



LOCATION:
LOS ANGELES, CA

SIZE:
1,282 BEDS CREATED

POPULATION SERVED:
LOCAL UNHOUSED
NEIGHBORS

OPENING DATE:
THROUGHOUT 2021

FUNDING:
FUNDED BY THE CITY OF
LOS ANGELES

BUILD TIMELINE:
THROUGHOUT 2021

Built Fast, at Scale

The number of people living on the streets of Los Angeles has reached a state of humanitarian crisis. Approximately 66,436 people in Los Angeles County are experiencing homelessness.

Los Angeles is a dense city, where land and housing prices continue to rise. Open land for affordable housing is often difficult to find. While permanent housing is being built, for the thousands of people who live on the streets, it couldn't come fast enough.

The city needed interim shelter locations that could be built at speed and scale. That's where Pallet came in. Transitional shelter villages give unhoused neighbors stability, and connect residents with services to get them into permanent housing as it becomes available.

Throughout 2021, the City contracted with Pallet to build nine shelter villages totaling 1,282 beds, and sought out underutilized plots of land to house the villages.

In partnership with local operators, the City of Los Angeles ensures on-site service provision at all villages, from meals and showers to case management and mental health services. Some villages also include extra amenities, such as dog runs, community gathering spaces, park benches, and landscaping.

Connections to job training programs are also provided by on-site services partners, including Hope of the Valley Rescue Mission, Salvation Army, and Urban Alchemy.

For the sites that had trees before the village was built (many were abandoned lots with trees), the site layout was drawn up such that trees can be saved. Shelters were arranged to preserve trees on existing plots of land. Shade from trees provided mitigation from urban heat. Shelters were also placed with privacy in mind: no shelter door opened to face another sleeping cabin door.

All shelters in Los Angeles were assembled through a partnership with the Los Angeles Conservation Corps, a nonprofit organization that provides marginalized youth with living wage employment and job training.

“They are going to be housed on their own one day, and we want to help support them in every way so that way when they get there, they feel confident to be there and to keep that house on their own”

PRISCILLA RODRIGUEZ
A CASE MANAGER AT THE CHANDLER STREET TINY HOME VILLAGE

Each 64 sq. ft. Pallet shelter has one or two beds, locking doors, personal climate control, and storage for possessions.

Los Angeles Village:

- Lighting
- Restrooms and showers
- Laundry
- Services offices
- Storage
- Security

