

# What is TLS?

- ▶ The South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG) Time-Limited Subsidy (TLS) Program is designed to quickly move people experiencing homelessness into permanent housing by providing short-term rental and deposit assistance.
- ▶ TLS is intentionally time-limited and focused on stabilization; helping individuals and families regain housing, rebuild financial stability, and transition off assistance so they can remain housed independently and avoid returning to homelessness.
  - ▶ Not intended to replace longer term subsidy like Section 8

# TLS Impact: Family Stabilization

- ▶ Leonardo and his wife live in a two-bedroom apartment in Torrance, CA; with their two young children, including a newborn. The family began struggling to pay rent after Leonardo lost his second source of income. During this time, his wife was unable to work due to a high-risk pregnancy and the birth of their second child.
- ▶ Through the TLS program, SBCCOG provided short-term rental assistance and stabilization support, allowing the family to remain housed while they navigated an uncertain and stressful time.
- ▶ In addition to financial assistance, the family worked closely with a case manager on budgeting, housing planning, and increasing their income. Leonardo remains employed full time and is taking steps to strengthen his family's income. With support in place, the family is beginning to regain stability and doing the work needed to stay housed.



# Final Thoughts on TLS

## ▶ Where clients are coming from

- ▶ TLS served 34 households across the South Bay this fiscal year, with 26 households successfully exiting and 8 currently active.
  - ▶ Participants come from all over the South Bay including, Carson, Lennox-Inglewood, Hermosa Beach, Harbor/Wilmington/San Pedro, Lomita, Palos Verdes, and Torrance

## ▶ Length of time on TLS

- ▶ Most TLS participants were enrolled for short-term support.
- ▶ The median length of assistance was 4 months, indicating that at least half of clients stabilized within that timeframe.

## ▶ Funding

- ▶ SBCCOG carved out \$500k of Measure H funds to support this program. We are at the half-way point. Currently, staff needs to identify other sources of funding to continue to support this program, which is TBD.