



MOVING ON PROGRAM PROFILE: LOS ANGELES, CA

Background/Program Description

The Los Angeles Moving On Initiative, launched in 2012, was a response to reports from long-time tenants of single site supportive housing expressing their desire to move into the community at large with tenant based vouchers, but lacking funds for security deposits, utilities, and other moving expenses. Many of these tenants had been in supportive housing from seven to ten years and were stable in their recovery but all reported not being able to move on due to low income and inability to afford market rate housing.

In collaboration with the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles (HACLA) and with support from the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation, CSH launched the city's first Moving On initiative in 2013. HACLA initially committed 50 Housing Choice Vouchers to the initiative targeted to supportive housing tenants currently living in Shelter + Care units or Project Based Section 8 units who have stabilized and are ready and motivated to move to more independent housing. The program is currently in its third year of implementation.

CSH awarded sub-grants to three supportive housing providers in the region (Downtown Women's Center, Watts Labor Community Action Committee, and LAMP, Inc.) to help tenants that were ready to "move on" transition to more independent community-based housing of their choice. The grant funds provided flexible financial assistance (up to \$2,000) directly to tenants to cover costs related to moving expenses, utility/security deposits, first month's rent, etc. The grant funds also provided supportive housing organizations with \$1,500 per tenant to cover personnel costs relating to transitional support services for tenants moving on. The total award to the three supportive housing grantees was \$122,500.

Grantees were required to make supportive housing units vacated by tenants who moved on available to chronically homeless individuals, thus increasing supportive housing capacity in the community without new construction and making more efficient use of a valuable resource. CSH provided ongoing technical assistance to providers throughout the initiative.

A pilot study/evaluation was conducted as part of the Moving On Initiative and will be released in Spring of 2016. Program data and tenant survey data were combined with historical data from local housing authorities to learn about the motivations, opportunities and barriers that tenants face when they are stable and ready to move out of supportive housing.

Identification and Assessment Process

The CSH Los Angeles Moving On Initiative deliberately followed the housing first philosophy and discouraged grantee provider organizations from using (readiness) assessment tools. Additionally, CSH was not prescriptive about funded program activities. The only guidelines provided by CSH were that 1) the program should be open to all tenants in grantee supportive housing units who expressed a desire to move on, 2) the utilization of funds (as described above) and 3) that the grantees' meet the original proposed number of tenants to be moved on within the timeframe of the grant.

Initiative Partners

The Conrad N. Hilton Foundation
The Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles
The United Way of Greater Los Angeles
The United Way of Greater Los Angeles Home for Good Funder's Collaborative
LAMP, Inc.
Watts Labor Community Action Committee
Downtown Women's Center
Harder & Company

Funding Sources

Year 1 (2013) Conrad N. Hilton foundation provided a grant of \$122,500 to CSH to sub-grant to three supportive housing providers in LA

Year 2 (2014) United Way contributed \$50,000 and Conrad N Hilton Foundation contributed \$55,000 (totaling \$105,000) in grant funds to CSH to sub-grant to four supportive housing providers in LA

Year 3 (2015) CSH contributed \$50,000, United Way of Greater Los Angeles contributed \$20,000, and the Carl and Roberta Deutsch Foundation contributed \$52,000 (totaling \$122,500) in grant funding. These were sub-granted to five supportive housing providers

Housing Resources

The Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles has dedicated 50 Housing Choice Vouchers to the initiative for tenants that were / are part of the Moving On Initiative.

Services

Each of the grantees determined the type, frequency, and scope of services. Generally the services included PHA application assistance, unit identification, community linkages, and varying lengths of aftercare services.

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