

Interim Housing (IH): Overview and Analysis 7/1/19 thru 6/30/20

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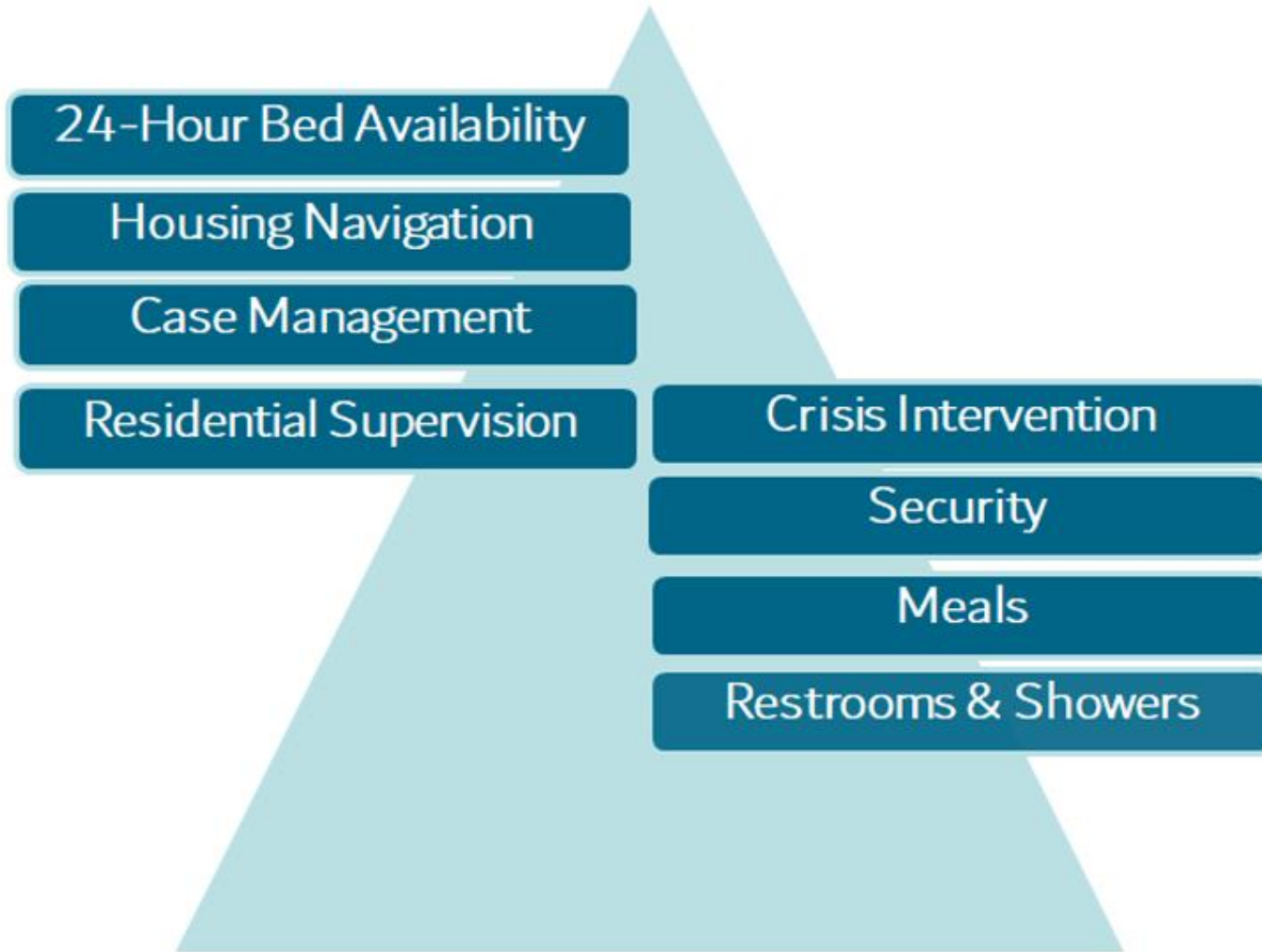


What is Interim Housing?

- Interim Housing is short-term emergency shelter/temporary housing for individuals, youth and families who are experiencing homelessness or are actively fleeing domestic violence;
- Interim Housing provides participants with a safe and stable place to reside while being quickly assessed and connected to a broad range of housing resources;
- Interim Housing is designed to provide resources and services necessary to stabilize program participants, maintain contact with the participants supportive networks, and facilitate connections to successful housing destinations.

