

**STRATEGY A1: HOMELESS PREVENTION PROGRAM FOR FAMILIES**

COMMENT	RESPONSE
<p>Include Older Adults 55 years+ as unique target groups that must be engaged as part of our work with families. Older persons represent nearly 1/3 of homeless adults. To date, no specific programming or funding is dedicated to their needs.</p>	<p>The Homeless Initiative has an ongoing partnership with the Department of Workforce Development, Aging, and Community Services (WDACS), the City of LA's Department of Aging, Senior Centers located throughout the County, and the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA). Together we launched an older adults pilot program in March 2018 in five senior centers. The pilot program will allow us to explore ways in which the older adults system and homeless services system can support one another. While there is not specific funding set aside for older adults, we realize that this population has unique needs and we are working to strengthen both systems through ongoing collaboration with the partners mentioned.</p>

**STRATEGY A5: HOMELESS PREVENTION PROGRAM FOR INDIVIDUALS**

COMMENT	RESPONSE
<p>Given the fast growth of the older adult population in Los Angeles and their increasing numbers among those experiencing homelessness it is imperative that prevention strategies be targeted to the unique needs of this age group. Recommend that LA City and County Area Agencies on Aging be funded to assist with prevention targeting older adults.</p>	<p>The Homeless Initiative has an ongoing partnership with the Department of Workforce Development, Aging, and Community Services (WDACS), the City of LA’s Department of Aging, Senior Centers located throughout the County, and the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA). Together we launched an older adults pilot program in March 2018 in five senior centers. The pilot program will allow us to explore ways in which the older adults system and homeless services system can support one another. While there is not specific funding set aside for older adults, we realize that this population has unique needs and we are working to strengthen both systems through ongoing collaboration with the partners mentioned.</p>
<p>As cellphones are common, recommend developing an app to connect individuals to services and resources; in parallel, develop a platform for individuals to work on and contribute to the app itself; develop a token for payment for individual workers and for outside investment into the program; develop an exchange around the token for services and resources</p>	<p>Thank you for the suggestion.</p>
<p>Older adults at risk of homelessness for the first time may not think to contact the homeless system for help. It is imperative that resources such as senior centers and other agencies that interface with low-income older adults connect with the CoC’s prevention strategy.</p>	<p>The Homeless Initiative has an ongoing partnership with the Department of Workforce Development, Aging, and Community Services (WDACS), the City of LA’s Department of Aging, Senior Centers located throughout the County, and the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA). Together we launched an older adults pilot program in March 2018 in five senior centers. The pilot</p>

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	<p>program will allow us to explore ways in which the older adults system and homeless services system can support one another. While there is not specific funding set aside for older adults, we realize that this population has unique needs and we are working to strengthen both systems through ongoing collaboration with the partners mentioned.</p>
<p>Recommend that prevention and diversion be more integrated and more flexible. Everyone could still be screened for diversion but individuals should also be able to transition more seamlessly between diversion and prevention as their needs and situations, especially economic and health-related, change.</p>	<p>Thank you for your feedback. Housing crisis providers are required to screen all potential participants for ways in which they can resolve the current crisis without entering the homeless services system. Persons who receive assistance through diversion would maintain eligibility for additional diversion services, homeless prevention, or another housing resource program if qualified. Due to the need in comparison to the available resources for homeless prevention, persons served through diversion would need to go through the prevention screening tool in order to transition to prevention services.</p>
<p>For A5, prevention and diversion should be more integrated, and more flexible. We agree that everyone should be screened for diversion, but individuals should be able to transition more seamlessly between diversion and prevention as their needs change.</p>	<p>Thank you for your feedback. Housing crisis providers are required to screen all potential participants for ways in which they can resolve the current crisis without entering the homeless service system. Persons who receive assistance through diversion would maintain eligibility for additional diversion services, homeless prevention, or another housing resource program if qualified. Due to the need in comparison to the available resources for homeless prevention, persons served through diversion would need to go through the prevention screening tool in order to transition to prevention services.</p>

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<p>Older adults are particularly vulnerable to falling into homelessness later in life because they typically have fixed incomes, are not able to obtain employment, and there is not enough affordable housing for older adults. For example, adults aged 65 or older struggle with rent. In 2016, 165,703 older adult renter households were cost burdened, a 45% increase from 2006 (LAHSA, Homelessness and Aging in the LA CoC). Further, the demand for affordable housing for adults aged 65 or older exceeds supply; there are 7,800 affordable housing units in the City of LA compared to 125,000 low-income older adults (LAHSA, Homelessness and Aging in the LA CoC).</p> <p>Older adults at risk of falling into homelessness for the first time may not think to contact the homeless system for help. With population growth of older adults rapidly increasing, there is a need to coordinate with agencies that interface with low-income older adults in order to connect them with the County's prevention strategy.</p> <p>Senior centers provide an array of services that keep extremely low income seniors stably housed. A meal or ride are critical links to keeping an older adult healthy and housed, yet these resources continue to be underfunded and don't keep up with demand. One-time grants to help older adults with expenses such as deposits, medical bills and broken appliances are critical to keeping them housed. Current resources for this are limited primarily to private foundation grants, if they can be secured at all. The County should consider how these existing stabilization services can be supplemented by Measure H funding.</p> <p>Many older adults, especially those who become more frail</p>	<p>The Homeless Initiative has an ongoing partnership with the Department of Workforce Development, Aging, and Community Services (WDACS), the City of LA's Department of Aging, Senior Centers located throughout the County, and the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA). Together we launched an older adults pilot program in March 2018 in five senior centers. The pilot program will allow us to explore ways in which the older adults system and homeless services system can support one another. While there is not specific funding set aside for older adults, we realize that this population has unique needs and we are working to strengthen both systems through ongoing collaboration with the partners mentioned.</p>
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<p>in later life, need an advocate to help them navigate the dynamic systems and processes of housing, healthcare, immigration and social services. This is outside the scope of many existing case management programs, and could be incorporated into the budgeting of Measure H prevention funding.</p>	
<p>THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO BE HERE, ANYWAY MY NAME IS STEVE ROMADA, HELLO, AND I'M A FORMERLY HOMELESS OLDER ADULT FROM THE ONE GENERATION SENIOR CENTER IN THE VALLEY. THEY'RE A WONDERFUL PLACE. MANY OLDER ADULTS ARE ON FIXED INCOMES AND CAN'T AFFORD RENT INCREASES. AND IF SENIORS ARE AT RISK FOR BEING EVICTED AND BECOMING HOMELESS DUE TO FAILURE TO AFFORD FREQUENT RENT INCREASES, CAN'T FUNDING BE OBTAINED FROM MEASURE H PREVENTION FUNDING FOR THEM? OLDER ADULTS ARE ROUTINELY ABUSED ON THE STREETS, I'VE SENILITY AFTER BEING HOMELESS. I'VE SEEN PEOPLE TAKE SHOPPING CARTS AWAY FROM PEOPLE IN WHEELCHAIRS. AND THEY CANNOT DEFEND THEMSELVES AT ALL. THEY'RE MOST LIKELY THE MOST VULNERABLE, I CAN TALK, MOST VULNERABLE AMONGST THE HOMELESS. AND, AGAIN, I'VE SEEN SO MUCH OF THIS. THEY'RE SCARED. YOUNGER PEOPLE GETTING OUT OF JAIL, THAT SORT OF THING STEAL. THEY KNOW THAT THEY'RE GETTING SSI, DISABILITY, ALL OF THAT SORT OF THING. AND THEY KNOW THAT ON THE 1'S THE AND THIRD OF EVERY MONTH THEY CAN GO OUT AND TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THESE PEOPLE WITH RENT INCREASES COMING UP, GETTING THEM OFF THE STREETS AND INTO PERMANENT, SAFE HOUSING IS AN INCREDIBLE PRIORITY. I AM SO HAPPY THAT THESE INITIATIVES HAVE PASSED AND THAT EVERYONE HERE IN THIS ROOM IS TAKING THIS SERIOUS. EVERYBODY IN THE AUDIENCE, ALL OF YOU UP HERE, THIS IS A VERY SERIOUS ISSUE. AND, AGAIN, NICE TO BE ABLE TO COME UP HERE. I'VE SEEN A LOT OF ABUSE ON THE STREETS. AND PLEASE CAN FUNDING BE RECEIVED FROM MEASURE H TO HELP.</p>	<p>The Homelessness Prevention program (A1/A5) provides families and individuals who are at imminent risk of homelessness with (1) Financial assistance and housing stabilization services necessary to maintain their current housing; or (2) Find new housing to avoid becoming homeless and entering the emergency shelter system. Services include financial assistance such as security deposit, rental assistance, utilities, etc...</p>

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<p>HI. SO I'D LIKE TO FIND OUT WHOSE SENIORS THAT ARE FINANCIALLY VULNERABLE CAN BE SERVICED THROUGH THESE DOLLARS. WE OPERATE THREE SENIOR CENTERS, 80 PERCENT OF WHO WE SERVE MAKE UNDER \$1,000 A MONTH. THEY ARE FINANCIALLY VULNERABLE. THEY ARE LIVING ON THE EDGE. WE SEE 700 SENIORS OUT A THOUSAND TOTAL IN CASE MANAGEMENT. 7 OUT OF EVERY 10 HAVE A HOUSING-RELATED ISSUE. 700 SENIORS ONE SITE ARE RECEIVING CASE MANAGEMENT FOR HOUSING-RELATED ISSUES. HOW CAN THE SERVICES THAT ARE PROVIDED, WHICH ARE NUTRITION, CASE MANAGEMENT, ONE TIME RENT FOR RENT CAL ASSISTANCE, REFRIGERATOR THAT BREAKS, DIFFERENT THINGS LIKE THAT, HOW CAN THESE DOLLARS BE TARGETED KNOWING THAT A QUARTER OF OUR POPULATION WILL BE OVER THE AGE OF 65 AND 25 PERCENT OF OLDER ADULTS ARE CURRENTLY LIVING IN POVERTY AND SO I WANT TO CALL OUT. I DON'T KNOW THE HOMELESS WORLD STRUCTURE BECAUSE WE COME FROM PREVENTION, BUT WHAT I CAN SAY IS WE HOLD RELATIONSHIPS WITH OLDER ADULTS, AND WHEN THEY HAVE NEEDS THAT THEY'RE GOING TO END UP ON THE STREETS, THEY REACH OUT TO US AND WE PROVIDE THOSE SUPPORTIVE SERVICES. AND SO HOW CAN WE WORK TOGETHER TO BE ABLE TO EXPAND THOSE SERVICES BECAUSE THE POPULATION THAT WE'RE SEEING IS INCREASING. SO WE'RE SEEING 10 SENIORS A MONTH WHO WILL BE HOMELESS WITHIN ONE YEAR SIMPLY DUE TO RENT INCREASES. WE'RE NOT EVEN LOCKING AT EVICTIONS AND DISPLACEMENT AND ALL OF THOSE OTHER TYPES OF THINGS. AND WE'VE NEVER SERVED HOMELESS SENIORS BEFORE. WE NOW HAVE AN AVERAGE OF 10 HOMELESS SENIORS AT EACH ONE OF OUR CENTERS. AND OBVIOUSLY THE SERVICES THAT NEED TO BE PROVIDED ARE -- CHANGE WITH THAT. AND SO I JUST WANT TO DRAW OUT THE ATTENTION ON -- BECAUSE SENIORS HAVE A VERY SPECIFIC SET OF NEEDS, A BIO PSYCHOSOCIAL CHANGES THAT OTHERS DON'T. SO THEIR NEEDS TO BE CONSIDERED SEPARATELY THAN JUST AN INDIVIDUAL WOULD.</p>	<p>The Homeless Initiative has an ongoing partnership with the Department of Workforce Development, Aging, and Community Services (WDACS), the City of LA's Department of Aging, Senior Centers located throughout the County, and the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA). Together we launched an older adults pilot program in March 2018 in five senior centers. The pilot program will allow us to explore ways in which the older adults system and homeless services system can support one another. While there is not specific funding set aside for older adults, we realize that this population has unique needs and we are working to strengthen both systems through ongoing collaboration with the partners mentioned.</p>
<p>HI. THANK YOU. MY NAME IS WANDA MCGUIRE. AND I HAPPEN TO BE ONE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE ST. BARNABAS SENIOR CENTER. INITIALLY WHEN I WAS HAVING A LOT OF PROBLEMS</p>	<p>The Homeless Initiative has an ongoing partnership with the Department of Workforce Development, Aging, and</p>

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<p>BECAUSE I LIVE ON A FIXED INCOME. AND I WASN'T ABLE TO MEET ALL MY NEEDS ON MY OWN. SO A FRIEND OF MINE SUGGESTED THAT I ATTEND OR GO TO THE ST. BARNABAS SENIOR CENTER AND SEE IF I COULD GET SOME HELP THERE. AND I WAS ABLE TO GET HELP WITH NUTRITION. I WAS ABLE TO GET HELP WITH HOUSING ISSUES AND I WAS ABLE TO GET HELP WITH INSURANCE ISSUES. AND WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO SAY IS IS THAT THERE ARE MANY SENIORS OUT THERE JUST LIKE ME. A LOT OF THEM HAVE NO IDEA WHERE TO GO AS I DID NOT. SOMEONE HAD TO POINT ME IN THAT DIRECTION. BUT I'M VERY HAPPY THAT THEY DID POINT ME IN THAT DIRECTION. AND I AM VERY HAPPY THAT I WAS ABLE TO GET ASSISTANCE WITH ALL OF THE THINGS OR A LOT OF THE THINGS THAT I NEED. I'M AN ADVOCATE OF ALL OF THESE PROGRAMS THROUGH THE ST. BARNABAS SENIOR CENTER, AS WELL. AND I JUST HOPE THAT WE WOULD BE ABLE TO CONTINUE TO DO THESE THINGS FOR THE SENIORS BECAUSE IT IS A SERVICE. IT IS AN IMPORTANT SERVICE. AND IT IS VERY NEEDED. THANK YOU.</p>	<p>Community Services (WDACS), the City of LA's Department of Aging, Senior Centers located throughout the County, and the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA). Together we launched an older adults pilot program in March 2018 in five senior centers. The pilot program will allow us to explore ways in which the older adults system and homeless services system can support one another. While there is not specific funding set aside for older adults, we realize that this population has unique needs and we are working to strengthen both systems through ongoing collaboration with the partners mentioned.</p>
<p>I HAVE COME FROM GRIFFITH PARK ADULT COMMUNITY CENTER. I'VE BEEN INVOLVED AND I AM A SENIOR GOING ON 82. AND I HAVE BECOME, SINCE 2000, BEEN AWARE OF THE NEEDS OF OLDER CITIZENS IN L.A. I'M ALSO PART OF AGENTS FOR CHANGE. AND I'M ALSO WRITING A COLUMN IN THE -- LEDGER ABOUT SENIOR ISSUES. AND AS BRANDY SAID, THERE'S GOING TO BE 25 PERCENT OF US IN THIS CITY WILL BE 65 AND OLDER, AND WE HAVE NEEDS. I WOULD LIKE TO ADVOCATE FUNDING SPECIFICALLY THAT WILL ADDRESS SENIOR CENTERS BECAUSE THEY ARE THE HUBS WHERE PEOPLE COME TO WHETHER IT'S FOR A MEAL OR WHETHER IT'S FOR SOCIAL OR FOR LEARNING NEW SKILLS, FOR ACTIVITIES AND PARTICULARLY NEED FOR TRANSPORTATION AND SO FORTH. BUT PARTICULARLY WE NEED A SYSTEM WHERE THERE IS SOCIAL SERVICE PEOPLE, CASE MANAGERS, WHO CAN ASSESS EASILY AND QUICKLY WHAT THE PROBLEM IS BUT ALSO HOW TO CONNECT THESE PEOPLE TO WHERE EVER THAT WOULD MATCH THEIR PROBLEM. THERE'S A BIG LACK IN L.A. CITY TO THAT. SO IF THAT WOULD FUND THAT TO SUPPORT THE FACILITY DIRECTORS AND THE PEOPLE MANAGING THE SENIOR CENTERS SO WE DON'T JUST SHRUG OUR SHOULDERS OR WE</p>	<p>The Homeless Initiative has an ongoing partnership with the Department of Workforce Development, Aging, and Community Services (WDACS), the City of LA's Department of Aging, Senior Centers located throughout the County, and the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA). Together we launched an older adults pilot program in March 2018 in five senior centers. The pilot program will allow us to explore ways in which the older adults system and homeless services system can support one another. While there is not specific funding set aside for older adults, we realize that this population has unique needs and we are working to strengthen both systems through ongoing collaboration with the partners mentioned.</p>

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<p>CAN'T DO ANYTHING, WE DON'T KNOW WHERE TO GO TO GET HELP FOR THOSE PARTICULAR, ALL THE PEOPLE WILL BE TALKING ABOUT THOSE INDIVIDUAL PROBLEMS, THEY'RE THIS AT THE SENIOR CENTERS. SO FUNDING TO SUPPORT THOSE PLACES. THANK YOU.</p>	
<p>THANK YOU. HONORABLE BOARD AND ATTENDEES, I AM ALSO WITH THE GRIFFITH PARK ADULT COMMUNITY CENTER AND AN AGENT FOR CHANGE FOR ST. BARNABAS. I HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO SEE SENIORS AROUND ME WHO ARE IN NEED. ONE OF OUR CLOSE FRIENDS AT JPACK, OR GRIFFITH PARK, IS A PERSON WHO RECENTLY HAD A STROKE. I WAS UNABLE TO HELP HER BECAUSE AFTER HER STROKE, SHE COULDN'T SPEAK. I CAN'T COMMUNICATE WITH HER TO DATE BECAUSE OF THESE SPEECH PROBLEMS. AND I'M ADVOCATING FOR FUNDING TO ADD ADDITIONAL SUPPORT SERVICES TO THE SENIOR CENTER TO BE ABLE TO HELP PERSONS LIKE HER. I FEEL THAT BY ADDING THIS FUNDING TO THESE SENIOR CENTERS, WE WILL, FIRST OF ALL, BE AVOIDING FURTHER COMPLICATIONS TO THE INDIVIDUAL WHICH CAN HAPPEN, ESPECIALLY UNDER THOSE CIRCUMSTANCES. WE WILL ALSO BE PROVIDING A VALUABLE LIAISON TO THE RIGHT AGENCIES WHO CAN HELP HER OUT IN A TIMELY WAY. WE ALSO WILL BE ESTABLISHING CONTINUING CONNECTIONS TO OTHER SENIORS FOR THESE SERVICES. I HOPE THAT YOU WILL HELP US IN THESE EFFORTS. THANK YOU.</p>	<p>The Homeless Initiative has an ongoing partnership with the Department of Workforce Development, Aging, and Community Services (WDACS), the City of LA's Department of Aging, Senior Centers located throughout the County, and the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA). Together we launched an older adults pilot program in March 2018 in five senior centers. The pilot program will allow us to explore ways in which the older adults system and homeless services system can support one another. While there is not specific funding set aside for older adults, we realize that this population has unique needs and we are working to strengthen both systems through ongoing collaboration with the partners mentioned.</p>



**STRATEGY B1: PROVIDE SUBSIDIZED HOUSING TO HOMELESS DISABLED INDIVIDUALS PURSUING SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME**

COMMENT	RESPONSE
Drug testing. Denial of section 8 for those abusing substances. Denial for known or suspected gang members.	To be eligible for a Strategy B1 subsidy, an individual must be receiving General Relief, disabled and applying for Supplemental Security Income (SSI).
How are the unique needs of people with HIV/AIDS being met? People with HIV/AIDS can access different programs. Are efforts being taken to assist in accessing those programs?	To be eligible for a Strategy B1 subsidy, an individual must be receiving General Relief, disabled and applying for Supplemental Security Income (SSI). This includes individuals meeting the criteria who are disabled due to HIV/AIDS.

