



OUR MISSION

TO SUPPORT, CREATE AND SUSTAIN SOLUTIONS TO HOMELESSNESS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY BY PROVIDING LEADERSHIP, ADVOCACY, PLANNING, AND MANAGEMENT OF PROGRAM FUNDING.

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HISTORY AND PURPOSE

In December 1993, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and the Los Angeles City Council created the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) as an independent, joint powers authority. LAHSA coordinates and manages more than \$243 million in federal, state, city, and county funds for programs in 2017-18 that provide shelter, housing and various services to homeless persons in the city and county of Los Angeles.



Through LAHSA, funding, program design, outcomes assessment and technical assistance is provided to more than 100 non-profit partner agencies. These agencies provide a variety of programs ranging from outreach, access centers, emergency shelters, safe havens, transitional and permanent housing, and prevention, along with the supportive services, skills, and tools necessary to attain a stable housing environment.

Programs funded through LAHSA also address homeless-related issues, including domestic violence, mental illness, substance abuse, job training, family strengthening, mainstream benefits enrollment and, most importantly, supportive short and long-term housing.

HOMELESS COUNT

Each January, LAHSA administers the homeless count, which provides the most comprehensive data available on homelessness in Los Angeles County. In 2017, nearly 8,000 volunteers participated in the count, a powerful demonstration of community engagement. The extraordinary effort not only provided an overall count of homeless in the county—more than 57,700—but also broke down data into critical categories, such as geographical distribution, gender, age, and families. These figures are used by community groups, elected officials, and media. For information on how you can become a volunteer, please go to www.theycountwillyou.org.

MEASURES H AND HHH

In November 2016 and March 2017, voters in Los Angeles and Los Angeles County approved Proposition HHH and Measure H respectively. Proposition HHH will build 10,000 units of Permanent Supportive Housing over 10 years while Measure H will provide an additional \$355 million annually towards homeless services. This increase in funding will enable LAHSA and its partner agencies to implement the City and County homeless strategies on a larger scale.

LAHSA is governed by a 10-member commission. The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors choose five members and the other five are selected by the mayor of Los Angeles.

