



FAQs—The Log Cabin Renovation

What is planned as part of the Log Cabin Renovation?

The Log Cabin renovation plan provides a long-term facility for the West Hollywood recovery community, improves onsite health and safety, and meets ADA and historic preservation standards.

The design upgrades will include:

- Expanded meeting rooms, food preparation and storage capacity to support local recovery services,
- New mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems contributing to an enhanced onsite experience,
- ADA compliant bathrooms,
- Improved streetscape and landscaping, and
- New EV charging stations and solar panels.

Why is renovating this site vital to the West Hollywood community?

Renovating this historic space is vital to safeguarding recovery services in the West Hollywood community. The historic Log Cabin building houses the West Hollywood Recovery Center. The West Hollywood Recovery Center hosts more than 90 separate addiction recovery meetings a week and over 4,500 meetings a year. Countless thousands of people have been helped by 12-Step meetings offered at the Log Cabin.

The purchase and renovation of the Log Cabin property for the continued long-term use of the recovery community is essential for the City because it not only addresses addiction in our communities, but it also addresses homelessness. People suffering with addiction are amongst the most vulnerable to becoming homeless. The refurbishment and expansion of the West Hollywood Recovery Center is part of the City's multi-faceted approach to preventing homelessness which, in addition to the recovery center and substance use services, includes a rent stabilization ordinance and the development of affordable housing, rental assistance and guaranteed income programs, mental health programs and the development of a behavioral health crisis response team, and job training.

Given the condition of the Log Cabin, how will West Hollywood approach design and construction?

The Log Cabin property was identified as eligible for the National Register of Historic Places in the 2016 City of West Hollywood Commercial Historic Resources Study. This designation along with the decades of deferred maintenance requires a design approach consistent with the Secretary of Interior Standards of the Treatment of Historic Properties along with upgrades or replacement to all building systems.

There are three primary purposes of the project: (1) bring the facility up to health & safety and ADA requirements while meeting historic preservation standards, (2) provide a long-term facility within the West Hollywood community that consolidates and accommodates the needs of the recovery community, and (3) incorporate a city owned public parking lot into a net-zero sustainable campus environment for the West Hollywood Recovery Center (WHRC) while bringing much needed improvements to the Robertson Boulevard streetscape.

How is the renovation program going to be funded?

The City purchased the Log Cabin from the City of Beverly Hills for \$5,750,000 in April 2022. The City's contributions, along with commitments from the County and the State will subsidize the cost of the renovation of the Log Cabin. Over \$7.5 million in funding has been provided to date, and support has been provided from the State of California and the City of West Hollywood

Who will manage the Log Cabin once the renovations are complete?

The historic Log Cabin building currently houses and will continue to house the West Hollywood Recovery Center. The West Hollywood Recovery Center hosts more than 90 separate addiction recovery meetings a week and over 4,500 meetings a year. Countless thousands of people have been helped by 12-Step meetings offered at the Log Cabin, and we are thrilled that we can look forward to many more years ahead in an improved space for life-changing meetings and community recovery.

How long will the renovation take to complete? And will recovery services continue to be available during construction?

Required environmental remediation work is anticipated to begin in September 2024. Construction is expected to be completed by December 2025. It is vital to the City to work with WHRC to plan for temporary meeting space during the construction phase. A temporary relocation plan is currently being developed by the City and in partnership with WHRC.

How can community members learn more about this project?

Updates on the project can be accessed on the City's website: go.weho.org/logcabin.