**STRATEGY B3: EXPAND RAPID REHOUSING**

COMMENT	RESPONSE
<p>Rapid rehousing is especially important to those serving older persons. The paucity of housing resources makes this event more critical. Recommend that LA City and County Area Agencies on Aging be consulted on best approaches to ensure that the unique need of older adult are being addressed.</p>	<p>Thank you. The Homeless Initiative has an ongoing partnership with the Department of Workforce Development, Aging, and Community Services (WDACS), the City of LA’s Department of Aging, Senior Centers located throughout the County, and the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA). Together we launched an older adults pilot program beginning in March 2018 in five senior centers. The pilot program will allow us to explore ways in which the older adults’ system and homeless services system can support one another. With regard to Rapid Re-Housing, data from the first two quarters of Measure H implementation indicates that 1,081 adults 55 and older were served in the program (or 8% of the total served).</p>
<p>Although homeless older adults are not the primary population enrolling in RRH, they may be a good fit for the shallow subsidy program because they have a fixed income. Indeed, LAHSA’s In Focus on Older Adults specifically mentions the B3 shallow subsidy as a strategy that should be targeted to older adults. I agree with LAHSA’s recommendation.</p>	<p>Thank you. LAHSA is currently conducting analyses of rapid rehousing data to inform program design for the shallow subsidy program. Next steps in the development of the program include: releasing a request for information to gauge interest and capacity of potential contractors for this program; engaging a researcher to work with LAHSA to finalize the program design; and bringing a final program implementation plan back to the Homeless Services Board Deputies. The needs of older adults will factor into the program design process.</p>
<p>Downtown Women’s Center supports this funding, and we know it works particularly well for domestic violence survivors who become homeless.</p>	<p>Thank you.</p>

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<p>In the city not in unincorporated neighborhoods with little support systems such as hospitals, sheriff stations</p>	<p>The B3 Rapid Re-Housing Program is deployed Countywide in both incorporated cities and unincorporated areas.</p>
<p>My name is Erika Herod and I am a Peer Navigator at Safe Place for Youth. Additionally, I am direct recipient of the efforts you put forth to create rapid rehousing opportunities for young people. Before rapid rehousing I was struggling a lot to find housing. Every time I took one positive step forward, thinking to myself "I'm almost there," something negative always came up to push me two steps right back. My experience with trying to find housing on my own was so difficult because they ask for credit history, \$40 fee for background checks, first and second months rent, and a security deposit. Sometimes you may not have all that money and some places aren't as nice to young people who are homeless. That's what went on in my head every time we looked at apartments and people weren't generous in the process. I got scammed out of \$1200 just trying to find a home for my boyfriend who was also homeless, my kitten and myself. The person knew of our situation, we were in conversation with him for about 3-4 months, we sent him all the money we had to start moving in, and after we sent him the money, he was nowhere to be found. This all happened on my boyfriend's birthday- it was so frustrating to not have money, food and at that point, no a home either. Situations like this is why I'm grateful that you have given me this opportunity to be able to have supportive housing.</p> <p>With this opportunity, I have been able to apply for college to get my degree in Social Work and get a stable job without having to worry if they won't hire me because of my clothes. I am able to take care of myself and cope with all the trauma I endured growing up. Having the opportunity to</p>	<p>Thank you for sharing your inspiring story, Erika. Your hard work and dedication has paid off and you are an important part of the system that is now helping other young people to become housed. Rapid Re-Housing targeting youth is an important part of the expansion of the Coordinated Entry System for Youth that is underway with Measure H funds.</p> <p>We will continue to look at ways in which to strengthen our housing resources for youth and assist as many as possible with permanent housing resources. Our target for FY 18-19 is to provide rapid re-housing services to 534 youth.</p>

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get housing made me feel safer and less stressed, not having to worry about my safety at my past housing situation and where I was going to go at night after I was forced out. I am thankful that housing programs like this were made because I don't know how I would've been able to rise from my situation without this help.

I think it is very important that other youth have this opportunity because I know how it feels to not be able to call a place home and to not feel safe where you are. Everyone wants a place to themselves and a place where they can relax and not have to worry "who is going to hurt me today and when". Having this push helps us, and by receiving the services we need, in return we can show you how successful we can be. I am an example of that. I never gave up no matter how hard situations were, and I always kept a smiling face because I knew that there were people like you out there who wanted to help and took initiative to raise as much public funds as possible to help young kids get their lives back together. I see that as an act of kindness and it shows us that you care enough and that you have hope that we will succeed and thrive with the opportunities you give us. You're showing that you trust the young people to take on a huge responsibility such as housing.

If I had \$355 million dollars to end homelessness this year I would double the number of rapid rehousing options for young people experiencing homelessness so that no young person is left behind on the streets having to suffer some of the ways that I did. I would start getting in contact with any construction company that could build affordable housing and any city official that could approve the projects, and then I would designate them for young people. With all

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<p>that money, I would work so hard to make sure that every young person has housing, so that there's no more babies on the street with their young parents, no more stressed out young people because they don't have privacy and a place to stay permanently. I would expand shelters or use different, open spaces to build temporary shelter for people to use while they wait to find their rapid rehousing apartment or house. Money doesn't buy happiness but it will buy lots of housing for young people who were cast out into the world with nothing but clothes on their backs and their amazing positive mindsets.</p> <p>Thank you for doing what you do.</p>	
<p>At Safe Place for Youth our mission is to inspire, nurture, and empower the resilient human spirit of homeless youth by providing immediate and lasting solutions, one young person at a time. In 2017, we served 1,100 young people ages 12 to 25 through our outreach and drop-in center services in Venice, CA. These young people are creative, resourceful, generous, and kind. With support, their experiences of homelessness can be brief, and their talents, skills, and dreams can be realized, shared with the broader society. However, without intervention these young people face victimization, criminalization, illness, and enduring poverty that often impacts the rest of their adults lives. This suffering is not only immoral; it is also preventable.</p> <p>Since the rollout of the Youth Coordinated Entry System in 2016, 63 SPY members have been housed through Rapid rehousing, thanks to close partnerships with PATH, St. Joseph Center, Home At Last, and The People Concern. These young people have thrived, taking on new</p>	<p>Thank you for your feedback. It is great to hear about your success in permanently housing 63 youth on the Westside of Los Angeles through partnership and investment in housing resources. Rapid re-housing for youth is an important investment towards addressing youth homelessness.</p> <p>The HI and LAHSA have proposed to use a portion of B3 funding to facilitate interim housing for participants enrolled in rapid re-housing who are in the process of locating housing. We are targeting this to assist 752 households, including adults, families and youth. Additionally, the FY 2018-19 funding proposal for Strategy B3 includes an increase in rapid re-housing funding that will serve an additional 98 youth, for a total of 534 youth served through rapid re-housing annually.</p>

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challenges, addressing old wounds, and embedding themselves in their local communities. For these young people, rapid rehousing has acted as protection and motivation, and as a form of affirmation that we as a community understand the precariousness of their unhoused condition and care enough to intervene.

When looking at the most recent Housing Gaps Analysis published by LAHSA, it identifies a shortfall of 313 rapid rehousing units for youth. Under the proposed Measure H Budget for FY18-19 a total of 752 rapid rehousing units for both individuals, families, and youth would be brought on in the next year. This budget does not specify how many of these units are set aside for youth, and so we implore to Board of Supervisors to set aside at least 33% of these slots to youth. Research shows that many older adults experiencing chronic homelessness first experienced homelessness in their late teens and early 20's. Had these individuals received intervention early in life they might have been spared years of trauma and living on the streets. Further, our current homelessness crisis might have been stemmed substantially.

Rapid rehousing is an incredible intervention for youth, particularly when coupled with Education and Employment programming, as young people are able to stabilize and adjust relatively quickly. It is the logical resource of choice for a population who is eager to find independence and self-reliance, as is developmentally typical for this cohort. If I had \$355 million dollars to end homelessness this year, I would double the number of rapid rehousing options for young people experiencing homelessness so that no young person is left behind on the streets. I would specifically call

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<p>out and tailor the service to youth, because while young people can be serve on Adult rapid rehousing contracts, ultimately what’s available to them through the Youth System is more supportive and better suited to their needs. It is critical that we catch these young people early, before their experiences of homelessness become long-lasting. The passage of a Measure H budget which looks to prioritize and uplift youth will pave the way for thousands of young people to live safer, healthier, more fulfilled lives. It will pave the way for a safer, healthier, more fulfilled Los Angeles County.</p>	
<p>Of RRH and PSH, we favor more PSH resources than RRH. Currently it is reversed. In the current rental market, RRH is an effective and long term solution in very few cases, since the income level individuals and families need to attain and sustain to afford current rent prices is so high. RRH could benefit from lower caseload ratios so that case managers can dedicate more time to each person or family served.</p>	<p>Thank you for your feedback. We understand the challenges of the current rental market. The forthcoming shallow subsidy program, which will provide longer term rental subsidies to certain Rapid Re-Housing participants will help to address some of the challenges created by very high rental rates. PSH is a priority for Measure H funding, and we are closing the PSH supply gap more quickly than the RRH gap.</p> <p>Based on the funding levels recommended, the PSH gap for FY2018-19 will be 47.3% of need, compared to 66.8% of need for RRH. There is a lot of work to be done in closing both of these gaps, but we are committed to funding appropriate housing solutions for our homeless neighbors, based on what works best for their particular needs.</p>
<p>Although homeless older adults are not the primary population enrolling in rapid rehousing (RRH) because they typically are unable to increase their income through employment, those that are enrolled in RRH are a good fit for the shallow subsidy program. The 3-5 year duration of the shallow subsidy would provide ample time to help get</p>	<p>Thank you. LAHSA is currently conducting analyses of rapid rehousing data to inform program design for the shallow subsidy program. Next steps in the development of the program include: releasing a request for information to gauge interest and capacity of potential contractors for this program; engaging a researcher to work with LAHSA to</p>

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<p>seniors on 55+ housing waitlists. Further, older adults have fixed incomes, so they may need more time to secure permanent affordable housing. In conclusion, the older adults exiting RRH are a perfect target population for the shallow subsidy being piloted by the CoC, and LAHSA's In Focus on Older Adults specifically mentions the B3 shallow subsidy as a strategy that should be targeted to older adults. We agree wholeheartedly with LAHSA's recommendation.</p>	<p>finalize the program design; and bringing a final program implementation plan back to the Homeless Services Board Deputies. The needs of older adults will factor into the program design process.</p>
<p>Although there is no proposed increase for Strategy B3 (Rapid Rehousing), there has been an increase in slots for single adults and families. While young people could potentially benefit from slots allocated for single adults, we recommend youth-specific slots to ensure developmentally appropriate services.</p>	<p>Thank you. In the first two quarters of Measure H implementation, LAHSA reports that 135 youth were newly enrolled in Rapid Re-Housing Programs, an average of 23 per month. A total of 291 youth were served during the first two quarters. LAHSA projects that 30 youth per month will be newly enrolled in FY 2018-19, an increase of approximately 25 percent from 2017-18.</p>



**STRATEGY B4: FACILITATE UTILIZATION OF FEDERAL HOUSING SUBSIDIES**

COMMENT	RESPONSE
<p>In the city, not in unincorporated neighborhoods with few supports such as sheriff stations.</p>	<p>The B4 program is in effect across the County within the geographic jurisdictional boundaries of the participating Public Housing Authorities. Most County residents live in areas where the B4 program is in effect.</p>
<p>The Violence Against Women Act recognizes domestic abuse in same-sex couples and bisexuals in opposite sex relationships. How are B4 strategies addressing the needs of LGBTQ people?</p>	<p>B4 provides incentives to landlords to accept subsidized housing vouchers. The programs seeks to meet the needs of all eligible participants, including LGBTQ people.</p>
<p>I also support the increased funding recommendation for landlord incentives for homeless Section 8 voucher holders from \$3,500 to \$3,700 per household (Strategy B4).</p>	<p>Thank you.</p>

**STRATEGY B6: FAMILY REUNIFICATION HOUSING SUBSIDIES**

COMMENT	RESPONSE
<p>For the city with strong sheriff support not for unincorporated neighborhoods</p>	<p>Strategy B6 focuses on reunifying families where the children are in out-of-home care and the only barrier to reunifying the family is the homelessness of the parents. Strategy B6 provides for a rental subsidy for the compliant parents to reunify with their child/ren.</p>
<p>How are the needs of LGBTQ youth being met? 2. Studies indicate that about 40% of homeless youth are LGBTQ. Often they are homeless because their families kicked them out or made life at home too unbearable. “Reunification” is problematic for these kids. It puts them at risk for potential suicide or other self destructive behavior. How are the needs of these kids being met? Are these kids being pressured to return to hostile families? 3. Often the source of the family’s distain is faith based. Are faith based providers being screened for acceptance of LGBTQ people? What is that screening process?</p>	<p>Strategy B6 focuses on reunifying families where the children are in out-of-home care and the only barrier to reunifying the family is the homelessness of the parent(s). Strategy B6 provides for a rental subsidy for the compliant parent(s) to reunify the family. This includes ensuring that culturally appropriate services are provided for all populations, including children who identify as LGBTQ. All service providers, including faith-based service providers, are required to provide culturally appropriate services to all populations, including children who identify as LGBTQ.</p>

**STRATEGY B7: INTERIM/BRIDGE HOUSING FOR THOSE EXITING INSTITUTIONS**

COMMENT	RESPONSE
<p>Older adults experiencing homelessness have more complex needs, exit institutions (e.g., hospitals) and need access to higher levels of care compared to other homeless populations. As a result, they need prioritized access to resources such as recuperative care, board &amp; care and assisted living.</p>	<p>Strategy B7 funds "recuperative care beds" for those exiting hospitals who no longer need hospitalization, but have no safe place to recover, as well as other transitional beds for those exiting jails, mental health facilities, and substance use institutions. Through Homeless Initiative strategies B7 and E8, DHS/DMH are adding 900 interim housing beds for individuals with complex health and/or behavioral health conditions. Among these are recuperative care beds for clients with high acuity needs, including older adults experiencing homelessness. Through Homeless Initiative strategy D7, clients are matched to permanent supportive housing including board and care when appropriate for the client.</p>
<p>If you're increasing shelter by \$2 million, there needs to be a concurrent increase for PSH at the same funding amount.</p>	<p>Through Homeless Initiative strategy D7, the number of Measure H funded permanent supportive housing slots is 2,500 in FY 17/18, 5,450 in FY 18/19, and 7,850 in FY 19/20. FY 18/19 and 19/20 are dependent on funding approval by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors.</p>
<p>Our desert is not a dumping ground we are away from anything here and you want to dump so poor souls in here AWAY from your EYES</p>	<p>The goal is to increase robust shelter Countywide. If agencies apply for, and are awarded B7 funding, interim/bridge housing will be sited in the area proposed by the provider.</p>
<p>Near the judge and lawyers and police, not unincorporated neighborhoods with few supports to prevent crime</p>	<p>Strategy B7 is deployed Countywide in both incorporated cities and unincorporated areas.</p>
<p>HASC appreciates the work undertaken to launch bridge housing and appreciates the increased investment that is</p>	<p>The HI has and will continue to work with HASC on this issue/strategy. LAHSA does not accept referrals as they</p>

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<p>being proposed under this strategy. This strategy is certainly serves those individuals who meet program criteria as they exit a hospital as an inpatient. HASC does recommend that as recuperative care is expanded that it include a mental health component for individuals that are not acute but can benefit from this service similar to those who are accepted for a medical condition.</p> <p>In addition, HASC would recommend that the Homeless Initiative explore a process of expanding this service/strategy to individuals who are in the ED, but do not meet inpatient admission criteria. HASC welcomes the opportunity to work Homeless Initiative on further developing this proposal.</p> <p>How are referrals to this strategy referred to LAHSA in terms of individuals who simply require shelter under strategy E8?</p>	<p>are not a service provider. LAHSA funds agencies that provide bridge housing to those exiting jails; the County jail system makes the referrals to agencies. Other referrals are made by the health agency providers. Through Homeless Initiative strategies B7 and E8, DHS/DMH are adding 900 interim housing beds for individuals with complex health and/or behavioral health conditions including recuperative care beds for clients with high acuity needs. These beds serve individuals with behavioral health conditions and individuals using hospital emergency rooms, among others.</p>
<p>In the 2017 Homeless Count, the number of older adults experiencing homelessness rose 16% from 2016, with older women almost twice as likely to as men to live in poverty. Benefits and income from Social Security have not kept pace with rising rents across L.A. County and there are only 7,800 affordable units designated for seniors to serve the 125,000 low income seniors in the City of Los Angeles (LAHSA, Homelessness and Aging in the LA CoC). These trends are likely to continue and the CEO Homeless Initiative, through Measure H funding, can better prepare for the aging population by proactively investing in building new and retrofitting existing interim/bridge housing for older adults.</p> <p>Older adults experiencing homelessness have more</p>	<p>Many older adults experiencing homelessness are currently receiving homeless services; the HI and its partner agencies are actively seeking ways to ensure that these services are as effective as possible.</p> <p>B7 does take medical needs of "older adults" into consideration and is designed to address said needs. Ramps, hand rails, etc., are capital costs not funded under B7; however, B7 providers do need to comply with ADA requirements for hand rails, etc. B7, and the beds funded by B7, do address more complex needs for seniors and all other age groups. That said, prioritization is based on acuity level and need, not age.</p>

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<p>complex needs as they exit institutions (e.g., hospitals) and need access to higher levels of care compared to other homeless populations. As a result, they need prioritized access to resources such as recuperative care, board &amp; care and assisted living that takes into account needs related to aging conditions such as ramps, handrails, wide hallways, clear signage, screening for fall risks, and coordinated linkage to supportive services. In many cases, older adults may be experiencing homelessness for the first time due to a health or financial crisis and are often ill-equipped to advocate on their own behalf for these specialized services and amenities.</p> <p>For older adults with complex health and mental health needs requiring placement in a skilled nursing facility, there is an existing process in place. Institutionalization in a nursing home is one of the most costly and resource-intensive interventions that often may not be necessary if an older adult can be placed safely in the community with appropriate supportive services. Older adults have been able to successfully share housing or be placed in a board &amp; care facility that provides social support and is much less expensive than a nursing home.</p> <p>Ultimately, older adults also should be prioritized for interim and bridge housing that can support the often complex needs they face as they transition out of institutions. Planning and funding allocation decisions should involve the Area Agencies on Aging and the L.A. County Commission for Older Adults to ensure that these concerns are addressed by this strategy.</p>	<p>Through HI strategies B7 and E8, 900 new interim housing beds for individuals with complex health and/or behavioral health conditions are being added in FY 2018-19. Through HI strategy D7, clients are matched to permanent supportive housing including board and care and shared housing as appropriate for the client. All clients receiving services through D7 receive onsite or mobile supportive services. B7 and E8 interim housing beds and D7 permanent housing units include a range of accessible beds/units for clients with disabilities and mobility challenges.</p>
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<p>We are expanding our capacity this year in Los Angeles as we renovate and rebuild a site in the Pico Union community. This 62-bed site will expand bridge and crisis housing for homeless clients who are eligible for our programs. We support the overall increases in Interim/Bridge Housing (Strategy B7) and Emergency Shelter (Strategy E8) as this will increase the overall capacity of bridge and crisis beds throughout Los Angeles County. The increase in funding for 87 to extend beds to be used from 6 to 12 months will address the challenges faced by homeless people who are waiting to be placed in housing. Increasing funding for ES is needed as the crisis in shelter and housing continues to displace people in the streets. We are advocating for additional resources as the current bed rate that is allowed in contracts for bridge and crisis is not sufficient for the homeless population we serve. We currently rent from motel owners in the San Gabriel Valley and the Midtown area in the City of Los Angeles. Funding we receive from our Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) contract is \$50 per day per client, and is not sufficient to cover the full cost of providing the scope of services contractually required. Fixed and variable costs for these much-needed services not only include the obvious bed/facility rental costs, but also includes food, case management, security, maintenance, Human Resources, housekeeping, and general program and client supplies, totaling approximately \$135 per day. We therefore are requesting the County reconsider increasing the reimbursement rate for bridge and crisis housing, so that it more closely reflects the actual costs of providing the service.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comment. Your points regarding bed rate and services are well taken. Strategy B7 and the shelter beds paid for under this strategy support a new approach to shelter. B7 providers are required to provide more robust services and allow clients to remain in shelter for longer periods of time than historically allowed. B7 providers are provided funding at a level that supports this new approach and provides a better opportunity to transition to PSH.</p>
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<p>The CEO's proposals to fully address the shortfall in interim housing as identified in the 2018 Gaps Analysis prepared by the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) brings much-needed focus to the immediate needs of persons experiencing homelessness as we develop supportive housing solutions. I am eager to partner with the County to develop interim housing facilities for the 25,237 unsheltered persons in the City. At the City's request, LAHSA's FY 2018-19 Measure 1-1 Strategy ES proposal requests operating funds for 122 new interim housing beds in the City, including the 60-bed facility we are constructing at the El Pueblo Historic Monument. We continue to assess City-owned property for interim housing facilities and look forward to Measure H support for services on these sites.</p>	<p>Thank you. The County's Measure H will focus on increasing opportunities for our homeless neighbors Countywide.</p>
<p>Per LA County demographics, the majority of individuals exiting institutions are African American. Many are unable to find employment and housing due to their criminal records. This has resulted in increased recidivism. More interim/bridge housing is essential to help solve this issue.</p>	<p>Agreed! The HI is dedicated to lowering recidivism rates for the homeless population and is working closely with the LASD and other partners to that end. Through Homeless Initiative strategies B7 and E8, 900 interim housing beds for individuals with complex health and/or behavioral health conditions, including clients with criminal justice histories, are being added in FY 2018-19. These beds provide more robust services and case management, as well as longer client stays if required.</p>
<p>THANK YOU, I'LL MAKE THIS BRIEF. THANK YOU AGAIN. MY NAME IS RON ZOBOLISH. AND I AM FORMERLY HOMELESS OLDER ADULT FROM ONE GENERATION SENIOR CENTER. AND I MAY NEED ASSISTED LIVING IN THE FUTURE, BUT RECEIVE SSI AND CAN'T AFFORD ONE RIGHT NOW. DOES MEASURE UP TO H, MEASURE H PROVIDING FUNDING FOR HOMELESS SENIORS WHO NEED A HIGHER LEVEL OF CARE BUT DO NOT NEED NURSING HOME PLACEMENTS. I DON'T KNOW HOW ELSE TO ASK, BUT I'VE BEEN</p>	<p>The Homeless Initiative has an ongoing partnership with the Department of Workforce Development, Aging, and Community Services (WDACS), the City of LA's Department of Aging, Senior Centers located throughout the County, and the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA). Together we launched an older adults pilot program in March 2018 in five senior centers. The pilot program will allow us to explore ways in which the older</p>

