

Homekey Round 3

Webinar: Los Angeles County Priorities,
Process, and Partnership Opportunities,

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**Homeless
Initiative**

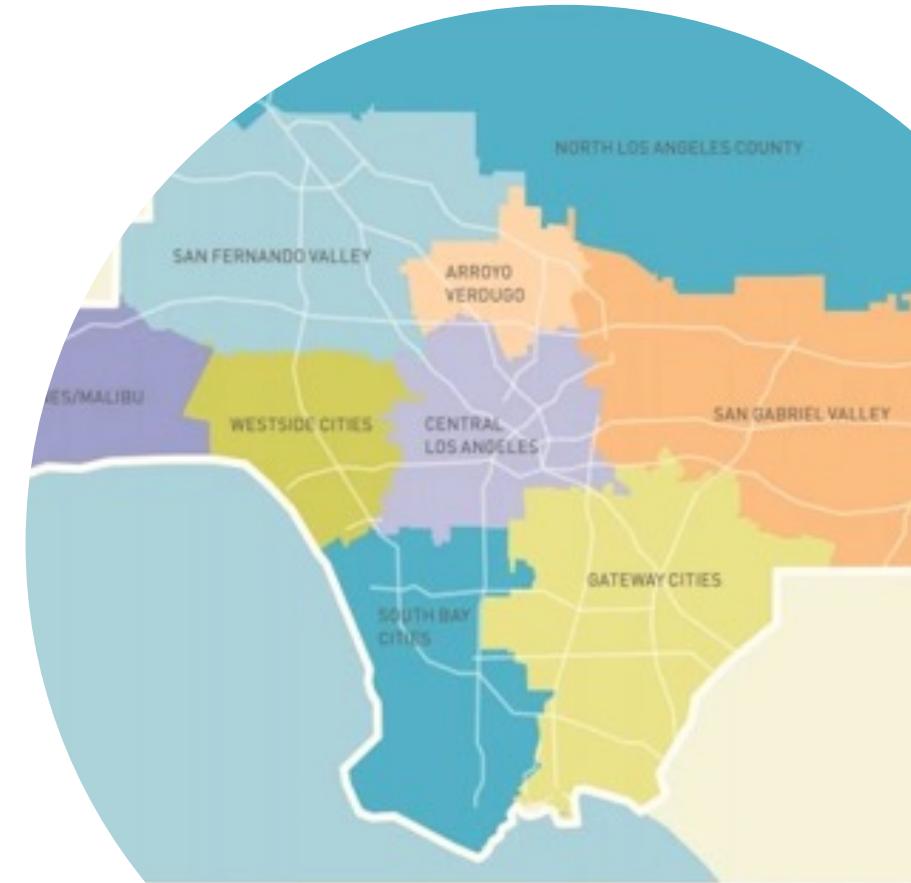
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Los Angeles County Homeless Initiative: Partnerships with Cities and COGs

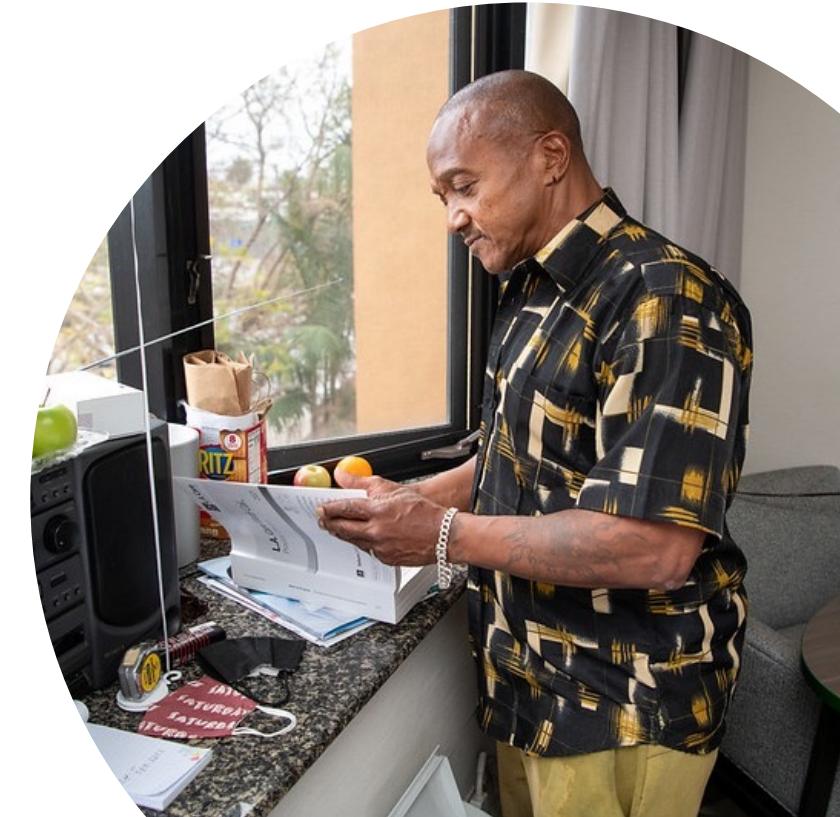
- Deeper investments in local jurisdictions
- Expansion of permanent supportive housing in more geographical areas within the County
- Creating co-investment opportunities
- Local Solutions Fund
- Resource pooling to encourage cities to develop more permanent housing



