

**2025
IMPACT
REPORT**



LOTS OF HOPE





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MISSION

Safe Parking LA provides safe overnight parking to facilitate stability and housing in Los Angeles County for individuals living in their vehicles, and advocates for fair and equitable treatment and resources for the unhoused.

VISION

Individuals and families living in their vehicles will have an expedited path to housing through a system that opens doors.

VALUES

We strive for connection with others.

We support individual choice.

We treat people with dignity, respect, and compassion.

We act with urgency to make an impact.

LETTER FROM LEADERSHIP

THANK YOU FROM SPLA'S BOARD CHAIR AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



"We are pleased to present Safe Parking LA's 2025 Impact Report. This report highlights another year of meaningful impact for individuals and families experiencing vehicular homelessness across Los Angeles."

Every night in Los Angeles, thousands of people sleep in their vehicles as their only form of shelter. That vehicle is the last barrier to completely unsheltered homelessness. Safe Parking LA exists exactly for this critical moment.

As the only regionally available program dedicated specifically to individuals and families experiencing vehicular homelessness, we provide more than a legal place to park. We provide safety, stability, compassion, and a pathway home.

In 2025, Safe Parking LA enrolled 407 individuals across our programs, provided nearly 34,000 nights of Safe Parking, and helped 41% of participants who exited our programs transition into interim or permanent housing. We also invested more than \$260,000 in direct financial assistance, helping participants overcome barriers such as vehicle repairs, insurance, registration, rental deposits, and other essential expenses.

These accomplishments occurred during a year of extraordinary challenges. Natural disasters, economic uncertainty, and the transformation of Los Angeles' homelessness response system placed increasing pressure on both the people we serve and the organizations working alongside them. Yet those challenges only reinforced what we have long known. When people have a safe place to rest, they are better positioned to stabilize, reconnect with services, thrive, and move towards permanent housing.

We have positioned our organization to meet this moment by remaining grounded in the values that have guided us since we began. Individual choice, dignity, respect, compassion, and an unwavering belief that everyone deserves a safe place to sleep will always be necessary.

This is only possible because of your partnership. On behalf of our Board of Directors, staff, volunteers, and the hundreds of participants we have the privilege to serve, thank you for standing with Safe Parking LA and for making this work possible.

A stylized white signature of Matt Wersinger on a dark blue background.

Matt Wersinger
Board Chair

A stylized white signature of Matthew Tecle on a dark blue background.

Matthew Tecle
Executive Director

PARTICIPANT SPOTLIGHT

MARY'S SUCCESS STORY

Mary came to Los Angeles as a young adult, drawn by the promise of a new life. During her teenage years she struggled with substance use and decisions made during that time led to a criminal conviction that followed her for years. By her early twenties, she committed herself to sobriety and began rebuilding her life.

Determined to move forward, Mary returned to school at UCLA and discovered acrylic portrait painting. Even so, financial stability remained difficult, and having a criminal record made it harder to secure consistent work and housing.

In 2016 Mary began living in her car trying to stretch her limited income. Life on the street was far more difficult than she expected, with each night bringing a constant sense of vulnerability.

Eventually, she connected with local nonprofits and learned about Safe Parking LA where she was admitted and had a safe place to sleep. Mary also received financial assistance to cover car repairs. With additional help from Brilliant Corners, she stabilized financially and continued focusing on her work and her art.

Mary is no longer living in her car and is moving forward with renewed stability and hope. Mary still paints and many of her works feature celebrities and people who have influenced her life. One such portrait is of acclaimed author Joyce Carol Oates, whose writing deeply resonates with Mary.



"Having a place to go every night and security guards ... that was everything."

Mary
SPLA Participant



PROGRAM OVERVIEW

By employing underutilized parking lots, Safe Parking LA provides access and engagement to households whose only source of shelter is their vehicle.

In 2025, we operated programs in the San Fernando Valley, Central Los Angeles, Mid-City, and West Los Angeles, including programs on the West Los Angeles VA and Los Angeles World Airports campuses. Since our inception, we have received over 13,000 inquiries and permitted more than 3,000 vehicles for Safe Parking.