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<p>HOMELESS TWICE, INCLUDING RECENTLY, JUST THREE YEARS AGO. ALL I CAN SAY IS WE SENIORS NEED HELP. THANK YOU.</p>	<p>adults system and homeless services system can support one another. While there is not specific funding set aside for older adults, we realize that this population has unique needs and we are working to strengthen both systems through ongoing collaboration among the partners mentioned above.</p>
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**STRATEGY C2: INCREASE EMPLOYMENT FOR HOMELESS ADULTS BY SUPPORTING SOCIAL ENTERPRISE**

COMMENT	RESPONSE
<p>The City of Los Angeles Dept of Aging's Older Workers Employment pilot program targeting homeless older adults has successfully demonstrated the importance and viability of jobs training and social supports to increase the economic security of older persons. Recommend expansion and duplication of this effort.</p>	<p>The Homeless Initiative has an ongoing partnership with the Department of Workforce Development, Aging, and Community Services (WDACS), the City of LA's Department of Aging, Senior Centers located throughout the County, and the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA). Together we are launching an older adults pilot program in five senior centers. The pilot program will allow us to explore ways in which the olderadults system and homeless services system can support one another. While there is not specific funding set aside for older adults, we realize that this population has unique needs and we are working to strengthen both systems through ongoing collaboration with the partners mentioned.</p>
<p>Downtown Women's Center supports this funding; we know from our positive outcomes with the LA:RISE program that social enterprises launch formerly homeless folks into mainstream employment.</p>	<p>Thank you.</p>
<p>Absolutely NO SUPPORT here in Lake Los Angeles, we dont have any jobs here for us so... what is it ??? you just want to clean your city so the greedy landlords can make more money!!!</p>	<p>The crisis of homelessness affects every community in LA County. No single community, agency, or individual bears complete responsibility for combatting homelessness nor has the ability to do so alone. But together, we can maximize the impact of Measure H-funded strategies and programs so that thousands of our neighbors can get the housing and services they need. We hope that you will support the efforts of County Departments, cities, faith organizations, and community-based service providers in</p>

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	our commitment to combatting and preventing homelessness throughout the County.
For non violent, non criminals, non gang members, non drug abusers, they may clean the roads. There are no other jobs in an unincorporated neighborhood.	C2 strategies serve participants Countywide and will be deployed in both incorporated cities and unincorporated areas.
Funding for Strategy C2 (Increase Employment for Homeless Adults by Supporting Social Enterprise) was decreased by \$2M due to the remaining dollars for one-time funding, which is being carried over into the next year. We would like to know how many of these enrollees were young adults. If utilization was not proportionate to the population, this strategy could have missed an opportunity to engage young adults.	<p>Currently 622 individuals are being served by the LA:RISE program funded through an LA City/County of LA partnership. 216, or 35% of these, are young adults between the ages of 18 and 24. Measure H funding has enabled 332 of the 622 participants to participate in the expanded of LA:RISE. Young adults represent 36% of those served by Measure H-funded LA:RISE and 35% of those served by the overall City/County-funded LA:RISE. By comparison, young adults represent 10% (5,645) of the overall unsheltered homeless population and 8% (3,447) of the sheltered homeless population (as per the 2017 Homeless County Results for the Los Angeles Continuum of Care for 2016-2017).</p> <p>Measure H funds allocated to C2 were not fully expended in the 2017/18 fiscal year because of the labor-intensive processes involved with ramping up services. These include setting up the infrastructure for expansion, developing the capacity of Social Enterprises (SEs) to serve additional clients, and contracting with providers through County-approved processes. SE capacity development involves assisting SEs in developing their internal fiscal and administrative capacities to be able to serve additional clients and provide supportive services. There are a limited number of SEs in the LA region and many of them have never secured contracts with a government entity. Through our efforts, only 7 SE's have been identified as possessing</p>

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	<p>the potential to expand and/or serve LA:RISE participants and 3 of those have capacity to serve 15 or fewer clients. Presently, WDACS is working with the SEs to provide technical assistance to help expand both service and fiscal capacity in order to implement programming Countywide.</p>
<p>More funding is needed to help support social enterprise because of its proven effectiveness in creating jobs for homeless individuals. Including trauma informed support services and case management can help employees with lived experience retain their jobs.</p>	<p>As a part of strategy C2, the County is working to expand the LA:RISE program, which provides subsidized employment and wraparound services in a social enterprise supportive work environment. The recommended funding for FY18-19 for this work is \$2 million, which will come from previously allocated one-time Homeless Initiative funds.</p>
<p>We should consider looking at work that is outsourced by Silicon Beach companies and studios to create jobs locally. A partnership with local tech companies to provide subsidized job training and internships could be an innovative way to grow job opportunities. Subsidized employment for individuals returning to the workforce can give them the boost they need to become self-sufficient and stably housed.</p>	<p>Thank you for your feedback. Subsidized employment is a key element of the LA:RISE model to assist those experiencing homelessness and related barriers to secure employment. The Business Services and Strategic Partnerships team at the Los Angeles County Workforce Development, Aging, and Community Services Department (WDACS) is working hard to partner with LA companies that can provide employment opportunities for participants. Information technology is one of the region's growth industries and WDACS Business Services is developing relationships with businesses in this industry. As the team outreaches to these businesses, it looks to develop partnerships that include developing opportunities to place both youth and adults into paid work experience opportunities, on-the-job training, and unsubsidized employment opportunities within these businesses. The LA:RISE model of subsidized transitional employment paired with workforce development and supportive services aims to prepare homeless or formerly homeless individuals for career pathways that can lead to self-sufficiency and help them remain housed.</p>

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**STRATEGY C4, C5, C6: COUNTYWIDE SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY/SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY INCOME AND VETERANS BENEFITS ADVOCACY**

COMMENT	RESPONSE
Not HERE - those are Palmdale, Lancaster and LA problems	The crisis of homelessness affects every community in LA County, and the Countywide Benefits Entitlement Services Teams (CBEST) provide benefits advocacy services to anyone in the County experiencing homelessness.
Do not rehome in unincorporated neighborhoods if known drug abusers, gang members, or just out of jail	Countywide Benefits Entitlement Services Teams (CBEST) provide benefits advocacy services countywide and connect individuals experiencing homelessness and applying for Supplemental Security Income (SSI)/ Veterans Benefits based on the individual's needs and available resources.
How are the needs of people with HIV/AIDS being addressed?	Countywide Benefits Entitlement Services Teams (CBEST) provide benefits advocacy services to individuals who are homeless, or at risk of homelessness and are disabled and applying for Supplemental Security Income (SSI). This includes individuals who are disabled due to HIV/AIDS.
The Community Clinic Association of Los Angeles County commends the Department of Health Services for engaging clinics on CBEST efforts. We would like to continue to see CBEST conduct trainings for medical providers on how to complete medical documentation for SSI benefits applicants. We would also recommend for CBEST to allocate funding for a pilot program that would co-locate CBEST advocates at clinic sites.	Thank you for your comment. Ongoing training opportunities are being scheduled with community clinics and expanded access in community locations is being explored.

**STRATEGY C7: SUBSIDIZED EMPLOYMENT FOR HOMELESS ADULTS**

COMMENT	RESPONSE
<p>We should consider looking at work that is outsourced by Silicon Beach companies and studios to create jobs locally. A partnership with local tech companies to provide subsidized job training and internships could be an innovative way to grow job opportunities. Subsidized employment for individuals returning to the workforce can give them the boost they need to become self-sufficient and stably housed.</p>	<p>Subsidized employment is a key element of the LA:RISE model to assist those experiencing homelessness and related barriers to secure employment . The Business Services and Strategic Partnerships team at the Los Angeles County Workforce Development, Aging, and Community Services Department (WDACS) is working hard to partner with LA companies that can provide employment opportunities for participants. Information technology is one of the region's growth industries and WDACS Business Services is developing relationships with businesses in this industry. As the team outreaches to these businesses, it looks to develop partnerships that include developing opportunities to place both youth and adults into paid work experience opportunities, on-the-job training, and unsubsidized employment opportunities within these businesses. The LA:RISE model of subsidized transitional employment paired with workforce development and supportive services aims to prepare homeless or formerly homeless individuals for career pathways that can lead to self-sufficiency and help them remain housed.</p>

**STRATEGY D2: JAIL IN-REACH**

COMMENT	RESPONSE
WE DONT HAVE HOMELESS HERE IN LAKE LA	The crisis of homelessness affects every community in LA County. No single community, agency, or individual bears complete responsibility for combatting homelessness nor has the ability to do so on their own. But together, we can maximize the impact of Measure H-funded strategies and programs so that thousands of our neighbors can get the housing and services they need. We hope that you will support the efforts of County Departments, cities, faith organizations, and community-based service providers in our commitment to combatting and preventing homelessness throughout the County.
Not in unincorporated neighborhoods	Strategy D2 is deployed in jail facilities across the County.

**STRATEGY D4: REGIONAL INTEGRATED RE-ENTRY NETWORK**

COMMENT	RESPONSE
NOT HERE	The crisis of homelessness affects every community in LA County. No single community, agency, or individual bears complete responsibility for combatting homelessness nor has the ability to end it on their own. But together, we can maximize the impact of Measure H-funded strategies and programs so that thousands of our neighbors can get the housing and services they need. We hope that you will support the efforts of County Departments, agencies, faith organizations, and community-based service providers in our commitment to combatting and preventing homelessness.
Not in unincorporated neighborhoods	The crisis of homelessness affects every community in LA County. No single community, agency, or individual bears complete responsibility for combatting homelessness nor has the ability to end it on their own. But together, we can maximize the impact of Measure H-funded strategies and programs so that thousands of our neighbors can get the housing and services they need. We hope that you will support the efforts of County Departments, agencies, faith organizations, and community-based service providers in our commitment to combatting and preventing homelessness.

**STRATEGY D6: CRIMINAL RECORD CLEARING PROJECT**

COMMENT	RESPONSE
<p>A major barrier for older persons experiencing homelessness is their inability to meet background checks for jobs. We have found that older persons require more hands on assistance in engaging in any activity involving paper work. Recommend a specialized program to assist older adults with clearing their records.</p>	<p>While there is not a specialized program for older adults, there will be case workers on the D6 teams who will ensure that special needs are met.</p>
<p>NOT HERE</p>	<p>Strategy D6 will be deployed Countywide in both incorporated cities and unincorporated areas.</p>
<p>Not in unincorporated neighborhoods, unless this means clearing criminals from Lake IA and moving them to town near a sheriff station.</p>	<p>The crisis of homelessness affects every community in LA County. We do not engage in nor condone displacement and/or criminalization as strategies to address homelessness. Strategy D6 will be deployed Countywide in both incorporated cities and unincorporated areas.</p>
<p>Additionally, new funding recommended in Strategy D6 will enable the Los Angeles City Attorney's Office's and the County Public Defender's Office to host criminal record clearing events countywide to assist persons experiencing homelessness to resolve infractions and seek defense counsel</p>	<p>Thank you for your comment.</p>



**STRATEGY D7: PROVIDE SERVICES FOR PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING**

COMMENT	RESPONSE
Recommend that the aging network of providers be funded to provide these supportive services.	DHS' Request for Statement of Qualifications (RFSQ) for Supportive Housing Services is open continuously and welcomes the aging network providers to apply. Qualified agencies will be placed on the Master Agreement for Intensive Case Management Services. The RFSQ can be found through the following link: <a href="http://dhs.lacounty.gov/wps/portal/dhs/cg/">http://dhs.lacounty.gov/wps/portal/dhs/cg/</a> .
Service providers chosen for supportive housing must be educated on the distinct needs of older adults.	Agreed. We will incorporate training on older adults into our training curriculum.
We notice the recommendations do not spell out the funding amount that would go to *existing* PSH under this strategy, and would like to see that line item included. We know that once people are housed, they need services such as adequate mental health support, nursing, and occupational therapy, especially for the aging population in order to maintain their housing stability.	D7 includes an annual flexible allocation (\$7.5 million) that can fund services in existing permanent supportive housing that have had insufficient services funding; additional new permanent supportive housing; and/or local rent subsidies if projections for federal subsidies are not realized
NOT HERE	Strategy D7 is deployed Countywide in both incorporated cities and unincorporated areas.
Not for drug users, sales, gangs, criminals. Not in unincorporated neighborhoods.	Strategy D7 is deployed Countywide in both incorporated cities and unincorporated areas.
Support the recommended funding request for this strategy.	Thank you for your support.
We would prefer to see more funding allocated to this strategy, since D7 and B3 combined should at least equal the number of bridge and crisis shelter needs to create flow,	We agree that investments in permanent housing are the key to ending homelessness. During the Measure H planning process, the workgroup recommended making a

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<p>and allow for shelter to be what it's intended to be: a step on the way to permanent housing.</p>	<p>large investment in permanent housing that will increase each year as more people move from homelessness into housing. The three- year funding recommendations for D7 are: FY 17-18 - \$25 million, FY 18-19 - \$49 million and FY 19-20 -\$72 million.</p>
<p>We commend the Department of Health Services for its willingness to use the flexible allocation fund under Strategy D7 to right-size the case management ratio for tenants of PSH, but it is crucial that that process include an assessment of the full service needs of the aging tenant population, and of the costs of ensuring that service providers are equipped both to assess and to address needs specific to older adults. As tenants age in place, increased medical needs become more visible and often constrict ICMS field staff’s ability to provide equitable care across their caseloads. The use of more flexible money that is neither restricted in use nor time-limited would allow ICMS providers to overcome this barrier and fulfill their mission more effectively.</p> <p>People experiencing chronic homelessness present with geriatric conditions, such as frailty or incontinence, 10 to 20 years earlier than the housed population. Homeless older adults, even after they access PSH and achieve housing stability, often require intensive services on an ongoing basis (e.g., help with Activities of Daily Living), and a system that assumes the typical PSH tenant will decrease in acuity and service needs is becoming less sustainable as the PSH population ages.</p> <p>In addition to the intensity of services, moreover, service packages targeted specifically at older adults will become</p>	<p>We agree that meeting the needs of older adults is critical. We are working with DPSS to create efficiencies and streamlined access to In Home Supportive Services (IHSS) to ensure all participants in D7 that need in home care (e.g. assistance with activities of daily living) to stay stably housed and remain independent in their supportive housing can access IHSS services in a timely manner. There are also several state Medi-Cal waiver programs that have been accessed by DHS for this population. For example, the Assisted Living Waiver program provides 24/7 on-site care to those who qualify. It is operated through the State Department of Health Care Services. This waiver program has been implemented in Skid Row Housing Trust’s STAR apartments over the last two years. It is open to any resident that meets the state qualifications. Approximately 20-30% of the clients living there access this resource. This is a model that we can try to replicate in other permanent housing and we will continue to obtain these resources/services as they become available. There are several new project-based sites that are coming on line now and over the next several years that target older adults. DHS also has a team of registered nurses that work with the ICMS providers to provide in home medical case management to meet the medical needs of this fragile population, in conjunction with ICMS.</p>

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<p>more and more important as tenants age in place in PSH. According to a survey conducted by CSH with New York Capital District, over 60% of providers did not have any formal relationships with home health aide programs or visiting nurse services and 75% did not have any social or wellness activities targeted to their older clients. Supplemental funding for existing PSH should be used both to increase the level of services and to broaden the mix of service models available for a tenant population that is aging in place.</p>	
<p>Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Draft Fiscal Year (FY) 2018-19 Measure H Funding Recommendations. I fully support the draft recommendations the County Chief Executive Officer (CEO) released on March 6, 2018. In particular, I am pleased to note the County's ongoing commitment to services for permanent supportive housing (PSH) units (Strategy D7). We look forward to the continued partnership between the City, County and the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles as we implement the PSH Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to provide capital, services and rental subsidies for PSH.</p>	<p>Thank you.</p>
<p>AS YOU MENTIONED I WORK FOR SHELTER PARTNERSHIP POLICY ORGANIZATION THAT HAS LONG ADVOCATED FOR THE NEEDS OF OLDER ADULTS FORMERLY OR LITERALLY HOMELESS, BUT TODAY I'M HERE TO SPEAK ON BEHALF OF THE LOS ANGELES AGING ADVOCACY COALITION WHICH WE'VE ALREADY SEEN SOME REPRESENTATION HERE TODAY. WE'RE A GROUP OF STAKEHOLDERS THAT ADVOCATE FOR POLICY CHANGE FOR SENIORS WHO ARE AT RISK OF HOMELESSNESS. I'D LIKE TO START BY NOTING THAT OLDER ADULTS ARE NOT MENTIONED IN THE</p>	<p>We agree that meeting the needs of older adults is critical. We are working with Dept. of Public Social Services to create efficiencies and streamlined access to In Home Supportive Services (IHSS) to ensure all participants in D7 that need in home care (e.g. assistance with activities of daily living) to stay stably housed and remain independent in their supportive housing can access IHSS services in a timely manner. There are also several state medical waiver programs that have also been accessed by the Dept. of</p>

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<p>INITIATIVE PLAN OR ARE PART OF THE MEASURE H PLANNING PROCESS AND THAT'S A PRETTY SIGNIFICANT ISSUE BECAUSE AS THE LAHSA BRIEF THAT CAME OUT IN DECEMBER 2017 SHOWED THAT 1 IN 5 PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY ARE OLDER THAN 55. THAT DOESN'T ACCOUNT FOR THE PEOPLE WHO ARE AGED 50 TO 55 AND DOESN'T ACCOUNT FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE OLDER ADULTS AGING IN PLACE IN PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING. OLDER ADULTS SHOULD BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ENTIRE PLANNING PROCESS. I'M HERE SPECIFICALLY TO SPEAK TO D7. THE COUNTY REALLY NEEDS TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY'RE INCORPORATING THE NEEDS OF OLDER ADULTS LIVING IN PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING AND THEIR SERVICE NEEDS. WE'RE HAPPY TO SEE THAT DHS IS TAKING A CLOSER LOOK AT THE CASE MANAGEMENT RATIOS TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY'RE MEETING THE TENANT NEEDS. IT'S CRUCIAL THAT THE PROCESS SHOULD INCLUDE AN ASSESSMENT OF THE FULL SERVICE NEEDS AND THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE SERVICE PROVIDERS BEING ABLE TO MEET THOSE NEEDS. BECAUSE MANY PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING TENANTS ARE GOING TO BE AGING IN PLACE, AS WELL, AND THEIR SERVICE NEEDS WILL BE INCREASING, THE SHOULD ALSO BE PART OF THE CONSIDERATION FOR THE \$7.5 MILLION THAT WILL BE USED TO LOOK AT EXISTING PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING AND GAPS IN THE EXISTING PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE FEEDBACK.</p>	<p>Health Services for this population. For example, the Assisted Living Waiver program provides 24/7 on-site care to those who qualify. It is operated through the State Department of Health Care Services. This waiver program has been implemented in Skid Row Housing Trust's STAR apartments over the last two years. It is open to any resident that meets the state qualifications. Approximately 20-30% of the clients living there access this resource. This is model that the County can try to replicate in other permanent housing and continue to obtain these resources/services as they become available. There are several new project-based sites that are coming on line now and over the next several years that target older adults. DHS also has a team of registered nurses that work with the Intensive Case Management Services (ICMS) providers to provide in home medical case management to complement ICMS case management services which is also used to meet the medical needs of this fragile population. Furthermore, Department of Health Services' Request for Statement of Qualifications (RFSQ) for Supportive Housing Services is open continuously and welcomes the aging network providers to apply. Qualified agencies will be placed on the Master Agreement for Intensive Case Management Services. The RFSQ can be found through the following link: <a href="http://dhs.lacounty.gov/wps/portal/dhs/cg/">http://dhs.lacounty.gov/wps/portal/dhs/cg/</a>.</p>
<p>MY NAME IS STACEY BURMASTER, I CURRENTLY WORK IN AFFORDABLE HOUSING ON THE WEST SIDE. AND OVER AND OVER I'M SURE WE HAVE ALL HEARD THE QUESTION "WHEN WILL WE SEE FEWER HOMELESS PEOPLE ON THE STREETS"? WELL, WE'RE MAKING STEADY PROGRESS ISSUING VOUCHERS AND</p>	<p>We agree that investments in permanent housing are the key to ending homelessness. During the Measure H planning process, the workgroup recommended making a large investment in permanent housing that will increase each year as more people move from homelessness into housing. The logic behind the funding recommendations</p>

