



November 1, 2024 – March 31, 2025

Winter Shelter Season Efforts



WINTER SEASON STRATEGY:

LAHSA is utilizing **four strategies** to address the needs of people experiencing homelessness during the winter months in **FY 24-25**:

- Outreach Engagement
- Warming Centers
- Seasonal Winter Shelters
- Emergency Response Program

OUTREACH:

Outreach teams continuously engage unsheltered individuals to build rapport, refer them to interim housing and permanent housing resources, and assist them in collecting essential documents.

Throughout the winter, they identify individuals who are highly vulnerable to winter weather and provide information on available warming centers, shelter services, and permanent housing resources.

SEASONAL WINTER SHELTERS:

Seasonal Winter Shelters are open continuously from November 1 to March 31. They help save lives by providing people experiencing unsheltered homelessness with a warm place to stay during the cold winter months. They accept people on a first-come-first-serve basis and are open either 12-14 hours or 24/7.

Participants receive a cot or bed, three meals per day, access to bathrooms and showers, and supportive services to transition to other housing opportunities. During severe weather, the Emergency Response Program will be activated to increase capacity and bring more people indoors.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR SEASONAL WINTER SHELTER?

Seasonal Winter Shelter sites serve:

- Households consisting of 1-2 persons over the age of 18
- Experiencing unsheltered homelessness

THE EMERGENCY RESPONSE PROGRAM:

The City or County of Los Angeles may activate the Emergency Response Program in the event of severe cold, rain, or other emergency.

The Emergency Response Program uses the following strategies to increase bed capacity rapidly so more people can come safely inside:

- Expanded capacity at existing interim housing sites
- Utilization of hotel/motel vouchers
- Pop-up shelters at parks and recreation facilities, churches, and other facilities

The public and outreach teams will be notified of an activation via:

- Constant Contact notification
- Coordination Calls
- Release of flyers
- Social Media
- Website Update: LAHSA.org/Emergency-Response

WARMING CENTERS

Warming centers are facilities that are open to the public that individuals experiencing homelessness can utilize to come indoors from the rain/cold. They include:

1. Libraries
2. Community Centers
3. Recreation facilities
4. Malls and other public spaces

- Individuals who are experiencing unsheltered homelessness are encouraged to utilize these spaces to come indoors from the rain/cold.
- Outreach teams will share information on warming center locations with participants and will also be available online.
- For more information on these resources please visit:

- For LA County - Ready LA County: <https://ready.lacounty.gov/>
- For LA City - Climate Equity LA: <https://www.climate4la.org/>

HOW DO PEOPLE ACCESS A SHELTER?

1. Self-referral

Below is a list of Seasonal Winter Shelter locations and their addresses. Participants can go directly to the shelter. The shelters accept individuals on a first-come-first-serve basis if space is available. Individuals can dial 2-1-1 or 1-800-548-6047 from any phone to check availability at Seasonal Winter Shelter and Emergency Response Program Shelter (when activated). They may also request information on traditional interim housing sites and request transportation to the site.

2.211 LA

Participants can dial 2-1-1 or 1-800-548-6047 from any phone to check availability, request a referral, and be transported to and from traditional interim housing, Seasonal Winter Shelter, and Emergency Response Program sites (when activated). 211 can also check on the availability of hotel/motel vouchers.

3. Outreach Teams

Individuals can ask outreach teams to refer them and transport them to the shelter. If the Emergency Response Program is activated and hotel/motel vouchers are available, outreach workers can assist them in getting a hotel/ motel voucher.



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SPA	CD	SD	Period of Operation	Location	Service Provider	Address	# of Beds	Population Served
6	8	2	11/1/24 to 3/31/25	NR Adult WSP Site	New Reflections	8311 S Western Ave Los Angeles, CA 90047	60	Male
6	9	2	11/1/24 to 3/31/25	BT Adult WSP Site	Bryant Template Community Development	5500 S Hoover St Los Angeles, CA 90037	70	Gender Inclusive
7	NA	4	11/1/24 to 3/31/25	WFD Adult WSP Site -Whittier	Whittier First Day	12426 Whittier Blvd. Whittier, CA 90602	11	Gender Inclusive