

LA County's Homelessness Prevention Unit — A UCLA California Policy Lab Model Ranks 90,000 People to Target \$26 Million in Aid

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Quality score: 73/100

Evidence strength: Quasi-experimental

Summary

Since 2021, Los Angeles County's Homelessness Prevention Unit has used a California Policy Lab model built on 580 administrative-data points to rank around 90,000 people by homelessness risk, targeting \$26 million in ARPA-funded aid at the households most likely to lose housing.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of impact / measured public value	3/3
Transparency, fairness & accountability	3/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	1/3
Scalability beyond pilot	1/3
Governance, capability & sustainability	3/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

C-NAPSE web research — accessed 2026-08-28

Los Angeles County Department of Health Services & California Policy Lab at UCLA — accessed 2026-08-28

National Association of Counties: 'L.A. County fends off homelessness with an assist from A.I.' — accessed 2026-08-28

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