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<p>CONNECTING PEOPLE TO SERVICES LIKE CASE MANAGEMENT AND OUTREACH, WE ALL KNOW THAT WITHOUT AVAILABLE AFFORDABLE AND SUPPORTIVE HOUSING, WE'RE SIMPLY NOT GOING TO GET PEOPLE OFF THE STREETS. SO AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SERVICE PROVIDER ON THE WEST SIDE, WE ARGUE TO ENSURE THAT FUNDING IS GIVEN TO THE WEST SIDE IN TERMS OF BEING ABLE TO BUILD MORE ROOMS AND BRING PEOPLE OFF THE STREETS. THANK YOU SO MUCH.</p>	<p>was to make a larger investment in outreach and interim housing during the first several years which will shift to permanent housing over time as more people move into permanent housing. The workgroup's three- year funding recommendations for D7 are: \$25 million for FY 17-18, \$49 million for FY 18-19 and \$72 million for FY 19-20.</p>
<p>AARON GOLDFARB FROM ST. JOSEPH'S CENTER. I JUST WANTED TO SPEAK IN SUPPORT OF D7. WITHOUT SUPPORTIVE SERVICES LIKE THE SERVICES WE PROVIDE AT ST. JOSEPH'S CENTER, ONCE WE HOUSE INDIVIDUALS, WE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO KEEP THEM HOUSED. AND WITH THESE SUPPORTIVE SERVICES, WE'RE ABLE TO KEEP 94 PERCENT OF THE PEOPLE THAT WE HOUSE, KEEP THEM HOUSED. AND SO I'M HOPING THAT WE WILL CONTINUE TO RECEIVE FUNDING FOR THESE TYPES OF SERVICES. THANK YOU.</p>	<p>We agree that investments in permanent housing are the key to ending homelessness. During the Measure H planning process, the workgroup recommended making a large investment in permanent housing that will increase each year as more people move from homelessness into housing. The logic behind the funding recommendations was to make a larger investment in outreach and interim housing over time as more people move into permanent housing. The workgroup's three-year funding recommendations for D7 are: \$25 million for FY 17-18, \$49 million for FY 18-19 and \$72 million for FY 19-20.</p>
<p>YES. ENTERPRISE COMMUNITY PARTNERS. JUST WANT TO REAFFIRM HOW SUPPORTIVE WE ARE ON THE STRATEGY SPECIFICALLY AND THE FUNDING FROM THE PREVIOUS YEAR. ONE. THINGS WE DO LIKE IT OFFERS SUBSIDIES FOR SERVICES AROUND EXISTING HOUSING. WE THINK THAT'S REALLY IMPORTANT. IMPLEMENT HOUSING FIRST AND COORDINATED ENTRY SYSTEM. SO WE WOULD LOVE TO MAINTAIN TO SEE THAT THE FUNDING ALLOCATION INCLUDE AT LEAST SOME DOLLARS, NOT THE SAME LEVEL FOR THAT PURPOSE. AND SO KIND OF A QUESTION CLARIFICATION IF THAT DOES INCLUDE THAT. BUT WE CERTAINLY WOULD LIKE TO SEE THAT MAINTAINED FROM THE PREVIOUS YEAR. THANKS.</p>	<p>We agree that investments in permanent housing are the key to ending homelessness. During the Measure H planning process, the workgroup recommended making a large investment in providing vital services and rental subsidies for permanent supportive housing that will increase each year as more people move from homelessness into housing. The workgroup's three-year funding recommendations for D7 were: \$25 million for FY 17-18, \$49 million for FY 18-19 and \$72 million for FY 19-20.</p>

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**STRATEGY E6: EXPAND COUNTYWIDE OUTREACH SYSTEM**

COMMENT	RESPONSE
<p>Multidisciplinary teams (MDTs) are focused on linking clients to services, but mobility is a challenge for older adults. Planning for MDTs needs to be considerate to these mobility issues, for example, by building in more field-based services or by adequately funding transportation.</p>	<p>MDTs are field based; there are MDTs in every SPA of the County. All needs are taken into consideration by MDTs and Homeless Engagement Teams (HET), including transportation. The MDTs are equipped with vehicles to transport clients as needed.</p>
<p>NOT HERE</p>	<p>Strategy E6 is deployed Countywide in both incorporated cities and unincorporated areas.</p>
<p>Don't bring them to lake la, no need to expand.</p>	<p>There was a 23% increase in homelessness Countywide from 2016 to 2017. Each Service Planning Area experienced an increase. Expanding the outreach system is critical to connecting individuals, families, and youth to supportive services and housing.</p>
<p>RV/ vehicular homelessness is growing and needs its own dedicated funding. Funding would include:                      1. Incentives for giving up RVs                      2. Dedicated outreach staff for this population</p>	<p>On April 2, 2018, the CEO-HI submitted a comprehensive report to the Board of Supervisors regarding options for safe parking. SPA-based outreach coordination includes identifying and responding to unique community needs.</p>
<p>Outreach is critical to engaging harder to reach populations. How is outreach to older adults being targeted? Are there resources specific to homeless older adults that are part of multi-disciplinary outreach teams? Older adults experiencing homelessness may have a harder time accessing services at brick and mortar locations because of mobility issues. In response, outreach teams need specific training on working with older adults and must be given the ability to transport older adults with limited mobility. We also know that the County has begun funding outreach workers</p>	<p>Transportation is part of the services offered as needed to all clients. E6 services are field -based and available to our unsheltered homeless neighbors throughout the County.</p> <p>Good point about Sr. Centers. Our HI strategy lead will work with WDACS to address this issue.</p>

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<p>specifically detailed to public agencies, including Public Works, Metro, libraries, and public parks and beaches. Are there other public sites where homeless older adults are likely to be found (e.g., senior centers)? Ensuring that outreach services are available and accessible to older adults needs to be part of the planning and budgeting for this strategy.</p>	
<p>The Community Clinic Association of Los Angeles County commends DHS for engaging clinics to be part of the outreach teams and working with clinics on developing standardized procedures and protocols for registered nurses.</p> <p>The E6 funding to clinics provides only enough funding to cover the medical staff on the outreach teams. This budget is very limited and has created challenges for clinics to hire quality staff. In addition, this funding does not provide any resources for clinics to follow up with people that they have engaged through outreach efforts.</p> <p>CCALAC recommends for DHS to allocate more funding to expand the budget for clinics to not only hire quality providers, but also to cover costs such as supervision, infrastructure, case management, and care coordination.</p> <p>In addition, clinics have expressed the need for more training in trauma-informed care for health providers and clinic staff. CCALAC recommends DHS create more free training opportunities to help clinic staff effectively care for complex patients.</p>	<p>Strategy E6 is one of the Measure H strategies which receives the most funding, and the HI considers robust street outreach to be one of the keys to combating homelessness in LA County. MDTs offer various healthcare services on the streets. Supervision plans for MDT healthcare team members have been included in funded agency budget plans. DHS provides quarterly meetings and trainings specific to MDT medical providers in addition to the week- long foundational orientation and monthly learning collaboratives offered to all MDTs. DHS, in collaboration with DMH and LAHSA, plans to offer a series of additional trainings for the outreach teams, including training on trauma informed care.</p>

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<p>I wholly support funding recommended for 40 new outreach workers dedicated to County departments, Metro, city parks and libraries (Strategy E6). I request that the County coordinate with the City to ensure facilities in the City of Los Angeles, which are heavily used by the homeless, are able to benefit from these new outreach workers.</p>	<p>Measure H services and funding are applied Countywide. Facilities in the City of LA will be served by the "40 new outreach workers," as will facilities within all other 87 cities and unincorporated regions of LA County.</p>
<p>Staff currently providing street outreach services should be asked to weigh in on the plan to offer outreach services on the weekend. Clarification on the expectations of the teams around engagement and linkages to services is needed. Currently there are many teams across Los Angeles providing front end outreach and engagement which includes building rapport and establishing trust. We would want this weekend offering of services to complement the existing infrastructure, promote collaboration and avoid redundancy. We need to ensure that housing resources are available and accessible during weekend hours for this effort to be effective.</p>	<p>Yes, we are exploring this approach.</p>
<p>Recommend that County departments expand integration of funding and services. For example, Drug Medi-Cal services are essential for all populations and services need to be provided in a field-based manner, especially for individuals and TAY. Currently, SAPC does not allow for this type of service so the only true field-based substance use treatment for the homeless population is through the E6 teams. Local area provider would be a better alternative as they could provide ongoing services in the community in which homeless people reside if the restrictions related to field-based were changed at a local level.</p>	<p>The Department of Public Health, Substance Abuse Prevention and Control's (DPH-SAPC) service expansion under the Drug Medi-Cal (DMC) Waiver, which officially launched on July 1, 2017, included the provision of substance use disorder (SUD) treatment services delivered at Field-Based Services (FBS) settings aimed at vulnerable and hard-to-reach patients. FBS is a method of mobile treatment service delivery for outpatient, intensive outpatient, and recovery support services for patients with established medical necessity. FBS provide an opportunity for SUD network providers to address patient challenges to accessing traditional treatment settings, such as physical limitations,</p>



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	<p>employment conflicts, transportation limitations, or restrictive housing requirements (e.g., registered sex offenders). To date, approximately 25 SUD providers are conducting FBS services in the community for specialized populations such as youth, homeless, medically fragile, gang-involved, criminal-justice-involved (e.g., arsonists, registered sex offenders), among others, and are situated at various settings such as schools, adult and youth drop-in centers, group homes, community centers. DPH-SAPC is in the process of revising FBS and will consider expanding the limited settings where FBS is currently conducted.</p>
<p>HELLO. MY NAME IS STEVEN JACOBS. AND I'M A 62-YEAR-OLD OLDER ADULT FROM ONE GENERATION SENIOR CENTER UNDER THE E6 STRATEGY COUNTY OUTREACH TEAMS CANNOT PROVIDE HOUSING FOR HOMELESS OLDER ADULTS UNLESS THEY ARE HOMELESS FOR TWO YEARS. MANY OLDER ADULTS SICKEN OR DIE BEFORE TWO YEARS OF BEING HOMELESS HAS PASSED. CAN THIS CRITERIA BE CHANGED TO ALLOW FOR ADVANCED AGE AND CHRONIC ILLNESS THAT MAKE OLDER ADULTS ESPECIALLY VULNERABLE? WELL JUST AS A SIDELINE, I ATTEND THE ONE GENERATION SENIOR CENTER. IT'S A GREAT HELP TO ME. AND I GO EVERY WEEK SO I'M GIVING A DOLLAR DONATION FOR THREE DIFFERENT CLASSES I GO TO NOR THE WHOLE YEAR. SO IT'S COSTLY TO ME WHERE I'M ON A LIMITED LOW INCOME. AND I'D REALLY APPRECIATE IT IF THEY COULD HELP THE SENIOR CENTERS ALSO THAT NEED FUNDING.</p>	<p>This is not a policy of the homeless outreach workers in supporting Measure H or others in the County. If what you're describing has happened, we would like to hear the details and ensure that it no longer continues to happen.</p>
<p>HI. I'M FROM LOS ANGELES CHRISTIAN HEALTH CENTER BUT I'M SPEAKING TODAY ON THE COMMUNITY CLINIC ASSOCIATION OF L.A. COUNTY AND OUR HOMELESS HEALTHCARE ADVISORY GROUP. SO THE COMMUNITY CLINIC ASSOCIATION OF L.A.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comment.</p>

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<p>COUNTY COMMENDS AND IS GRATEFUL FOR ALL THAT D.H.S. IS DOING IN ENGAGING CLINICS ON THE MULTIDISCIPLINARY OUTREACH TEAMS UNDER STRATEGY E6. AND THERE'S BEEN GREAT WORK THAT'S GONE ON IN TERMS OF DEVELOPING STANDARDIZED PROCEDURES AND PROTOCOLS FOR INCORPORATING REGISTERED NURSES ONTO THOSE TEAMS, WHICH HAS BEEN GREATLY APPRECIATED. CLINICS HAVE BEEN CHALLENGED WITH THE HIRING OF THE STAFF TO BE A PART OF THE TEAMS GIVEN JUST THE VERY TIGHT BUDGETS UNDER E6. AND COMMUNITY CLINIC ASSOCIATION OF L.A. COUNTY RECOMMENDS THAT D.H.S. CONSIDER ALLOCATING MORE FUNDS TO E6 IN ORDER TO FUND BUDGETS FOR CLINICS THAT DON'T ONLY ALLOW HIRING OF THE PROVIDERS BUT ALSO TO COVER OVERHEAD COSTS SUCH AS SUPERVISION AND SOME OF THE RELATED INFRASTRUCTURE FOR THE OUTREACH TEAM MEMBERS. IN ADDITION, THE CLINICS HAVE EXPRESSED OR SEVERAL OF THE CLINICS HAVE EXPRESSED NEED FOR MORE TRAINING IN TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE FOR HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS. THANK YOU.</p>	
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**STRATEGY E7: STRENGTHEN THE COORDINATED ENTRY SYSTEM**

COMMENT	RESPONSE
<p>The current system lacks any understanding of the unique needs or services available for older adults. Staff need to be trained on how to work with older adults. Recommend that LA City and County Area Agencies on Aging be funded to provide support to the coordinate entry system for older persons.</p>	<p>The Homeless Initiative has an ongoing partnership with the Department of Workforce Development, Aging, and Community Services (WDACS), the City of LA’s Department of Aging, Senior Centers located throughout the County, and the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA). Together we are launching an older adults pilot program in five senior centers. The pilot program will allow us to explore ways in which the older adults system and homeless services system can support one another. While there is not specific funding set aside for older adults, we realize that this population has unique needs and we are working to strengthen both systems through ongoing collaboration with the partners mentioned.</p>
<p>This strategy includes a centralized training academy. We recommend that providers be trained on working specifically with older adults.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comment. We agree that meeting the needs of older adults is critical. LAHSA is currently working with the Department of Workforce Development, Aging, and Community Services (WDACS) and the City of LA’s Department of Aging to strengthen coordination and partnership between the homeless delivery system and the older adults system.</p>
<p>Downtown Women’s Center supports the Housing Navigator funding. Two other items to note: if you’re increasing outreach, you also need to increase access center funding. Regarding the regional domestic violence liaisons, right now they’re run through family CES; we’d like to see additional funding so that individual CES leads also have those positions, or an opportunity to subcontract these positions with experts in the Service Provider Area.</p>	<p>Currently there is a recommendation to increase funding for youth access centers; however, at this time there is not a recommendation to increase access center funding outside of that population.</p> <p>There is not a current recommendation to increase the amount of funding for DV liaisons.</p>

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	<p>LAHSA does allow for the use of subcontractors and has encouraged agencies to bring on subcontractors where feasible and beneficial to the system.</p>
<p>NOT HERE</p>	<p>The Coordinated Entry System serves individuals, families, and youth experiencing homelessness in both incorporated cities and unincorporated areas.</p>
<p>Not in Lake LA</p>	<p>The Coordinated Entry System serves individuals, families, and youth experiencing homelessness in both incorporated cities and unincorporated areas.</p>
<p>Both the County and City of Los Angeles primarily prioritize homeless individuals into housing through the Vulnerability Index – Service Prioritization and Decision Assistance Tool (VI-SPDAT), which uses a scoring system to assess the “chronicity and medical vulnerability of homeless individuals”. To date, HIV/AIDS is not appropriately recognized as a serious public health issue and the aspect of HIV/AIDS as a transmittable and incurable disease has not been factored into the scoring system. Thus, current methodology for prioritizing housing exacerbates the vulnerability of homeless and unstably housed individuals living with HIV/AIDS who do not qualify as “chronically” homeless. This, along with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development’s new definition of chronic homelessness, will leave many homeless persons with HIV/AIDS on the street and unhoused. According to the 2017 homeless count data from the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, 2 out of 100 persons ages 18 and over experiencing homelessness in Los Angeles, have HIV/AIDS (self-reported).</p>	<p>The LA County CES is meant to ensure that the highest need, most vulnerable individuals/families in the community are prioritized for services and that the housing and supportive services in the system are used as efficiently and effectively as possible.</p> <p>The CES Triage Tools look at the combined vulnerabilities and lived experience of an individual to generate a composite acuity score. There is a question that is an indicator that a person may have HIV/AIDS; however, legally there are fair housing implications with using disability as a stand alone prioritization factor within coordinated entry. Furthermore, Dept. of Public Health-Substance Abuse Prevention and Control include HIV-positive status in its prioritization criteria for Recovery Bridge Housing (under Strategy B7).</p>

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<p>HASC supports the work underway with CES and would recommend to increase linkage and collaboration with hospitals. While some CES's already collaborate with area hospitals this is not fully standardized across all CESs and associated sub-regions. In addition, HASC strongly advocates for hospital access to HMIS which is important for purposes of care coordination and discharge planning with available local resources. Hospitals and community clinics currently do NOT have access which is counter-intuitive to the intent of Measure H which is focused on providing supportive services and case management services in a coordinated manner.</p>	<p>Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority's (LAHSA) intention is to be able to create an HMIS policy that supports access to HMIS for key stakeholders - healthcare related and otherwise - to optimize care coordination that is both cost effective as well as supportive of local partnerships. LAHSA is currently undergoing a thorough analysis of its HMIS policies, which includes a cost analysis for licenses as well as a review of the HMIS policies of other Continuums of Care. The purpose of this analysis is to determine a cost estimate for HMIS utilization as well as potential tiered user access, in order to increase access to HMIS as possible. Currently, some hospitals and clinics have access to HMIS, and LAHSA has been evaluating requests on a case -by -case basis, with preference given to hospitals and clinics having existing working partnerships with Coordinated Entry System (CES) lead agencies. Current HMIS training can be accessed via LAHSA's HMIS training site: <a href="https://www.lahsa.org/training/home">https://www.lahsa.org/training/home</a></p>
<p>We support the funding for COGs and City Plan implementation. We'd also like to recommend that funding be allocated to allow cities that did not apply for initial City Planning grants, have an opportunity to do so.</p>	<p>Cities are vital partners in preventing and combating homelessness. At this time, a second RFP is not planned for additional cities to develop a Homelessness Plan.</p>
<p>With the rapidly increasing homeless older adult population, it is imperative that service providers, particularly Intensive Case Management Services (ICMS) providers, are fully trained and equipped to meet the unique needs of this population. The following questions should be considered in the budgeting of Measure H funding for the Coordinated Entry System:  Centralized Training Academy: How will the Centralized</p>	<p>Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) is creating a Request For Statement of Qualifications (RFSQ) process for professional service providers to identify a qualified curriculum for trainings on specific sub-populations, including: Adults; Aging and the Elderly; Chronically Homeless ; Current/Former Foster Youth; Domestic Violence/Intimate Partner Violence (DV/IPV) Survivors; Child Survivors of Domestic Violence/Intimate Partner Violence (DV/IPV); Families; Human Trafficking</p>

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<p>Training Academy deliver training on working with older homeless adults? Will people be trained in accelerated aging and geriatrics? Basic training in geriatrics should be broadly available to all homeless services providers, especially given the premature aging of chronically homeless individuals, who experience geriatric conditions well in advance of their housed counterparts. Capacity Building: Can community-based organizations request capacity building training to help them design service packages or models to better meet the needs of homeless older adults?</p>	<p>Survivors; LGBTQ+; People with Disabilities; People Recovering from Substance Misuse; Sexual Assault Survivors; Transition Age Youth (TAY); TAY Families; Veterans; and Women.</p> <p>Capacity Building Technical Assistance is available to any agency that provides housing or services to persons who are literally homeless or at imminent risk of homelessness. It is not a requirement to administer a Coordinated Entry System (CES) contract to be eligible; however, agencies must demonstrate CES Participation. Additional information is available at <a href="http://homeforgoodla.org/our-work/funders-collaborative/grantseekers/">http://homeforgoodla.org/our-work/funders-collaborative/grantseekers/</a></p>
<p>The Community Clinic Association of Los Angeles County recommends that the County and the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) invest in strategies to increase care coordination and relationships between health, homeless and housing service providers. In 2016, 16 of our member clinics provided health care services to over 35,000 homeless patients. Clinics would like to utilize HMIS to coordinate care and facilitate referrals for homeless patients. CCALAC would like to work with LAHSA to ensure that clinics have the opportunity to gain access to HMIS. This includes allocating funding for additional Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) licenses and revising LAHSA's HMIS policy to allow clinics and hospitals access. In addition, the HMIS training needs to be more accessible by having webinar training options.</p>	<p>Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority's (LAHSA) intention is to be able to create an HMIS policy that supports access to HMIS for key stakeholders - healthcare related and otherwise - to optimize care coordination that is both cost effective as well as supportive of local partnerships. LAHSA is currently undergoing a thorough analysis of its HMIS policies, which includes a cost analysis for licenses as well as a review of the HMIS policies of other Continuums of Care. The purpose of this analysis is to determine a cost estimate for HMIS utilization as well as potential tiered user access, in order to increase access to HMIS as possible. Currently, some hospitals and clinics have access to HMIS, and LAHSA has been evaluating requests on a case -by -case basis, with preference given to hospitals and clinics having existing working partnerships with Coordinated Entry System (CES) lead agencies. Current HMIS training can be accessed via LAHSA's HMIS training site: <a href="https://www.lahsa.org/training/home">https://www.lahsa.org/training/home</a>.</p>

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<p>The San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG) recommends continued funding for Councils of Governments Homeless Regional Coordination under Strategy E7, at level equal to or greater than the amount funded under FY 2017-18. The work coordinating with local cities has contributed to cities considering engagement in homeless solutions at a significant level. Many cities are, for the first time, considering specific actionable homeless strategies. Cities' confidence that they have a voice and representation at the table through the COGs is important to their engagement with the County's Homeless Initiative. The COGs also perform an important role as communication liaison to the County, assisting the County in understanding perspectives and concerns of cities, and the residents they represent, when making funding and policy decisions. Developing the housing needed to meet the County's goals depends upon the engagement of the majority of the 81 cities within the County. With the original funding, the COGs have made investments in the expertise required to tackle homelessness effectively at the regional level. Continued funding will ensure that this expertise will not be lost but rather continue to benefit the County's efforts. Specifically, the SGVCOG has used our funding to create a full-time, in-house Regional Homelessness Coordinator position.</p>	<p>The recommended funding for FY 2018-19 includes ongoing funding to support Councils of Governments' regional service coordination efforts, at the same level as in FY 2017-18</p>
<p>The recommended funding levels available to cities so that they can move forward with plan implementation falls short. There are 81 jurisdictions within Los Angeles County and 41 cities are creating homeless plans. The recommended funding averages to a little less than \$40,000 per year per jurisdiction. If the goal is to engage and encourage the cities to implement their homeless plans, this amount provides a</p>	<p>Cities are vital partners in preventing and combating homelessness. Since cities are still in the process of developing their Homelessness Plans, the recommendation to the Board of Supervisors will be to direct the CEO-HI to return to the Board on August 15, 2018 with a recommended funding level to support implementation of the city plans from January 2019 – June 2020. This will</p>

