

Non-Homeless Special Needs response:

1) The Human Services and Family Development division of the City's Community Development Department, the Department on Disability, the Department on Aging, the AIDS Coordinator's Office, and the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles (HACLA) play the primary roles in providing critically needed services to persons with special needs. The actions of each of these agencies over the previous program year in meeting its objectives will be explored below.

CDD Human Services and Family Development

The City of Los Angeles operates, through the Neighborhood Action Program funds nine separate programs through nine agencies dedicated to providing services to the physically and developmentally disabled.

The Neighborhood Action Program (NAP) agencies that provided services in Program Year 2005-2006 included:

Agency Activities for the Physically/Developmentally Disabled, 2005-2006

Agency	Area of Emphasis	Council District	Estimated Contract Amount	Goal	Accomps.
Ahead With Horses, Inc.	Accelerated habilitation and development for disabled children/youth	2	\$100,000	22	23
Atwater Park Center	Early intervention services for infants and toddlers with developmental disabilities	13	\$100,000	30	43
Bethune Theatredanse	Dance outreach for physically challenged youth	1,2,4	\$100,000	75	80
Independent Living Center of Southern California	Independent living, sensory skills, ATBI and senior disabled	6	\$100,000	170	190
Mental Health Advocacy Services, Inc.	Special education for children with mental/developmental disabilities	1	\$100,000	200	200
Tierra del Sol Foundation	Case management services for families with severe developmental disabilities in the home	2	\$100,000	40	42
United Cerebral Palsy Foundation of L.A.	Adult education for the disabled	6	\$100,000	40	40
Visually Handicapped Adults of the Valley	Life skills for the visually impaired	6	\$100,000	77	83
Westside Center for Independent Living	Information referral, case management, independent living skills for the disabled	11	\$100,000	108	90

Department of Aging

Through the CDBG funded Aging Services Delivery System and the Home Secure program, seniors and the frail elderly are assisted in remaining in their homes for as long as possible and assisted through linkage with other funded programs to gain access to needed services that would prevent critically distress situations, such as the loss of their home.

Without these programs, the City's low- and very low-income seniors and frail elderly, the functionally impaired adult suffering from Alzheimer's disease and/or other dementia and other disabilities - as well as their caregivers - would be underserved. For instance, the Adult Day Support Center program is designed to provide a protective and intellectually stimulating setting during daytime hours to meet the needs of older adults who have physical, emotional, or mental impairments, and who require assistance and supervision. In the absence of this program, some seniors would have to be placed in long term care facilities. This would increase the number of depressed seniors due to isolation, and lead to other chronic illnesses.