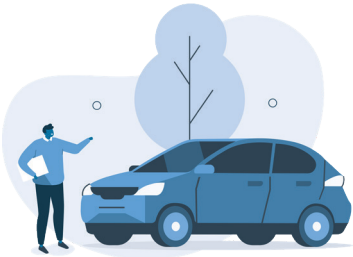
SERVICES PROVIDED

Our Safe Parking programs are more than a safe place to park. Our services are designed to meet the needs of our community, facilitate safety and stability, and provide an actionable roadmap for participants to return to permanent housing.



COMMUNITY WARMLINE AND INTAKE

Our confidential phone service helps community members struggling with the imminent loss of housing or experiences of vehicular homelessness. We assist households in assessing their situation, connecting to resources and referrals, and enrolling in our Safe Parking Program if appropriate.



SAFE PARKING LOT OPERATIONS

With the help of our partners, we provide secure and legal overnight parking at sites equipped with security personnel, portable toilets, and handwashing stations. Onsite services vary by location and may include Wi-Fi, mobile clinics, and food distribution as they become available through leveraged resources. All Safe Parking programs meet ADA standards for accessibility.



CASE MANAGEMENT AND RESOURCE COORDINATION

Upon enrollment, Case Managers assess the needs of Safe Parking program participants, develop personalized housing service plans, and make connections to essential resources and housing solutions. Case Managers advocate on the participant's behalf, such as to advocate for the rights of a child within the school system, for social services, or for consideration for a housing placement.



EMERGENCY FUNDS AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

After 30 days of enrollment, participants may apply for assistance from Safe Parking LA to address financial burdens such as vehicle maintenance, credit repair, first month's rent, and move-in costs. We also provide support in addressing emergency situations, such as urgent vehicle operability issues. Our ability to provide financial assistance depends on the availability of funds.



REFERRALS AND LINKAGES TO HOUSING

In addition to supporting participants in becoming document-ready for the housing application process, Safe Parking LA provides referrals and linkages to housing opportunities participants may not be able to access on their own. This includes working within the Coordinated Entry System and Continuum of Care and helping to secure housing opportunities in the broader community.

DEMOGRAPHIC HIGHLIGHTS

THE NEED

According to LAHSA's 2025 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count, people experiencing vehicular homelessness comprise over 44%—totaling more than 21,000 adults and children—of Los Angeles County's unsheltered population. Within the City of Los Angeles, an estimated 11,576 people live in vehicles and represent 43% of the unsheltered population.

SITE OPERATIONS

In Fiscal Year 2024–25, Safe Parking LA operated six Safe Parking programs with the capacity to permit 174 vehicles on any given night. Programs were located in Los Angeles County Service Planning Areas (SPAs) 2, 4, and 5. **Our Safe Parking programs operate overnight, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.**

SPA	Location	Parking
SPA 2	San Fernando Valley	25 spaces
SPA 4	Central LA	30 spaces
SPA 5	West LA	119 spaces

72% of participants are experiencing homelessness for the first time

70% of participants have a source of income

26% of participants have a physical disability

"No one should have to choose between receiving the support they need and staying with an animal they love and depend on."

Andrew Morales
Director of Programs



SALVATORE PARTICIPANT SPOTLIGHT

For more than 20 years, Salvatore built a successful career as a professional dancer. After stepping away from the entertainment industry he built a stable life in West Hollywood working at an animal shelter and adopting his best friend, Rocco.

Then a devastating hip injury changed everything.

