



DOWNTOWN **WOMEN'S** CENTER

DOWNTOWN WOMEN'S CENTER HOSTS PRESS CONFERENCE TO ANNOUNCE LA COUNTY'S ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTION GRANT

Nearly \$15 million in state funding will help 500 people on Skid Row transition to safe housing

LOS ANGELES, CA – Today, the Downtown Women's Center (DWC) hosted a press conference at its Skid Row headquarters with Mayor Eric Garcetti, California Assemblymember Miguel Santiago, representatives from Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA), and homelessness advocates to announce the Los Angeles County's Encampment Resolution Funding Program grant.

Governor Newsom and the State of California awarded Los Angeles County nearly \$15 million to support pathways to safe housing for 500 women and families living in the Skid Row Community.

"Skid Row is the epicenter of the homelessness crisis in our city — and we're bringing every available resource to bear in serving our unhoused neighbors in this community," said Mayor Eric Garcetti. "This investment will help to bring the safety and stability that every Angeleno deserves to hundreds of women and their families."

"Housing is a fundamental right for everyone, but unfortunately, many individuals face numerous hurdles when trying to find a place to call home. This grant will invest much-needed funding towards housing hundreds of women and families in Skid Row," said Supervisor Hilda Solis. "I applaud the Downtown Women's Center for their commitment to housing every woman facing homelessness in Los Angeles. Together, we can ensure that our most vulnerable populations receive the services and resources they need."

"As the Chair of the Select Committee on LA County homelessness and a long-time champion of historic state investments to combat homelessness, I'm proud to have partnered with LA City, LA County, and LAHSA to deliver nearly \$15 million to Skid Row," said Assembly Member Miguel Santiago (D-Los Angeles). "This direct aid from the State will help 2/3 of unhoused women and their families living on Skid Row by providing them with critical services and helping them transition into housing in partnership with organizations such as the Downtown Women's Center. Together, we can address the urgent emergency of homelessness and help unhoused residents."

"I'm proud of the state's partnership with the City of Los Angeles, LA County, LAHSA, the Downtown Women's Center bringing together and bringing forward this innovative initiative to serve women on Skid Row, meeting them where they're at and accompany them on their journey to stable housing, services, and support," said Lourdes M. Castro Ramirez, Secretary of the Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency. "Congratulations to LAHSA, the city, the county, and the Downtown Women's Center on this award that will further LA's commitment to preventing and ending homelessness."

“This grant is a critical step in helping DWC continue our mission of housing and empowering women experiencing homelessness,” said Amy Turk, CEO of DWC. “For over 44 years, DWC has been dedicated exclusively to serving unhoused women in the Skid Row Community and beyond.”

The grant will also bolster DWC’s *Every Woman Housed Plan*, which will provide women with temporary shelter and critical services as well as long-term solutions including permanent housing, healthcare, and employment opportunities.

About The Downtown Women’s Center

The Downtown Women’s Center (DWC) is the only organization in Los Angeles focused exclusively on serving and empowering women experiencing homelessness and formerly homeless women. DWC envisions a Los Angeles with every woman housed and on a path to personal stability. Our mission is to end homelessness for women in greater Los Angeles through housing, wellness, employment, and advocacy. For more information, visit www.DowntownWomensCenter.org.

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