



# Tiny Homes 101

Community Informational Session

Monday, October 30, 2023

6:00-7:00 P.M.

# Zoom Meeting Guidelines

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## Language Access

- Spanish, Khmer, and Tagalog interpretation available
- CART Captioning available

## Friendly Reminders

- This information session is one hour
- Participants are requested to stay muted during the presentation
- Q&A: 1 minute per person
- Presentation will be made available on the City's website:  
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# Agenda

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- Welcome & Introductions
- Brief Updates on Local Emergency on Homelessness
- Tiny Homes, *What are they?*
- Long Beach Tiny Home Shelter Community
- Questions and Answers
- Closing Remarks

# Goals of the Emergency

Build overall capacity to improve our approach to this systemic societal problem

Prevention

Behavioral  
health  
services

Housing

Increase funding and resources available to implement new programs

Speed up our overall response

Create longer-term goals and organizational structures to sustain work after the emergency

# Brief Update on Local Emergency on Homelessness

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## Efforts to Date

- Greatly enhanced service capacity
- Added 85 new interim beds with another 120 in planning or construction
- Brought in \$63+ million in funding and identified an additional \$5.7 million in FY24 budget
- Permanently housed 582 people through Emergency Housing Vouchers
- Created better coordination both internally and externally
- Improved MAC outreach and increased rate of service acceptance
- Sped up affordable housing development from six to 12 months to 60 to 90 days
- Increased engagement with community and non-profit organizations

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## Overview

Tiny Homes are an innovative, affordable, and scalable solution to homelessness. Unlike traditional shelters or affordable housing projects, **Tiny Homes take a fraction of the time to build and assemble, at just a fraction of the cost.**

Operating as a 24-hour emergency homeless shelter interim facility, Tiny Homes provide a stable, temporary housing program where residents access resources to help transition into permanent housing.



## Benefits

**Tiny Homes align with our City's approach to addressing homelessness rooted in trauma-informed care and housing first principles.**

- Personalized, dignified care that can help as the first step into permanent housing,
- Privacy within a secure community of peers,
- Access to Staff, Case Management and Counseling sessions on-site,
- Socialization with neighbors,
- Communal gathering space,
- Landscaped open space, and
- Personal space



# Tiny Homes, *What Are They?*

## General Costs

**The costs of building and operating a Tiny Home Village vary on several factors, such as**

- Size and location of the village,
- Tiny Home type,
- Congregate amenities or non-congregate add-ons (e.g., ensuite showers and toilet),
- Durability and building materials, and
- Level of services provided.

However, Tiny Home Villages are generally more affordable to build and operate than traditional shelters.



# Tiny Homes, *What Are They?*

## Examples

- City of Los Angeles has 6 Tiny Home Villages (city-owned lots and parks)
- City of Torrance through LAHSA (city-owned lot)
- City of Riverside (city-owned lot)
- Others include Santa Barbara, Seattle, Santa Cruz, Austin, Oakland, Livermore, etc.



# Long Beach Tiny Home Project Overview

## Why is there a need for Tiny Homes in Long Beach?

Tiny Homes are another tool we are implementing to help people experiencing homelessness in Long Beach. **Tiny Homes are not an alternative to permanent housing, but a complement to the various interim housing models with wrap-around services.**

- Quicker for new construction, if an existing building is not available
- Requires fewer permits/administrative approval,
- Easy-to-assemble
- It is an approach that gets a higher rate of interest than congregate shelter
- Permanent housing is a long process, and this provides a quality interim option

## What is the Long Beach Tiny Home Shelter Community?

The City envisions a **Tiny Home Shelter Community** that provides **33 modular non-congregate shelter units**, providing temporary housing to adults experiencing homelessness, prioritizing those who are chronically homeless.



## What amenities will be included?

### Unit Amenities

- 33 single occupancy units
  - 6 units will be accessible to those with mobility, hearing, or seeing disabilities
- In-unit restroom and showers
- Bed and storage space
- Individual HVAC system
- Connection to water, power, and sewage system
- Fire suppression system, including sprinklers and fire-resistant materials

### Common Space Amenities

- Lighting, fencing and controlled entry with security station
- Office space for case management and administrative services
- Warming Kitchen and communal gathering space
- Parking lot and bicycle storage
- Landscaped open space

## What services will be provided?

A contracted service provider will provide all program participants with:

- 24/7 security and residential supervision
- Three meals per day
- On-site individualized case management with a housing plan
- Linkages to supportive services such as mental and physical health services, substance use treatment, employment training, benefits enrollment, basic needs, etc.
- Connections to permanent housing options
- Laundry service

All participants will be assessed and referred through the Long Beach Multi-Service Center as part of our Coordinated Entry System

## How are we funding this Project?

**Tiny Home purchase, site construction, and operational support will be funded by the Homekey Program Round 2 grant funds**, administered by the California Department of Housing and Community Development.

