



Regular Meeting

City of Los Angeles Commission on Disability

Thursday, November 20, 2025

2:00 P.M. until the conclusion of business

Edward R. Roybal Board of Public Works Session Room 350,
City Hall, 200 North Spring Street,
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Virtual Meeting Information

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Commissioners

Akiko Tagawa, President

Myrna Cabanban, Vice President

Jorge E. Acevedo, Commissioner

Mary Grace A. Barrios, Commissioner

Robert Bitonte, Commissioner

Iran Hopkins, Commissioner

Alisa Schlesinger, Commissioner

Robert Williams, Commissioner

Louis Herrera, Commissioner

Meeting Information

Commission on Disability regular meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 2:00 PM.

Virtual Attendance Information

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Members of the public who wish to speak on Agendized items and Non-Agendized items shall be allowed to speak for up to two (2) minutes per Agendized item, and two (2) minutes on Non-Agendized items, up to a total of five (5) minutes per meeting. We request that each speaker announce their name before public comment. This is for the benefit of meeting captioners, interpreters, and attendees.

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Agenda Packet

This agenda packet is available on the Department on Disability Website at <https://disability.lacity.gov/about/commission-disability>. To request to be placed on the agenda packet mailing list, provide your email address to the Commission support staff at the Commission meeting or contact the Department on Disability: 201 North Figueroa Street, Suite 100, Los Angeles, CA 90012; (213) 202-2764; dod.contact@lacity.org.

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Meeting Agenda

Item One (1) - Request for Remote Participation Option Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(f)(2)(A)

Item is for **Action**.

Item Two (2) - Public Comment

Item is for **Information**.

Item Three (3) - Approval of the September 18th, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes

Item is for **Discussion** and **Action**.

Item Four (4) - Presentation from the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) about people with disabilities experiencing homelessness in Los Angeles.

Item is for **Information**.

Item Five (5) - Presentation from the Los Angeles County Regional Coordinating Council on Aging and Disability's Community Engagement and Communications Workgroup on their Communications Guide.

Item Six (6) - Commission on Disability FY 2025-26 Work Plan Updates

Item is for **Discussion** and **Action**.

Item Seven (7) - Department on Disability Executive Director's Report

Item is for **Information**.

Item Eight (8) - Announcements

Item is for **Information**.

Item Nine (9) - Adjournment

Item is for **Action**.



Regular Meeting Minutes

City of Los Angeles Commission on Disability

Thursday, October 16, 2025

2:00 P.M.

Edward R. Roybal Board of Public Works Session

Room 350

Los Angeles City Hall

200 North Spring Street

Los Angeles, CA 90012

Zoom Video Conference

Commissioners Present

Akiko Tagawa, President

Myrna Cabanban, Vice President

Mary Grace A. Barrios, Commissioner

Jorge E. Acevedo, Commissioner

Iran Hopkins, Commissioner

Alisa Schlesinger, Commissioner

Robert Bitonte, Commissioner

Louis Herrera, Commissioner

Commissioners Absent

Robert Williams, Commissioner

City Staff Present

Stephen David Simon, Executive Director, Department on Disability
Alison Everett, Assistant Executive Director, Department on Disability
Heather Aubry, Assistant City Attorney, City Attorney's Office
Kayvon Wroten, Department on Disability
Peter Soto, Department on Disability

Item One (1) - Request for Remote Participation Option Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e)(2)(a)

Action Taken: There were no Commission members attending the Commission on Disability meeting remotely. No action required by the Commission on Disability.

Item Two (2) - Multiple Agenda Item Public Comment

Public comment was provided on the following topics applicable to the Commission's scope of work:

- Concerns about issues related to ADA violations and the alleged abuses committed by the Church of Scientology against the disabled and elderly.
- Commendation of the Commission's detailed meeting minutes.
- Statements alleging the Los Angeles Housing Department (LAHD) has committed breaches of federal and state accessibility legislation. Further statements alleged violations have adversely affected residents who have been denied appropriate accommodations.

No action taken, information purposes only.

Item Three (3) - Approval of the September 18th, 2025, Regular Minutes

The Commission reviewed the September 2025 Regular Meeting minutes.

Action Taken: Vice President Cabanban moved, and Commissioner Barrios seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the September 2025 Regular Meeting. The motion passed.

Item Four (4) - Presentation by Matthew Holen, Senior Management Analyst, Los Angeles Housing Department (LAHD) about an update and overview of the Accessible Housing Program (AHP).

