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Proposed Measure H FY 2021-22
Funding Recommendations
Webinar
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FY 2021-22 MEASURE H FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS PROCESS

November 2020

- In November 2020, the County Board of Supervisors directed the Homeless Initiative to launch a process to develop final FY 2021-22 Measure H funding recommendations.
- In February 2021, the Board of Supervisors approved a change to the funding recommendations process timeline to one that would result in final recommendations being submitted for Board consideration in July 2021, instead of September 2021.

First Public Comment Period

- Public comments were solicited from February 4-25, 2021, through a publicized online form and are available to view and download @ <https://homeless.lacounty.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/First-FY-2021-22-Measure-H-Public-Comment-Period-Feb-4-25.pdf>

Strategy Lead Discussions

- In March 2021, County departments and LAHSA Strategy Leads participated in meetings to consider relevant data, community input, and other available information to develop draft FY 2021-22 funding recommendations.



FY 2021-22 MEASURE H FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS PROCESS

Public Release of Draft Funding Recommendations for Public Comment

- On April 15, the Draft FY 2021-22 Funding Recommendations were posted, as well as Measure H Strategy Fact Sheets and other background information, all of which are available to view and download @ [Draft FY 2021-22 Measure H Funding Recommendations](#)

Second Public Comment Period

- From April 15-May 6, members of the public are invited to submit public comment via the above weblink.
- On May 6 from 2-5pm, a virtual public meeting will be held; members of the public will be able to provide verbal comments on the recommendations.

May 27, 2021

- Draft Board Letter will be presented at Homeless Policy Board Deputies Meeting

July 6, 2021

- Board of Supervisors will consider the FY 2021-22 Funding Recommendations





A1: Homeless Prevention Program for Families

LEAD AGENCY: LAHSA / DCFS

DESCRIPTION:

LAHSA administers this strategy (\$11,500,000) using a multi-faceted approach to implement an integrated, comprehensive homeless prevention program to effectively identify, assess, and prevent families from becoming homeless, and divert families in a housing crisis from homelessness. This strategy addresses rental/housing subsidies, case management and employment services, and legal services.

DCFS administers \$500,000 for the Prevention and Aftercare Program for a pilot to provide financial assistance to families who are referred to DCFS, do not have an open DCFS case, and have unstable housing.

STATUS:

- LAHSA—198 families (including 524 individuals) were newly enrolled from July-December 2020.
- LAHSA—1,009 families (including 3055 individuals) were served from July-December 2020.
- DCFS—44 families consisting of 84 adults and 119 children were enrolled from July-December 2020.



A1: Homeless Prevention Program for Families

FY 2020-21 ALLOCATION (APPROVED SEPT 2020)	FY 2021-22 FUNDING RECOMMENDED
\$12,000,000	\$11,500,000

EXPLANATION OF VARIANCE FROM FY 2020-21:

- No change in LAHSA funding.
- No additional funding provided for DCFS's Prevention and Aftercare Pilot. Due to COVID-19, there was underspending in the \$500,000 allocated for this DCFS pilot. Unspent funds from FY 2020-21 for this pilot will be carried over to FY 2021-22.



A5: Homeless Prevention Program for Individuals

LEAD AGENCY: LAHSA / DHS / DCFS

DESCRIPTION:

LAHSA administers this strategy using a multi-faceted approach to implement an integrated, comprehensive homeless prevention program to effectively identify, assess, and prevent individuals from becoming homeless, and divert individuals in a housing crisis from homelessness. This strategy provides rental/housing subsidies, case management and employment services, and legal services.

On May 21, 2020, the CEO submitted the Mainstream Systems Homelessness Prevention Action Plan to the Board of Supervisors, which included the following two recommendations incorporated into this strategy:

- (1) \$1,500,000 for a new Homelessness Prevention Unit to be administered by DHS focused on single adult clients at the greatest risk of becoming homeless as identified by the California Policy Lab through the use of predictive analytics; and
- (2) \$300,000 administered by DCFS for transition age youth who need additional services to take advantage of the DCFS Supervised Independent Living Program (SILP).

STATUS:

- 942 individuals were newly enrolled in prevention programs from July-December 2020.
- 2,590 individuals were served in prevention programs from July-December 2020.



