



Addressing Homelessness with Housing, Services and Outreach.

Culver City is ramping up efforts to address homelessness in our community.

According to the 2022 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count estimates, there are 350 people experiencing homelessness in Culver City. With economic challenges and rising housing costs across the region, that number continues to grow. It's far too high, but not too big of a problem to solve.

Culver City is fortunate to have a diverse coalition of community partners, city agencies, neighborhood groups and citizen advocates ready to address homelessness. We are counting on everyone doing their part to help our ambitious effort succeed. In turn, our constituents can expect transparency and accountability when it comes to our challenges and progress.

Culver City has a plan to support our unhoused neighbors home one-by-one through a mix of housing, services and outreach. If we are successful together, our small town can inspire the whole region, because we know issues of homelessness do not start and stop and city lines.

Learn more below about some of our key programs to address homelessness.

SAFE SLEEP

Culver City is opening a new "Safe Sleep" location for people experiencing homelessness.

The Safe Sleep program is the first of its kind for Culver City. It will feature twenty transitional suites with around the clock staffing and supportive services – including three meals a day, restrooms, showers, garbage and recycling collection, access to laundry services, health care and additional support – for forty residents at the site.

Safe Sleep will be operated by Urban Alchemy, a nonprofit with a mission to transform traumatized urban spaces through supportive and compassionate care.

Safe Sleep aims to reduce loss of life, eliminate encampments and provide greater access to resources for unhoused neighbors in Culver City.

PROJECT HOMEKEY

Culver City will soon be opening two repurposed motels, funded through California's Project Homekey, with 73 units of supportive and interim housing. The two repurposed motels will fulfill different needs: one will have 38 units suited for interim emergency housing, while the other will have 35 units for long-term supportive housing for people experiencing chronic homelessness.

Both of the motel repurpose developments will provide a safe place indoors where people can find wrap-around services, healing, and stabilization. Combined, the projects take an innovative approach to streamlining housing and social services by co-locating both interim housing and longer-term supportive housing next to each other.

The goal of supportive housing is to provide a safe and nurturing environment where formerly unhoused individuals can transition into independent community living.

OUTREACH SERVICES

Culver City contracts with St. Joseph Center to provide homeless outreach services. St. Joseph's Center's mission is to provide working poor families, as well as homeless men, women, and children of all ages with the inner resources and tools to become productive, stable and self-supporting members of the community.

St. Joseph's Homeless Outreach Team develops relationships and trust with people experiencing homelessness in order to effectively connect them with housing, medical care, and support services.



MOTEL LEASING

Through an innovative Motel Master Leasing Program, Culver City works with local motel providers to offer temporary interim housing as our unhoused neighbors transition to Project Homekey, Safe Sleep, or other shelter and housing options that meet them where they are and serve their individual needs.

MOBILE CRISIS TEAM

Culver City is activating a non-enforcement crisis intervention approach to public safety that will enhance the city's ability to serve and protect the community. With the creation of the Mobile Crisis Intervention Team, Culver City will be able to directly engage people experiencing a mental health episode or substance abuse/dependency issues, while using a referral system that utilizes community partners in conjunction with city staff to provide additional follow up services both inpatient and outpatient.

The Mobile Crisis Team will operate a specialized van that will be able to provide immediate assistance once a call is received. The Mobile Crisis Team will include a Housing and Human Services Division Manager, a Mental Health Clinician, a Mental Health Specialist, and two Case Managers. The team will work in concert with the St. Joseph's Center Homeless Outreach Team, Culver City Police Department Mental Health Evaluation Team, Culver City Fire Department Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) and a Street Medicine Team.