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San Diego Housing Commission (SDHC)
Report by the President and CEO
Housing Authority of the City of San Diego Agenda Item #1
October 5, 2026

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- Continues federal funding through December 11 at the same levels as Fiscal Year (FY) 2026
- Extends availability of homelessness assistance grant funding through FY 2027
- Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHVs)
 - EHV families leased up as of September 30, 2026, will be converted to Tenant-Protection Vouchers (TPVs), per guidance from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.
 - Conversion to TPVs means families will have the opportunity to continue to receive rental assistance beyond December 2026.
 - TPVs cannot be reissued to new families if an assisted family leaves the program.



- **October 1, 2026:** Updated family contribution calculations took effect.

Elderly / Disabled:

- 32% of adjusted income
- No minimum family contribution

Work-Able:

- 40% of adjusted income
or
- Minimum family contribution based on the number of Work-Able adults in the household and minimum wage

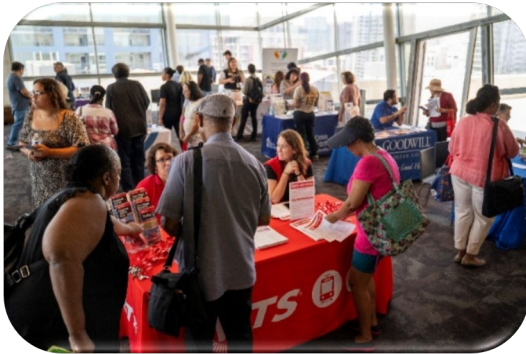
- U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) approved the updated calculations of family contributions toward their housing.
- Time-limited hardship assistance is available for eligible families.



- Frequently Asked Questions and Videos available on SDHC's website in English, Spanish and Vietnamese. <https://sdhc.org/housing-opportunities/help-with-your-rent/>
- Resources to assist families
 - Community Resources – <https://sdhc.org/resources>
 - SDHC Achievement Academy – <https://sdhc.org/achievement-academy>
 - Help to confirm eligibility for government benefits such as SSI, CalFresh, and others.
 - Collaboration with community partners for job training, career planning and personal financial education, such as budgeting and credit



200+ families served at Resource Fairs



*SDHC
July 18, 2026
San Diego Central Library*



*Chicano Federation
August 6, 2026*



*Partnership for the
Advancement of New
Americans (PANA)
August 29, 2026*



*Logan Heights Community
Development Corporation
September 12, 2026*

Information about many community resources available: sdhc.org/resources



- September 27, 2026: Governor Gavin Newsom signed Assembly Bill 2518, which SDHC sponsored.
- The law will help connect affordable housing developments in San Diego to utilities faster.
 - Establishes a pilot program to address significant, unpredictable delays in utility energization for affordable housing developments in San Diego.
 - Sets 40-day timeline for utility energization for affordable housing.
- Assemblymember LaShae Sharp-Collins authored the bill.
- SDHC Vice President of Policy Francis Barraza testified in support of the bill at Assembly and State Senate Committees.
- SDG&E also strongly supported the legislation.