A5: Homeless Prevention Program for Individuals

FY 2020-21 ALLOCATION (APPROVED SEPT 2020)	FY 2021-22 FUNDING RECOMMENDED
\$8,392,000	\$11,500,000

EXPLANATION FOR VARIANCE FROM FY 2020-21:

- There is a variance in between FY 2020-21 and the recommended FY 2021-22 total, but some of the components of LAHSA's Homeless Prevention Program for Individuals were funded in FY 2020-21 through alternative funding sources, which are no longer available.
- No additional funding is provided for the new DHS Homelessness Prevention Unit (\$1,500,000) and the DCFS Supervised Independent Living Program (\$300,000) for transition age youth. Due to COVID-19, there was underspending in both components. Unspent funds from FY 2020-21 for both components will be carried over to FY 2021-22.



B1: Provide Subsidized Housing to Homeless Disabled Individuals Pursuing SSI

LEAD AGENCY: DPSS

DESCRIPTION:

DPSS provides rental subsidies to disabled homeless General Relief participants applying for Supplemental Security Income (SSI). For individuals approved for SSI, those rental subsidy costs are recovered through Interim Assistance Reimbursement and reinvested in the program.

STATUS:

- 56 new eligible participants were approved and secured housing with a B1 subsidy from July-December 2020.
 - 2,042 individuals were housed with a B1 subsidy from July-December 2020. This number includes the people who were receiving a B1 subsidy last fiscal year and continued to receive one this fiscal year, which includes the 56 new individuals referenced in the first bullet.
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B1: Provide Subsidized Housing to Homeless Disabled Individuals Pursuing SSI

FY 2020-21 ALLOCATION (APPROVED SEPT 2020)	FY 2021-22 FUNDING RECOMMENDED
\$5,138,000	\$5,138,000

EXPLANATION FOR VARIANCE FROM FY 2020-21:

- Recommended FY 2021-22 total includes \$3.425 million to be funded by DPSS out of new and carryover savings in Mandatory Substance Use Disorder Recovery Program (MSUDRP) funding.



B3: Expand Rapid Re-housing

LEAD AGENCY: LAHSA

DESCRIPTION:

Rapid re-housing is a crisis intervention model designed to help individuals and families quickly exit homelessness and return to permanent housing. Rapid re-housing assistance is offered without preconditions – like employment, income, absence of criminal record, or sobriety – and the services provided are tailored to the unique needs of the household including time-limited financial assistance, housing location, and case management.

STATUS:

- A total of 2,722 people (family members and individuals) were newly enrolled in B3 from July-December 2020.
 - A total of 23,181 people (family members and individuals) were served from July-December 2020.
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B3: Expand Rapid Re-housing

FY 2020-21 ALLOCATION (APPROVED SEPT 2020)	FY 2021-22 FUNDING RECOMMENDED
\$90,700,000	\$87,153,000

EXPLANATION FOR VARIANCE FROM FY 2020-21:

- The recommended FY 2021-22 total includes an estimated \$20 million in carryover from LAHSA's FY 2020-21 B3 allocation and \$14.5 million in LAHSA administered funding.
- LAHSA does not anticipate that the small funding reduction will result in a decrease in the number of clients served in FY 2021-22 compared to FY 2020-21.



B4: Facilitate Utilization of Federal Housing Subsidies

LEAD AGENCY: LACDA

DESCRIPTION:

The Homeless Incentive Program (HIP) encourages landlord acceptance of subsidized tenants with a Housing and Urban Development voucher issued by a participating Public Housing Authority (PHA).

HIP provides the following services:

- Damage Mitigation / Property Compliance Fund
- Vacancy payments to hold units
- Security deposit assistance
- Housing counseling and retention services

STATUS:

- 461 households were housed using incentive payments from HIP from July-December 2020.



B4: Facilitate Utilization of Federal Housing Subsidies

FY 2020-21 ALLOCATION (APPROVED SEPT 2020)	FY 2021-22 FUNDING RECOMMENDED
\$7,922,000	\$11,105,000

EXPLANATION FOR VARIANCE FROM FY 2020-21:

- Recommended funding increase reflects restoration of funding for all PHAs that participate in the HIP. Some PHAs used local Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds to maintain their HIP programs in FY 2020-21.