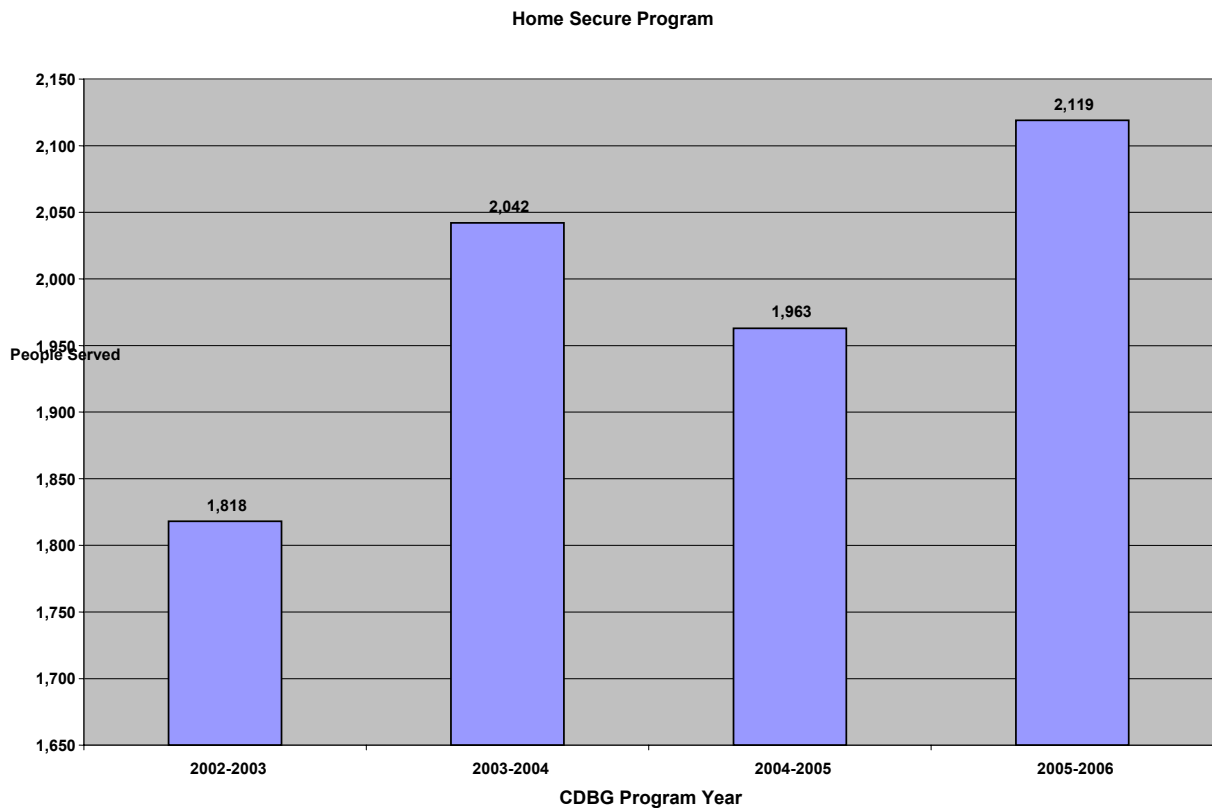
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In regard to the Legal Services program, seniors will lose the opportunity to receive quality legal services. Without such services, many seniors would chose not to pursue their legal rights and be victimized by fraud and abuse. Without the Home Secure project, seniors would be at risk to become victims of home crime and also be vulnerable to accidents in their own homes since they are unable to purchase and install the safety and security devices in their homes.

Without the home adaptations, frail seniors would be forced to either move to a senior assisted living facility or stay in their homes risking injury from falls which could necessitate hospitalization and placement in a long term care facility and result also in the loss of affordable housing stock for seniors. Without the assistance these projects provide, the resulting conditions would be to reduce the quality of life of the senior.

The Home Secure program helps seniors stay home safely by providing basic safety modifications that enable seniors to live safely and comfortably in their own home for as long as possible.

Home modifications, which are adaptations to the living environment, are intended to increase ease of use, safety, and security for the senior citizen. Most home modifications are made to the bathroom, bedroom, and kitchen. It includes such items as smoke detectors, the installation of locks, peep holes, grab bars, handle hardware, and tub attachments.



The CDBG-funded activities of the AIDS Coordinator, under the City Department on Disability, fill a critical need in AIDS prevention and education.

As reported in the July, 2005 Advanced HIV Disease (AIDS) Semi-Annual Surveillance Summary by the County of Los Angeles Department of Health Services, HIV Epidemiology Program, there were 49,728 reported persons that had been diagnosed with AIDS in Los Angeles County since reporting of the AIDS cases began. Of this cumulative figure, 20,739 are still living (42%). These figures are for the quarterly period ending June 30, 2005. Also, the Health Department

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estimates that approximately 60,000 persons are now living with HIV and AIDS in Los Angeles County. Of the 60,000, approximately 30,000 reside within the city of Los Angeles. Despite some promising advances in various treatment modalities, no vaccine or cure for HIV/AIDS is foreseen in the near future.

While the advancement of medical research and new treatments have benefited people already infected with HIV, HIV prevention is still primarily driven by the awareness of and changing of risk behaviors. The City plays a fundamental role in assuring the provision of services to achieve that end.