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<p>token amount toward that goal, suggesting to cities that their role in the solution to homelessness is minimal. During the community input meetings for the homeless plans, a consistent question from the public, including our homeless neighbors, was how much, if any, of the Measure H funding will come to their community. It is important that the residents that voted for Measure H can point to an equitable and reasonable amount that has come specifically to their community to help fund the recommendations that they made for their city’s homeless plan. The proposed amount will not achieve this goal. The implementation of the plans will take a significant ongoing time commitment from the cities; the COG would recommend that the revenue budget provide half-year funding of \$5 million for grants to cities to support implementation of their homelessness plans. \$10 million to support full-year implementation of the cities plans for FY 2019-20.</p>	<p>enable the CEO-HI and the Board of Supervisors to address the appropriate funding level, in the context of the cities’ homelessness plans, instead of seeking to determine that funding level in advance of completion of those plans.</p>
<p>The cities are all starting at different places in addressing homelessness. For many cities, perhaps the majority, this may be their first effort to engaging their communities around recognizing and addressing homelessness in their own backyard. Considering the placement of the city and COG funding under strategy E7, and the current CES policies, there is a reasonable concern that any Measure H funds that come to the cities will end up being used to housing homeless persons from other communities that have more individuals, families and youth with higher acuities while the homeless neighbors in their own communities remain on their streets. The COG would recommend that city funding be designated to categories A Homeless Prevention; B Subsidized Housing; D Case Management, E Coordinated Entry and F Affordable / Homeless Housing. That these funds be ear marked as</p>	<p>Cities are vital partners in preventing and combating homelessness. Since cities are still in the process of developing their Homelessness Plans, the recommendation to the Board of Supervisors will be to direct the CEO-HI to return to the Board on August 15, 2018 with a recommended funding level to support implementation of the city plans from January 2019 – June 2020. This will enable the CEO-HI and the Board of Supervisors to address the appropriate funding level, in the context of the cities’ homelessness plans, instead of seeking to determine that funding level in advance of completion of those plans.</p>



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<p>flexible funds, that case management funds be open to supporting HALO and HOPE teams as it does the LASD, and that 15% of the funding under F7 be earmarked for cities.</p>	
<p>GREETINGS. MY NAME IS ANNETTE STOWVALL AND I'M AN OLDER ADULT FROM ONE GENERATION SENIOR CENTER. IT'S GOOD TO HEAR SO MANY ADVOCATES FOR THE SENIORS TODAY. MY POINT IS UNDER E7, COORDINATED ENTRY CENTER -- SYSTEM, OLDER ADULTS WHO ARE HOMELESS MAY WAIT TWO YEARS FOR HOUSING, WHICH IS FAR TOO LONG FOR E THEM TO BE TO BE A VICTIM OF DISEASE, ROBBERY AND UNSANITARY CONDITIONS. ALSO, THEY MAY NOT SCORE HIGH ENOUGH ON THE SCALE TO QUALIFY FOR PRIORITIZED HOUSING. CAN THE C.E.S. SYSTEM BE CHANGED TO SHOW PREFERENCE TO OLDER ADULTS? THANK YOU.</p>	<p>Homeless older adults have unique needs associated with aging. The LA County CES is meant to ensure that the highest need, most vulnerable individuals/families in the community are prioritized for services and that the housing and supportive services in the system are used as efficiently and effectively as possible.</p> <p>With that said, the Homeless Initiative has an ongoing partnership with the Department of Workforce Development, Aging, and Community Services (WDACS), the City of LA's Department of Aging, Senior Centers located throughout the County, and the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA). In addition to providing a Coordinated Entry System training to senior center staff across the County, we launched an older adults pilot program with the aforementioned departments in March 2018 in five senior centers. The pilot program will allow us to explore ways in which the older adults system and homeless services system can support one another. While there is not specific funding set asides for older adults, we realize that this population has unique needs and we are working to strengthen both systems through ongoing collaboration with the partners mentioned above.</p>
<p>YES, MY NAME IS BRADLEY LAN FIFTH DISTRICT COMMISSIONER ON THE LOS ANGELES COMMISSION ON H.I.V. THANK YOU FOR HAVING THIS HEARING TODAY. I'VE BEEN ASKED TO ACTUALLY SPEAK ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION TODAY. AND WE HAVE</p>	<p>The LA County CES is meant to ensure that the highest need, most vulnerable individuals/families in the community are prioritized for services and that the housing and supportive services in the system are used as efficiently and effectively as possible.</p>

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<p>TWO POINTS TWO BRING TO YOU. THERE NEEDS TO BE A SPECIFIC CARVEOUT OF FUNDING THAT IS SPECIFIC FOR PEOPLE LIVING WITH H.I.V. AND CHRONIC ILLNESS. WE HAVE DONE THIS IN OTHER AREAS THROUGHOUT THE PLAN. AND FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND OUR YOUTH. JUST TO GIVE YOU AN EXAMPLE. WE WOULD APPRECIATE A REVISION OF THE VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT TOOL OF THE COORDINATED ENTRY SYSTEMS AS THE TOOL THAT ASSISTS ALL PEOPLE THAT ARE HOMELESS IN BECOMING HOUSED. WE NEED TO REVISE THAT TO INCLUDE PEOPLE LIVING WITH H.I.V., SUCH AS WE ARE PRIORITIZING THE CHRONICALLY HOMELESS AND INTERMITTENTLY HOMELESS PRIORITIZATION THROUGH THAT SYSTEM. AND TODAY I WOULD APPRECIATE IF YOU COULD ADJOURN YOUR MEETING IN HONOR OF A MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION, TOMMY PUCKETT. HE WAS AN H.I. V FIFTH DISTRICT. HE EXPIRED YESTERDAY IN A HOTEL ROOM. SO WE'RE STILL LEARNING MORE ABOUT IT. BUT WE WOULD APPRECIATE THAT. THANK YOU.</p>	<p>The CES Triage Tools look at the combined vulnerabilities and lived experience of an individual to generate a composite acuity score. There is a question that is an indicator that a person may have HIV/AIDS; however, legally there are fair housing implications with using disability as a stand alone prioritization factor within coordinated entry. Furthermore, Dept. of Public Health-Substance Abuse Prevention and Control include HIV-positive status in its prioritization criteria for Recovery Bridge Housing (under Strategy B7).</p> <p>HUD created the HOPWA program to specifically serve persons with HIV/AIDS. According to the 2017 Housing Inventory Count, there are over 500 Permanent Supportive Housing units and 200 Transitional Housing units in LA County specifically for people with HIV/AIDS.</p>
<p>HI, GOOD AFTERNOON. I'D LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE ON THE PANEL FOR THE WORK THEY DO ON THIS ISSUE. MY NAME IS BEN HENWOOD I'M ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR AT THE U.S.C.'S -- I'M A FACULTY MEMBER AT THE SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK AT U.S.C. BUT I'M HERE TODAY AS PART OF THE LOS ANGELES AGING ADVOCACY COALITION WHO YOU'VE HEARD FROM ALREADY TODAY. AND I'M GLAD THAT I DON'T NEED TO HIGHLIGHT THE FACT THAT OLDER ADULTS AREN'T CALLED OUT IN THE COUNTY PLAN SINCE IT SOUNDS LIKE THERE IS SOME ATTENTION TO THAT TOPIC NOW. WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO DO IS TALK ABOUT STRATEGY E7 BECAUSE IT INCLUDES THE TRAINING ACADEMY AND IT'S GREAT TOO KNOW THAT THERE IS TRAINING TO DEVELOP A SKILLED WORKFORCE. AND THAT'S SOMETHING I'M INTERESTED AS A FACULTY MEMBER IS DOING THAT WORK. BUT</p>	<p>Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) is creating a Request For Statement of Qualifications (RFSQ) process for professional service providers to identify a qualified curriculum for trainings on specific sub-populations, including: Adults; Aging and the Elderly; Chronically Homeless ; Current/Former Foster Youth; Domestic Violence/Intimate Partner Violence (DV/IPV) Survivors; Child Survivors of Domestic Violence/Intimate Partner Violence (DV/IPV); Families; Human Trafficking Survivors; LGBTQ+; People with Disabilities; People Recovering from Substance Misuse; Sexual Assault Survivors; Transition Age Youth (TAY); TAY Families; Veterans; and Women.</p> <p>Capacity Building Technical Assistance is available to any</p>

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<p>WHAT I WANT TO HIGHLIGHT IS TO TRAIN PEOPLE TO DEAL WITH OLDER ADULTS WHO EXPERIENCE ACCELERATED AGING BECAUSE OF THEIR HOMELESSNESS. THANK YOU.</p>	<p>agency that provides housing or services to persons who are literally homeless or at imminent risk of homelessness. It is not a requirement to administer a Coordinated Entry System (CES) contract to be eligible; however, agencies must demonstrate CES Participation. Additional information is available at <a href="http://homeforgoodla.org/our-work/funders-collaborative/grantseekers/">http://homeforgoodla.org/our-work/funders-collaborative/grantseekers/</a></p>
<p>HI, EVERYONE. THE COMMUNITY CLINIC ASSOCIATION OF L.A. COUNTY RECOMMENDS THAT THE COUNTY AND LAHSA INVEST IN STRATEGIES TO INCREASE CARE COORDINATION AND RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN HEALTH, HOMELESS AND HOUSING SERVICE PROVIDERS. THIS INCLUDES ALLOCATING FUNDING FOR ADDITIONAL H.M.I.S. LICENSES AND REVISING LAHSA'S POLICY TO ALLOW CLINICS AND HOSPITALS ACCESS. CLINICS WOULD LIKE TO UTILIZE H.M.I.S. TO COORDINATE CARE AND FACILITATE REFERRALS FOR HOMELESS PATIENTS. UCLAC WOULD LIKE TO WORK WITH LAHSA TO ENSURE THAT CLINICS HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO GAIN ACCESS TO H.M.I.S.</p>	<p>Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority's (LAHSA) intention is to be able to create an HMIS policy that supports access to HMIS for key stakeholders - healthcare related and otherwise - to optimize care coordination that is both cost effective as well as supportive of local partnerships. LAHSA is currently undergoing a thorough analysis of its HMIS policies, which includes a cost analysis for licenses as well as a review of the HMIS policies of other Continuums of Care. The purpose of this analysis is to determine a cost estimate for HMIS utilization as well as potential tiered user access, in order to increase access to HMIS as possible. Currently, some hospitals and clinics have access to HMIS, and LAHSA has been evaluating requests on a case -by -case basis, with preference given to hospitals and clinics having existing working partnerships with Coordinated Entry System (CES) lead agencies. Current HMIS training can be accessed via LAHSA's HMIS training site: <a href="https://www.lahsa.org/training/home">https://www.lahsa.org/training/home</a>.</p>
<p>There are actually more homeless women in Los Angeles County than youth experiencing homelessness; therefore we'd like to see all access centers receiving an increase in funding like this strategy.</p>	<p>Thank you for your feedback. At this time, there is not a recommendation to increase funding for access centers outside of strategy E-14 for youth.</p>

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**STRATEGY E8: ENHANCE THE EMERGENCY SHELTER SYSTEM**

COMMENT	RESPONSE
<p>If funding is increasing for shelters, the Downtown Women’s Center maintains you need a concurrent increase in funding for permanent supportive housing.</p>	<p>The funding recommendations for FY 2018-19 include increased funding for both interim housing (Strategies B7 and E8) and permanent supportive housing (Strategy D7).</p>
<p>Many empty buildings near hospital and food bank in Lancaster but I think the Mayor looks at us like the easy way out.</p>	<p>The City of Lancaster, in partnership with Insight Development, is in the process of building Kensington Campus. The Campus plan includes emergency housing, transitional housing, and permanent supportive housing. Kensington will also include a large Supportive Service Center with wraparound supportive services, a wellness center, job training, and more. For more information please contact <a href="mailto:homelessimpact@cityoflanasterca.us">homelessimpact@cityoflanasterca.us</a>.</p>
<p>For the city, not Lake LA</p>	<p>Strategy E8 serves individuals, families, and youth experiencing homelessness Countywide in both incorporated cities and unincorporated areas.</p>
<p>Unclear if this strategy has been fully launched and how referrals are made. HASC encourages that County and LAHSA review criteria for referrals. This program appears not to accept a patient discharge from an inpatient behavioral unit, however, this same individual would be accepted into a winter shelter program. Unclear why the criteria would differ.</p>	<p>Clients discharged from institutions are eligible for beds under Strategy B7. DHS has conducted a webinar for HASC that explained the referral process for B7 beds and provided the referral form.</p>
<p>While we see the need for more beds (bridge, crisis, recuperative), we want to ensure that the number of permanent resources (PSH and RRH) at least match number of shelter beds. We think this because: 1. More shelter than permanent housing restricts system</p>	<p>Increased permanent housing for homeless families and individuals is critical to Measure H's success , including the successful outflow from interim housing. Strategy D7 will include funding for 5,450 PSH slots in FY 18/19, and 7,850 in FY 19/20.</p>

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<p>flow</p> <p>2. Shelter beds should have permanent resources tied to them, and be as low barrier as possible, to incentivize higher acuity, more chronically homeless individuals to utilize the resource. In order for shelters to provide lower barrier services, and for shelters to function as "bridge" housing, caseloads need to be lower in shelters, and reimbursement rate should reflect an ability to hire trained, experienced shelter staff.</p> <p>Additionally, funding for motel vouchers should be added to the crisis and bridge housing strategies. For SPAs with limited shelter capacity, like SPA 7, motel vouchers are especially critical. Families have access to some amount of motel voucher funding, but there's a need for more funding for families and individuals.</p>	<p>Some motel vouchers are also funded through Measure H.</p> <p>LAHSA has already implemented a number of enhancements to its shelter programs and services by increasing reimbursement rates, reducing barriers to entry, improving accessibility of shelter, reducing caseloads, and enhancing the quality of service delivery.</p>
<p>With the ever-increasing number of homeless individuals in LA County, emergency shelters should be kept open year round. Additional funding to build more emergency shelters that prioritize women, families, and those with high acuity is warranted. The re-branding of the Shelter System may help improve utilization as many homeless people do not want to go into traditional "emergency shelters."</p>	<p>Since the inception of the Homeless Initiative, over 3,000 shelter beds now operate year-round 24 hours a day and seven days a week with enhanced services provided on site. With the infusion of Measure H funding, 1,000 new interim housing beds, including emergency shelter beds, have been added in FY 17/18. For FY 18/19, a total of 2,344 additional interim housing beds will be added with Measure H funding and an additional 906 interim housing beds will be added with non-Measure H funding. These investments will significantly expand and enhance the current capacity and close the interim housing gap as identified in LAHSA's Homeless Housing Gap Analysis completed in February 2018. Shelter beds that are open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week serve as a staging ground to triage/assess clients for housing, health, mental health, substance use disorder, and social service needs.</p>

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<p>Do not open the 150th school/Hollywood film location as a homeless shelter where we do not have street people. Open the Lancaster site where there actually are street people in need of shelter and where there actually are jobs and transportation for street people. Also Sheriff supports and medical support in town.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comment.</p>
<p>I COME HERE TO SUPPORT THE SHE DOES MOVEMENT IN REGARDS OF OUR HOMELESS WOMEN THAT ARE IN THE STREETS RIGHT NOW BEING TRAFFICKED, SEXUALLY ASSAULTED AND EXPOSED TO VIOLENCE. I COME TO YOU AS A WOMAN, AS A SURVIVOR OF RAPE WHO IS ALSO AN ADVOCATE FOR THE HOMELESS AND CONSTANTLY ON THE STREETS TRYING TO HELP WOMEN GET OFF THE STREETS. BUT WE ARE VERY UNSUCCESSFUL BECAUSE WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH -- WE DON'T HAVE THE ACCURATE SHELTERS FOR WOMEN WHO HAVE BEEN THROUGH THESE TYPE OF TRAUMA. SO I'M ASKING IF WE CAN USE SOME OF THE FUNDING OR MOST OF THE FUNDING FOR OUR WOMEN WHO EXPERIENCE THESE TYPE OF VIOLENCE ON THE STREETS.</p>	<p>The funding recommendation for various strategies will address the shortfall in interim/crisis housing that was identified in the 2018 Housing Gap Analysis by adding 3,250 additional beds in FY 2018-19.</p>
<p>HI, GUYS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME TODAY. I'M HERE WITH SHE DOES BECAUSE 10 YEARS AGO I WAS A HAPPY, HEALTHY COLLEGE FRESHMAN SITTING IN A LIBRARY. 10 YEARS AGO I WAS A HAPPY, HEALTHY COLLEGE FRESHMAN WITH THE WORLD AS MY OYSTER SITTING IN THE LIBRARY AND A MAN WHO HAD ABUSED ME WHEN I WAS A CHILD AND SINCE PASS ADD WAY WALKED IN. AND HE STARTED SCREAMING AT ME AT THE TOP OF HIS LUNGS THAT HE WAS GOING TO KILL ME IF I DIDN'T GET OUT OF SCHOOL. THAT'S WHAT MEANT -- MENTAL ILLNESS IS. I ENDED UP BEING ISOLATED. THAT'S WHAT MENTAL ILLNESS DOES. IT ISOLATES YOU. IT TEARS YOU DOWN TO A POINT THAT YOU ARE NO LONGER HUMAN AND YOU NO LONGER DESERVE TO LIVE,</p>	<p>The funding recommendation for various strategies will address the shortfall in interim/crisis housing that was identified in the 2018 Housing Gap Analysis; this includes 3,250 additional beds.</p>

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<p>YOU DON'T DESERVE ANYTHING, YOU DON'T DESERVE HAPPINESS, YOU DON'T DESERVE YOUR BODY. SO, I SPIRALED. JUST AS THE WOMEN WERE TRYING TO HELP POSSIBLY HAD AND I DIDN'T HAVE ANYBODY TO HELP ME. EVERYONE TOLD ME THAT I NEED TODAY CHOOSE HAPPINESS. AND THAT I WAS MAKING IT UP. AND THAT IT WASN'T REAL. AND I THANK GOD FOR A WOMAN WHO GRABBED ME AND TOOK ME TO A WOMEN-SPECIFIC CRISIS SHELTER. AND IF I HADN'T HAVE WALKED IN THAT SHELTER AND IF I HADN'T HAD FELT COMFORTABLE ENOUGH TO GET THE HELP I DESERVED, I WOULDN'T BE HERE TODAY. AND I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT IN THIS BUILDING. I'M TALKING ABOUT ON THIS PLANET. AND I WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO DO ALL THE AMAZING THINGS THAT I'VE BEEN ABLE TO DO. I HAVE MULTIPLE DEGREES NOW. I GO OUT AND HELP THE COMMUNITY EVERY SINGLE CHANCE I TRY. I'M WRITING CHILDREN'S BOOKS TO TRY TO HELP CHILDREN WITH THESE ISSUES, EARN EARLY AND GET THE HELP THEY DESERVE. I KNOW THAT THIS IS REAL. SO WHAT I'M ASKING IS THAT YOU HELP SHE DOES BECAUSE SHE DOES DESERVES A SPECIFIC HOME FOR WOMEN WHO HAVE BEEN BATTERED. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.</p>	
<p>MY NAME ANDRE SOCON. FOR THE PAST SEVEN YEARS I HAVE WORKED WITH VARIOUS DIFFERENT GROUPS WITH THE HOMELESS BEGINNING WITH SCHOOL ON WHEELS. I'VE WORKED WITH VARIOUS DIFFERENT GROUPS THE PAST SEVEN YEARS INCLUDING SCHOOL ON WHEELS, THE MONDAY NIGHT MISSION, THE SHOWER OF HOPE. I ALSO SUPPORT THE SHE DOES MOVEMENT BECAUSE I HAVE VISITED SKID ROW REGULARLY AND I'M SURPRISED AT HOW MANY WOMEN CONTINUE TO BE HELD CAPTIVE THERE. YOU KNOW, THEY DEAL WITH NOT ONLY BEING BEATEN, BEING RAPED BUT ALSO WITH TRAFFICKING. THE SITUATION HAD ONLY GET WORSE. I</p>	<p>The funding recommendation for various strategies will address the shortfall in interim/crisis housing that was identified in the 2018 Housing Gap Analysis; this includes 3,250 additional beds.</p>

