

Tulare County Homeless Summit

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Housing Authority County of Los Angeles (HACoLA)

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HACoLA Overview

- HACoLA is the second largest housing authority in Southern California; the fifth largest in the United States.
 - The HCV program services the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County and 62 participating cities.
 - Assisted Housing assists approximately 25,400 families through a partnership with approximately 13,000 property owners.
- Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH)
- Public Housing program
 - Manages 3,229 units of public and other affordable housing throughout Los Angeles County.
- Shelter Plus Care/ Continuum of Care

Challenges

- 57,000 homeless individuals; 23% increase from 2016
- Limited rental subsidy resources; only 1,200 vouchers turn over per year
- Jurisdictional borders – 19 local housing authorities

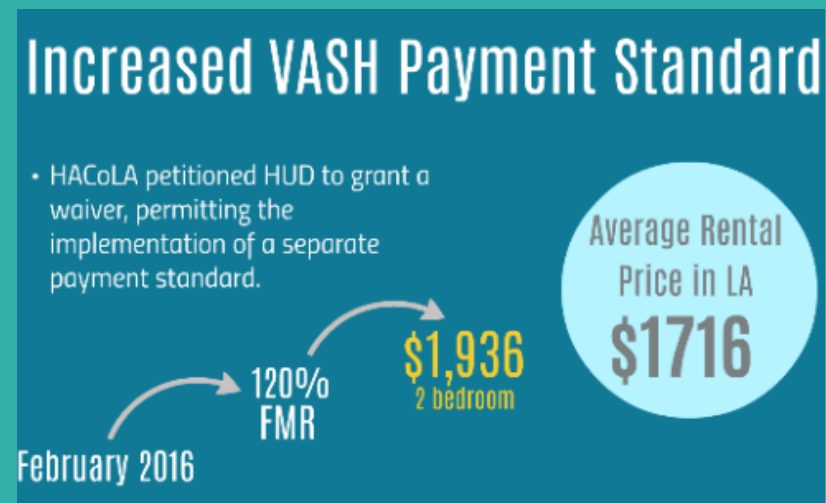


Challenges

- Low rental vacancy rate (approx. 3%)
- Affordability
- Poor rental and credit history; prior evictions
- Criminal background
- No cash for move-in costs
- Expired vouchers; voucher success rate 20%

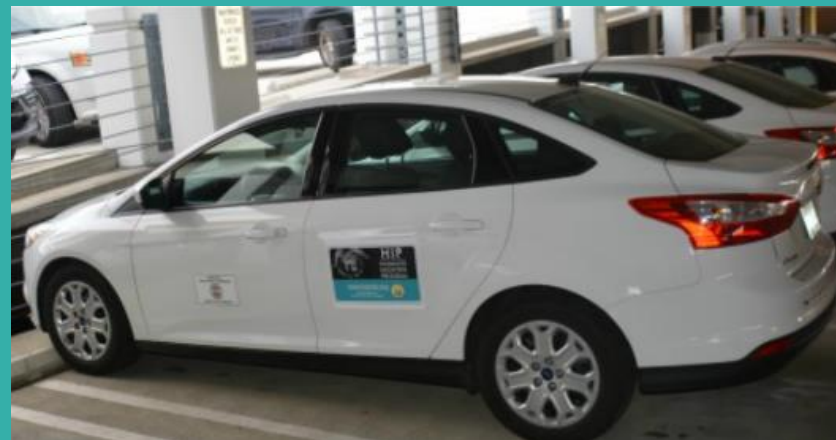
Solutions

- Homeless preference for HCV
- Criminal background policy
- Interagency agreements to expand jurisdictions
- Increasing the payment standards for HCV and VASH
- “On the Spot” voucher issuance



Solutions

- Streamlined applications and created universal forms for the City and County programs
- Aggressive marketing campaign
- Housing Advisor Unit
- Landlord Incentive Programs (Homeless Incentive Program)



Landlord Incentive Programs

- Vacant Unit Holding Fee
- Payment of Rental Application Fees
- Move in Assistance
- Damage Claims
- Vacancy Loss Payments






Solutions

- Los Angeles County Homeless Initiative
 - 47 Strategies
 - \$100 million in one-time funding
- Measure H
 - On March 7, 2017, voters approved ¼ cent sales tax for 10 years
 - Estimated \$355 million per year to combat homelessness
- The Homeless Incentive Program expanding to other housing authorities within the County



A photograph of an older man with white hair, seen from the side and back, looking out of a window. He is wearing a blue and white checkered button-down shirt. The window has white frames and blinds. The background outside the window is dark. The image is set against a teal gradient background.