B6: Family Reunification Housing Subsidies

LEAD AGENCY: DCFS

DESCRIPTION:

This strategy provides rapid re-housing and case management to families in the child welfare system where parental homelessness is the sole barrier to the return of their child(ren). A significant number of children in out-of-home placements can be reunited with their parents, if their parents are able to obtain and sustain suitable housing.

STATUS:

- 56 new families were placed in housing from July-December 2020.
 - 489 families were served under this strategy from July-December 2020.
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B6: Family Reunification Housing Subsidies

FY 2020-21 ALLOCATION (APPROVED SEPT 2020)	FY 2021-22 FUNDING RECOMMENDED
\$1,468,000	\$1,468,000

EXPLANATION FOR VARIANCE FROM FY 2020-21:

- No change



B7: Interim Housing for Those Exiting Institutions

LEAD AGENCY: LAHSA / DHS / DMH/ DPH

DESCRIPTION:

Strategy B7 increases the interim/bridge housing stock across the County. B7 beds are used for individuals exiting institutions, including jails, hospitals (public and private), residential mental health facilities, and foster care.

Bridge housing for individuals exiting institutions includes:

- Shelter
- Stabilization Housing
- Shared Recovery Housing
- Recuperative Care
- Community-based Residential Care for disabled individuals

STATUS:

- 1,254 individuals were newly enrolled from July-December 2020 across B7 programs administered by the four lead agencies.
- 3,427 individuals were served from July-December 2020 across B7 programs administered by all four lead agencies.



B7: Interim Housing for Those Exiting Institutions

FY 2020-21 ALLOCATION (APPROVED SEPT 2020)	FY 2021-22 FUNDING RECOMMENDED
\$37,485,000	\$36,820,000

EXPLANATION FOR VARIANCE FROM FY 2020-21:

- Reduction was made to reflect actual costs.



C4/C5/C6: Countywide SSI/SSDI and Veterans Benefits Advocacy

LEAD AGENCY: DHS / DPSS / DMH

DESCRIPTION:

This strategy provides Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI), and any other applicable Social Security Administration benefits and Veterans Benefits Advocacy for disabled individuals who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. Services include support with developing and filing high quality benefits applications, securing medical records, legal representation for appeals needs, coordinating housing and other needed services.

STATUS:

- 1,139 adults were newly enrolled from July-December 2020.
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C4/C5/C6: Countywide SSI/SSDI and Veterans Benefits Advocacy

FY 2020-21 ALLOCATION
(APPROVED SEPT 2020)

\$9,652,000

FY 2021-22 FUNDING RECOMMENDED

\$9,982,000

EXPLANATION FOR VARIANCE FROM FY 2020-21:

- Recommended funding increase is due to full expenditure of one-time Homeless Prevention Initiative funding. The funding will allow DHS to maintain the benefits advocacy program for veterans.



C7: Increase Employment for Homeless Adults

LEAD AGENCY: WDACS

DESCRIPTION:

Individuals who are experiencing homelessness, recently homeless, or at risk of homelessness are provided expanded employment opportunities and support through subsidized employment, including through Social Enterprises, career pathways opportunities, and other programming.

STATUS:

- 767 individuals newly enrolled in C7 from July-December 2020.
 - 2,353 individuals were served in C7 from July-December 2020.
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C7: Increase Employment for Homeless Adults

FY 2020-21 ALLOCATION (APPROVED SEPT 2020)	FY 2021-22 FUNDING RECOMMENDED
\$6,845,000	\$6,845,000

EXPLANATION FOR VARIANCE FROM FY 2020-21:

- No Change



D2: Jail In-Reach

LEAD AGENCY: DHS / Sheriff

DESCRIPTION:

Jail In-Reach (JIR) links homeless incarcerated individuals to supportive services from the beginning of incarceration in order to avoid discharges into homelessness. Case managers from four contracted community-based organizations work with individuals in all County jail facilities and continue case management in the community post-release.

STATUS:

- 571 individuals were enrolled from July-December 2020.
- 665 individuals were served from July-December 2020.



D2: Jail In-Reach

FY 2020-21 ALLOCATION (APPROVED SEPT 2020)	FY 2021-22 FUNDING RECOMMENDED
\$2,335,000	\$2,335,000

EXPLANATION FOR VARIANCE FROM FY 2020-21:

- No change



D6: Criminal Record Clearing Project

LEAD AGENCY: Public Defender

DESCRIPTION:

This strategy expands access to criminal record clearing and removes barriers to housing and employment for homeless individuals who have criminal records. The Public Defender and the Los Angeles City Attorney's Office deploy mobile offices that provide record clearing services.