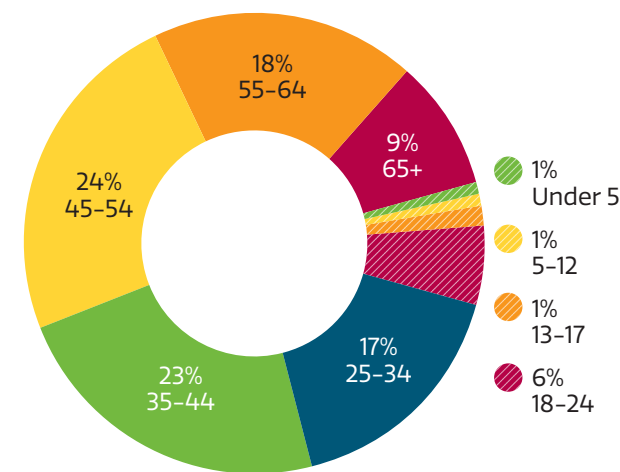
After undergoing hip surgery, mounting medical bills forced Salvatore to leave his apartment. Before he could fully recover from surgery his second hip failed as well. **Unable to work and with nowhere else to go, Salvatore and Rocco began living in their vehicle.**

Through PATH, Salvatore was connected with Safe Parking LA and entered our program where he was able to recover from a second surgery. With support from his case manager Alma, a safe place to park each night, and the companionship of Rocco by his side, Salvatore slowly recovered and began working toward permanent housing.

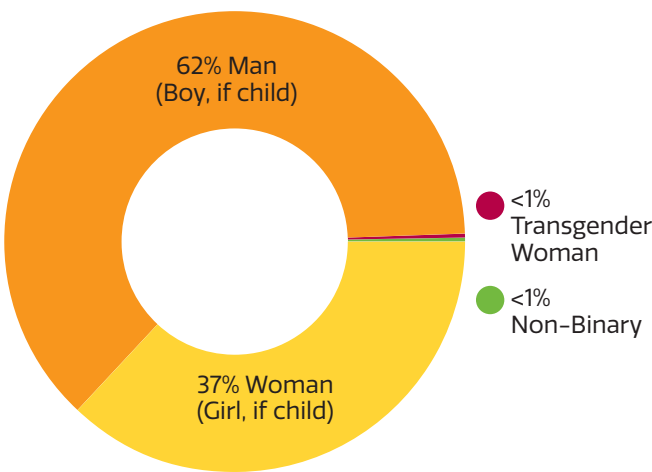
Six months later, a housing opportunity came up, and Salvatore and Rocco found a home of their own. Today, they live together in a cozy one-bedroom apartment.

PARTICIPANT DEMOGRAPHICS

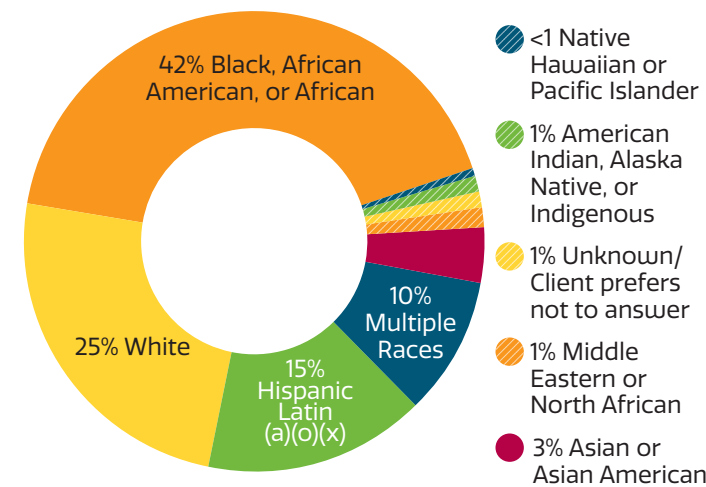
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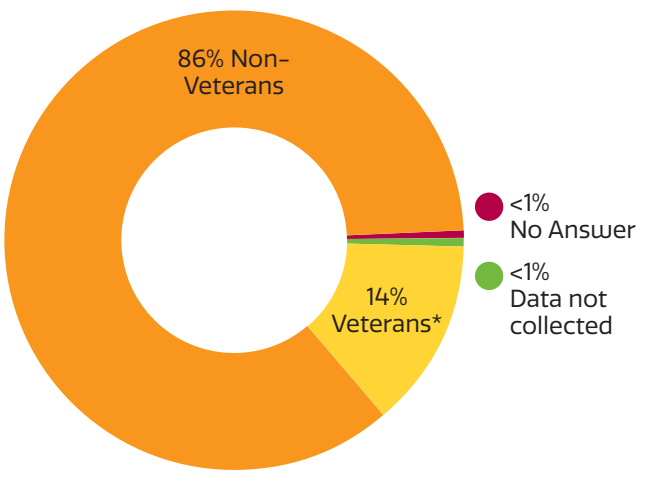
GENDER



RACE AND ETHNICITY



VETERAN STATUS



* The 2025 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count found that veterans make up approximately 4% of the region's unhoused population. At Safe Parking LA, veterans represent 14% of program participants, meaning we serve veterans at a rate more than three times higher than the general unhoused population.