Matthew Holen, a senior management analyst with the LAHD's Accessible Housing Program, presented an update and overview of the Accessible Housing Program (AHP). The presentation included information about the AHP history, programs objectives, how the program is structured, eligibility criteria, and the grievance process. Mr. Holen also discussed the accessible housing registry, noting that it will relaunch next spring with improved navigation. Questions from the Commissioners followed.

No action taken, information purposes only.

Item Five (5) - Commission on Disability FY 2025-26 Work Plan Updates

The Ad Hoc Committees provided the following updates:

- Ad Hoc Committee 1 (LA28 Games Support):
 - No updates given.
- Ad Hoc Committee 2 (Disability Cultural Impact):
 - No updates given.
- Ad Hoc Committee 3 (Healthcare and Social Security Access):
 - No updates given.
- Ad Hoc Committee 4 (Affordable and Accessible Housing):
 - The Committee reported that it completed its objective of receiving a presentation from the Los Angeles Housing Department (LAHD) on the Accessible Housing Program (AHP)..

No action taken, for information purposes only.

Item Six (6) - Department on Disability Executive Director's Report

The Department on Disability (DOD) Executive Director, Stephen David Simon, provided the following information as part of his Executive Director's Report:

- Noted the return of Matan Koch and Sergio Samayoa to the Department.
- Noted the Department turned in the short form of its budget request to the Mayor's Office and City Administrative Officer the prior Tuesday.
- Highlighted the 18th Annual Disability Art Exhibition Award Ceremony
 - Date: October 16th, 2025, Location: City Hall Board of Public Works Hearing Rm 350, Time: 10am-12pm

No action taken, for information and discussion only.

Item Seven (7) - Announcements

Announcements from Commissioners and City staff and requested agenda items for future Commission meetings.

- Commissioner Barrios announced that October was Filipino American History Month (FAHM) and the City Councilwoman Ysabel Jurado, CD14 was hosting an FAHM Lighting Ceremony held at Los Angeles City Hall and to contact her if any Commissioners would like to attend.

No action taken, information purposes only.

Item Eight (8) - Adjournment

Action Taken: President Tagawa moved that we adjourn, and Commissioner Barrios seconded. The motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 3:28 P.M.



City of Los Angeles Commission on Disability

Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Work Plan

The Commission on Disability provides a forum for the identification and discussion of difficulties encountered by Disabled persons in our society, and makes recommendations to the Mayor and the City Council on measures which the Federal, State, and local governments may undertake to assure that persons with disabilities may participate without hindrance in the life of our community.

Powers and Duties

1. Advise the Mayor, the City Council and the Department on Disability on the needs and challenges of persons with disabilities in the City of Los Angeles.
2. Hold public hearings at least once a year as a regular or special meeting to take testimony from persons with disabilities and others regarding issues impacting the lives of persons with disabilities in the City of Los Angeles, and report the Commission's findings and recommendations to the Mayor and the City Council.
3. Monitor the program mandates of the Department on Disability and make recommendations to the Mayor and the City Council on program and policy initiatives to improve the service of the Department to the Disability community and provide persons with disabilities in the City of Los Angeles a better opportunity and ability to pursue activities of daily living without discrimination.
4. Review and make recommendations to the Mayor and City Council on funding disability access for City programs and services.
5. Maintain active liaisons with Disability community stakeholders interested in the problems facing persons with disabilities.
6. Promote greater awareness of Disability culture, as well as civic and community engagement of persons with disabilities.
7. Investigate and report to the Mayor and the City Council instances of discrimination based on disability, as well as ableism and attitudinal barriers in

areas including housing, transportation, employment, recreation, public information, health and social services, civil and human rights, and legislation.

8. Perform specific studies and surveys on the needs of persons with disabilities when requested by the Mayor and/or the City Council.
9. Submit an annual report to the Mayor and the City Council on the activities of the Commission.

FY 2025-2026 Ad Hoc Committees

[Ad Hoc Committee #1 - LA28 Games Support](#)

[Ad Hoc Committee #2 - Disability Cultural Impact](#)

[Ad Hoc Committee #3 - Healthcare and Social Security Access](#)

[Ad Hoc Committee #4 - Affordable and Accessible Housing](#)

Ad Hoc Committee #1 - LA28 Games Support

Ad Hoc Committee Members

- Commissioner Acevedo (Chair)
- Commissioner Hopkins
- President Tagawa

Objectives and Action Items

1. Monitor the progress of naming a street to "Paralympic," including requesting an update from the Office of Major Events.
2. Provide a representative from the Commission to serve on the City's Major Events Accessibility Advisory Committee and provide updates on the activities of that Committee at each Commission meeting.

