



# Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority

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## **Department of Housing and Urban Development Award Empowers Los Angeles to do More for Homeless**

**The More than \$90.3 Million in 2010 Continuum of Care Funding  
to House LA's Homeless is \$8.7 Million Above Last Year's Award**

Los Angeles, CA, April 28, 2011 - The Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) today announced that the Los Angeles Homeless Continuum of Care (CoC) has been awarded over \$12.5 million in new project funding through the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Program. The new project awards bring the total amount awarded to Los Angeles in the 2010 competition to \$90,346,934. HUD previously announced awards for renewing programs on January 19, 2011, including \$71,700,830 in renewed program awards for Los Angeles and \$6,160,592 in Emergency Shelter Grant funding. The new program awards will support over 280 units of new Permanent Supportive Housing programs. The 2010 total new program and renewing awards represent a 11% increase over amounts awarded in 2009 to Los Angeles. HUD's Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Program is a competition held yearly across the country for funding that supports homeless housing and service programs under the McKinney Vento Homeless Assistance Program. This program is specifically aimed at reducing and ending homelessness in local communities. LAHSA is the lead agency in the Los Angeles CoC and responsible for preparing and submitting the competitive application annually. This new award was granted from the 2010 application.

Like the previous year, the Los Angeles Continuum was the recipient of more new funding than any other Continuum in the nation. It also received 6% of the total national funding awards for new programs and 34% of the total new program awards in California.

"These new program awards of permanent supportive housing will help us in our efforts to appropriately house and provide supportive services to our most vulnerable chronically homeless individuals and families," said Executive Director Michael Arnold. "We know housing with supportive services is the most effective solution for ending long term chronic homelessness and this award is critical to our efforts to make progress toward ending homelessness in Los Angeles."

From the more than \$12.5 million in new program funding, \$10.3 million will be disbursed through the Shelter Plus Care rental assistance program and \$2.2 million will be allotted for Supportive Housing Programs.

Along with the \$12.5 million in new program funding, this year's award includes \$34,942,764 to renew Shelter Plus Care Programs and \$36,758,066 to renew Supportive Housing Programs. The City and County of Los Angeles also received a total of \$6,160,592 in Emergency Shelter Grants (ESG).

"Through LAHSA's efforts, Los Angeles County will have \$12.4 million in new project funding to improve our service delivery model and provide vital supportive services-including mental health care-for the homeless," stated County Board of Supervisors Chair Michael D. Antonovich.

Los Angeles City Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa said, "Providing permanent supportive housing is an essential tool in lifting some of our most vulnerable residents out of the cyclical homelessness that has gone on for far too long in far too many neighborhoods in our City," Mayor Villaraigosa said. "This new funding is a step forward in providing our homeless with a permanent home and a solid support system to stay off the streets and to get their life back on track."

*The Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) is a joint powers authority of the City and County of Los Angeles created in 1993 to address the problems of homelessness in Los Angeles County. LAHSA plans, funds and administers programs that assist homeless individuals and families in their transition to permanent housing. LAHSA is the lead agency in the HUD-funded Los Angeles Continuum of Care and coordinates and manages over \$70 million dollars annually in federal, state, county and city funds for programs providing shelter, housing and services to homeless persons. Additionally, LAHSA partners with the city and the county to integrate services and housing opportunities to ensure wide distribution of service and housing options. LAHSA funds agencies that address many underserved homeless populations including battered women and their children, persons struggling with chronic homelessness, veterans, youth transitioning from foster care, and individuals with mental health needs. The agency is located at 811 Wilshire Blvd., 6th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90017.*

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