Services Offered in Interim Housing

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- Crisis Housing
- Bridge Housing
- Winter Shelter Program
- Specialty Bridge Programs (*Matched through Coordinated Entry System*)
 - A Bridge Home
 - Enhanced Bridge for Women
 - Enhanced Bridge for Older Adults
 - Bridge Housing for Persons Exiting Institutions

What is Strategy 4.2?

This new strategy is intended to reflect the extensive work being done by the City to add shelter beds and meet the needs of unsheltered persons experiencing homelessness.

- Strategy leads will work to identify and implement permanent, safe shelter options to decrease the number of people sleeping in unsheltered locations, in addition to the interim/temporary shelter strategies currently being pursued.
- The strategy team will also develop policies to ensure that shelters place people into permanent housing as efficiently as possible.

Goals of Strategy 4.2 for LAHSA

LAHSA Goal 1: Increase supply of safe and accessible interim housing options across the City of Los Angeles.

According to the Housing Inventory Count (HIC) during the Annual Point In Time Count (PIT) in late January, there has been a net increase of 3,666 interim housing beds across the City.

Point In Time	Number of Beds
January 2019	7,813
January 2020	11,479

Goals of Strategy 4.2 for LAHSA

LAHSA Goal 2: Implement diversion practices that helps at-risk households remain in housing and/or be placed into stable, alternative housing, and avoid entering shelter.

Problem Solving launched in FY20 as a funded intervention. In that time, 268 unique households were at risk of homelessness and successfully diverted from the homelessness system.

Population	Problem-Solving Assistance	Diverted, No funds
Individual Adults	45	113
Families	56	122
Youth	19	33

Goals of Strategy 4.2 for LAHSA

LAHSA Goal 3: Enhance shelter facilities and shelter services to improve access to and accessibility of shelter.

LAHSA's Senior Coordinator for the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) completed several facility reviews in FY20 (prior to Q4).

Type of Assessment	Number of Assessments
ADA Accessibility Assessments*	16
Architectural Blue Plan Checks	2

*Includes walk-throughs and reviews for new and existing WSP and ABH

Goals of Strategy 4.2 for LAHA

LAHSA Goal 4: Ensure shelter system operates as effective and efficient throughput to move persons out of shelter and into best suited form(s) of permanent housing.

Type of Housing	# Programs in City	# of Participants Served	# Discharged Participants	Permanent Destinations	Temporary Destinations
Bridge Housing	32	2,049	1,666	25%	23%
Crisis Housing	48	13,209	5,141	17%	31%
Enhanced Bridge	6	154	86	24%	45%
A Bridge Home	20	1,126	626	17%	16%
Winter Shelter	10	4,281	650*	5%	40%

Successes of Strategy 4.2 in FY 20

In this past fiscal year, the City of LA opened 9 A Bridge Home projects, totaling 729 beds. ABH beds have largely contributed to the increase in available shelter beds throughout the City.

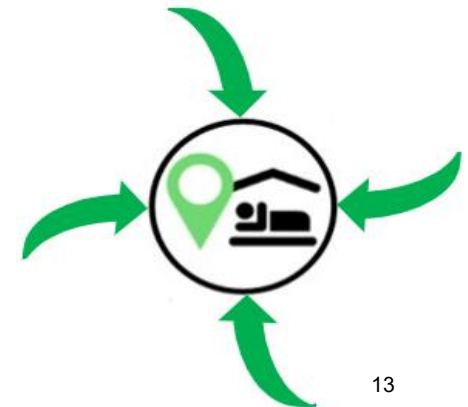
Fiscal Year	# of ABH Sites Opened	Beds Added
2018-2019	2	169
2019-2020	9	729
2020-2021 (Q1)	4	739
2020-2021 (Q2)	4	277

1. Imbalance of literally homeless people in Los Angeles County compared to the amount of affordable housing options available
 - *Throughput to housing within the CES system is strained due to limited available options*
2. Coordination of bed availability and matching
 - *Continued striving to automate processes as much as possible*

Goals for Strategy 4.2 in FY21

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1. Streamlining eligibility between different funders and different bed types
 - *Ensure eligible participants are connected to the most appropriate resource*
2. Improving data quality to know when and where crisis beds are available
 - *Using technology to automate matching and/or referrals*



People Assisting The Homeless (ABH) Story of Hope:

- 19-year old youth entered ABH Riverside after 2 years of experiencing homelessness following a serious car accident which led to the death of a friend and the youth in a coma.
- This youth was the youngest guest at ABH Riverside, and eager to work on his goals and housing plan. He stated that being in the PATH program was a wake-up call to change his life. He now has plans to go to school and is motivated to find employment.
- He quickly determined a transitional housing program would better suit his needs and transitioned to a TLP closer to his support system in the San Fernando Valley where he can reside for up to 2 years.