

How Does The Homeless Court Referral Program Work?

1. Ask your case manager if they can enroll you in Homeless Court or refer you to an upcoming clinic.
2. Your case manager can submit an intake online or call our direct line to begin enrollment.
3. Your case manager will go over the participant agreement with you and verify eligibility.
4. Your case manager will submit the intake form and participation agreement to HEART.
5. HEART will review your file and identify eligible infractions.
6. HEART will run a background check to ensure there are no open misdemeanor or felony cases.
7. HEART will file a motion with the Los Angeles Superior Court, requesting a dismissal, and/or suspension of fines, and recall of associated warrants.
8. HEART will send updates by email to you or your case manager.

Criminal Record Clearing Project: Los Angeles County Homeless Court Program



For events and status updates:

Email: att.heart@lacity.org

Call: 213-978-1937

For more information:

lahomelesscourt.org



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Los Angeles City Attorney's
Homeless Engagement and
Response Team**

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What is HEART?

Homeless Engagement and Response Team

HEART administers the LA County Homeless Court Program. The Homeless Court helps participants resolve eligible traffic and pedestrian infraction citations by engaging in services instead of paying fines and fees they cannot afford.

HEART asks the LA County Superior Court to dismiss the infraction if it is open, suspend the fines and fees if it is in collections, and recall any associated warrants. Participants can connect with HEART by:

- 1) Attending a homeless connect day and completing an intake with a HEART member.
- 2) Having an approved service provider submit a direct referral to HEART.

Frequently Asked Questions:

What tickets are eligible?

- Some minor traffic and pedestrian infractions from within LA County.
- Parking and Metro tickets cannot be resolved through the program.

Who is eligible?

- Must be 18 years of age or older.
- Individuals qualify if they are experiencing homelessness or are at risk of experiencing homelessness.
- Individuals must have engaged in at least 30 days of services with an approved provider, or have an HMIS Number, or be referred by a justice partner.

How can a provider make referrals?

- Email att.heart@lacity.org to learn more. The program has limited capacity.

Are there other restrictions?

- Participants are ineligible if they have an open felony or misdemeanor case.
- The Homeless Court Program has the ability to determine eligibility on a case by case basis and participation does not guarantee a certain result.

Criminal Defense Resources:

- **LA County Public Defender Record Clearing Unit**
213-351-8248

Parking Ticket Assistance:

- **LA Dep. of Transportation**
213-978-4400
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Shelter, Food, Healthcare:

- **211 LA County**
2-1-1 or dial (800) 339-6993

Legal Resources in LA County:

(These firms do not handle criminal cases.)

- **Legal Aid Foundation of LA**
800-399-4529
- **Neighborhood Legal Services LA**
800-433-6251
- **Union Rescue Mission – Pepperdine Law School**
213-673-4831
- **Public Counsel**
213-385-2977