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<p>UNDERSTAND THAT THERE'S A LARGER PROBLEM WITH HOMELESSNESS. IT'S WITH THE HOUSING CRISIS. BUT I KNOW THAT'S A SEPARATE AGENDA, IT'S A SEPARATE ISSUE. WE NEED EMERGENCY SERVICES TO HELP THEM NOW. A LOT OF THE INITIATIVES WE'RE TALKING ABOUT, THEY WILL TAKE A FEW YEARS AND I UNDERSTAND THAT WITH FUNDING, WITH PLANNING. EMERGENCY SERVICES ARE SOMETHING THAT THEY NEED NOW. THEY NEED SERVICES RIGHT NOW. THEY DON'T HAVE TWO YEARS TO WAIT. WE HEAR REGULARLY ABOUT WOMEN WHO ARE BEATEN, WHO ARE RAPED. IT'S NOT SOMETHING THAT THEY CAN WAIT FOR. SO I REALLY HOPE THAT WE CAN PUT SOMETHING ON THE AGENDA THAT WILL HELP WOMEN IMMEDIATELY AND SET UP EMERGENCY SERVICES FOR THEM. THANK YOU.</p>	
<p>HI, MY NAME IS DANIELLE AN AND I HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FOR YEARS SINCE I'M A VICTIM OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND KNOW HOW MUCH IT TAKES TO BE ABLE TO FUNCTION IN THE SOCIETY AND HOW HARD IT IS TO REGAIN YOUR SELF-ESTEEM AND HOW MUCH SUPPORT YOU NEED. AND I AM HERE WITH SHE DOES. I JUST FOUND OUT ABOUT THEM. AND I WOULD LIKE FOR YOU, IF YOU CAN DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT'S WOMEN BECAUSE IT'S REALLY HARD TO FUNCTION. YOU HAVE NO IDEA HOW MUCH ENERGY IT TAKES, HOW MUCH IT TAKES FROM YOU AND HOW MUCH YOU NEED TO FIGHT TO EXIST IN THE SOCIETY, TO HAVE THE JOB YOU WANT. I HAVE BEEN WORKING SEVEN DAYS A WEEK TO PAY MY RENT, TO BE ABLE TO FUNCTION AND TO BE ABLE TO EXIST IN THIS SOCIETY. SO I WOULD LOVE FOR YOU TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT, ABOUT THE WOMEN WHO WERE UNABLE TO DO WHAT THEY DO, WHO ARE ON THE STREETS, WHO ARE BEING</p>	<p>The funding recommendation for various strategies will address the shortfall in interim/crisis housing that was identified in the 2018 Housing Gap Analysis; this includes 3,250 additional beds.</p>



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<p>RAPED, WHO ARE BEING ABUSED, WHO ARE BEING ATTACKED PHYSICALLY. PLEASE DO SOMETHING ABOUT THEM. AND GIVE SOME FUNDS. AND TRY TO FIND SOMEBODY TO HELP THEM BECAUSE IT'S NOT EASY TO FUNCTION AFTER SO MUCH TRAUMA. THANK YOU SO MUCH.</p>	
<p>HI, THANK YOU FOR SEEING ME. I'M FROM SHE CAN ALSO. IMAGINE IN FOUR HOURS WOMEN ARE GOING TO START THINKING IT'S GETTING DARK OUT. I HAVE NO WHERE SAFE TO BE. AND ALL THE PREDATORS ARE AROUND. AND IT'S NOT BY THEIR CHOICE. OKAY. THIS IS JUST HOURS AWAY. ALL OF US WILL GO HOME TO OUR SAFE, BE SAFE, BE COOL. I WAS HOMELESS ONCE UPON A TIME. I'M TALKING ABOUT EXPERIENCE. I KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE. LUCKILY I GET \$600 A MONTH FROM SOCIAL SECURITY BECAUSE I WAS BEAT UP IN 2008 SO THAT I HAVE A ROOM AND I CAN GO THERE IN THE EVENING TIME. NOT EVERYONE HAS THAT OPPORTUNITY. I'M BLESSED IN THAT ASPECT. WHEN YOU GO HOME AND YOU'RE SAFE AND SOUND I WANT YOU TO THINK ABOUT THE WOMEN ON SKID ROW. WE NEED A PARKING LOT THAT WE CAN OPEN UP THAT IS GATED. THAT 6:00, 7:00 WHEN THE BUSINESSES CLOSE, THEY COULD HAVE THEIR TENT, HAVE THEIR COVER, WHATEVER THEY WANT. LOCK THEM IN. HAVE TWO SECURITY GUARDS, ANYTHING. SO THEY CAN FEEL SAFE. THAT'S ALL I ASK. THANK YOU FOR HEARING ME.</p>	<p>The funding recommendation for various strategies will address the shortfall in interim/crisis housing that was identified in the 2018 Housing Gap Analysis; this includes 3,250 additional beds.</p>
<p>GOOD AFTERNOON. I SUPPORT L.A. ON CLOUD NINE BECAUSE THEY GO OUT THERE EVERY SINGLE NIGHT AND PUT THEIR LIVES ON THE LINE. IT'S DANGEROUS. I CAN GUARANTEE MOST OF YOU HAD NOT GO OUT THIS AFTER DARK AND TRY TO FEED PEOPLE OR STAY OUT THERE ONE NIGHT IN A TENT AS A WOMAN. YOU HAVE NO IDEA WHAT HAPPENS ON THESE STREETS AT NIGHT. IT'S SHEER TERROR. I'VE BEEN HOMELESS. I</p>	<p>The funding recommendation for various strategies will address the shortfall in interim/crisis housing that was identified in the 2018 Housing Gap Analysis; this includes 3,250 additional beds.</p>

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<p>WAS HOMELESS AS A KID ON THESE STREETS. THANK GOD I'M NOT HOMELESS AS AN ADULT, BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN THAT I'M NOT ONE PAYCHECK AWAY FROM IT. WE NEED THESE WOMEN TO BE SAFE NOW. YOU GUYS HAVE GREAT INITIATIVES AND GREAT PLANS AND GREAT PROJECTED AMOUNTS OF MONEY THAT YOU'RE GOING TO SPEND. WE DON'T HAVE THE TIME FOR THAT. TONIGHT, WOMEN WILL DIE. TONIGHT WOMEN WILL BE ATTACKED. TONIGHT, WOMEN WILL BE TRAFFICKED AGAINST THEIR WILL BY MULTIPLE MEN. THEY WILL SCREAM FOR HELP AND NO ONE WILL HELP THEM. SO WE'RE AT HOME AND WE'RE NICE AND SAFE, THERE ARE PEOPLE OUT THERE THAT HAVE NO HELP. I, TOO, AM AN ADVOCATE FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SURVIVORS. AND IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT WE GET THESE WOMEN HELP BEFORE THEY END UP ON THE STREETS. MANY OF THEM NEED THEIR SPOUSES FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT AND CANNOT LEAVE. BUT THEN WHEN THEY DO LEAVE, WHERE DO THEY GO? THEY GO DOWNTOWN. THEY SLEEP ON THE SIDEWALKS. THEY HAVE NOTHING. AN 82-YEAR-OLD WOMAN SLEEPING ON THE SIDEWALK IN THE RAIN? POSSIBLY IS GOING TO BE RAPED TONIGHT. I HAVE A GRANDMA. PEOPLE HAVE GRANDMAS. CAN YOU IMAGINE YOUR GRANDMOTHER BEING RAPED BECAUSE SHE HAS NO WHERE TO GO? WE NEED THIS DONE NOW. I SEE THAT YOU'RE TRYING TO DO THINGS AND I KNOW THERE'S A LOT OF RED TAPE. BUT WE NEED IT DONE NOW.</p>	
<p>I'D JUST LIKE TO GIVE A TRIGGER WARNING ON RAPE AND PTSD AND DOMESTIC ABUSE. I, TOO, AM A SURVIVOR OF I THINK A HOMELESS PERSON. I CAN ADDRESS 19 OF YOUR 21 ISSUES. FOR SHE DOES, THE QUESTION IS: DOES SHE DESERVE A SAFE PLACE TO LIVE? I BROUGHT MY RÉSUMÉ IN CASE YOU'RE INTERESTED IN WHO I AM. I'M A TEACHER. I'M A COLLEGE EDUCATED</p>	<p>The funding recommendation for various strategies will address the shortfall in interim/crisis housing that was identified in the 2018 Housing Gap Analysis; this includes 3,250 additional beds.</p>

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<p>GRADUATE. I'M A MOTHER. I'M A SISTER. I'M A DAUGHTER. AND, YES, I'M A GRANDMOTHER. MY BABIES ARE THREE AND TWO YEARS OLD. AND THIS MORNING I TOLD THEM THAT GRANDMA'S GOING GO FIGHT FOR LADIES SO THAT THEY CAN HAVE A HOUSE SO THAT TONIGHT, SO THAT TODAY THEY WON'T BE RAPED. TO MY -- DO MY TWO AND THREE-YEAR-OLD KNOW WHAT RAPE MEANS? DO YOUR TWO AND THREE-YEAR-OLD KNOW WHAT RAPE MEANS? DO THEY KNOW WHAT IT WOULD MEAN IF GRANDMA DIDN'T COME HOME TONIGHT? DOES YOUR SISTER WOULD KNOW WHAT IT WOULD MEAN IF YOU DIDN'T COME HOME TONIGHT? YOUR DAUGHTER KNOW WHAT IT MEANS IF YOU DON'T COME HOME TONIGHT? I'VE BEEN IN MENTAL INSTITUTIONS. I HAVE A RECORD. I HAVE BEEN CRIMINALIZED BECAUSE I AM HOMELESS. FALSELY ACCUSED. I WAS PUT IN JAIL SIX TIMES IN THREE MONTHS. I WAS HOSPITALIZED FIVE TIMES IN THREE MONTHS. DO YOU KNOW HOW MUCH THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES MADE OFF OF ME? FOR BEING HOMELESS? WHY WAS I HOMELESS? I SUFFER FROM POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER. HOW MANY OF THE 30,000 WOMEN SLEEPING ON YOUR STREETS ARE VETERANS? HOW MANY OF THE 30,000 WOMEN SLEEPING ON YOUR STREETS DESERVE SHELTER? THE QUESTION IS: DOES SHE? AND SHE DOES. MY NAME IS CHERI. MY NAME IS MARIA. MY NAME IS ALEXANDRA. MY NAME IS MONICA. MY NAME IS SUZETTE. ROSA. ALEXANDRA. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.</p>	
<p>CHERI PHIL PETER MARIA, THANK YOU FOR WHAT GUYS DO. THIS GROUP, WE ORGANIZED THIS GROUP BECAUSE WE HAVE A LITTLE BIT OF A DIFFERENT EXPERIENCE FROM WHAT YOU SEE. YOU GUYS WERE HOME LAST NIGHT WATCHING TV. LAST NIGHT I WAS HOLDING ON TO A WOMAN TRYING TO KEEP HER AWAKE</p>	<p>The funding recommendation for various strategies will address the shortfall in interim/crisis housing that was identified in the 2018 Housing Gap Analysis; this includes 3,250 additional beds.</p>

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<p>BECAUSE A GUY ON SKID ROW BEAT HER OVER THE HEAD WITH A TIRE IRON. SHE SURVIVED. SHE SURVIVED. BUT THAT'S LAST NIGHT. DO YOU KNOW WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN TONIGHT? TWO WOMEN, THE WOMAN THAT SHE WAS TALKING ABOUT, 82-YEAR-OLD, SOMEONE CALLED ME TO HELP HER IN A TENT. 82 YEARS OLD. WE WILL HAVE A MEETING NEXT WEEK OR THE WEEK AFTER WHEN MATT DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF AND BRIAN BUCK NEAR CALLS IN YOU, PHIL, YOU, PETER, WE MET WITH LADY BOYCE TWO WEEKS AGO, YOU GUYS DON'T HAVE A PLAN FOR ADDING IN MORE CRISIS SHELTERS. WHEN I ASKED YOUR GUYS, PETER WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO PUT IN MORE SHELTERS? THEY'RE LIKE OH, WE HAVE AN R.F.P. CLOSING NEXT WEEK. WHAT ARE YOUR POTENTIAL SITES? NO ANSWER. THEY GIVE ME ONE, I THINK IN SOUTH L.A. WE NEED YOU TO GET ON IT. EXCUSE ME ANGER, BUT WHEN YOU'RE HOLDING ONTO A WOMAN THAT GOT HIT OVER THE HEAD WITH A GOD DAM TIRE IRON, YOU GET A LITTLE GOD DAM ANGRY. WE NEED YOU GUYS TO PICK UP THE PACE. FROM HOUSING FOR HELP, NO OPTIONS. WHERE ARE THE OPTIONS? WHERE IS THE MOVEMENT? YOU KNOW THAT THE CENSUS IS WRONG. YOU KNOW WE HAVE WAY MORE MANY WOMEN DOWN THERE. THE MINUTE THEY'RE EXPOSE TODAY TRAUMA, YOU HAVE TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE BUT NOW YOU'RE LOOKING AT 5, 10, 15 YEARS TO GET THEM REHABILITATED. WE NEED TO GET THESE WOMEN INTO SHELTERS. TO THE SENIOR WOMAN THEY TALKED ABOUT, WHY DON'T WE HAVE ANY SPECIFIC SHELTERS FOR SENIOR WOMEN ABOVE 62? WE SENT A 77-YEAR-OLD WOMAN INTO A WINTER SHELTER ON SATURDAY. WHAT DO YOU THINK IS GOING TO HAPPEN TO A 77-YEAR-OLD WOMAN ON A WINTER SHELTER. DO YOU THINK SHE WILL HAVE EASY ACCESS</p>	
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<p>BATHROOMS? WE NEED SPECIFIC SHELTERS. BUT WE NEED YOU GUYS TO WORK WITH URGENCY.</p>	
<p>HELLO. MY NAME IS KEVIN EZA FROM MONDAY NIGHT MOVEMENT ALSO THE SHE DOES MOVEMENT. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN OF THE BOARD, WE NEED YOUR HELP TO TACKLE THIS HOMELESS CRISIS. WE NEED YOU TO STEP UP. WE HAVE THE RESOURCES AND WE HAVE THE SUPPORT TO BUILD MORE HOUSING AND SHELTERS. SO WHY DON'T WE ACT? ACTION TODAY IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A LIFE SAVED AND A LIFE LOST WE NEED TO INVEST IN OUR PEOPLE, TO INVEST IN OUR COLLECTIVE WELL-BEING. TODAY I ASK YOU TO START WITH THE WOMEN OF OUR CITY. THESE WOMEN ARE TARGETED DAILY ON THE STREETS, ASSAULTED, RAPED. AND EVEN THE ONES WHO ARE ABLE TO EVADE STILL HAVE THE BLISTERING COLD AND THE DISEASE TO CONTEND WITH. SHE DOES. SHE DOES DESERVES TO HEAR THAT OUR COUNTY SUPERVISORS CARE ENOUGH TO PROVIDE SHELTER FOR AT LEAST 1,000 WOMEN BY THIS AUGUST. AND I HOPE THAT YOU CAN FIND IT IN YOUR HEARTS TO AGREE. THANK YOU.</p>	<p>The funding recommendation for various strategies will address the shortfall in interim/crisis housing that was identified in the 2018 Housing Gap Analysis; this includes 3,250 additional beds.</p>
<p>HI, MY NAME IS AMPARO AND I HAVE A LITTLE BIT OF A SIMILAR STORY WITH MENTAL ILLNESS WHEN I WAS -- WHEN I WAS 20 YEARS OLD, I WAS DIAGNOSED WITH (CRYING) BIPOLAR DISORDER AND I WAS PRETTY MUCH TOLD MY LIFE WAS OVER, THAT IF I GRADUATED COLLEGE, I WOULD MAYBE FIND A JOB. AND I THINK THERE'S A LOT OF MENTAL ILLNESS THAT IS VERY QUICKLY TURNED OVER UNTIL YOUR LIFE IS OVER. IF I HAD BELIEVED THAT, I WOULDN'T BE HERE TODAY. I SIMPLY CHOSE NOT TO BELIEVE IT AND PURSUE MY LIFE, CONTINUE MY DEGREE AND GET A JOB, GET A MASTER'S DEGREE, OWN PROPERTY AND DO NORMAL THINGS. BUT IF I DIDN'T HAVE A</p>	<p>The funding recommendation for various strategies will address the shortfall in interim/crisis housing that was identified in the 2018 Housing Gap Analysis; this includes 3,250 additional beds.</p>

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<p>SUPPORTIVE FAMILY. IF I DIDN'T HAVE THE AMAZING PEOPLE AROUND ME, I COULD HAVE ENDED UP ON THE STREETS. I SEE THE PEOPLE ON THE STREETS AND I SEE ALL THE TRAUMA THEY GO THROUGH. I SEE THEM WHEN I GO AND THEY COULD BE ME BUT I'M LUCKY. I SLEEP SAFE EVERY DAY. I NEVER HAVE TO BE RAPED OR SEX TRAFFICKED. BUT THOSE WOMEN ARE SEX TRAFFICKED EVERY SINGLE DAY. AND YOU GUYS ARE TAKING SO LONG TO MAKE THIS DECISION. WE HAVE OFFERED IDEAS. WE SAID KEEP SHELTERS 365 INSTEAD OF CLOSING THEM FOR THE WINTER. YOU JUST KEEP GIVING US MAYBES AND DEFERRING ACTION. BUT EVERY SINGLE NIGHT SOMEONE IS RAPED. WE SEE THE BRUISES. WE SEE THE WOMEN. AND THEY'RE JUST LIKE US. THEY'RE NOT ANY DIFFERENT. IF THEY DIDN'T HAVE SUPPORT, IF THEY HAD SUPPORT, THEY COULD BE CONTRIBUTING MEMBERS OF SOCIETY. WE DON'T HAVE TO SEE THEM AS A BURDEN. THEY'RE JUST LIKE US. THEY'RE NO DIFFERENT. AND THEY'RE SISTERS. THEY'RE MOTHERS. THEY'RE GRANDMOTHERS. AND THEY JUST NEED MORE SUPPORT.</p>	
<p>GOOD AFTERNOON MY NAME IS ESTUARDO RUANO, AND I'M HERE TO SPEAK ON SHE DOES, TOO. AND WE NEED TO TAKE ACTION. AND THIS ACTION NEEDS TO HAPPEN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. EVERY SINGLE DAY THAT WE'RE HERE, THERE ARE MORE WOMEN GETTING RAPED, BEATEN, ASSAULTED AND TRAFFICKED. AND THERE'S NOTHING THAT WE'RE DOING TO PROVIDE THEM WITH SHELTER. WE NEED TO START TAKING ACTION AND DEMAND THAT THE CITY AND THE COUNTY, NOW THAT WE HAVE THE SUPPORT OF BOTH OF THEM, OPEN SHELTERS YEAR ROUND. HOMELESSNESS IS NOT SOMETHING THAT GOES SEASON BY SEASON. IT'S SOMETHING THAT AFFECTS THEM THROUGHOUT THEIR LIFE. SO WHY AREN'T SHELTERS OPEN 365? WE HAVE CITY PROPERTIES AVAILABLE THAT ARE</p>	<p>The funding recommendation for various strategies will address the shortfall in interim/crisis housing that was identified in the 2018 Housing Gap Analysis; this includes 3,250 additional beds.</p>

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<p>BEING BIDDED, PUT ON BID BY THE C.A.O., THE CITY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE, INSTEAD OF BEING UTILIZED FOR SHELTER. WE HAVE PARKING LOTS THAT ARE BEING UNUSED THAT ARE PUBLICLY OWNED THAT ARE NOT BEING GEARED TOWARDS OUR HOMELESS COMMUNITY. RIGHT NOW, JOE CEDILLO APPROVED IN LINCOLN HEIGHTS THAT WE START OPENING SHELTERS AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING, BUT THAT'S NOT ENOUGH. THE COMMUNITY IS FACING LARGE PUSHBACK. THERE'S \$350 MILLION EVERY YEAR GOING TOWARDS POLICING AND CLEANUP SERVICES TO KICK THE HOMELESS PEOPLE OFF THE STREET, NOT TO PROVIDE THEM THE SERVICES THAT THEY NEED. YOU KNOW, AND THE MUNICIPAL CODE 56.11 STATES AT THAT IF THERE'S NO PUBLIC STORAGE, THEY CANNOT TAKE THEIR BELONGINGS. THEY CANNOT TAKE THEIR TENTS. BUT WE TAKE EVERYTHING, INCLUDING THEIR DIGNITY AND NO ONE BATS AN EYE. WE DO HAVE THE RESOURCES. WE DO HAVE THE FUNDS. THE LACK OF WILL, THAT'S WHAT'S STOPPING US. WE'RE STAGNANT WHEN IT COMES TO US ACTUALLY PROVIDING THEM WITH THE OPPORTUNITY OF FEELING HUMAN AGAIN. IT'S DEGRADING TO WALK EVERY SINGLE DAY AND SEE THEIR BELONGINGS TAKEN AWAY AS IF THEY DON'T FEEL LESS HUMAN ALREADY. SHE DOES DESERVES SHELTER. SHE DOES DESERVE PROTECTION. AND SHE DOES DESERVE THAT WE FIGHT FOR HER.</p>	
<p>HI, MY NAME IS SUSAN MENDEZ AND I'M MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE COORDINATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE YAROSLAVSKY 7 WHICH INCLUDES -- SERVICE AREA 7. WHICH INCLUDES LAKEWOOD, CERRITOS AND WHITTIER. EVERYTHING IN BETWEEN IS A PRETTY BIG AREA. WE HAVE A LOT OF UNDOCUMENTED RESIDENTS THERE AND OUR HOMELESS POPULATION IS GROWING. WE HAVE ONE SHELTER,</p>	<p>Since the inception of the Homeless Initiative, over 1700 14-hour shelter beds have been converted to operate 24 hours a day and seven days a week with enhanced services provided on site. With infusion of Measure H funding, 1000 new interim housing beds, including emergency shelter beds, have been added in FY 17/18. For FY18/19, a total of 2344 additional interim housing beds will be added with Measure H funding and an additional 906 interim housing</p>

