



Updates on the new LA County Department of Homeless Services and Housing



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This memo is to provide an update on the status of County-funded LAHSA contracts. We appreciate everyone's patience as we continue to work hand-in-hand with LAHSA to move forward with executing these agreements.

As we shared previously, County employees are supporting LAHSA with drafting and reviewing agreements, as well as to follow up with contractors on missing documents or unsigned agreements. Over the past week, County and LAHSA staff have been working together in-person to expedite the process as much as possible and we are seeing continued movement forward. As of today, 136 contracts have been fully executed and 91 subawards have been activated. Contractors with executed agreements can receive advances. Contractors with active subawards can invoice. To support the process, we ask that providers return signed agreements and any requested documentation in as timely a manner as possible.

We have heard concerns from providers about the finalization of their County-funded interim housing (IH) contracts. Allocations for County-funded IH contracts that do not include mortgage or lease costs (approximately 80% of all County-funded IH contracts) are finalized. Those agreements are working their way through the contracting process and are not being held up. For the 20% of agreements with mortgage or lease costs, or other unique circumstances, the County and LAHSA are working closely together to finalize allocations, which will occur by August 22nd.

We know many of you have considerable insight into how we can improve upon contracting processes within our sector. Please join us to share your ideas at the next Town Hall for the County's new Department of Homeless Services and Housing (HSH). **The meeting, scheduled for Wednesday, August 20 at 1:00 p.m., will focus on the contracting model for HSH. Please register for the meeting [here](#).**

Thank you for your patience. If you have questions about County support for this process, you may contact Liz Ben-Ishai at eben-ishai@ceo.lacounty.gov or 213-902-0579. If you need assistance from LAHSA in relation to your County-funded agreements, please contact Janine Lim at jlim@lahsa.org with a copy to Ari Meister at ameister@lahsa.org and you may also copy Liz.

Thank you for your partnership.

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