Los Angeles County Homeless Initiative: American Indian Alaska Native Partnership Efforts

Improve access to services among AIAN persons at-risk of or experiencing homelessness by:

- Fostering community engagement and collaboration between the County and AIAN community-based organizations, Tribes, and Tribal entities.
- Providing technical support to AIAN providers interested in developing or expanding housing programs to increase the number of units available.
- Working with AIAN providers and County departments to develop recommendations for additional ways to enhance access to the homeless service delivery system and housing in a culturally appropriate manner for the AIAN population.



Homekey Overview



Homekey

Bringing California Home

Through the Homekey program, the California Housing and Community Development Department (HCD) is funding local jurisdictions to develop a broad range of housing types, including but not limited to hotels, motels, hostels, single-family homes and multifamily apartments, adult residential facilities, and manufactured housing, and to convert commercial properties and other existing buildings to Permanent or Interim Housing for the Target Population.

Los Angeles County's Approach to Homekey

- LA County is using this unprecedented opportunity to increase the availability of interim and permanent housing through the region.
- Homekey requires that local jurisdictions provide matching funds for both capital and operating costs.
- The Board of Supervisors has demonstrated its commitment to ending homelessness by committing County funds – including from the County's **CARES Act and American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)** funding allocations – to support Homekey efforts.



Homekey Round 1

In the first round of Homekey, which launched in **August 2020**, LA County was awarded:

- \$108M in capital and operating funds for 10 former hotel/motel properties
 - \$90M capital & \$18M operating
 - **Approximately 850 rooms**
- Nine of the County's Homekey Sites were used initially as interim (temporary) housing sites.
- One Homekey Site was used immediately as Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)
- **Through a competitive solicitation process, developers were selected to convert the sites to PSH, with renovations to begin in 2023**



Homekey Round 2

- In October 2021, the County released a Request for Statement of Interest (RFSI) to **identify qualified co-applicants** for Homekey Round 2
- LA County and selected co-applicants submitted applications to HCD for selected projects
- **14 of these projects (720 units)** were awarded funding by HCD
- Projects received nearly **\$250M in state funding**
- The Board committed an additional **\$115M in ARPA** funds for capital and operating match



Homekey Round 3 Process and Priorities

- State expects to release Homekey Round 3 Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) in March 2023
- County will again seek to apply jointly with co-applicants
- A competitive solicitation process will be used to identify qualified co-applicants
- Selection criteria for co-applicants will reflect HCD's experience and capacity requirements – please review past NOFAs
- County aims to identify potential co-applicants and selected sites prior to the release of the NOFA, enabling us to submit applications shortly after the application period begins



