
SOCIAL SERVICES

The Social Services Division provides social services, health education and information to the community to improve the quality of life for those in need. Services are provided via contracts with local non-profits and in-house programs.

The City supports local social services agencies with over \$3 million in grants annually. Agencies funded by the City receive 10,000 client visits annually.

SERVICES INCLUDE:

- ◆ Necessities of life such as food and shelter
- ◆ AIDS education
- ◆ Pre-school education for young children
- ◆ Job placement
- ◆ Legal services
- ◆ Mental health services
- ◆ Homeless services

TARGET POPULATIONS ARE:

- ◆ Seniors
- ◆ People living with AIDS
- ◆ Gay men and lesbians
- ◆ Families with children
- ◆ Immigrants
- ◆ People living with disabilities

Approximately every five years, the City undertakes a community study to identify local social and community service needs, and to track the opinions and demographic characteristics of West Hollywood residents.

SOME OF OUR SOCIAL SERVICE PROGRAMS INCLUDE:

- ◆ Free HIV tests available 6 days per week.
- ◆ Teachers and students at local schools can apply for small grants to fund special projects.
- ◆ Seniors in high school who are West Hollywood residents can qualify for a \$1,500 scholarship if they complete 150 hours of community service.
- ◆ Transportation assistance for seniors that matches seniors with volunteers who help them with transportation to appointments and shopping.
- ◆ The City conducts a census of homeless people several times each year. In December 2007 there were 88 people who were homeless in the City.