



FACT SHEET: LA COUNTY SETTLEMENT OF L.A. ALLIANCE LAWSUIT

AGREEMENT OVERVIEW

- After months of negotiation, the County, City, and plaintiffs have reached an agreement to substantially address the homelessness crisis in Los Angeles with targeted support and services for the most vulnerable and chronically unhoused people.
- LA County will commit **\$236 million** to fund increased services, outreach, and interim housing for the most vulnerable people experiencing homelessness.
 - That will be on top of the [\\$532 million](#) in Measure H and State funds the County has committed this fiscal year alone to prevent and address homelessness. In addition, the County has allocated more than [\\$400 million](#) in American Rescue Plan funding to date for housing and supportive services for people experiencing homelessness and **\$293 million** to the City to fund services in housing and shelter that the City has created for people living near freeways, older adults, and other vulnerable people experiencing homelessness.
- If approved, the settlement will be in effect through June 30, 2027.

TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT:

- **Specialized/Clinical Outreach:**
 - The County will increase by more than 50% the number of [Multi-Disciplinary Teams](#) (MDTs) dedicated to conducting outreach exclusively in the City, allocating at least 1 team per Council District. There will now be 34, up from 22.
 - The County Department of Health's Housing for Health Division deploys MDTs, whose staff have experience in physical health, mental health, substance use, case management, and peer support. MDTs serve clients with more complex health and/or behavioral health conditions.

- The County will increase by 80% the number of [Homeless Outreach and Mobile Engagement](#) (HOME) teams dedicated to conducting outreach exclusively in the City. There will now be 10, up from 5.5.
 - The County Department of Mental Health deploys HOME teams to provide psychiatric support, outreach, and intensive case management to people experiencing homelessness with serious mental illnesses.
- **Supportive Services in Interim/Permanent Housing:**
 - The County will fund wraparound services — such as case management, medical and mental health care, benefits advocacy, and substance use disorder services — to eligible occupants of the 10,200 permanent housing units and 3,100 interim housing beds that the City has committed to building as part of the City/L.A. Alliance agreement.
- **Additional Mental Health/Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Beds.** The County will develop 300 additional substance use disorder and mental health beds.
 - According to newly updated data from the County Department of Public Health - Substance Abuse Prevention and Control (DPH-SAPC), the County's residential bed capacity has increased 184% over the last five years, from 885 contracted beds in 2017 to 2,515 contracted beds in 2022. Meanwhile, Recovery Bridge Housing capacity increased 638% over the last five years, from 147 contracted beds in 2017 to 1,085 contracted beds in 2022. The number of patients served in Recovery Bridge Housing has increased by 2,745% over the last five years, from 111 in 2017 to 3,130 in 2022. Approximately 25-30% of the clients served in DPH-SAPC's SUD treatment system are PEH in a given year.
- **Partnership on City/County-owned Land.** Under the settlement, the County will continue to work with the City in making available to each other appropriate City- and/or County-owned land, located within the City, to create new interim or permanent housing units as mutually agreed by County and City.
- **Prioritization of City Residents**
 - Under the agreement, the County will work to prioritize referrals of people experiencing homelessness in the City to permanent supportive housing (PSH) placements in project-based units located within City limits, even if the units are funded and/or are operated by the County.

- Under the agreement, the County will also work to ensure County outreach teams have access to County Homeless Initiative-funded high service need interim housing beds for people experiencing homelessness in the City, and that those beds will either be exclusively for use by, or prioritize, people experiencing homelessness in the City.
- **Services for Those with Serious Mental Illness / Substance Use Disorders.** Under the settlement, the County acknowledges it has certain responsibilities under state and federal law to provide services to eligible County residents suffering from serious mental illness or substance use disorders, including people experiencing homelessness in the City, and will partner with the City to advocate and apply for additional state and federal funding for this purpose.
- **New Funding.** If the City or County obtains significant new funding from a City ballot initiative ([United to House L.A.](#)) for the housing and/or services outlined in this settlement or County Measure H extension, the City and County will consider potential amendments to enhance housing and services city-wide or county-wide.