While there is limited information available from LACAHSA, at a high level, the SGVCOG proposes administering the Renter Protection and Homelessness Prevention funds through contracts with subrecipient(s), generally following the approach of the SGVCOG's Housing Solutions Fund (HSF). The HSF provides service providers with quick access to flexible funds help persons experiencing homelessness move into housing and to help those at-risk of homelessness stay in housing. The SGVCOG has 18 contracts with service providers and cities, each of which is implementing and administering its own program in alignment with the SGVCOG's HSF Guidelines.

While this approach does provide service providers and cities with wide access to flexible funds to help their clients, it is difficult for the SGVCOG to ensure that each resident has equal access to the HSF and for the SGVCOG to evaluate the overall impact of the funds. It has been especially difficult to evaluate the impact of funding that helps persons at-risk of homelessness stay housed, and LACAHSA funding can only be used for homelessness prevention for housed clients, with additional limitations. Measure A also has a strong focus on accountability, reporting, equity, and program effectiveness. To address these needs, the SGVCOG is proposing to use a more centralized approach that helps to ensure that all San Gabriel Valley residents have more equal access to prevention resources. This will help to ensure that the SGVCOG can fulfill its reporting and program implementation requirements. More details about this approach will be presented as the SGVCOG has more information from LACAHSA's program guidelines.

It is also important to note that LACHASA and several other providers are discussing whether certain prevention programs would be best managed at the County-wide level. For example, eviction defense and other legal aid services that were previously funded by the County (under the umbrella of Stay Housed LA) using Measure H funding, are not being funded by the County for FY 2025-26. As such, there have been several discussions at LACAHSA about how to ensure that the County's eviction defense program continues. This discussion has centered around using "Renter Protection and Homelessness Prevention" funds to support these resources. It is not clear at this time how this approach would work – for example, it is unclear whether the SGVCOG

² Staff acknowledges that there are some cities that are not members of the SGVRHT and some cities that are affiliate members and are, therefore, not eligible for funds for projects. The SGVCOG will work with the SGVRHT to identify the appropriate approach to addressing that gap.



would be asked to "pay-in" for these services or whether LACAHSA's agency funds would be used. However, SGVCOG staff will provide more information as it becomes available.

At this time, SGVCOG staff does not have a strong enough understanding of the guidelines and expectations for the "Technical Assistance" funds to make a programmatic recommendation.

NEXT STEPS

As noted throughout this report, LACAHSA has not released its funding guidelines, which is expected in mid-June. Once the guidelines are available, SGVCOG staff will be able to formally finalize these approaches and begin the necessary contracting processes to expend LACAHSA funds. More information and updates will continue to be provided as this process progresses.

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DATE: June 4, 2025

TO: Homelessness Committee

FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director

RE: REGIONAL HOUSING TRUST UPDATE

RECOMMENDED ACTION

For information only.

<u>REGIONAL HOUSING TRUST UPDATE</u> <u>SGVRHT Project Grand Openings</u>

In May, the SGVRHT celebrated the grand openings of two of its funded housing projects. May 8 marked the grand opening of Willow Way in El Monte, a 39-unit Permanent Supportive Housing development that provides housing and onsite supportive services for individuals who have experienced or are at risk of homelessness. Services will include intensive case management, mental and physical health services, employment counseling, and benefits assistance. Willow Way also features a community room, courtyards, and a rooftop deck, offering residents a comfortable and supportive living environment. The SGVRHTleveraged a State budget earmark to provide the project with a loan of \$1.56 million in construction to permanent financing in March 2023. Every dollar invested into this project by the SGVRHT leveraged an additional \$18.46 in funding. One of the new residents provided remarks at the opening and shared that prior to moving into Willow Way, she lived at Serenity Homes in Baldwin Park, highlighting the impact of both interim and permanent affordable housing in the region.

Vista de JJ Rodriguez – 6th Street Grand in the City of Montebello celebrated its grand opening on May 30. This development features 63 units of supportive housing designated for low-income families and survivors of domestic violence. It includes amenities such as the Si Se Puede Learning Center, an afterschool program for young residents, as well as a playground and other community spaces. The SGVRHT leveraged a State budget earmark to provide the project with a \$1.7 million construction loan. These two grand openings mark completion of the second and third projects funded by the SGVRHT.

Lantern Terrace (previously Chapel Apartments) will open in Alhambra on June 18. Developed by Related, this 44-unit, 100% affordable housing development replaces what was a city-owned surface parking lot in Alhambra's downtown district. 24 units will be reserved for residents earning less than 30% area median income (AMI), 8 units will be reserved for residents earning less than 50% AMI, and 11 units will be reserved for residents earning less than 60% AMI. The development features ample community spaces, as well as on-site supportive services provided by the nonprofit LifeSTEPS. In April 2023, the SGVRHT supported the development of the project by leveraging a State budget earmark to award the project a \$1.76 million loan. The SGVRHT is proud to continue to support affordable housing projects throughout the San Gabriel Valley.

SGVRHT Board Meeting

The San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust (SGVRHT) Board will hold its next meeting on June 11 at 1:00. Items on the agenda include the consideration of Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) project awards, a review of the proposed Measure A expenditure plan, and other regular business.

