



“Our housing affordability crisis demands that we get creative. If just 10% of the city's 500,000 single family homes had an Accessory Dwelling Unit, Los Angeles could increase its housing density by half in just a handful of years. Most notably, this could be done without altering the character of a neighborhood.”

MAYOR ERIC GARCETTI

PROBLEM

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. By increasing affordable housing access for these residents, the City of Los Angeles hopes more older adults are able to age in place to create a stable and healthy future for all.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The LA ADU Accelerator Program pairs older adults with homeowners willing to provide a stable home by offering their accessory dwelling units (ADUs) as affordable rentals. In exchange, homeowners receive benefits such as qualified tenant referrals, tenant case management, and stable rental payments.

HOW IT WORKS

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.

By participating in the program, homeowners receive benefits such as tenant screening, timely rent, and landlord support. Tenants receive access to additional resources and assistance from a service provider and case manager.

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.

Over the next three years, 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.

