

A low-angle photograph of a modern building with a glass and metal facade. The building features several large, circular windows that are prominent in the design. The sky is overcast and grey. A semi-transparent white box is overlaid on the left side of the image, containing the title and meeting information.

# **Homeless Services Bureau Report**

**Continuum of Care Board Meeting**

**January 11, 2022**

A nighttime photograph of the Long Beach skyline. The city lights, including several tall buildings and palm trees, are reflected in the calm water in the foreground. A semi-transparent white banner is overlaid across the middle of the image.

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## **Shelter and PRK/PHK:**

During December shelters in Long Beach were consistently at capacity. With colder weather, rain and shelters on quarantine within the region, it has led to a situation where getting a bed can be challenging

Continued high utilization of motel vouchers to try to meet sheltering needs of those that are most vulnerable

30+ people are on the PRK/PHK waiting for a room to open. Prioritization from the list is based upon medical vulnerability. There has been an availability of 2-3 rooms per week

An Architect has been retained to start design and feasibility process for modular shelters at the MSC.

\$5.1 million awarded in PHK funding to convert the 1725 Long Beach Blvd. (Best Western) to permanent housing

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## Outreach and Community Engagement Capacity

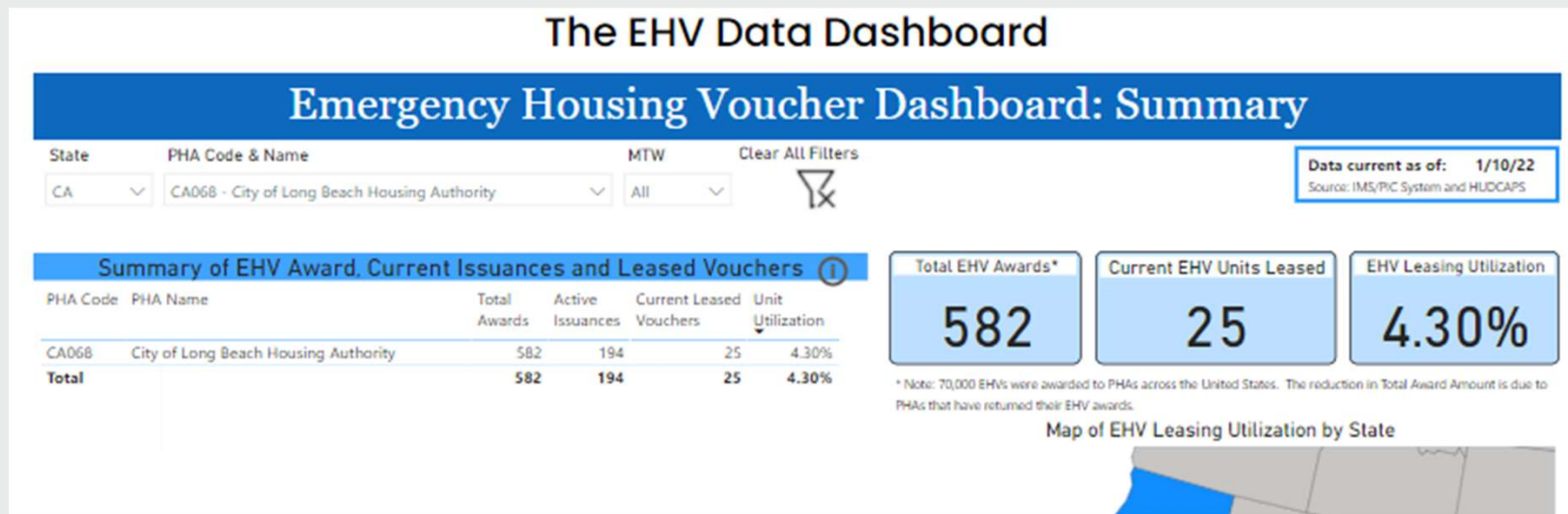
City of Long Beach applied to the state for Encampment Resolution Funds (ERF). Proposed approach would look to motel voucher a full encampment while working towards housing.

As the HSB is in the process of expanding outreach staffing as well as implementing Mobile Outreach Stations HSB has ordered additional vehicles.

- 1 RV has been ordered for mobile MSC and 1 additional will be ordered in 2022
- 1 customized vehicle for REACH has been ordered (receive in 2022)
- 2 additional outreach vehicles, including a truck and passenger van (receive in early 2022)

# Emergency Housing Vouchers

- Over 500 people have been matched to vouchers at this point
- 219 vouchers issued to date, with 194 that are active and searching
- 24 lease ups as of 1/11/2022
- 43 households enrolled in ICMS with 20 more planned this week



# Pandemic Response Updates

- We are seeing increased transmission across all populations including those experiencing homelessness
- Currently ABC is undergoing quarantine protocols. No new intakes until two rounds of testing with no additional positives. Earliest it would be off quarantine is January 19<sup>th</sup>
- Additional staff testing within our access center, as well as continued availability of rapid testing for participants that are exhibiting symptoms
- LA County continues to provide isolation and quarantine for those who have tested positive, however they must have severe symptoms
- Working to get a city run Isolation and Quarantine Site (IQS) operational by next week
- Coordinating with LA County DHS to provide additional vaccine support to people experiencing homelessness including availability of boosters at both congregate and non-congregate sites
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Thank you

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