- \$4,003,953 in Capital Funding
- \$1,612,799 in Operating Subsidy

\*Supplemental dollars from Emergency funds as well as additional funding sources may be needed

Ongoing operations will be funded through the State's Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Program.





## Who is the Manufacturer?

The City conducted a competitive request for proposals for the design, manufacture, delivery, and installation of the Tiny Home Shelter units. **Connect Shelters was selected and ultimately approved by City Council.**

Connect Shelters has also supported similar project in multiple other California cities.



## **Where will the Tiny Homes be located?**

Originally, the Tiny Home Shelter Community was to be located at the Long Beach Multi-Service Center. During the course of design and implementation, the location was determined to no longer be feasible due to potential impacts on surrounding construction projects.

Identifying a new location for the Tiny Homes is a high priority for City leadership.

## Where will the Tiny Homes be located?

Preferred characteristics of an ideal site include:

- City-owned property (due to limited time)
- Accessibility to public transit such as bus routes and metro lines
- Proximity to necessary amenities, such as libraries, grocery stores, pharmacies, medical services, etc.
- Leveled, paved area and vacant space to avoid demolition
- Existing utility connections
- Large enough space to contain all necessary site improvements – modular units, case management and administrative offices, warming kitchen and cafeteria, security station, open space

## Our Ongoing Commitment

When addressing the city's homelessness crisis and identifying related needs, the following critical commitments to the community include four key focus areas:

- Conduct community engagement prior to making decisions about program specifics that have potential impacts, even for temporary operations
- Will not program at locations that are providing existing community services
- Leave locations in a better state than how they were found, making a net enhancement to the community
- Programs and projects will be spread across Long Beach and not concentrated only in one area

## Next Steps:

- Identify a site
- Outreach to the community where the site will be located
- Perform architectural and engineering design

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## City Online Homelessness Hub

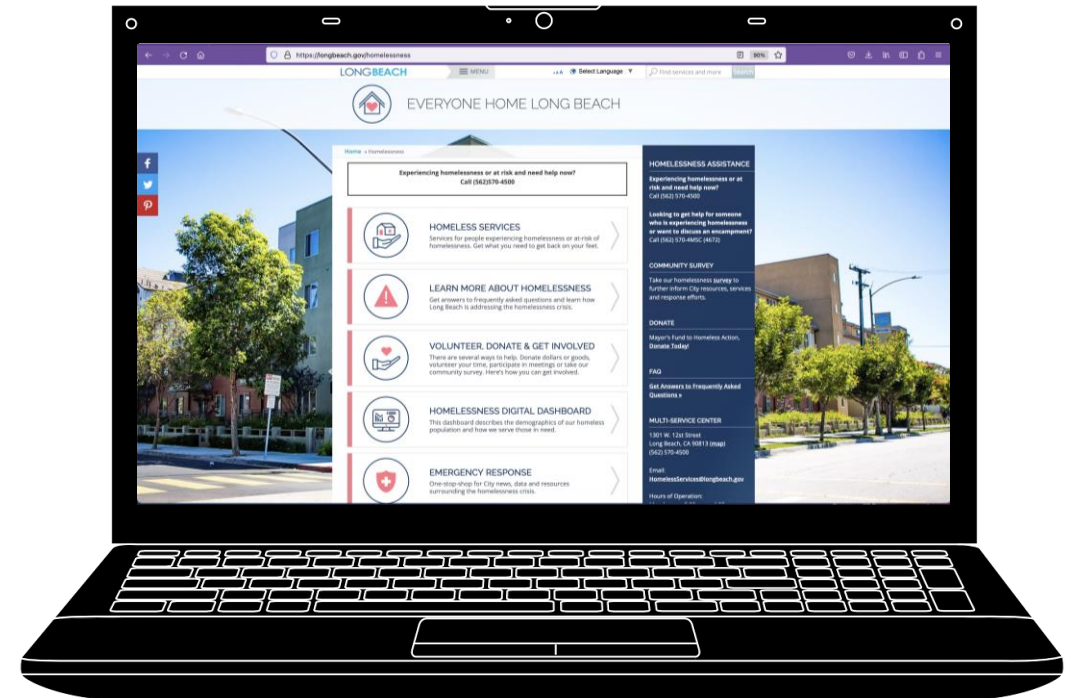
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## Data Dashboard

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## Questions?

[HomelessServices@longbeach.gov](mailto:HomelessServices@longbeach.gov)



## Instructions

1. The first set of questions will come from participants who have used the "raised hand" feature. Each participant will have 1-minute to ask a question/share a comment.
2. Use \*9 to raise/lower hand. Use \*6 to mute/unmute.
3. The second set of questions will come from the chat.
4. Unanswered questions are encouraged to be sent to [HomelessServices@longbeach.gov](mailto:HomelessServices@longbeach.gov)

Thank You