

Vice Mayor Richardson

HOMELESS FREE AMERICA
C.R.A.S.H. Pilot Program

2022



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C.R.A.S.H.
PILOT PROJECT

Community Resources Amalgamated [to] Stabilize Homelessness

Proposal

- Proposed Pilot City: Long Beach, CA (“A” Line)
- Proposed Launch Date: December 1st (or before)
- Proposed Resources (partial list):
 1. Metrolink Southern California Regional Passenger Rail Services System Security and Law Enforcement and Transit Operations Teams;
 2. Los Angeles Police Department - Transit Services Bureau;
 3. City of Long Beach Police Department;
 4. City of Long Beach Legislative Authorities;
 5. Homeless Free America, Inc. (a domestic nonprofit corporation)(“HFA”)
- Proposed Plan of Action (Précis):
 - (a) Metro would deploy a minimum of five (5) ten passenger Micro Minivans with drivers to the Downtown Long Beach Southern Terminus of the “A” Line.
 - (b) Each van would be assigned to a specific “SPA”, under direction to shuttle homeless “A” Line deboarders to either an Emergency Temporary Housing location or Mental Health Crisis Service Center in a designated “SPA” as determined by “HFA”, “MTA-CRU”, and Long Beach M.E.T. Assessments
 - (c) The Long Beach Police Department Mental Evaluation Team (Long Beach M.E.T.) would deploy a Mental Health Clinician and one police officer for the purpose of: (1) facilitating the orderly movement of homeless deboarders from train to shuttle vans; (2) to reduce the opportunity for the commission of some crimes; and (3) to aid individuals experiencing a mental health crisis that may pose an “imminent” danger to themselves or to others; (This task may also be accomplished by the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transit Authority Crisis Response Unit (MTA-CRU)).

(d) Homeless Free America (“HFA”) would deploy a team of three to four Homeless Outreach Coordinators whose essential functions and duties shall be in part, but not limited to:

- Schedule and facilitate outreach activities for individuals experiencing homelessness debarking the “A” Line in Downtown Long Beach;
- Complete assessments on each client, including VI-SPDAT and facilitate entering information into the “LAHSA” and “HOPICS” HMIS/CES database;
- Assist and locate Temporary Emergency Shelter and Permanent Affordable Housing options for interested clients, directly assisting with the rental process
- Assist clients in completing housing applications and move-in process as needed
- Maintain and develop relationships with Federal, State, and local agencies that serve as referral resources for clients
- Adhere to all local, State, and Federal guidelines and laws i.e., HIPAA, OSHA, FLSA.

Why C.R.A.S.H.?

Homelessness in Long Beach has increased by 62% since 2020, driven in part by itinerant Metrolink “A” Line, end-of-line debarkers spilling into the Downtown area with no ready access to shelter or to other flexible intervention supports and services to help them manage serious, chronic issues.

Why C.R.A.S.H.?

Reason 1: C.R.A.S.H. presents a stopgap measure that will prevent the seepage of homeless Metrolink debarkers into Downtown Long Beach by providing on the spot transportation to an Emergency Shelter as an immediate and safe alternative to sleeping on the street.

Reason 2: At present, all of the resources necessary to implement the C.R.A.S.H. pilot project is in place and wholly subsidized, therefore, implementation will require no additional capital be allocated from the budgets of Los Angeles County or the City of Long Beach.

Reason 3: Implementation of C.R.A.S.H. will be a giant step in the right direction to (1) mitigate crime in the city committed by homeless individuals; (2) win back confidence in city government leadership; and (3) aid in restoring the quality of life in the city of Long Beach.

“HFA” Qualifications, Skills, and Activities

- Understanding of the homeless population, their needs, and available resources
- Prior experience in providing outreach services to individuals from diverse backgrounds
- Staff possess strong verbal communication and listening skills

Staff Core Attributes

- Proactive
- Attention to details
- Flexible
- Outstanding customer/client service

DECLARATION:

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An Excess of \$150 million dollars was returned to HUD by the only COC recipients for Los Angeles – The Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA)

As Homeless Service Providers, we exercise the authority given under section 8571 under, U.S & California state executive law to preserve public safety and hereby render all required and available assistance vital to the security, well-being, and the health of the citizens of the State of California.