Criminal Record Clearing Project clinics are conducted at County facilities, community-based organizations, city facilities, and faith-based organizations.

STATUS:

- 79 individuals were enrolled from July-December 2020.
- 882 petitions were filed (for individuals) from July-December 2020.



D6: Criminal Record Clearing Project

FY 2020-21 ALLOCATION (APPROVED SEPT 2020)	FY 2021-22 FUNDING RECOMMENDED
\$2,394,000	\$3,067,000

EXPLANATION FOR VARIANCE FROM FY 2020-21:

- Recommended funding increase is for actual costs for salaries and employee benefits and higher costs for City of LA program.



D7: Provide Services for Permanent Supportive Housing

LEAD AGENCY: DHS / DMH / DPH

DESCRIPTION:

Funding for this strategy provides supportive services including intensive case management, specialty mental health and substance abuse assessment and linkage to services and, subject to availability, a locally-funded rent subsidy for disabled homeless adults and families who need permanent supportive housing.

STATUS:

- 1,479 households were newly enrolled from July-December 2020.
 - 10,655 households were served from July-December 2020.
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D7: Provide Services for Permanent Supportive Housing

FY 2020-21 ALLOCATION (APPROVED SEPT 2020)	FY 2021-22 FUNDING RECOMMENDED
\$103,097,000	\$125,732,000

EXPLANATION FOR VARIANCE FROM FY 2020-21:

- Recommended funding increase is to fund an increase in supportive services consistent with the increase in permanent supportive housing units/subsidies.
- Recommended FY 2021-22 total includes \$15.5 million State Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention Program Round 2 funding allocated to the County and approved by the Board of Supervisors in February 2020.



E6: Expand Countywide Outreach System

LEAD AGENCY: LAHSA / DHS / DPH

DESCRIPTION:

The Countywide Outreach System includes:

- Generalist and multidisciplinary outreach teams;
- Coordination of all outreach teams through Countywide outreach coordination at LAHSA and through multiple regional CES outreach coordinators within each SPA;
- A web-based communication platform (LA-HOP) enables all County organizations and residents to report people in need of homeless outreach. Outreach requests submitted via the platform are automatically routed to the appropriate regional outreach coordinator so that a team can be sent to the location.

STATUS:

- 15,033 individuals were enrolled from July-December 2020.
- 16,077 individuals were served from July-December 2020.



E6: Expand Countywide Outreach System

FY 2020-21 ALLOCATION (APPROVED SEPT 2020)	FY 2021-22 FUNDING RECOMMENDED
\$38,840,000	\$38,350,000

EXPLANATION FOR VARIANCE FROM FY 2020-21:

- Slight reduction reflects adjustments LAHSA made to various components the strategy.



E7: Strengthen the Coordinated Entry System

LEAD AGENCY: LAHSA / CEO

DESCRIPTION:

The Coordinated Entry System (CES) is a no-wrong door, countywide system that engages and connects homeless families and individuals to the optimal resources for their housing needs. Funding for this strategy strengthens the Coordinated Entry System by supporting the following components:

- Housing Navigation (including DV Housing Navigation)
- Legal Services
- Representative Payee
- Regional Coordination (including DV regional coordination)
- Agency Training
- Agency Technical Assistance

This strategy provides funding to the Councils of Governments to provide regional coordination services to engage cities in Los Angeles County to prevent and combat homelessness. Such effort includes education, service coordination, staff training, policy/advocacy, and housing solutions.

STATUS:

- 44,644 unduplicated clients were assessed or enrolled in a CES program from July-Dec 2020.
- 234,523 unduplicated clients assessed or served within a CES program from July-Dec 2020.



E7: Strengthen the Coordinated Entry System

FY 2020-21 ALLOCATION (APPROVED SEPT 2020)	FY 2021-22 FUNDING RECOMMENDED
\$26,066,000	\$30,711,000

EXPLANATION FOR VARIANCE FROM FY 2020-21:

- Recommended funding increase includes \$6,500,000 funding for Councils of Government contracts administered through CEO-HI and \$220,000 to conduct a study on unaccompanied women experiencing homelessness.
- Change also reflects a \$1,575,000 reduction to various LAHSA administered components of this strategy and includes \$6,114,000 in LAHSA administered funding.