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<p>BELL SHELTER. AND WE HAVE ONE WOMEN AND FAMILY SHELTER, THE SALVATION ARMY. AND VERY LIMITED NUMBER OF BEDS. VERY SLOW TURNOVER BECAUSE OF THE DIFFERENT BARRIERS TO HOUSE THESE CLIENTS. ONE OF THE BIGGEST ISSUES IS WE HAVE A LOT OF UNDOCUMENTED. SO THEY DON'T QUALIFY FOR A LOT OF THE FEDERAL FUNDS FOR VOUCHERS AND HOUSING. WE DON'T HAVE A LOT OF WILLING LANDLORDS THAT ARE WILLING TO PROVIDE HOUSING FOR SOME OF OUR CLIENTS, AS WELL. PARTICULARLY THE MENTALLY ILL. WE'RE ONLY ABLE TO PROVIDE SO MANY SERVICES TO TRY AND KEEP OUR HOMELESS IN HOUSING ONCE WE'VE LOCATED HOUSING FOR THEM. SO I JUST WANT TO ENCOURAGE AND ADVOCATE FOR FUNDING AND RESOURCES IN OUR SPECIFIC AREA. THANK YOU.</p>	<p>beds will be added with non-Measure H funding, investments that will significantly expand and enhance the current capacity and close the interim housing gap as identified in LAHSA's 2018 Housing Gap Analysis.</p>
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**E14: ENHANCE SERVICES FOR TRANSITION AGE YOUTH**

COMMENT	RESPONSE
CREATE a new city like it was done during the depression "GREEN HILLS"	Strategy E14 is focused on enhancing services for transition age youth by expanding access to housing and supportive services including transitional housing, family reconnection supports, drop- in centers, and education and employment services based on the individual needs and preferences of youth.
For the city, not Lake LA	Strategy E14 serves youth experiencing homelessness Countywide in both incorporated cities and unincorporated areas.
How are the needs of LGBTQ youth being met? How are they kept from faith-based service providers that are hostile to LGBTQ people?	Strategy E14 is focused on increasing access to housing and supportive services including transitional housing, family reconnection supports, drop -in centers, and education and employment services based on the individual needs and preferences of youth. All housing and supportive services funded through E14 are required to operate with cultural competency and must meet the unique needs of special populations including LGBTQ youth.
At Safe Place for Youth our mission is to inspire, nurture, and empower the resilient human spirit of homeless youth by providing immediate and lasting solutions, one young person at a time. In 2017, we served 1,100 young people ages 12 to 25 through our outreach and drop-in center services in Venice, CA. These young people are creative, resourceful, generous, and kind. With support, their experiences of homelessness can be brief, and their talents, skills, and dreams can be realized, shared with the broader society. However, without intervention these young people	Thank you for your comment. The County is recommending an increase in funding for Strategy E14 from \$5 million allocated in FY 2017-18 to \$19 million for FY 2018-19. Strategy E14 provides a significant increase for transitional housing resources to expand housing options for young people.

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face victimization, criminalization, illness, and enduring poverty that often impacts the rest of their adults lives. This suffering is not only immoral; it is also preventable.

When looking at the most recent Housing Gaps Analysis published by LAHSA, it identifies a shortfall of minimum 203 transitional housing units for youth. Under the proposed Measure H Budget for FY18-19, it suggests that an additional 304 TH units made available across the county. I sincerely hope this plan moves forward as research shows that many older adults experiencing chronic homelessness first experienced homelessness in their late teens and early 20's. Had these individuals received intervention early in life they might have been spared years of trauma and living on the streets. Further, our current homelessness crisis might have been stemmed substantially.

Transitional housing is an incredible intervention for youth, particularly when coupled with Education and Employment programming, as young people are able to stabilize and adjust relatively quickly. It is the logical resource of choice for a population who is eager to find community and connect with their peers. If I had \$355 million dollars to end homelessness this year, I would significantly increase the number of transitional housing options for young people experiencing homelessness so that no young person is left behind on the streets. It is critical that we catch these young people early, before their experiences of homelessness become long-lasting. The passage of a Measure H budget which looks to prioritize and uplift youth will pave the way for thousands of young people to live safer, healthier, more fulfilled lives. It will pave the way for a safer, healthier, more fulfilled Los Angeles County.

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<p>Strategy E14 (Enhanced Services for TAY) is the only strategy that addresses young people specifically. While we are thankful that there has not been a decrease in proposed funding, we know that funding for young people has not been proportional to the amount of young people experiencing homelessness in Los Angeles County. The \$840,000 allocated to improve access/drop-in centers is insufficient to invest and sustain the regional distribution of this resource. We would like to know if funds will be available for all SPAs in the next fiscal year.</p>	<p>The County is recommending an increase in funding for Strategy E14 from \$5 million allocated in FY 2017-18 to \$19 million for FY 2018-19. All services provided through Strategy E14 are available countywide in all Service Planning Areas (SPAs)</p>
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**F7: PRESERVE AND PROMOTE THE DEVELOPMENT OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR HOMELESS FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS**

COMMENT	RESPONSE
<p>Recommend that older adults as target group be included in the development of affordable housing option as they are among the highest risk groups given limited income.</p>	<p>The Homeless Initiative has an ongoing partnership with the Department of Workforce Development, Aging, and Community Services (WDACS), the City of LA’s Department of Aging, Senior Centers located throughout the County, and the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA). Together we are launching an older adults pilot program in five senior centers. The pilot program will allow us to explore ways in which the olderadults system and homeless services system can support one another. While there is not specific funding set aside for older adults, we realize that this population has unique needs and we are working to strengthen both systems through ongoing collaboration with the partners mentioned.</p>
<p>There should be a particular focus on the creation of deep rental subsidies for older adults.</p>	<p>The Homeless Initiative has an ongoing partnership with the Department of Workforce Development, Aging, and Community Services (WDACS), the City of LA’s Department of Aging, Senior Centers located throughout the County, and the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA). Together we are launching an older adults pilot program in five senior centers. The pilot program will allow us to explore ways in which the older adults system and homeless services system can support one another. While there is not specific funding set aside for older adults, we realize that this population has unique needs and we are working to strengthen both systems through ongoing collaboration with the partners mentioned.</p>

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<p>CREATE a new city like it was done during the depression "GREEN HILLS"</p>	<p>Thank you for your comment.</p>
<p>In the city, not Lake LA</p>	<p>Strategy F7 will be deployed Countywide in both incorporated cities and unincorporated areas.</p>
<p>HELLO, EVERYONE. I CURRENTLY WORK AT ST. JOSEPH'S CENTER. SO I WORK AT ST. JOSEPH'S CENTER, AND FINDING AFFORDABLE HOUSING IS ONE OF THE LARGEST ROADBLOCKS WE HAVE FACED WHEN TRYING TO GET CLIENTS HOUSED PRESERVING AND INCREASING THE AMOUNT OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING ON THE WEST SIDE AND L.A. COUNTY IN GENERAL.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comment. The dearth of affordable housing in LA County is one of the most significant challenges we face. In addition to the funding through Strategy F7, we are also working with several County departments, cities, and organizations to increase the supply of affordable and supportive housing.</p>
<p>THANK YOU. I'M RACHAEL JOHNSON. I ALSO WORK FOR ST. JOSEPH'S. AND WE WORK IN BOTH WEST L.A. AND SOUTH L.A., AND WE PROVIDE A LOT OF HOUSING SERVICES. BUT, YOU KNOW, THERE'S SO MANY HOOPS AND BARRIERS THAT EACH HOMELESS INDIVIDUAL HAS TO GO THROUGH TO GET RAPID REHOUSING FUNDING TO GET A SECTION 8 VOUCHER. AND WHEN THEY DO GET THAT, THEY HAVEN'T GOTTEN TO THE BIGGEST BARRIER WHICH IS THE LACK OF HOUSING FOR THEM. AND THIS IS MORE PRESSING IN WEST L.A. WHERE THE RENTS ARE EXTREMELY HIGH BUT EVEN SOUTH L.A. WE WITNESSED WHERE LANDLORDS ARE VERY RESISTANT TO RENT TO RAPID REHOUSING OR VOUCHERS. SO EVEN WITHOUT AFFORDABLE HOUSING, IT WILL BE EXTREMELY IMPOSSIBLE TO HOUSE THE LARGER HOMELESS POPULATION.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comment. There are many efforts underway to incentivize more landlords to rent to voucher recipients. One of these programs is the Homeless Incentive Program, which is administered by the Housing Authority of the County of LA and other public housing authorities through Strategy B4. The voters of the City of LA have approved a \$1.2 billion bond to build 10,000 units of supportive housing over the next 10 years; however, siting these developments requires community support. We need communities throughout the County, including West LA, to support these developments in their neighborhoods.</p>
<p>WE'RE BASED IN SPA 7, AS WELL. AND WANTED TO TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS OUR GRATITUDE FOR ALL THE WORK THAT ALL OF YOU ARE DOING. IT'S CLEARLY EVIDENT THAT WE ARE MOVING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION AND WANTED TO BE A SUPPORTIVE VOICE IN THAT PROCESS. WHILE AT THE SAME TIME ACKNOWLEDGING THE PLIGHT OF FAMILIES AND THE</p>	<p>Thank you for your comment. We agree that trauma-informed care is important in addressing the needs of individuals/families experiencing homelessness. Measure H strategies were developed with the understanding that housing must be reinforced by supportive services to</p>

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<p>CONTINUED NEED TO FOCUS ON FAMILIES IN NEED OF CARE. CLEARLY THERE IS AN ONGOING MENTAL HEALTH NEED TO BE COORDINATING SERVICES IN THAT ARENA AND WANTED TO ECHO THAT, ECHO THE NEED FOR TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE AS WE'VE BEEN HEARING. CLEARLY WOMEN THAT ARE STRUGGLING WITH TRAUMATIC SITUATIONS OR IN NEED OF HAVING PROVIDERS THAT ARE WELL VERSED IN SERVICING THE TRAUMA NEEDS. ALSO WANTED TO ENCOURAGE CONTINUED FOCUS AROUND THE ISSUES OF EMBARRASSMENT THAT CHILDREN IN THESE FAMILIES ARE EXPERIENCING, BOTH CHILDREN AND TRANSITIONAL AGED YOUTH, THAT IT IS OFTEN A VERY TROUBLING SITUATION TO BE GOING TO SCHOOL AND THEN COMING HOME TO A SITUATION -- OR NOT COMING HOME IN PARTICULAR BUT IN A NON-HOME ENVIRONMENT. ALSO, I WANTED TO ENCOURAGE CONSIDERATION FOR MENTOR MODELS THAT WE BELIEVE CAN BE VERY HELPFUL IN SERVING FAMILIES IN NEED. THANK YOU.</p>	<p>ensure that the individual/family attains stability and retains housing.</p>
<p>HI. THANK YOU SO MUCH. I'M FROM THE WEST SIDE, SPA 5, THE WEST SIDE COALITION CONSISTS OF 47 MEMBERS THAT ARE AGENCIES THAT ARE ALL WORKING ON VARIOUS ISSUES THAT SURROUND ALL OF THESE THINGS THAT WE'RE ADDRESSING TODAY. AND IF I HAD \$355 MILLION TO SPEND ON HOMELESSNESS THIS YEAR, I WOULD PUT AFFORDABLE HOUSING ON THE WEST SIDE. THIS SEEMS TO BE SOME SORT OF AN UNDERSTANDING THAT WE DON'T NEED HOUSING BECAUSE IT'S WEALTHY ON THE WEST SIDE. BUT THE AMOUNT OF THE GROWING POPULATION IS GETTING TO BE UNSUSTAINABLE. AND SO AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR ALL OF THE DIFFERENT CATEGORIES, FOR FAMILIES, FOR YOUTH, FOR VETERANS, FOR THE ELDERLY, EVERY ONE OF THEM, THE ANSWER IS THAT WE NEED UNITS. WE'VE -- OUR AGENCIES HAVE PEOPLE THAT ARE</p>	<p>Thank you for your comment. We agree that affordable and supportive housing must be built everywhere in the County, including the West Side. One of the challenges with siting developments is neighborhood opposition, typically from a small percentage of residents. We need all communities to support the development of supportive housing in their neighborhood in order to build enough housing to meet the need. The County is currently engaged in a multi-prong communications strategy to help developers deliver positive messaging to and receive support from the communities in which they wish to build affordable/homeless housing.</p>

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<p>VOUCHERED UP, NO PLACE WILL TAKE THEM. WE HAVE SO MANY PEOPLE THAT THEY RENEWED THEIR VOUCHERS UNTIL THEY HAVE TO GIVE THEM BACK AND IT BREAKS THEIR HEARTS BECAUSE THEY THINK THAT THAT'S THE GOLDEN TICKET, TO FINALLY BE ABLE TO GET INTO HOUSING AFTER THE YEARS OF STRUGGLE AND THEN TO TURN AROUND AND TAKE IT BACK, IT'S DEVASTATING. WE NEED THE UNITS, AS YOU WELL KNOW. BUT THAT'S WHAT WE WANTED TO SAY. PLEASE, PLEASE HELP US TO BUILD ON THE WEST SIDE. THANK YOU.</p>	
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**CENTRAL MEASURE H ADMINISTRATION**

COMMENT	RESPONSE
<p>I THINK IT WOULD BE VERY IMPORTANT TO REALLY HAVE A FLOW SHOP REALLY GOING ON WITH MEASURE H BECAUSE I DON'T SEE MOST OF US REALLY KNOW WHO IS WHO AND WHAT ARE THEY DOING? AND BEYOND HAVING JUST A FLOWCHART, IT WOULD BE NICE TO HAVE THE NAME OF THE PEOPLE, THEIR POSITION AND SO ON AND THEIR BACKGROUND. I THINK FOR ME THAT WILL HELP ME TO REALLY SEE WHAT'S GOING ON. AND IT WOULD BE VERY NICE WHEN WE ASK ONE OF THE MEMBERS TO CALL US, THAT THEY DO CALL US BECAUSE OUR TIME IS AS PRECIOUS AS ANY OF YOU. SO I WILL REALLY -- WE HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF WHO IS WHO IN THAT PROJECT.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comment. There are many people from the County, the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, and community organizations working hard serving homeless families, youth, and individuals. To obtain information or share concerns, please contact the Homeless Initiative at the following email: <a href="mailto:homelessinitiative@lacounty.gov">homelessinitiative@lacounty.gov</a>. We will be happy to answer any Measure H questions or connect you to the right person who can answer your questions.</p>



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**GENERAL / OTHER**

COMMENT	RESPONSE
<p>Do you need to have meetings in faith based institutions, like Holman United Methodist Church, that are opposed to the full dignity of LGBTQ people? Do you expect LGBTQ people to be comfortable attending a meeting in such a location?</p>	<p>Thank you for your comment. The faith-based community has been a strong partner to the Homeless Initiative, as well as an institution that has provided homeless services to their communities long before Measure H. That said, we are sensitive to the needs of all groups, including the LGBTQ community, and will work to ensure that meetings occur in spaces that are safe and accessible for everyone.</p>
<p>Recommend that the Homeless Initiative develop strategies in keeping with the one third of those who are homeless and 55 years and older. To date, all policy and funding decisions have excluded the unique needs of older adults. As a region engaged in making it the "best place to grow old in world" under the Purposeful Aging LA initiative and home to one of the Nation's largest concentrations of older persons it is unacceptable that we continue to ignore the rapid growth of the homeless older adult population.</p>	<p>The Homeless Initiative has an ongoing partnership with the Department of Workforce Development, Aging, and Community Services (WDACS), the City of LA's Department of Aging, Senior Centers located throughout the County, and the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA). Together we are launching an older adults pilot program in five senior centers. The pilot program will allow us to explore ways in which the olderadults system and homeless services system can support one another. While there is not specific funding set aside for older adults, we realize that this population has unique needs and we are working to strengthen both systems through ongoing collaboration with the partners mentioned.</p>
<p>1) There is no specific mention of older adults in the County's Homelessness Initiative, and hence no Measure H funding is dedicated to older adults. Older adults represent a significant portion of LA's homeless population (one in four people experiencing homelessness in the LA Continuum of Care (CoC) is 55+), and this population is expected to grow. We need to begin aggressively targeting solutions for this population.</p>	<p>The Homeless Initiative has an ongoing partnership with the Department of Workforce Development, Aging, and Community Services (WDACS), the City of LA's Department of Aging, Senior Centers located throughout the County, and the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA). Together we are launching an older adults pilot program in five senior centers. The pilot program will allow us to explore ways in which the older adults</p>

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	<p>system and homeless services system can support one another. While there is not specific funding set aside for older adults, we realize that this population has unique needs and we are working to strengthen both systems through ongoing collaboration with the partners mentioned.</p>
<p>Homeless would be proud to create their own city away from you: greedy people of the city... LA COUNTY SUCKS</p>	<p>Thank you for your comment.</p>
<p>I vigorously oppose dumping people the city doesn't wish to look at in my little village. We do not have sheriff support. We have been slowly getting rid of tagging gangs and do not need to bring in more gang members. We do not need to support criminals in any reintegration project. We do not need sex offenders. If Lake LA needs anything it is a sewer system and the gentrification of the downtown area. Bring in a Starbucks or Trader Joe's. Make it fancy. Make it a tourist location. Fill the lake with water the right way. Pave the roads with actual concrete, not chip and oil. Bring in artists and give them public canvases to color. Make a deal with silicone valley to create computer and engineering jobs to the old school site. Turn it into and astronomy observatory. Keep renting to Hollywood.</p>	<p>We do not engage in nor condone the practice of displacing people. The crisis of homelessness affects every community in LA County, and it creates a barrier to healthy and equitable economic development. Addressing this crisis will not only benefit the individuals and families receiving services, but communities, cities, and County overall.</p>
<p>The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has documented the link between housing instability and both delayed HIV diagnosis and increased risk of acquiring and transmitting HIV infection. In addition, homelessness and unstable housing are strongly associated with inadequate access to healthcare and poor health outcomes. It is important to note that as an infectious disease without a cure, HIV/AIDS continues to be a critical</p>	<p>Thank you for your comment. The County and LAHSA are in the process of reviewing the prioritization process through the CES Policy Team, and public comments will be considered as part of that review.</p>

<p>public health issue, and there is a disproportionate risk of transmission and lack of healthcare among the homeless and unstably housed.</p> <p>For people living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA) and those at a high-risk of contracting HIV, stable housing is the most effective health intervention, over time having a bigger impact on preventing transmission and retaining PLWHA in medical care than demographics, health status, insurance coverage, mental illness and substance abuse, or other supportive services. Retention in and continuity of medical care leads to reduced viral load (the amount of virus in the blood), which means that PLWHA are less likely to transmit HIV, and the overall County expenditures on healthcare decrease. Stable housing is also linked to more frequent HIV testing and fewer transmissions, and this three-pronged benefit of housing PLWHA will help bring LA County one step closer to realizing an AIDS-free generation.</p> <p>Based on this evidence, it is paramount that the proposed FY 18-19 Measure H funding prioritize specific housing program components for PLWHA. Services throughout the full housing service continuum from emergency housing, transitional, recuperative through permanent support housing, should be easily accessible for children and adults living with HIV.</p> <p>Both the County and City of Los Angeles primarily prioritize homeless individuals into housing through the Vulnerability Index – Service Prioritization and Decision Assistance Tool (VI-SPDAT), which uses a scoring system to assess the “chronicity and medical vulnerability of homeless</p>	
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<p>individuals”. To date, HIV/AIDS is not appropriately recognized as a serious public health issue and the aspect of HIV/AIDS as a transmittable and incurable disease has not been factored into the scoring system. Thus, current methodology for prioritizing housing exacerbates the vulnerability of homeless and unstably housed individuals living with HIV/AIDS who do not qualify as “chronically” homeless. This, along with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development’s new definition of chronic homelessness, will leave many homeless persons with HIV/AIDS on the street and unhoused. According to the 2017 homeless count data from the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, 2 out of 100 persons ages 18 and over experiencing homelessness in Los Angeles, have HIV/AIDS (self-reported).</p> <p>There is a clear and simple opportunity for the County to prioritize PLWHA into housing while continuing to house the chronically homeless. The Los Angeles County Commission on HIV recommends that LA County include HIV/AIDS as an automatic high acuity designation for the Coordinated Entry System (CES) prioritization for housing in Los Angeles County. The reduction in transmissions of HIV and lower healthcare costs to the County that would result are important benefits for the community.</p>	
<p>1. The number of permanent resources (PSH and RRH) resources needs to at least match the number of shelter beds for as more shelter and bridge housing than permanent housing restricts system flow. 2. Shelter beds should have permanent resources tied to them; shelter beds need to be as low barrier as possible to incentivize acuity</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments and suggestions.</p>

