

WeHo's Existing Resilience Efforts as of March 2024

Status	Action	If Existing, Larger Policy	Lead Agency	Relevance ¹	ROM Cost	Staffing Resources	Expected Launch Date (by FY)
Resilient People and Neighborhoods							
Improve Equity and Diversity							
Existing	Offer employment services and food services to improve the quality of life for those in need.	General Plan Human Services Element	Human Services	4	\$\$\$	Medium	Ongoing
Existing	Offer social support services to expand access to healthcare for people living with HIV and people currently at an elevated risk for acquiring HIV, reduce new HIV infections, and reduce HIV-related disparities and health inequalities.	HIV Zero Strategic Plan	Human Services	3	\$\$	Medium	Ongoing
Existing	Poverty Reduction Initiative: Creates innovative interventions for low-income residents in WeHo such as the City's pilot for guaranteed income for older adults.	Aging In Place/Aging in Community Strategic Plan	Strategic Initiatives	4	\$\$\$	Medium	Ongoing
Existing	Free Citywide WiFi to help reduce technology disparities	The WeHo Smart City Strategic Plan	City Manager	2	\$	Medium	Ongoing
Existing	West Hollywood Homeless Initiative: connect people experiencing homelessness with basic resources, temporary shelter, behavioral health services, and long-term supportive housing.	Five-Year Plan to Address Homelessness in Our Community	Human Services	4	\$\$	High	Ongoing
Existing	Cultivate leadership, stewardship, and equity with younger community members through NextGen		City Manager	3	\$	Low	Ongoing
Existing	Mobility improvements to benefit all ages and abilities: Vision Zero and First Last Mile efforts	Vision Zero Action Plan	Long Range Planning	4	\$\$\$	Medium	Ongoing
Existing	Ensure healthy and safe housing through the new rental housing inspection program.		Code	3	\$\$\$	High	Ongoing
In Process	City is hiring a Diversity Officer		City Manager	4	\$\$	Medium	FY 25
Pending	City Council Directive to explore universal design of housing units with the goal of enabling residents to age in place.		Long Range Planning; UDAS	3	\$\$	Medium	FY 25
Prepare and Protect Those Most Vulnerable to Increasing Extreme Heat							
Existing	Explore policies that allows for flexible development standards that favors tree canopy preservation, protection, and replacement, as well as dedicated green spaces.	WeHo Climate Action	UDAS	3	\$	Medium	Ongoing
Existing	Implement heat preparation and response measures, prioritizing areas with higher proportions of older adults and low-wealth individuals, and deploy such measures at different scales, including: Building (passive cooling design, cool/green roofs, weatherization, and low-energy active cooling systems), Citywide (additional shade canopies and shade trees, etc.), Community-serving facilities (cooling centers, pools, drinking water fountains and filling stations, etc.).	WeHo Climate Action	UDAS; Public Works	5	\$\$\$	Medium	Ongoing
Existing	Implement actions necessary to advance the Urban Forest Management Plan, including: Assessing the state of West Hollywood's urban forest, including an establishment study of young trees and a tree condition assessment. Expanding future tree planting areas, where possible, to allow for greater soil volume that will support larger, mature trees in the city. Prioritized planting in locations with lower tree canopy and greater exposure to health and environmental burdens (i.e. Eastside neighborhoods).	WeHo Climate Action; Urban Forest Management Plan	Facilities & Field Services	4	\$\$\$\$	High	Ongoing

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Existing	Foster community support for the local urban forestry program and pursue public-private and nonprofit partnerships to assist with program development.	Urban Forest Management Plan	Facilities & Field Services	3	\$\$	Medium	Ongoing
Existing	Explore opportunities to create and maintain NWF Certified Wildlife Habitat gardens and gardens that support monarchs and other local pollinators.	WeHo Climate Action	Facilities & Field Services	2	\$\$	Low	Ongoing
Existing	Provide Heat Resources and Cooling Center locations around the City	WeHo Climate Action	Recreation	4	\$	Medium	Ongoing
Existing	Continue to develop educational and outreach programs and incentives to encourage tree planting/preservation, green roofs and roof gardens in existing buildings.	WeHo Climate Action	Long Range Planning	3	\$	Medium	Ongoing
Existing	Continue to coordinate cooling center hours and operations across community-serving facilities to support the needs of their visitors, particularly subpopulations most affected by climate impacts.	WeHo Climate Action	Recreation	4	\$	Medium	Ongoing
Pending	NE-4A: Create a communitywide green infrastructure plan that is integrated with other relevant local plans and includes: Upgraded public spaces, public buildings, green streets, green parking lots, green alleys and interstitial spaces based upon locally adopted or recognized best practices in green infrastructure Creation of partnerships with key community groups and other stakeholders to encourage green infrastructure practices Working with the Tongva to restore native plants alongside other improvements to public spaces, and cultivate spaces where the Tongva and West Hollywood can grow food Incentive programs to encourage landowners to adopt interconnected green infrastructure practices A green infrastructure monitoring program and follow-up reports on the status of desired outcomes.	WeHo Climate Action	Facilities & Field Services	4	\$\$\$	High	FY 28
Pending	NE-2A: Explore opportunities to re-establish natural and green spaces on parcels, streets, alleys, and interstitial spaces, collaborating with the Tongva and environmental nonprofits to incorporate soil restoration and native and climate-adaptive vegetation as opportunities are identified.	WeHo Climate Action	Facilities & Field Services	4	\$\$	Medium	FY 27
Encourage Preparedness and Quicker Recovery Among Community Members							
Existing	Continue to utilize existing neighborhood networks to expand community outreach and education like Neighborhood Watch Groups	General Plan Safety and Noise Element	Public Safety	3	\$\$	Medium	Ongoing
Existing	Continue public education programs to enhance public safety such as National Night Out and CERT Trainings.	General Plan Safety and Noise Element	Public Safety	4	\$\$	Medium	Ongoing
Existing	Develop a community climate resilience and action toolkit that includes: Resource conservation tips, Information about how to prepare for and respond to climate-related emergencies (including heat waves, power outages, drought, flash flooding, and wildfires)	WeHo Climate Action	Long Range Planning; Public Safety	4	\$\$	Medium	FY 24/FY 25

