QUESTIONS ABOUT THE PROGRAM

What is the LA ADU Accelerator Program?
The LA ADU Accelerator Program partners with homeowners to rent their accessory dwelling units (ADU) to older adults facing housing insecurity. In exchange, homeowners receive benefits such as tenant screening, timely rent, and landlord support.

How does the program work for homeowners?
Eligible homeowners undergo a screening process to assess programmatic fit, landlord fit, and ADU quality. Once accepted into the program, homeowners are matched with a qualified tenant who pays a predetermined affordable rental rate. Selected homeowners and tenants agree to participate in the program for three years. Homeowners receive reliable rent and additional benefits from participating in the program. The program process has been designed to ensure a safe, easy, and efficient experience for interested homeowners.

When will the next homeowner application cycle open?
The application will open in summer 2020. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis.

Who is eligible to apply to the program?
To be eligible to apply to the LA ADU Accelerator Program, homeowners must:

1. Own a residential property in the City of Los Angeles, and
2. Have an existing, legally permitted ADU with a Certificate of Occupancy (C of O), or be in the process of receiving a C of O.

QUESTIONS ABOUT RENT

How much will homeowners receive in rent?
Homeowners receive the following monthly rental payments for their units:

- Studio ADU — $1,117
- One-bedroom ADU — $1,255
- Two-bedroom ADU — $2,094
- Three-bedroom ADU — $2,933

QUESTIONS ABOUT TENANTS

Who are the prospective tenants?
Older Angelenos spend a large share of their incomes on housing, and low-income earners above age 60 are among those most struggling to keep up with rising costs. Through the LA ADU Accelerator Program, the City of Los Angeles will increase affordable housing access for these residents. For more information on tenant eligibility requirements, please visit adu.lacity.org/tenants.

How does someone become an eligible tenant?
Tenants are referred to the program through our partner service provider or through applying on our website. Please visit adu.lacity.org/tenants for more information.

PROGRAM IMPACT

The LA ADU Accelerator Program was created as part of the solution to Los Angeles’s affordable housing shortage — to leverage existing housing stock and help older adults facing housing insecurity. By partnering with homeowners to house low-income older adults, the LA ADU Accelerator Program will lay the foundation for a long-term affordable housing strategy, and has the potential to scale. The program will also show homeowners that they can be pioneers in combating the housing crisis in Los Angeles, setting an example for cities across the state.