

The San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust (SGVRHT) and San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG) developed a tiny home pilot program to help cities meet the immediate needs of individuals experiencing homelessness. The City of Baldwin Park hosts the first pilot site, Esperanza Villa, which is the first tiny home bridge housing site in the San Gabriel Valley.

Site Overview

- 25 tiny home units for individuals experiencing homelessness in Baldwin Park.
- Participants are assigned a unit for the duration of their stay.
- The target length of stay is 90 days, allowing the site to serve up to 100 individuals in a year.
- The site has 24/7 security and secured entry. No illegal or illicit substances are allowed on-site.
- Each unit provides a bed, shelves, overhead light, AC/heat, an outlet, and a door that locks.
- The site also provides shared restroom, shower, and laundry facilities.
- The site is operated by Volunteers of America Los Angeles (VOALA), a supportive services provider that provides case management, job training, and connection to additional services.
- The site has a dog run and participants can move-in with their pets.
- Participants receive 3 meals per day which are prepared off site and delivered daily by VOALA.



First Success Story

More than half of the initial residents of Esperanza Villa are seniors. In February, the first participant, a 76 year old female, was connected to permanent housing. Her story is especially heartwarming as she shared with staff that she had experienced homelessness since 2014.

In March, another senior resident was connected to permanent supportive housing. Several other participants are currently holding housing vouchers and working with case managers to find an apartment unit.



Project Schedule

June/July

In June, city staff, SGVRHT, and service providers conducted community outreach including two virtual information sessions and two in-person site tours. City Council approved the project on July 7th.

August/September

SGVRHT purchased the shelters, restrooms, and other site structures. Public Works began to prepare the site. Volunteers assembled hygiene and welcome kits for future residents.

October/November

Tiny homes and restrooms arrived and were connected to utilities. Volunteers helped make beds in each of the units and assembled site furniture. The site opened 11/22/21 just in time for Thanksgiving.