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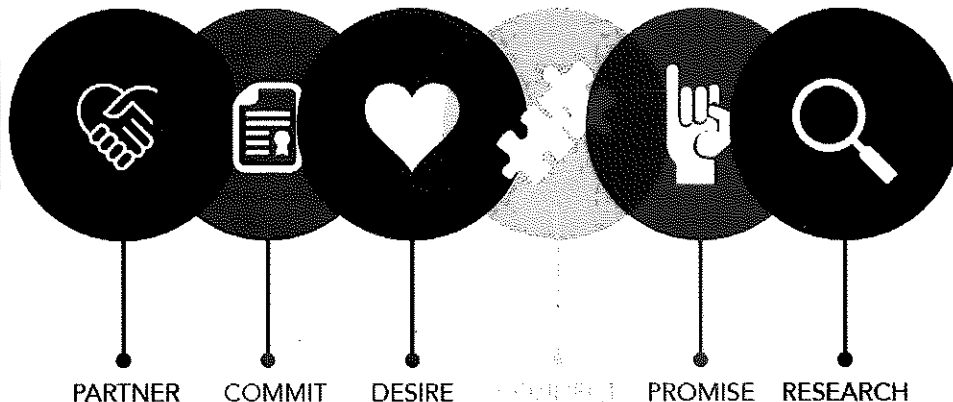
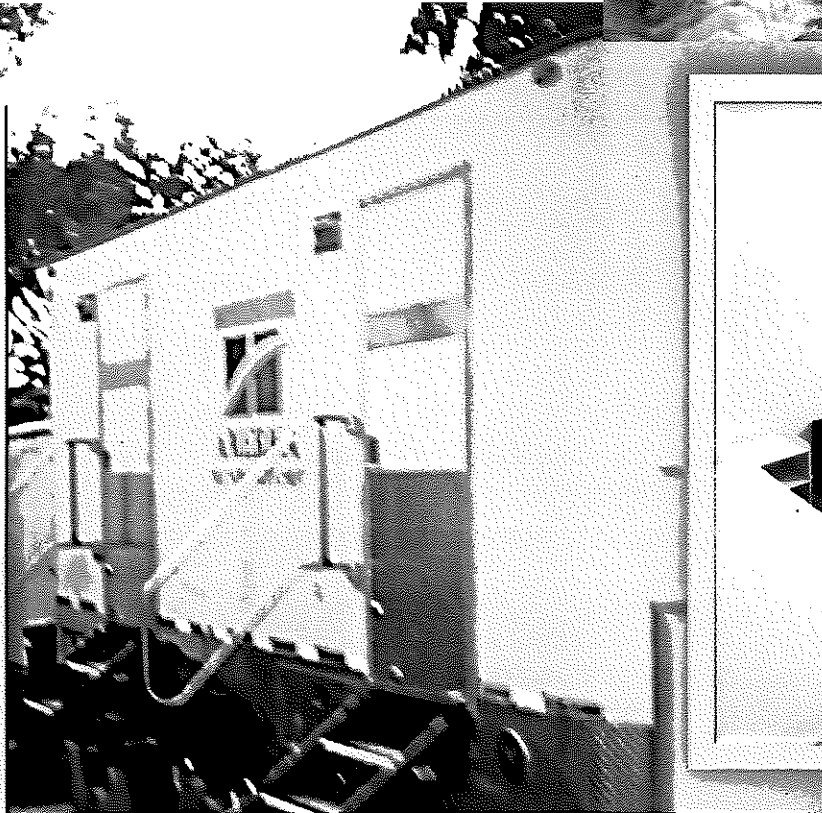
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Office of Outreach and Engagement

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3. MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES
4. ACUTE CARE
5. HOUSING NAVIGATION
6. WRAP AROUND SERVICES





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on Sept 25, 2022

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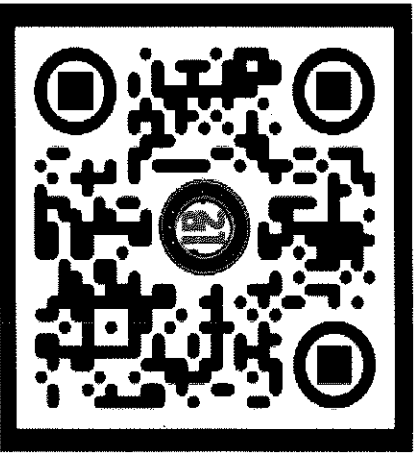
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Committee Members:

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SYNOPSIS OF LA CITY and LA COUNTY Homeless Fund Distribution

Summary: 13 COC point of contacts. Each county has ONLY 1 POC(Point of contact) EXCEPT LA CITY.

Only LA City and LA County has LAHSA (750 member staff) to solve homeless issues. A waste of 75 million in funding just for staff., yet homelessness has double under Peter Lynn and Heidi Marston leadership. LA City and La County needs to direct funding towards the non profits who are directly on the ground floor.

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