PROGRAM PARTNERS

The following partners made our safe parking lot operation possible in Fiscal Year 2024-25.

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WOMEN'S PROGRAM

Safe Parking LA's Women's Safe Parking Program provides overnight refuge and trauma-informed support for unaccompanied women and women-led households experiencing vehicular homelessness. Operating 365 days a year, the program offers secure parking, hygiene access, case management, and connections to housing and supportive services. The program is staffed with female Case Managers, Lot Advisors, and security staff so all participants feel safe while on the lot. A Women's Steering Committee comprised of program design experts, supporters, and women with lived experience also provides guidance to ensure this initiative remains responsive to participants' needs.

Women experiencing homelessness report higher rates of trauma, violence, and barriers to services when compared against men experiencing homelessness. The 2022 Los Angeles County Women's Needs Assessment found that 90% of unhoused women had experienced some form of victimization in their lifetime, and more than 40% of women had a preference for women-only shelters and housing services. Women living in vehicles remain especially vulnerable, often avoiding congregate shelters to maintain autonomy, protect their mobility, and stay with pets, children, or belongings.

The program prioritizes women impacted by homelessness, domestic violence, behavioral health challenges, and trauma. Our vision is a community where no woman sleeping in her vehicle is forced to choose between safety and survival, and where every woman has a clear, supported pathway to permanent housing, healing, and independence.

"The Women's Program offers something many women have not experienced in a long time: the opportunity to feel safe enough to rest, to heal, and to begin imagining a future beyond survival."

Alma Falcon
Case Manager

A SAFER OPTION FOR WOMEN

The Women's Program provides a sense of emotional safety that allows participants to begin focusing on healing, engaging in services, and working toward long-term stability.

90%

of unhoused women experienced some form of victimization in their lifetime

2022 Los Angeles County Women's Needs Assessment

60%

of people calling SPLA for help are women

37%

of participants are women



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Financial assistance provides stability at critical moments. When an urgent cost—like a repair, insurance payment, or first month’s rent—is covered, it prevents setbacks that can make daily life harder and keeps participants moving toward their goals. Targeted, timely support can make a meaningful difference.

FINANCIAL BREAKDOWN

\$260,498

Total financial assistance distributed to participants



- \$152,477**
Government Contracts
- \$97,692**
Foundation Grants
- \$10,329**
Individual Contributions

PROGRAM IMPACT

YOUR SUPPORT IN ACTION

With your help, the following impacts were made possible for Fiscal Year 2024–25.



📞 2,373

Households provided with referrals and offered program enrollment

🤝 407

Participants parked safely overnight and got connected to case management services

