



The San Diego Housing Commission (SDHC) works collaboratively with a variety of organizations to have a positive impact on the San Diego community and help to make San Diego a diverse, vibrant and thriving city for people to call home. SDHC creates innovative programs that provide housing opportunities for individuals and families with low income or experiencing homelessness in the city of San Diego—the eighth- largest city in the nation, second largest in California.

An award-winning public housing agency created in 1979, SDHC's major program functions to create affordable housing opportunities include:

- Providing federal assistance for approximately 17,000 low-income households, annually.
- Leading collaborative efforts to address homelessness, including the Community Action Plan on Homelessness for the City of San Diego.
- Financing, developing and owning affordable rental housing and administering City of San Diego land use programs, such as Inclusionary Housing. SDHC has participated in the creation or preservation of more than 25,000 affordable housing units currently in service in the City of San Diego.

Governance

- SDHC is governed by the San Diego City Council, sitting as the Housing Authority of the City of San Diego (Housing Authority).
- SDHC's President & CEO is the Executive Director of the Housing Authority.
- The Housing Authority has final authority over SDHC's budget and major policy decisions.
- A seven-member Board of Commissioners oversees SDHC's operations and makes recommendations to the Housing Authority.
- SDHC Commissioners' positions are filled through the appointment process set forth in the San Diego Municipal Code.

Providing Rental Assistance

- SDHC's largest program provides rental assistance funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to approximately 17,000 low-income households annually.
- The majority of SDHC's rental assistance households are seniors or individuals with disabilities.
- SDHC is one of only 39 original "Moving to Work" (MTW) agencies, out of approximately 3,200 public housing agencies nationwide. MTW status from HUD provides SDHC the flexibility to design and implement innovative approaches to provide federal housing assistance.
- The SDHC Achievement Academy provides programs that emphasize career planning, job skills, job placement and personal financial education at no cost to participating low-income households.



Federal rental assistance participant Gwendolyn



Addressing Homelessness

Community Action Plan on Homelessness for the City of San Diego

SDHC was among the lead agencies in the development of the Community Action Plan on Homelessness (Action Plan), a comprehensive, 10-year plan that builds on progress, lays out short-term achievable goals and serves as a guide for long-term success in addressing homelessness

The San Diego City Council accepted the Action Plan October 14, 2019. An updated needs analysis was presented to the City Council in November 2023. An update on progress to address the needs identified in the 2023 analysis was presented to the City Council May 20, 2025.



Formerly unhoused family that moved into a stable rental home

	Needs 2023 - 2029	Resources Added 2023-2025	Remaining Needs
Crisis Response Beds	465 – 930 beds	+185 beds	280 – 745 beds
Safe Sleeping/Safe Parking	Not Identified	+813 resources	N/A
Rapid Rehousing	3,080 units	+291 beds/units	2,789 beds/units
Supportive Housing	3,520 units	+574 beds/units	2,946 beds/units
Diversion	2,700 resources annually	+893 resources (489 one-time funding)	2,296 resources annually
Prevention	2,025 resources annually	+878 resources	1,147 resources annually
Total Estimate	11,810*	3,634*	9,691*

*Total uses midpoint of crisis response range.

	Average Cost* per Bed/Unit
Crisis Response Beds	\$67 - \$72/bed/night (\$24,455 - \$26,280 annually)
Rapid Rehousing	\$25,040 per household annually (operating costs)
Supportive Housing	\$33,000 per unit annually (operating costs) \$294,852 - \$529,168 (capital costs)
Diversion	\$5,431 per household
Prevention/HIPP	\$4,235 per household/\$12,946 per household annually

*Cost estimated based on current trends observed in SDHC-administered programs in FY2024 and FY2025

Creating & Preserving Affordable Housing



Hotel Churchill – Downtown San Diego

- As a lender, Multifamily Housing Revenue Bond issuer, affordable housing property owner, administrator of City of San Diego land use programs, and monitor of compliance with affordability requirements, SDHC has participated in the creation or preservation of more than 25,000 affordable housing units currently in service.
- Through first-time homebuyer programs SDHC has administered for the City of San Diego since 1988, SDHC has helped more than 6,100 low- and moderate-income households achieve homeownership.
- SDHC, including its nonprofit affiliate, Housing Development Partners, owns or manages more than 4,300 affordable rental housing units for households with low income in the City of San Diego.

Legislative Affairs

SDHC engages with elected leaders and officials at local, state and federal levels of government, as well as stakeholders. SDHC works to advance policies consistent with SDHC’s vision, mission, purpose, core values and strategic priorities. SDHC monitors legislative activities closely to identify issues and legislation that could affect the individuals and families SDHC’s programs serve. In addition, SDHC provides policy recommendations to address a variety of issues.