

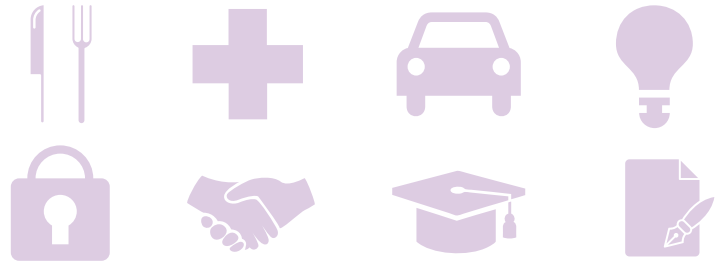


# Domestic Violence Housing First Model

The DV Housing First model is an innovative approach that focuses on helping survivors obtain safe and stable housing as quickly as possible with the use of flexible funds, while providing ongoing supportive services in an effort to improve the overall safety and well-being of domestic violence survivors and their families (Sullivan & Olsen, 2017).

## The DVHF Program's main pillars include:

- Survivor Driven Advocacy
- Community Engagement
- Flexible Funding



Eight DV agencies across Los Angeles County using the DVHF model reported their findings over a twelve-month period. The below figures show an average across these organizations.

## Within a 12 Month Period:



On average, each agency served **65 households** including 132 children



Average support per participant to date **\$3,981**



The average length of assistance: **6 months** (1 to 16-month range)



Support ranges from **\$20 (low need)** for a one time rent application fee, to **\$18K (high need)** for a combination of rental support, including a high security deposit and auto repairs



Statewide, **58%** of the flexible funding directly prevented homelessness by providing rental assistance/support

**California was the first state to use Federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) funds to support DVHF programs.**