🚗 61,421

Available nights of access

🏠 41%

Placement rate achieved for participants who exited the program

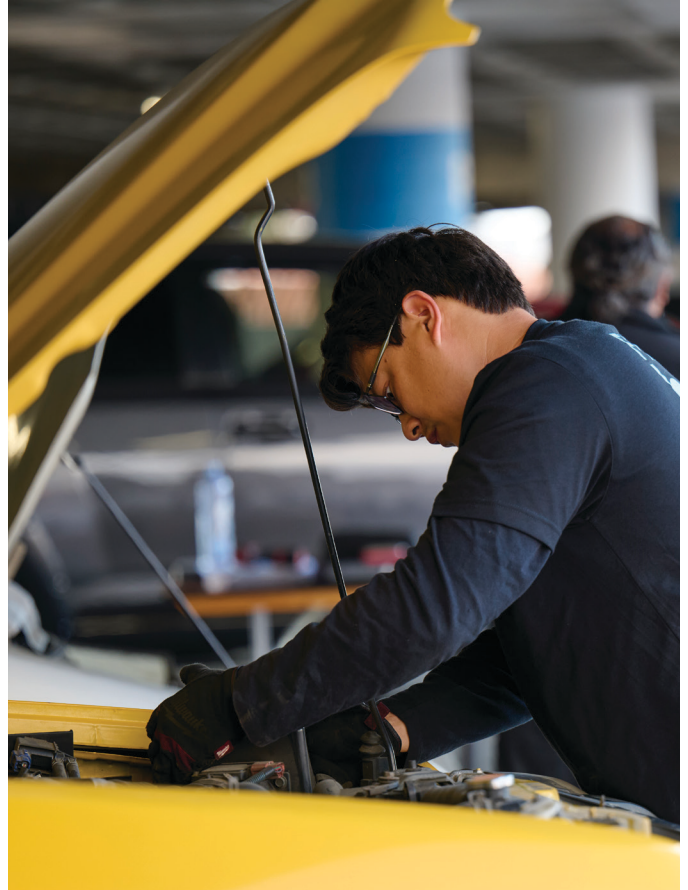
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

FIX-IT DAY 2025

Safe Parking LA partnered with CarParts.com to provide free car repairs for our participants who needed it most. Over 25 participants were able to get their cars serviced at no cost to them.

For working individuals and families already struggling financially, a major car repair—often costing \$500 to \$1,500—can be devastating. Many are forced to choose between fixing their vehicles or paying for rent, food, or medical expenses.

"They not only fixed my brakes, they put in brand new rotors front and back and amazing windshield wipers that are the best I've ever had. The battery works amazing! I'm not having any more trouble starting my car," said one Fix-It Day participant.



"We are grateful for partners like CarParts.com. Acts of generosity like this don't just fix cars—they restore dignity, hope, and the belief that a better future is possible."

Matthew Tecle
Executive Director



CORPORATE PARTNERSHIP

Partner with Safe Parking LA to advance meaningful solutions for Angelenos experiencing vehicular homelessness. We collaborate with companies committed to community investment, offering tailored opportunities that support your social impact goals—whether through program sponsorships, strategic initiatives, or employee engagement. To explore partnership options, contact give@safeparkingla.org.



BE PART OF LOTS OF HOPE

Every night, someone arrives at Safe Parking LA sites exhausted, uncertain, and wondering what tomorrow will bring. Because of supporters like you, tomorrow can look different. A Safe Parking space becomes a restful night's sleep. A Case Manager becomes a trusted guide. A vehicle repair preserves employment. A rental deposit unlocks stable housing. **Your partnership makes each of these moments possible.**

VOLUNTEER

Share your time and skills to strengthen the community that helps participants rebuild their lives. To explore current opportunities, reach out to us at volunteers@safeparkingla.org.

DONATE

Invest in safety, stability, and housing pathways for Angelenos experiencing vehicular homelessness. Your support through in-kind and financial donations drives real change. To find out more reach out to us at give@safeparkingla.org.

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Follow Safe Parking LA, share our mission, and help more people learn that there is hope and a brighter future. Your engagement helps amplify our work!

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\$4,549,090
Total Revenue



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Government Contracts
- \$1,587,787**
Foundation Grants
- \$165,732**
Individual Contributions
- \$99,399**
Other
- \$43,250**
Government Grants
- \$29,485**
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EXPENSES

\$3,599,386
Total Expenditures



- \$2,567,810**
Program Expenses
- \$654,285**
Management
- \$377,291**
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IN MEMORIAM PAT COHEN

Alongside her husband Ira, Dr. Scott Sale, and Emily Uyeda Kantrim, Pat helped found Safe Parking LA so people living in their vehicles could have a safe place to rest at night.

To those who worked closely with her, Pat's determination and generosity were unmistakable. She had a rare gift for bringing people together and turning compassion into action.

Her kindness, persistence, and belief in the power of people to care for one another continue to guide the work of Safe Parking LA every day.



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