



## Addressing Homelessness in the Housing Element Sample Policies and Programs

**Policy:      Emergency shelter funding.**

<b><i>City of Lancaster 2001-2005 Housing Element</i></b>	
<b>8.1.2(a)</b>	<p>Continue support for the Lancaster Community Homeless Shelter. Provide funding on an ongoing basis to a non-profit entity for the management of this facility.</p> <p><b>STATUS:</b> Existing Program.  <b>RESPONSIBILITY:</b> Redevelopment Agency, Catholic Charities of LA.  <b>TIME FRAME:</b> Ongoing.  <b>FUNDING SOURCE:</b> Redevelopment Agency, HUD, FEMA, City Community Services Foundation.</p>

<b><i>City of Burbank 2008-2014 Housing Element, HCD Review Draft</i></b>					
Housing Program	Program Goal	2008-2014 Objective	Funding Source	Responsible Agency	Time Frame
<b>16. Emergency Shelter and Emergency Services</b>	Assist the homeless and persons at-risk of homelessness in obtaining shelter and services.	Provide funding support to Burbank Temporary Aid Center and the Salvation Army to provide emergency shelter and services to the homeless and at-risk population.	Community Development Block Grant	Community Development Department, Housing and Redevelopment Division	2008-2014

**Policy: Supportive housing funding.**

***City of Santa Monica 2008-2014 Housing Element, Public Review Draft***

**Objective 2.j:** Facilitate the reduction of the number of homeless individuals living on the streets of Santa Monica through the provision of a range of housing options, with an emphasis on affordable, permanent, supportive housing.

**Program:** Continue to seek and leverage funds that contribute to the development of a range of permanent, supportive housing, within and outside of Santa Monica. Focus case management and housing resources on the most chronic and vulnerable homeless individuals that have been identified as the top priority for accessing permanent supportive housing.

**Responsible Division:** City Human Services Division, Housing Division

**Timeframe:** Ongoing

**Policy: Reusing vacant property.**

***City of Lancaster 2001-2005 Housing Element***

**Policy 8.1.2(d)** Provide vacant facilities and support development and implementation of a regional facility that will provide a one-stop processing center for the homeless and persons at risk of becoming homeless.

<b>STATUS:</b>	New Program
<b>RESPONSIBILITY:</b>	Lancaster Redevelopment Agency.
<b>TIME FRAME:</b>	Priority 3.
<b>FUNDING SOURCE:</b>	Department budget.

**8.1.2(e)** Periodically conduct a survey to identify vacant buildings within the City which could be reused for housing for very low-, low- and moderate income households or as shelter/service facilities for the homeless. If conversion opportunities are feasible, prepare implementation strategies.

<b>STATUS:</b>	Existing Program.
<b>RESPONSIBILITY:</b>	Lancaster Redevelopment Agency
<b>TIME FRAME:</b>	Ongoing.
<b>FUNDING SOURCE:</b>	Agency budget and other funding as available.

**Policy: Partnering with nonprofits.**

***City of Benicia 1999-2006 Housing Element***

Program 3.01 Continue to refer persons in need of transitional housing assistance to the Benicia Community Action Council. The City will meet annually with the Community Action Council to determine the potential future need for transitional housing facilities within Benicia, and assess the available permanent housing option for Benicia residents who are in transition.

**Responsibility:** Community Development Department, Housing Authority and Community Action Council

**Time Frame:** Annually 1999-2006

**Funding:** General Fund

**Policy: Rental subsidies.**

***City of Los Angeles 2001-2005 Housing Element***

**P-59 Section 8 Homeless Rental Assistance Program**

Community-based homeless service providers help screen and qualify homeless families receiving transitional services to receive Section 8 vouchers. The Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles (HACLA) has partnership agreements with fourteen (14) non-profit agencies to provide a diverse range of services to help homeless families and individuals make the transition from homelessness to stable, affordable housing. The agencies also provide Family Self-Sufficiency Services to help families achieve financial independence.

**Lead Agency:** HACLA

**Funding:** Federal Section 8 Funding

**Objective:** Currently 3,011 certificates dedicated to the program. New families assisted through turnover of voucher as families leave the program.

**Schedule:** 1998-2005

**P-87 Section 8 Rental Assistance Program**

Provides move-in deposit and rental assistance with appropriate supportive services to assist homeless individuals and families to become stable in their new permanent housing situation.

**Lead Agency:** Community Development Department

**Funding:** Community Development Block Grant, Emergency Shelter Grant

**Objective:** Provide rental assistance and supportive services to 7,000 unduplicated persons.

**Schedule:** 1998-2005

**P-60 Rental Assistance for Permanent Housing – Shelter Plus Care**

Provides rental assistance and supportive services for homeless persons with disabilities, specifically those with serious mental illness, chronic substance abuse problems and/or HIV/AIDS through four components:

1. tenant-based rental assistance,
2. sponsor-based rental assistance,
3. project-based rental assistance, and
4. SRO moderate rehabilitation rental assistance.

**Lead Agency:** HACLA  
**Funding:** Federal Shelter Plus Care Funding  
**Objective:** Continue to apply for funds and assist as many households as possible.  
**Schedule:** 2000-2010

**Policy:** Inclusionary zoning.

***City of Benicia 1999-2006 Housing Element***

**Program 2.01** Continue to implement the City's Inclusionary Housing Ordinance (Benicia Zoning Ordinance, Section 17.70.320). This Ordinance requires that new Residential projects of 10 or more units include 5 percent of the units affordable to very low-income households and 5 percent of the units affordable to low-income households. The City may allow the developer to pay in-lieu fees, donate developable land, or provide an alternative in-lieu contribution package acceptable to the City.

**Responsibility:** City Council, Planning Commission, Community Development Department, Assistant City Manager/ Economic Development Director, and Housing Authority

**Time Frame:** Ongoing 1999-2006

**Funding:** General Fund

**Policy: Affordable housing trust fund.**

<b><i>City of Benicia 1999-2006 Housing Element</i></b>	
<b>Program 2.02</b>	Establish a housing trust fund to be funded by in-lieu fees. This fund will be used to support affordable housing activities such as an equity share program, site acquisition, write down of land costs, subsidization of rents and mortgages, site improvement, and provision of collateral for development loans.
<b><u>Responsibility:</u></b>	City Council, Planning Commission, Community Development Department, Assistant City Manager/ Economic Development Director, and Housing Authority
<b><u>Time Frame:</u></b>	December 2004
<b><u>Funding:</u></b>	General Fund

**Policy: Fair housing.**

<b><i>City of Burbank 2008-2014 Housing Element, HCD Review Draft</i></b>					
<b>Housing Program</b>	<b>Program Goal</b>	<b>2008-2014 Objective</b>	<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Responsible Agency</b>	<b>Time Frame</b>
<b>14. Fair Housing</b>	Promote fair housing practices.	Contract with the San Fernando Valley Fair Housing Council; provide educational information on fair housing.	Community Development Block Grant	Community Development Department Housing and Redevelopment Division	2008-2014