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SGVCOG Liaison Report Union Station Homeless Services – June 2025

1. Coordinated Entry System (CES) Regional Coordination Provider Meetings

- a. **Upcoming** Regional Coordination Meetings:
 - i. Adult System 4th Tuesday each Month 2:30-3:30pm (Virtual)
 - ii. Family System Every 1st Wednesday of the month from 10:30 am-11:30 am (Virtual)
 - iii. DV System 3rd Monday in First Month of Every Quarter 10-1130am (Virtual)
 - iv. Faith-Based Coordination 2nd Wednesday Every Month 4-5pm (Virtual)
 - v. SPA 3 Employer Partners Meeting 2nd Tuesday Every Month 2-3pm (Virtual)
- b. **Upcoming** Outreach Coordination meetings:
 - Monthly All SPA Outreach Coordinators Meeting 2nd Thursday of every month 1-2 pm (Virtual)
 - ii. Quarterly In-Person Outreach Coordinators Meeting 2nd Thursday of the third month1-2 pm
 - iii. Pasadena Street Outreach Collaborative 4th Thursday 9-10:30 at the Pasadena Housing Department

2. USHS Programs

a. Outreach and Engagement

- i. DHS-funded Multidisciplinary Outreach Teams (MDT) + Public Spaces + Harm reduction team continues full regional outreach, 7 days per week during business hours including primary care services
- ii. City of Pasadena Funded Outreach Programs HOPE Team liaison, PORT Team, ERF, Safe Haven. Monday-Friday, Business hours
- iii. DHS-Funded METRO DHS MDT continues to perform outreach services on the Metro A line from South Pasadena Station through APU/Citrus station(including Metro Properties). Mon-Fri 6:30 AM - 2:30PM
- **iv.** For outreach to a person, referrals can be submitted through LA-HOP: LA-hop.org and/or email singleadultreferrals@unionstationhs.org

b. Interim Housing

- i. USHS continues to offer shelter through Adult Center and Family Center in Pasadena, Iris Project HomeKey in El Monte, Tiny Homes Eagle Rock, PHK Huntington Villas and Casa Luna in El Sereno, and Pathway Home Santa Fe in El Monte (please refer through LA-HOP and Clarity CES Providers)
- ii. Safe Haven-12 open slots for participants to receive housing navigation and a safe place to sleep at All Saints Church, referrals can be sent to Erin Butler at ebutler@unionstationhs.org

c. Permanent Housing & Supportive Services

- USHS Housing Location team conducts intensive landlord outreach in the SGV region and utilizes an internal web-based portal to coordinate unit viewings with case managers. Email housinglocation@unionstationhs.org
- ii. Intensive Case Management Services with Scattered Site and Project Based Permanent Supportive Housing with Housing for Health, LACDA CoC, Holly Street Housing, Centennial Place, Heritage Square South, Marv's Place, Euclid Villa.

- **iii.** Employment Services Team Current programs are connected to our Time Limited Subsidy clients in SPA 3. Referrals go through TLS Providers.
 - Team also coordinates Expungement Clinics with LA County Public Defender's Office and linkages to our partner with Hope Credit Repair program.
- iv. Housing Navigation and Time Limited Subsidy Rental Assistance Programs -Referrals go through Encampment Resolution IH, Regular IH, or Access Center El Monte VOALA for HN and/or TLS program slots.

d. Family Services

- All services above but tailored for families with minor children experiencing homelessness, submit referrals to <u>fscreferral@unionstationhs.org</u>
- ii. Additional services and coordination for DV system providers and persons experiencing homelessness and DV.

e. New Projects

- i. Mirador Altadena 35 Units of PSH for seniors (USHS Service Provider)
- ii. Agave Altadena 58 units of mixed use including PSH (USHS Service Provider)
- 3. Capacity Building Highlights and Opportunities. Please contact Shawn Morrissey for:
 - H.O.U.S.E Student Intensive Program July/August 2025
 - II. Information on Union Station's Lived Expertise Advisory Panel
 - III. Capacity Building Trainings for your group or agency
 - IV. Union Station continues to provide our Naloxone Distribution and Drug Education Program as a free offering to all interested Partners, Groups and Cities.

*Contact Shawn Morrissey smorrissey@unionstationhs.org (626-375-4010 for more info.

4. Wildfire Resources:

 Introducing The USHS Eaton Fire Housing Assistance Program: Providing financial assistance for households that were directly impacted by the Eaton Fire that began on January 7, 2025. USHS commits to making this process as low-barrier as possible with the intention of serving households that are not eligible for traditional services.

Union Station Homeless Services (USHS) is offering financial assistance for households that have been directly impacted by the Eaton Fire that began on January 7, 2025. Assistance is available in various forms depending on the need of the household and ranges from one-time financial assistance (e.g. security deposit, rental payment, rental arrears, etc.), motel vouchers, or rental assistance for households that need more than one month of assistance while recovering from the devastation of the fire.

For information on the USHS Eaton Fire Housing Assistance Program:

Please visit https://ushs.org/efhap for additional information.

For additional information on how you can help, or if you need help, please visit: https://ushs.org/emergency