Presentations requested related to Ad Hoc Committee #1

- Presentation by the Office of Major Events about the Games Mobility Plan.
- Presentation by Throne Labs about the process to participate as a games vendor.

Work Plan Updates

September

- President Tagawa appointed herself, Commissioner Hopkins, and Commissioner Acevedo to the LA28 Games Support ad hoc committee.
- The ad hoc committee finalized its objectives and action items.

October

- No updates provided.

Ad Hoc Committee #2 - Disability Cultural Impact

Ad Hoc Committee Members

- Vice President Cabanban (Chair)
- Commissioner Hopkins
- Commissioner Williams
- President Tagawa

Objectives and Action Items

1. Establish the "Betty Wilson Humanitarian Award of Excellence"
 - To be awarded by the Commission on Disability to recognize work advancing the interests of persons with disabilities, including developing award criteria and processes for nomination and selection. The award recipient is to be announced annually in October to spotlight Disability Awareness month.
2. Prepare a letter to the Mayor's Office recommending the City adopt Atkinson Hyperlegible Font as the City's primary font.
3. Prepare a letter to the Mayor's Office recommending the City create a mural commemorating LA28 and the Paralympics.

Presentations requested related to Ad Hoc Committee #2

- Presentation from the Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA) about the process to install a mural and what steps are necessary to ensure this process functions effectively.

Work Plan Updates

September

- President Tagawa appointed herself, Commissioners Hopkins, Cabanban, and Commissioner Williams to the Disability Cultural Impact ad hoc committee.
- The ad hoc committee finalized its objectives and action items.

October

- No updates provided.

Ad Hoc Committee #3 - Healthcare and Social Security Access

Ad Hoc Committee Members

- Commissioner Bitonte (Chair)
- Commissioner Schlesinger
- Commissioner Williams

Objectives and Action Items

1. Review and recommend the Commission readopt the previous [policy memorandum](#) issued by the Commission regarding the provision of a mobile Social Security Disability Office.
2. Submit a recommendation to the Mayor that the City support the development of a mobile Social Security Disability Office.

Presentations requested related to Ad Hoc Committee #3

- Presentation from a Healthcare provider about the healthcare benefit denial process and the types of disabilities that are most frequently denied.

Work Plan Updates

September

- President Tagawa appointed Commissioners Bitonte, Schlesinger, and Commissioner Williams to the Healthcare and Social Security Access ad hoc committee.
- The ad hoc committee finalized its objectives and action items.

October

- No updates provided.

Ad Hoc Committee #4 - Affordable and Accessible Housing

Ad Hoc Committee Members

- Vice President Cabanban (Chair)
- President Tagawa
- Commissioner Acevedo

Objectives and Action Items

1. Submit a recommendation to the Mayor regarding the allocation of additional funding to support people with disabilities who are experiencing homelessness.
2. Make a recommendation to the Mayor that the City adopt the policy of referring to affordable housing as “affordable accessible housing.”
3. Submit a recommendation to City Council offices regarding possible strategies to support people with disabilities who are experiencing homelessness.

Presentations requested related to Ad Hoc Committee #4

- Presentation from the Los Angeles Housing Department (LAHD) about an update and overview of the Accessible Housing Program (AHP), noting how funding allocations are determined for these programs and what factors influence the process.
- Presentation from the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) about people with disabilities experiencing homelessness in Los Angeles.

Work Plan Updates

September

- President Tagawa appointed herself and Commissioners Acevedo and Cabanban to the Affordable and Accessible Housing ad hoc committee.
- The ad hoc committee finalized its objectives and action items.

October

- The Commission received a presentation from the Los Angeles Housing Department (LAHD) about an update and overview of the Accessible Housing Program (AHP).

Presentation Schedule

FY 2025-2026

September 2025 - Regular Meeting

- Presentation by **Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA)** on the plan for the LAX Automated People Mover Train System with an emphasis on accessibility for people with disabilities.

October 2025 - Regular Meeting

- Presentation from the **Los Angeles Housing Department (LAHD)** about an update and overview of the Accessible Housing Program (AChP).

November 2025 - Regular Meeting

- Presentation from the **Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA)** about people with disabilities experiencing homelessness in Los Angeles.
- Presentation from the **Los Angeles County Regional Coordinating Council on Aging and Disability's Community Engagement and Communications Workgroup** on their Communications Guide.

