Regional Coordination of Los Angeles County Housing Authorities

RECOMMENDATION

Direct the Housing Authority of the County of Los Angeles, in collaboration with the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles, to convene an ongoing, quarterly Homeless Issues Roundtable of all public housing authorities in Los Angeles County, for the purpose of identifying common issues related to combating homelessness and developing more integrated housing policies to assist homeless families and individuals. As appropriate, invite the Departments of Community and Senior Services, Health Services and Mental Health, and community providers with subject matter expertise in housing to participate in the Roundtable.

DESCRIPTION

The Housing Authorities of Los Angeles County (HACoLA) and City (HACLA) have responded to local, state, and federal efforts to end homelessness by engaging in various collaborative activities that have proven to be beneficial to families and individuals in need across the County, such as:

- Partnership with the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) and the United Way of Greater Los Angeles to develop and utilize coordinated access systems that match homeless clients with housing resources and supportive services that meet their specific needs.
- Interagency agreements for several housing programs that allow families to locate units in either jurisdiction by eliminating the cumbersome “portability” process.
- Creation of a universal housing assistance application that eliminates the duplicative effort of completing several different applications when applying for multiple housing programs across both Housing Authorities.
- Alignment of policy, where possible, to facilitate a uniform eligibility determination standard across both Housing Authorities.

This history of collaboration between HACoLA and HACLA provides a foundation to institutionalize ongoing collaboration across all public housing authorities in the County with the goal of maximizing the positive impact on homeless families and individuals.

POPULATION IMPACT

✓ ALL  FAMILY  TAY  SINGLE ADULT  VETERAN  CHRONICALLY HOMELESS ADULT

LEAD AGENCY

Housing Authority of the County of Los Angeles

COLLABORATING DEPARTMENTS/AGENCIES

Chief Executive Office
City Housing Authorities
Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles
Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority
POPULATION(S) TARGETED & OTHER CATEGORIZATION

Homeless populations with subsidized housing needs.

POTENTIAL PERFORMANCE METRICS

- Number of policies harmonized/integrated between agencies
- Number of forms standardized/harmonized between agencies

FUNDING

NA – This strategy does not require any funding to be implemented.

CONNECTION TO CITIES

SAME

✓ COMPLEMENTARY

NO CITY ROLE

Cities which operate their own public housing authorities can ensure that their housing authorities participate in the Homeless Issues Roundtable.