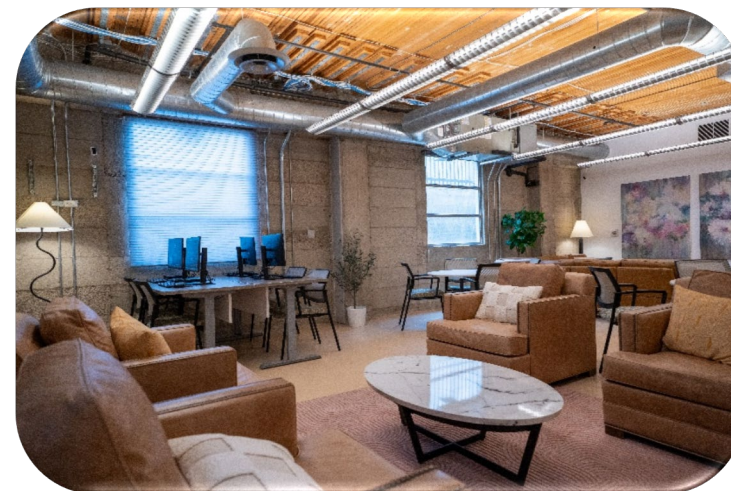
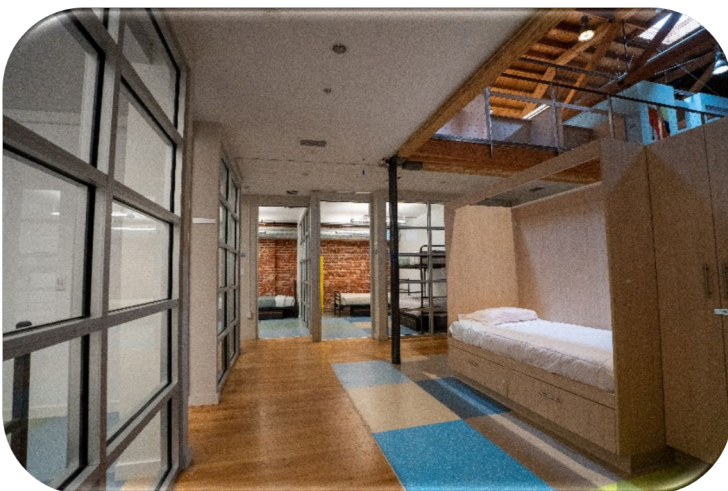
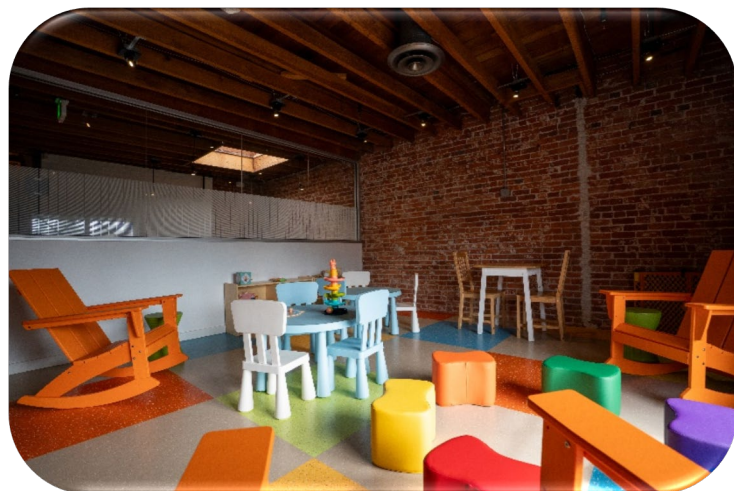
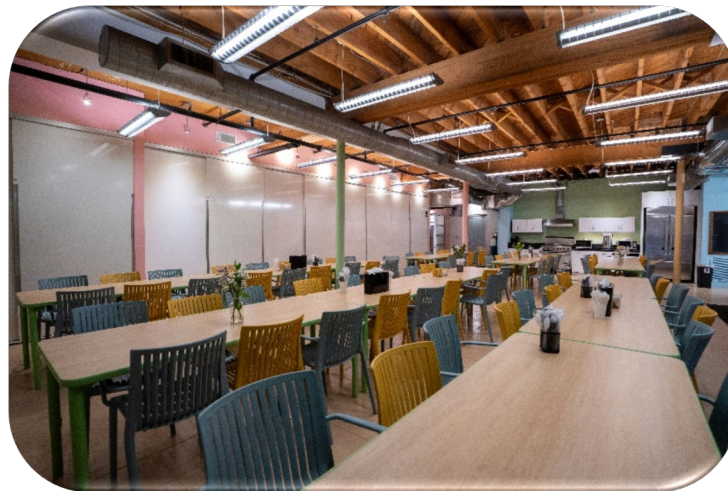


*SDHC's Pacific Village
Homekey-funded Affordable Housing*



Rachel's Promise Center for Women and Children

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Diversion Collective Kickoff Meeting – July 28, 2026



- San Diego County Board of Supervisors approved \$1.1 million investment. Total funding now approximately \$2.6 million.
 - Brutten Family Foundation
 - City of San Diego
 - Cushman Foundation
 - Jewish Community Foundation (JCF)
 - Anonymous donor-advised Fund
 - JCF VP of Philanthropy Fund
 - Joseph and Beverly Glickman Fund
 - Neil Senturia and Barbara Bry Fund
 - Prebys Foundation
 - San Diego Foundation
- Funding expands Diversion services across the San Diego region.
- Initiative branded as the Diversion Collective.
- Builds on SDHC's proven diversion experience since 2017.
 - 968 households avoided extended shelter stays through early intervention.



Outcomes: June 1, 2026 – July 31, 2026

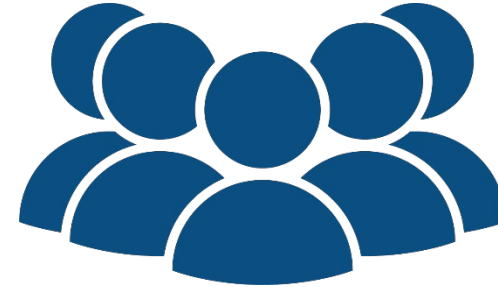
91%

Exits to permanent housing
among households that
completed the program



\$2,557

Average cost per household
that completed the program



48

Households
served

26

Households
currently enrolled

22

Households
completed and
exited the program

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- Regional collaboration between SDHC and local homelessness service providers
- Providers gain access to flexible, short-term financial assistance for eligible households.
- Diversion approach: early intervention, light-touch case management, immediate housing alternatives
- Services include rental assistance, arrears, utilities, deposits, mediation, and housing search support.
- Helps households stabilize quickly and reduces shelter inflow and increases exits.

Diversion Collective Partners
Alpha Project
Catholic Charities
Center for Community Solutions
City of Carlsbad
City of Oceanside
Crisis House
Downtown Partnership Foundation
Dreams for Change
East County Transitional Living Center
Father Joe's Villages
Interfaith Community Services
Jewish Family Service
Lifeline Community Services
PATH
Promises2Kids
San Diego Housing Commission
San Diego Rescue Mission
SBCS Corporation
The Salvation Army
Urban Street Angels
VVSD



- SDHC provides technical assistance and ongoing Diversion training to partners.
- Regular meetings to review outcomes, trends, and best practices
- Case conferencing available to support provider staff
- 6-month and 12-month participant follow-ups to measure program impact and accountability



Questions & Comments

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