December 2025

- Meeting Cancelled

January 2026

- Regular Meeting

February 2026

- Regular Meeting

March 2026

- Public Hearing

April 2026

- Regular Meeting

May 2026

- Regular Meeting

June 2026

- Officer Nominations

July 2026

- Officer Elections



LAHSA

City of Los Angeles Commission on Disability

LOS ANGELES HOMELESS SERVICES AUTHORITY

Nathaniel VerGow, Deputy Chief Program Officer
November 20, 2025



What is LAHSA?

The Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) administers services, funding, system policies, and shapes best practices in partnership with service providers to place our homeless neighbors into temporary and permanent housing through outreach, shelter, and housing placements.



Role of LAHSA





FY 2025-26: Approved Budget

- \$828.6 Million total
- 5.4% avg. admin rate across all funding sources
- \$130.9 Million LAHSA Operating Budget
 - \$44.5 Million LAHSA Administrative
 - \$86.4 Million LAHSA Direct Program

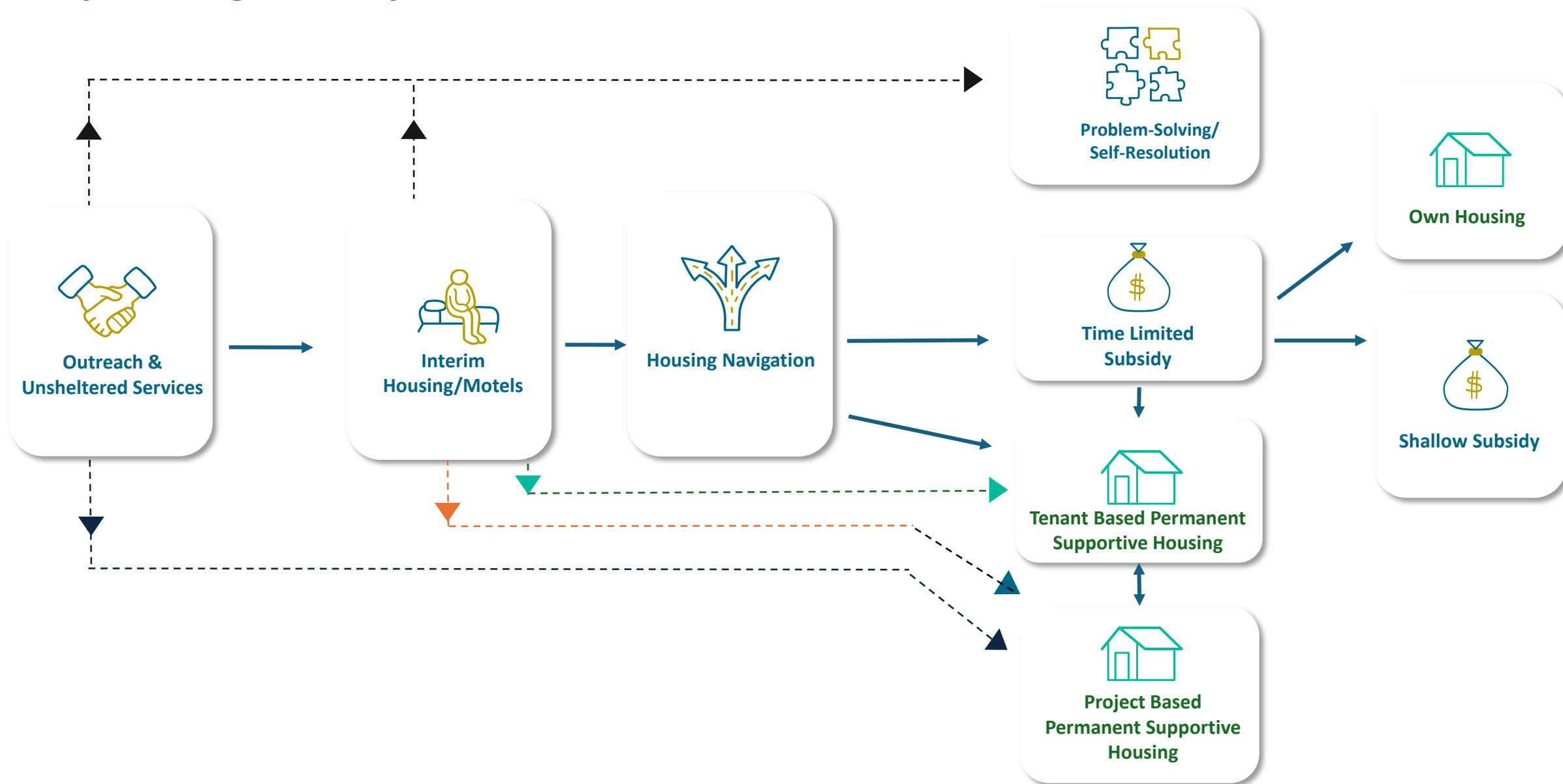
LOS ANGELES HOMELESS SERVICES AUTHORITY (LAHSA)						
FY 2025-26 Approved Budget						
	Administrative	% Admin of Funding	Direct Program	Service Providers	Totals	% Share Budget
Federal	\$ 403,050	1%	\$ 8,079,680	\$ 60,475,589	\$ 68,958,319	8%
State	\$ 2,701,018	3%	\$ 20,151,325	\$ 65,726,293	\$ 88,578,636	11%
County	\$ 30,626,289	8%	\$ 39,352,088	\$ 309,166,087	\$ 379,144,464	46%
City	\$ 10,579,356	4%	\$ 17,445,355	\$ 262,315,649	\$ 290,340,360	35%
Private	\$ 150,000	10%	\$ 1,414,854	\$ -	\$ 1,564,854	0.2%
Totals	\$ 44,459,713	5.4%	\$ 86,443,302	\$ 697,683,618	\$ 828,586,633	100%