E8: Enhance the Emergency Shelter System

LEAD AGENCY: LAHSA / DHS / DMH / DPH / CEO

DESCRIPTION:

Enhancements to the emergency shelter system include:

- More beds made possible by Measure H funding;
- Facilities that operate 24 hours a day;
- Provision of and/or linkage to mental health and substance use disorder services;
- Availability to partners and pets;
- Storage for belongings; and
- Confidentiality for those fleeing domestic violence and others who require it.

STATUS:

- 3,402 individuals were enrolled from July-December 2020.
- 17,989 individuals were served from July-December 2020.
- 373 Interim Housing site inspections completed.



E8: Enhance the Emergency Shelter System

FY 2020-21 ALLOCATION (APPROVED SEPT 2020)	FY 2021-22 FUNDING RECOMMENDED
\$97,645,000	\$113,071,000

EXPLANATION FOR VARIANCE FROM FY 2020-21:

- In FY 2020-21, DHS received funding to support start-up costs and partial year operations for three Board-approved Interim Housing Capital Funding Pool sites. The increased cost in FY 2021-22 is reflective of annualized cost for two sites and start-up and partial year costs for the third site.
- In addition, FY 2021-22 includes \$10.9 million State Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Program Round 2 funding allocated to the County and approved by the Board of Supervisors in February 2021. This \$10.9 million (HHAP) will be administered by DHS.
- The FY 2021-22 total includes \$4.469 million in LAHSA administered funding.
- The increase also reflects increased LAHSA costs to sustain the winter shelter and augmented winter shelter programs as well as a decrease in funding for A Bridge Home.
- \$500,000 of the increase is proposed for information technology support for the development of the interim housing bed application.



E14: Enhanced Services for Transition Age Youth

LEAD AGENCY: LAHSA

DESCRIPTION:

This strategy includes:

- Access/drop-in centers
- Transitional housing for youth
- Youth collaboration
- Family reconnection services
- Education Liaisons

STATUS:

- 194 youth were enrolled in Transitional Housing from July-December 2020.
- 28 youth were enrolled in Youth Family Reconnection from July-December 2020.
- 1,201 total youth were served in Transitional Housing from July-December 2020.
- 333 total youth were served in Youth Family Reconnection from July-December 2020.



E14: Enhanced Services for Transition Age Youth

FY 2020-21 ALLOCATION (APPROVED SEPT 2020)	FY 2021-22 FUNDING RECOMMENDED
\$23,900,000	\$23,000,000

EXPLANATION FOR VARIANCE FROM FY 2020-21:

- Change reflects adjustments to various components of this strategy.
- Recommended FY 2021-22 total includes \$3.0 million State Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention Program Round 2 funding allocated to the County and approved by the Board of Supervisors in February 2021.



Central Measure H Administration

LEAD AGENCY: Chief Executive Office - Homeless Initiative

DESCRIPTION:

The Homeless Initiative Team coordinates the overall implementation of Measure H.

FY 2020-21 ALLOCATION (APPROVED SEPT 2020)	FY 2021-22 FUNDING RECOMMENDED
\$3,511,000	\$4,211,000

EXPLANATION FOR VARIANCE FROM FY 2020-21:

- The additional \$700,000 requested for FY2021-22 is for finance and program staff positions necessary to support Measure H financial and program oversight.



FY 2021-22 MEASURE H FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS PROCESS NEXT STEPS

May 6, 2021	2:00-5:00pm Virtual Public Meeting to receive verbal public comments <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Call-in information will be posted on the HI website and released via an email notification to the Homeless Initiative subscription group.
May 6, 2021	Last day to submit public comments through HI website
May 12, 2021	Homeless Initiative, County Department, and LAHSA Strategy Leads meet to discuss public comments and consider potential revisions to recommendations
May 27, 2021	Homeless Initiative presents the Board Letter with final funding recommendations at the Homeless Policy Deputies Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2:00-4:00pm
July 6, 2021	Board of Supervisors considers final FY 2021-22 Measure H Funding Recommendations



QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

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