LA Family Housing (LAFH) helps people transition out of homelessness and poverty through a continuum of housing enriched with supportive services. A leader in the community for 40 years, LAFH is one of the largest homeless service providers and affordable real estate developers in Los Angeles. The agency connects thousands of people annually with housing placements and supportive services that enable them to transition out of homelessness and retain long-term housing stability. We increase our impact through community partnerships and real estate development supported by financial sustainability.

Our Model

We use street-based outreach to begin the process of moving people home. We believe that everyone deserves a home, and we never leave a family to sleep on the street.

We work with all of our program participants to find a permanent housing solution, and provide bridge (or interim) housing as needed for immediate safety and stability. We house participants in our own supportive and permanently affordable housing properties.

To help our participants find housing and remain stable and successful in their new homes, we provide services such as employment support, financial literacy, legal assistance, educational opportunities, physical and mental healthcare, and domestic violence.

Homes end homelessness -- period. Our current portfolio of over 30 interim, affordable, and permanent supportive properties provides housing and stability for thousands of people each year – and we’re still building!

Homelessness in LA

Homelessness disproportionately impacts communities of color. Our most recent Homeless Count results show that Black and African American people comprise just 8% of LA County population but more than 32% of the homeless population.

LAFH is committed to addressing the root causes of homelessness by advocating against longstanding systemic racism and for changes to our criminal justice, healthcare, education, and foster care systems.

2022 Impact

13,427 people served
2,606 people moved into permanent housing
812 units in our real estate pipeline
97% retain their housing
90% of funds directly support our programs

Innovation in Housing

California’s Project Homekey initiative, which uses COVID relief funds to acquire motels in order to convert them into permanent homes, is considered the fastest, largest, and most cost-effective method for creating new housing in State history. LAFH now owns four Project Homekey properties, which in the short-term provide critically-needed interim housing and services to hundreds of individuals experiencing homelessness across Los Angeles. LAFH is excited to leverage the Project Homekey program to accelerate production and reduce the costs of bringing 250 permanent supportive homes online in the next two years.

LAFH launched our Private Equity Initiative in 2021 to renovate and repurpose three Project Homekey motels into permanent homes. Through this initiative, LAFH set a goal to raise $32 million in equity to bypass traditional public funding mechanisms. In doing so, we are saving two years and $4 million per development. Our goal is to bring about policy changes locally and at the state level to remove barriers inherent in traditional affordable housing financing.