5.4%

10.4%

84.2%

Primary Housing Pathways



Outreach Overview

- Outreach is a critical first step toward identifying a person experiencing homelessness and connecting them to available services and housing resources.
- LAHSA, County Departments of Health Services, and Mental Health, and service providers conduct outreach throughout the city and count of Los Angeles.





Interim Housing

Population

Adults



Families

TAY

Intervention



Time Limited Subsidies (TLS) provides rental assistance, case management support, and supportive services to participants for up to 24 months to ensure participants retain permanent housing.

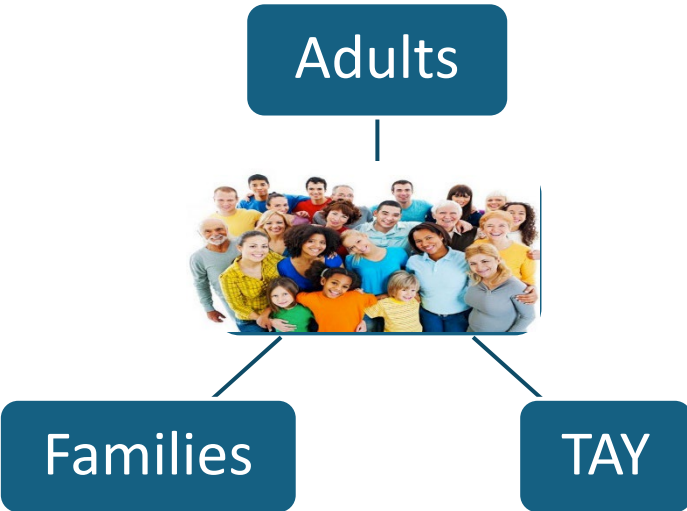
- In understanding that there are some barriers to housing stability, more than 24 months of assistance can be provided to participants to ensure they retain housing.
- These services include linkages to community resources, mainstream benefits, employment services, assist in document collection beyond ID, among others





Permanent Supportive Housing

Population



Interventions

Project Based PSH



Tenant Based PSH



Data On Disability Status

2025 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count City of Los Angeles Revised October 2025



The following data are reported for 18+ population only.

Population	Total	Sheltered	Unsheltered	Margin of Error	Precision Scale	Prevalence in 18+ Homeless Pop. (%)
SEXUAL ORIENTATION						
Straight	36,807	12,682	24,125	± 818	VP	93%
Gay or lesbian	1,339	519	820	± 289	MI	3%
Bisexual	1,263	370	893	± 242	MP	3%
Questioning	225	152	73	± 40	MI	1%
HEALTH & DISABILITY <i>Health & disability indicators are not mutually exclusive; a single person may report more than one condition and thus be represented among more than one health & disability subpopulation.</i>						
Substance Use Disorder	9,036	1,780	7,256	± 906	MP	23%
HIV/AIDS	892	355	537	± 164	MP	2%
Serious Mental Illness	9,895	3,596	6,299	± 723	MP	25%
Developmental Disability	3,249	2,128	1,121	± 287	MP	8%
Physical Disability	8,674	2,381	6,293	± 683	MP	22%

Ongoing Work Specific To Disability Access

- Documentation of accessibility needs in HMIS
- Request for accessible housing
- Disability Certification integrated in Universal Housing application
- Coordination with LAHD regarding accessibility in PSH
- Elimination of need for property management to make independent verification of need
- Access to shelter for those who need assistance with ADLs
 - Improved access to IHSS assessment
 - IHSS support in shelter
 - IHOP support from DHS