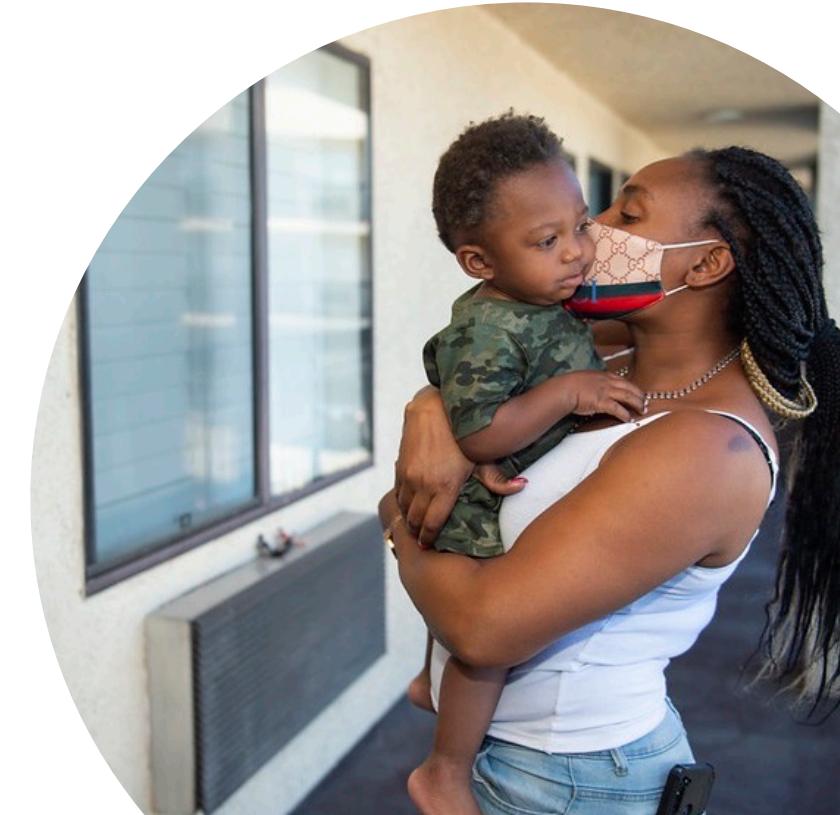
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Process and Priorities

- For this round of Homekey, the County is prioritizing:
 - Permanent Supportive Housing projects
 - Maximizing applications for presumed youth set-aside funding – may be permanent or interim projects
 - Partnerships with cities, COGs, and tribal entities
- The Board of Supervisors has allocated ARP funds to use for local match in Homekey Round 3
- While some Project Based Vouchers (PBVs) may be available for this round of Homekey, the County is interested in proposals that identify alternative approaches to funding operations at PSH and other sites

Partnerships Opportunities: Cities, COGs, and Tribal Entities

- *Cities, COGs, and tribal entities may apply directly to the state's Homekey 3 NOFA – partnership with the County is not required.*
- The County encourages cities, COGs, and tribal entities to identify sites that they are interested in developing into homeless housing, and to respond to the County's solicitation to identify co-applicants.
- Cities, COGs, and tribal entities may wish to respond to the County's solicitation with a development partner to ensure that they collectively have sufficient experience and capacity to meet state and County requirements.
- The County will not own any Homekey 3 properties. Co-applicants will need to be able to take title to Homekey 3 properties.



Partnerships Opportunities: Cities, COGs, and Tribal Entities

- The County and its co-applicants – including cities, COGs, and tribal entities (and their development partners) – will be able to utilize the funds set aside by the Board of Supervisors for Homekey Round 3 towards the capital match required for Homekey.
 - In previous rounds, lack of capital funds prevented some LA County cities from participating in Homekey.
- The County and its co-applicants will work together to determine how best to meet operating funding needs for Homekey Round 3 projects.
 - To the extent that cities are able to contribute operating funds – particularly if they have Public Housing Authorities and can commit Project Based Vouchers – the County encourages this co-investment.



Next Steps

- County to release solicitation by end of 2022
- Solicitation will have two phases:
 - Request for Statement of Qualifications (RFSQ):
 - Respondents will demonstrate that they meet the minimum requirements and are able perform services outlined in the County's solicitation. Those that meet these requirements will enter into a Master Agreement with the County.
 - Request for Service (RFS)
 - Agencies with Master agreements may be invited to submit proposals for specific sites they are interested in pursuing with the County.
 - County will proceed to apply jointly to HK3 with agencies whose proposals are selected.
- Selection process will aim to allow County and co-applicants to apply to HK3 NOFA as soon after its release as is possible

A photograph of a person from behind, wearing a yellow shirt, holding a telescope. The telescope is pointed towards a city skyline silhouette at sunset. The sky is a warm orange and yellow. The city skyline is dark against the bright sky.

QUESTIONS?