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<p>and more chronically homeless to utilize them thus caseloads need to at 1:15 ratio. 2. We need more PSH resources (PSH funds should at least match RRH). 4. RV/vehicular homelessness needs its own dedicated funding stream with funding to include incentives for giving up RVs as well as dedicated, funded outreach staff for this population. 5. Strongly support the funding for COGs and city plan implementation. Recommend that funding be allocated to allow cities that did not apply for initial City Planning grants to do so. Also recommend that a "City mentoring" system be established to link neighboring cities so they start working together. 6. Need flexible funds for clients that can support individuals and families that don't qualify or won't be prioritized for PSH or RRH in moving into and maintaining housing. There needs to be a dedicated funding category in Measure H for this population in order to prevent continuing growth in homelessness. 7. Recommend funding for motel vouchers in the crisis and bridge housing strategies, especially for individuals and families that live in SPAs with extremely limited shelter capacity like SPA 7. The current motel funding for families needs to be expanded.</p>	
<p>There is a need for client flexible funds in Measure H, that can support individuals and families that don't qualify or won't be prioritized for PSH or RRH, in moving into and maintaining housing. Previously, these funds have largely come from discretionary funding, but there's a need for carve out of those funds in Measure H.</p>	<p>Flexible funds are currently available through Strategies A1 and A5 (prevention) and Strategy B3 (rapid rehousing). As we gain more experience, it will be appropriate to assess whether funding should be allocated for flexible funds for additional populations.</p>
<p>We would like to thank the Homeless Initiative and the Measure H Revenue Planning Board for the increase in proposed investment for Strategies B7 (Bridge Housing),</p>	<p>Thank you for your comment and support. Data on the use of funds and number served are included in each Homeless Initiative Quarterly Report to the Board and posted to the HI</p>

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<p>E7 (Regional Coordination and Housing Navigation), and E8 (Enhancing Crisis and Bridge Housing), all of which could benefit young people experiencing homelessness in Los Angeles.</p> <p>We would like to request data on the funds that were previously administered and how many transition age youth were impacted. We would also like to request data on the outcomes for TAY that were served by either the adult or youth systems. This information would assist in forming feedback and future requests for funding.</p>	<p>website (<a href="http://homeless.lacounty.gov">http://homeless.lacounty.gov</a>). This data was also included in the public packet of Draft Measure H Funding Recommendations posted to the HI website on March 5. Please contact us at <a href="mailto:homelessinitiative@lacounty.gov">homelessinitiative@lacounty.gov</a> and we will be happy to provide additional data.</p>
<p>In 2016, 16 of our member clinics provided health care services to over 35,000 homeless patients. The Community Clinic Association of Los Angeles County recommends more Measure H funding and resources be allocated to help agencies improve their infrastructure (physical space, administrative infrastructure, etc.). Infrastructure issues have created barriers to clinics' participation in programs such as multidisciplinary outreach teams, intensive case management services, and Whole Person Care.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comment. LAHSA will be releasing a procurement in April 2018 for capacity building and technical assistance that could potentially be used for infrastructure improvements, such as new software systems. Please visit LAHSA's website to see their procurement schedule and details for each solicitation (<a href="http://www.lahsa.org">www.lahsa.org</a>).</p>
<p>There are numerous examples of the value of providing some funding specifically for small local CBOs and Faith-based providers. For instance, a local school district homeless liaison reported that she was unable to place a homeless family into a motel quickly through CES. She went to the East San Gabriel Valley Coalition for the Homeless for a motel voucher, and this agency was able to quickly provide a motel voucher for this homeless family while they waited to be connected to, and helped by, the HFSS. Although anecdotal, this is not unusual. Catholic Charities and St Vincent De Paul have offered similar examples.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comment. We value our partners and count among them CBOs, the faith-based community, school liaisons, and many more smaller agencies and organizations. There are subcontracting opportunities available for smaller agencies, and we encourage them all to explore these opportunities. Please visit the HI website to see Measure H contracting opportunities (<a href="http://homeless.lacounty.gov">http://homeless.lacounty.gov</a>).</p>

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<p>These humble agencies are happy to partner with the County systems and departments to move people from streets and cars to shelter and housing. It would be very helpful if budgeted funding would be allocated to this sector of providers. Appropriate Strategy linkages for CBOs would be strategies A1 and A2, B3, and a designation under Strategy D, Case Management. These agencies could be provided with dollars that may be reserved for uses supporting CES, school districts, and other County departments, without the restrictions placed upon CES pass-through dollars and, in some cases, exclusive of the RFSQ process. Even limited funding would go a long way with these agencies and show some appreciation for the tremendous work that do at street level every day.</p>	
<p>Implementation of Measure H is costly as indicated in the proposed increase for Measure H Administration. As a lead service provider for CES we are also struggling to cover the increased costs for staff, audits, consultant services, technology and office space. We hope that these expenses will be considered in the year two budget as well. We continue to be committed to the implementation of Measure H and look forward to future conversations around how we can scale-up and meet the needs of those we serve, with the goal of ending the homeless crisis in LA.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comment. LAHSA will be releasing a procurement in April 2018 for capacity building and technical assistance that could potentially be used for infrastructure improvements, such as new software systems. Please visit LAHSA's website to see their procurement schedule and details for each solicitation (<a href="http://www.lahsa.org">www.lahsa.org</a>).</p>
<p>Better advertising of the employment program on Sierra Hwy and Q? With updated computers and internet speed. More people to help those calling in for work support. Return phone calls for work support.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comment.</p>
<p>For people living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA) and those at a high-risk of contracting HIV, stable housing is the most</p>	<p>Thank you for your comment. The County and LAHSA are in the process of reviewing the prioritization process through</p>

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<p>effective health intervention, over time having a bigger impact on preventing transmission and retaining PLWHA in medical care than demographics, health status, insurance coverage, mental illness and substance abuse, or other supportive services. Retention in and continuity of medical care leads to reduced viral load (the amount of virus in the blood), which means that PLWHA are less likely to transmit HIV, and the overall County expenditures on healthcare decrease. Stable housing is also linked to more frequent HIV testing and fewer transmissions, and this three-pronged benefit of housing PLWHA will help bring LA County one step closer to realizing an AIDS-free generation.</p> <p>Based on this evidence, it is paramount that the proposed FY 18-19 Measure H funding prioritize specific housing program components for PLWHA. Services throughout the full housing service continuum from emergency housing, transitional, recuperative through permanent support housing, should be easily accessible for children and adults living with HIV.</p>	<p>the CES Policy Team, and public comments will be considered as part of that review.</p>
<p>GOOD AFTERNOON. THANK YOU FOR HAVING US. MY NAME IS REN ROSS FROM NEW DIRECTIONS FOR VETERANS. I'M ALSO A PART OF THE WEST SIDE COALITION SPA 5. AND I HAVE THE PRIVILEGE OF SERVING OUR VETERAN COMMUNITY. I'M ALSO A VETERAN MYSELF. SERVED IN IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN. SO I UNDERSTAND THE DIFFICULTIES OF THE TRANSITION AND WHAT THAT LOOKS LIKE. AND I HAD A LOT OF SUPPORT. YOU KNOW, I HAD A LOT OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS AND PEOPLE THAT HAD ME, MY CORNER. THERE'S NOT A LOT OF VETERANS OUT THERE WHO HAVE THAT. YOU KNOW, IF I HAD PROXIMATE \$35 MILLION TO SPEND, I WOULD EXPAND RAPID REHOUSING, WHICH I THINK IS</p>	<p>Thank you for your comment.</p>



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<p>A VERY FUNDAMENTAL ASPECT OF WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO ACCOMPLISH HERE. BECAUSE IF WE CAN STEM THE AMOUNT OF PEOPLE BECOMING HOMELESS RIGHT BEFORE IT HITS TO CRISIS MODE, THAT CAN BE VERY BENEFICIAL FOR THEIR HEALTH AND FOR THEIR PROGRESS THROUGH THIS. YOU KNOW, ALSO THE SERVICES TIED IN WITH THE PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING, YOU KNOW, THAT'S A VERY FUNDAMENTAL ASPECT. I'VE HAD THE PRIVILEGE TO DO CASE MANAGEMENT AND LISA FOR UNITS AND NOW I'M DOING PROJECT MANAGEMENT WORKING WITH THE DEVELOPERS AND THE CITY AND EVERYTHING TRYING TO GET THESE UNITS BUILT. AND AS YOU KNOW, THE PEOPLE OF THIS COUNTY AND THIS REGION HAVE VOTED IN HUGE NUMBERS FOR THIS PROJECT TO PUSH FORWARD AND FOR THIS STRATEGY TO BE IMPLEMENTED. SO WE'RE ALL UNDER THE GUN HERE. AND WE ALL TAKE THIS VERY SERIOUSLY. BUT I WISH YOU COULD SEE THE FACES ON THE VETERANS THAT WE HAVE HOUSED AND THE EXCITEMENT THAT IS IN OUR COMMUNITY TO KNOW THAT THERE'S OPTIONS THAT ARE GOING TO BE BROUGHT ON THE TABLE AND THE EMERGENCY SHELTERS THAT ARE NEEDED BECAUSE WHEN THE BEDS ARE FULL, WHERE DO THEY GO? AND THAT SEEMS TO BE A CONSENSUS AMONG ALL THAT CAME UP TO SPEAK HERE TODAY. SO I'D LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND I'M REALLY HONORED TO BE A PART OF THE SOLUTION, NOT A PART OF THE PROBLEM. AND I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT, YOU KNOW WITH THIS STRATEGY, WE HAVE GREAT POTENTIAL BUT WE'RE ALSO GOING TO BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE. THANK YOU.</p>	
<p>GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS RUDY SALINAS. AND I AM THE CHIEF PROGRAM OFFICER AT THE CENTER OF BLESSED SACRAMENT BUT I'M ALSO VERY PROUD TO SAY THAT I'M A MEMBER OF HOLLYWOOD FORWARD, A CONTINUUM THAT FOR 10 YEARS NOW HAS BEEN WORKING TOGETHER IN UNISON IN</p>	<p>Thank you for your comment. We agree on the importance of being flexible with Measure H resources while also investing in evidence-based strategies and being responsive to the need. Thank you for your work and we look forward to continuing to partner with you and Blessed Sacramento.</p>

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<p>HOLLYWOOD TO ADDRESS THE ISSUE OF CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS IN OUR COMMUNITY. I WOULD BEGIN BY SAYING THAT IT GOES WITHOUT SAYING HOW GRATEFUL WE ARE FOR YOU AND THE ARMY OF STAFF THAT EACH OF YOU SITTING IN HERE REPRESENTS FOR HAVING REACHED THIS POINT AND ALLOWED US TO GET TO THIS POINT NOW WHERE WE CAN ACTUALLY BE HAVING THIS CONVERSATION. IT'S IMPRESSIVE. IT MEANS A LOT. AND IT DEFINITELY SHOWS GENUINE PARTNERING WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY. 2017 MARKED A PIVOTAL YEAR FOR US IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. CONSTITUENTS AS WELL AS ELECTED OFFICIALS SPOKE LOUDLY AND CLEARLY IN THEIR EFFORTS TO DEMONSTRATE A TRUE ESSENCE OF IMPACTING EFFECTIVE CHANGE IN BRINGING MEASURE H TO LIFE. HERE WE ARE NEARLY ONE YEAR LATER AND ALTHOUGH MANY POSITIVE STEPS HAVE BEEN TAKEN, THE GREATEST WORK STILL LIES AHEAD FOR US. NEVER BEFORE HAS THE COUNTY SEEN THIS AMOUNT OF FUNDING TRAVEL SO QUICKLY DOWNSTREAM AND IT'S OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE THAT WE DO RIGHT BY OUR NEIGHBORS LIVING ON THE STREETS AND IN SHELTERS THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES. THESE 21 FUNDING MEASURES, ALTHOUGH WELL-INTENDED, AT TIMES WHEN YOU READ THEM SEEM LIMITED IN SCOPE, RESTRICTING, AND APPEAR QUITE CHALLENGING FOR US TO ACCESS. OVER THE COURSE OF THE LAST YEAR, IT IS FAIR TO SAY THAT DEPENDING UPON WHO YOU ASK, RESPONSES WILL DIFFER AS TO THE OVERALL EXPERIENCE OF ORGANIZATIONS WITHIN THE LANDSCAPE OF HOMELESS SERVICES IN LOS ANGELES. PARTNERING AGENCIES HEAVILY ENTRENCHED WITHIN THE COORDINATED ENTRY SYSTEM AND EVER EXPANDING OUTREACH TEAMS SERVICES WILL HAVE VERY DIFFERING OPINIONS AS TO WHAT'S BEING EXPERIENCED RIGHT NOW ON THE STREETS AND SHELTERS AND EVEN IN HOUSING</p>	
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<p>FOR PEOPLE THAT HAVE JUST REACHED THAT POINT. THE LEVEL OF RETENTION AND SUPPORT NEEDED HAS SEEMED INADEQUATE. WE IMPLORE YOU TO ALLOW US TO BE NIMBLE AND CREATIVE WITH THE USE OF THESE FUNDS. OUR CONTINUUM IN HOLLYWOOD FINDS ITSELF IN A MIDDLE GROUND TRYING TO SATISFY THE ADMINISTRATIVE DEMANDS IMPOSED BY THESE SYSTEMS. AND OUR HISTORY IN HOLLYWOOD DEMONSTRATES A COALITION WILLING TO WORK AND TO PRIORITIZE THE LIFE OF OUR HOMELESS NEIGHBORS. WE ASK THAT YOU CONSIDER OUR HISTORY WHEN WE MOVE FORWARD SO THAT WE MAY BE ABLE TO MOVE IN THE DIRECTION WE NEED TO AS WE KEEP OUR FINGERS ON THE PULSE OF THE POPULATION THAT WE ARE TRYING TO SERVE. THANK YOU.</p>	
<p>THANK YOU, SIR. MY NAME IS JOCELYN WOODARD AND I LIVE IN ANTELOPE VALLEY IN LANCASTER, PALMDALE -- FIELD IS PART OF THAT COMMUNITY. AND THE HOMELESSNESS PROBLEM HAS PROGRESSED IN THE 17 YEARS I'VE LIVED HERE. I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR GIVING ME THIS TIME TO SPEAK. I WOULD LIKE YOU GUYS TO REALLY CONSIDER ALLOCATING A PART OF THOSE FUNDS TO HELP THE COMMUNITY IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY, ESPECIALLY THE HOMELESS COMMUNITY. THEY ARE SLEEPING IN THEIR CARS, THEY'RE SLEEPING IN THE DESERT AND IT'S DANGEROUS BECAUSE THERE'S SNAKES AND SCORPIONS IN THE DESERT. AND A LOT OF HOMELESS FAMILIES, MOTHERS, FATHERS AND THEIR CHILDREN ARE SLEEPING ON BLANKETS IN THE DESERT. AND IN THE WINTER, IT GETS EXTREMELY COLD UP HERE. AND IN THE SUMMER, WE HAVE TEMPERATURES THAT RANGE FROM ANYWHERE FROM 100 DEGREES TO 112 DEGREES SOMETIMES. SO I REALLY THINK IT'S IMPORTANT FOR YOU GUYS TO CONSIDER GIVING A CHUNK OF THAT MONEY TO THE ANTELOPE VALLEY WHICH IS SPA 1. AND I'D LIKE TO THANK YOU</p>	<p>Thank you for your comment. Per the policy of the Board of Supervisors, Measure H funding is distributed geographically based on the annual Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count, wherever it is reasonable to do so. We will continue to work toward ensuring that all Service Planning Areas have the resources they need to meet the needs of their communities.</p>

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<p>GUYS FOR ALL OF THE WORK YOU'VE DONE TO MAKE THIS COMMUNITY A GREAT COMMUNITY. AND I AM A PROUD PERSON WHO LIVES IN ANTELOPE VALLEY. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND PATIENCE.</p>	
<p>THANK YOU. I JUST WANT TO ADD THE L.A. AGING ADVOCACY COALITION THAT EVERYONE THAT SHOWED UP I THINK EVERYONE -- I THANK EVERYONE FOR COMING OUT. THAT WAS A COALITION THAT WE FOUNDED WHEN WE STARTED LEARNING ABOUT THIS NEED. BUT ONE THING I WOULD LIKE TO POINT OUT IS THAT IN TALKING ABOUT THE PREVENTION, I URGE YOU TO THINK ABOUT EMPLOYING THE USE OF SOMEONE LIKE A GERONTOLOGIST TO UNDERSTAND THAT AT THIS TIME'S NOT JUST A HOMELESS OUTREACH WORKER IN A SENIOR CENTER THAT IS GOING TO PREVENT HOMELESSNESS WITH SENIORS. A MEAL. NUTRITION. TRANSPORTATION SO THAT PEOPLE CAN TAKE CARE OF THEIR CHRONIC CONDITIONS. WITHOUT THAT MEAL, THOSE MEDICATIONS THAT THEY'RE TAKING DON'T ENTER THEIR BODY IN THE RIGHT WAY. I CAN GO WITHOUT A MEAL IN MY 35-YEAR-OLD BODY FOR LIKE THREE DAYS AND BE FINE. AN OLDER ADULT THAT GOES WITHOUT A MEAL, IT WILL AFFECT THEIR ABILITY TO STAY HOUSED. SO WHAT I URGE YOU TO THINK OF IS THERE ARE SYSTEMS THAT SUPPORT OLDER ADULTS IN SENIOR CENTERS NOW, SUCH AS NUTRITION, CASE MANAGEMENT, SOCIAL SERVICES, TRANSPORTATION, THOSE SYSTEMS, WHILE THEY ARE NOT THE HOMELESS SYSTEM, THOSE SYSTEMS ARE SEVERELY UNDERFUNDED. AND THE POPULATION IS GROWING. AND SO WHILE I REALIZE THAT'S A SEPARATE SYSTEM FROM YOUR SYSTEM, I ENCOURAGE YOU TO THINK OF HOW YOU COULD STRENGTHEN THAT SYSTEM AS A WAY OF STABILIZING PEOPLE WHO HAVE A MUCH DIFFERENT BIOLOGICAL ASPECT OF AGING</p>	<p>Thank you for your comment. We are launching a pilot in partnership with the Department of Workforce Development, Aging, and Community Services (WDACS), the City of LA's Department of Aging, Senior Centers located throughout the County, and the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA). The pilot program will allow us to explore ways in which the older adults system and homeless services system can support one another. We realize that this population has unique needs and we are working to strengthen both systems through ongoing collaboration with the partners mentioned above.</p>

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<p>THAT IMPACTS THEIR ABILITY TO STAY HOUSED. SO I JUST WANTED TO DRAW THAT OUT BECAUSE AS A GERONTOLOGIST I HEAR PEOPLE TALKING ABOUT AGING WHEN THEY REALLY DON'T KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS, RIGHT? THEY SEE A SENIOR, BUT WHAT DOES THAT MEAN? WHAT DOES NUTRITION MEAN TO MEDICATION, WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO HOUSING WHAT, DOES TRANSPORTATION MEAN TO HEALTHCARE AND HOW ALL OF THIS INTERCONNECTS. SO THINKING OF MORE THAN JUST AN OUTREACH WORKER IN A SENIOR CENTER, BUT STRENGTHENING THOSE SENIOR CENTERS AS HUBS THAT KEEP PEOPLE STABILIZED. WE DON'T WANT TO WAIT UNTIL THEY'RE FALLING INTO THE CRISIS SITUATION. STABILIZING THEM IS HOW YOU PREVENT HOMELESSNESS.</p>	
<p>YOU KNOW, ONE THING I HAVE NOT HEARD MENTIONED A LOT IS PEOPLE WHO HAVE H.I.V. AND AIDS. AND THAT'S ONE THING IN THE HOMELESS POPULATION WE SHOULD HAVE LOVED A LITTLE BIT MORE CAREFULLY. ALSO, YOU KNOW I MENTIONED BEFORE, I THINK THAT WE NEED TO DEVELOP A QUALITY ASSURANCE PROGRAM. ONE SO DIRECTLY TO THE SUPERVISORS AND NOT TO ANY OF YOU. TO BE ABLE TO COME AT ANY TIME AND LOOK AT THE BOOK. LOOK AT WHAT THE ORGANIZATION IS DOING. SO YOU DON'T KNOW WHO IS COMING AND WHEN THEY ARE COMING. BECAUSE THERE'S A LOT OF THINGS RIGHT NOW WHO ARE REALLY FUZZY AND WE DON'T KNOW WHAT IS GOING ON. AND WE HAVE HAD THAT FOREVER. YOU KNOW, LAHSA SAID THEY DID CERTAIN POSITIONS FILLED. WE DON'T SEE THAT ANYWHERE. I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON. AND THAT'S HIGHLY CONCERN ME. AND WHEN I MET WITH YOU, MR. ANSELL, YOU TOLD ME ALL YOUR EMPLOYEES WILL HAVE TO BE COUNTY EMPLOYEES, WHICH MEANS IT WILL TAKE A LONG</p>	<p>Thank you for your comment.</p>

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<p>TIME TO VET THEM. YOU ALSO WOULD PREVENT PEOPLE WHO HAD BEEN HOMELESS AND WHO HAD BEEN INCARCERATED OR REHABILITATED TO GET A JOB. SO THAT'S NOT VERY CLEAR. THANK YOU.</p>	
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