**FINANCIAL INCENTIVES AND OTHER COUNTY SUPPORT
MAKE IT EASIER FOR PROPERTY OWNERS TO HELP
FORMERLY HOMELESS TENANTS.**

Outcomes for FY 16-17

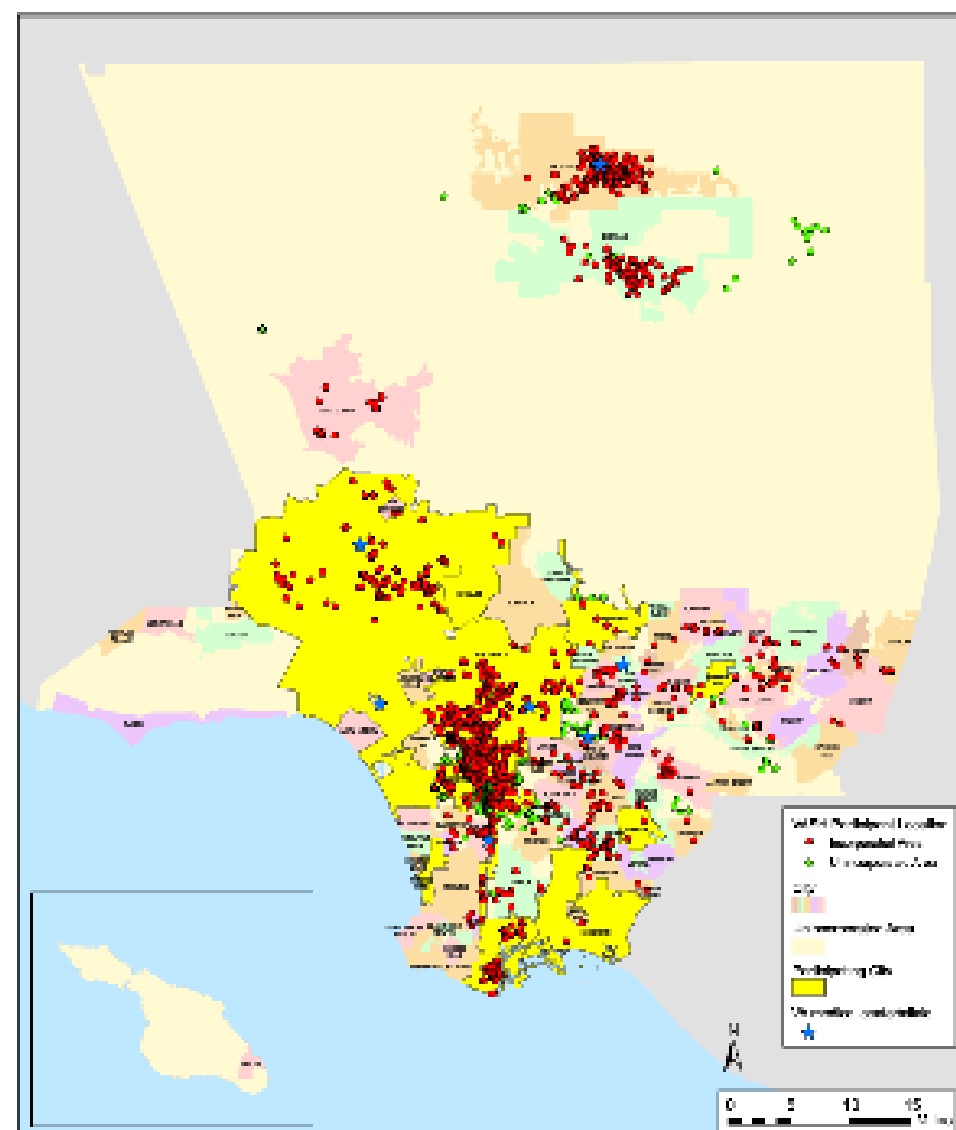
- HCV remained at 100% leased
- SPC/CoC increased 91% leased (all-time high)
- VASH increased to 100% leased including 236 new vouchers received June 2016
- Decreased the number of days of continued homelessness



Housing Authority of the County of Los Angeles
**VASH - Locations in
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Final Overview

- Replicability
- Innovation
- Leadership



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