



DOWNTOWN **WOMEN'S** CENTER

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Downtown Women's Center awarded \$26.5 million from California's Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program to expand its Downtown LA campus

Funding is a critical step toward the construction of 97 new units of service-enriched permanent supportive housing and workforce development for women in Skid Row

LOS ANGELES, CA – The Downtown Women's Center (DWC) will receive \$26.5 million in funding from California's Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program (AHSC), as a part of the California Climate Investments (CLI), to expand its Downtown LA campus. This funding is an important next step toward the development of Rosa's Place, 97 units of new permanent supportive housing and workforce development services for women and domestic violence survivors in the Skid Row Community.

"Downtown Women's Center is thrilled to receive significant funding through California's Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program, which puts us closer to fulfilling our goal of developing 250 additional housing units by 2027," said Amy Turk, DWC CEO. "The funding comes at a critical time, as the number of women experiencing homelessness in Los Angeles has grown more than 64% over the past eight years."

In addition to permanent supportive housing, Rosa's Place residents will be served by DWC's robust wraparound on-site services so that women experiencing homelessness can attain stable housing and lives. Aligned with the needs expressed by women in the 2022 Los Angeles County Women's Needs Assessment, additional AHSC funding will help the City of Los Angeles to increase access to public transportation, safe walkways, and additional bike lanes.

DWC's campus expansion is a partnership with affordable housing developer Daylight Community Development, Los Angeles County Metro, Los Angeles City Department of Transportation, City of Los Angeles Housing Department, and Los Angeles City Council District 14.

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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