Pending	Establish one or more resilience hubs in collaboration with external partners (i.e., community-based & environmental organizations, environmental organizations) to support community members, coordinate communication, distribute resources, reduce carbon pollution, and serve as centers for preparedness, rapid response, and recovery.	WeHo Climate Action	Public Safety; Long Range Planning	5	\$\$\$\$	High	FY 26/FY 27
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Prepared and Responsive City

Integrate resilience principles into government to prioritize our most vulnerable people, places, and systems.

Existing	Formalize sustainability and resilience priorities in City operations, budgeting, processes, and performance management.	WeHo Climate Action	Long Range Planning	4	\$\$	Medium	Ongoing
Pending	Pilot permeable and cool surfaces, such as permeable walkways and high-albedo road and parking lot surfaces.	WeHo Climate Action	Public Works	3	\$\$	Low	Ongoing

Restore, rebuild, and modernize infrastructure

Existing	Continue to improve the seismic safety of WeHo's most vulnerable apartment buildings through the WeHo Seismic Retrofit Program	WeHo Climate Action; General Plan Safety Element; Local Hazard Mitigation Plan	Building & Safety	5	\$\$\$	High	Ongoing
Existing	The updated West Hollywood Green Building Program builds upon state requirements and integrates locally specific mandatory provisions that align with the City's climate action goals. The program update allows flexibility in the design of open space, vegetative space, and sustainable roof treatments to foster creativity in development	Climate Action Plan (2011)	Building & Safety	3	\$\$	Medium	Ongoing
In Progress	Establish an equitable building performance standard for existing buildings with considerations for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Decarbonization & electrification Energy benchmarking Resilience Technical & financial assistance programs Promotion of incentives (financial and programmatic) for energy efficiency retrofits Use of rebate and system replacement programs 	WeHo Climate Action	Long Range Planning	4	\$\$\$	High	Ongoing
Pending	Explore the creation of a Retrofit Accelerator program, offering technical and financial assistance, utility rebate matching, and resources for existing building retrofits, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Energy and water conservation measures, including envelope improvements, lighting upgrades, high efficiency appliances, building management and automation, low-flow fixtures, leak detection, and greywater recycling Electrification measures, including panel upgrades, electric water heaters and heat pumps, and replacement of gas-fired appliances with high efficiency electric appliances Passive and low energy cooling strategies, including weatherization and insulation, ceiling fans for circulation, smart temperature controls, and high efficiency HVAC system replacements Seismic retrofits 	WeHo Climate Action	Long Range Planning	5	\$\$	Medium	FY 25/FY 26

Provide safe and fair housing for all

Existing	Rent Stabilization Ordinance	Housing Element	Rent Stabilization	5	\$\$	High	Ongoing
Existing	Resource guide to low-income housing for seniors, families and persons living with disabilities including AIDS/HIV	Housing Element	Human Services	4	\$	Low	Ongoing

Existing	Facilitation of Affordable Housing including: administration of affordable housing units, waiting list, registry, and Housing Choice Vouchers.	Housing Element	Rent Stabilization; Property Development	4	\$\$	Medium	Ongoing
Existing	Supportive Programs for Fair Housing including: offering unit switches, upgrades to existing units, tenant legal services, educational classes, and services for special needs populations.	Housing Element	Human Services	4	\$\$\$	High	Ongoing
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Existing	Affordable Housing Production through the Affordable Housing Trust Fund to develop City-owned sites for mixed-income or 100% affordable housing or partially fund private/non-profit 100% affordable projects	Housing Element	Property Development	4	\$\$	Medium	Ongoing
Existing	Land use and zoning policy changes to encourage affordable housing production including RHNA, state density bonus, and Inclusionary Program that requires new multi-unit residential projects to include 20% affordable housing, and streamlining	Housing Element	Long Range Planning	5	\$\$\$	High	Ongoing
In Progress	Development of the Holloway Interim Housing Program and Social Services for people experiencing homelessness.	Five-Year Plan to Address Homelessness in Our Community	Property Development; Rent Stabilization & Human Services	5	\$\$\$	High	Ongoing

Accelerate Access to Reliable and Clean Energy

Existing	Clean Power Alliance member since 2019 and defaulted community to 100% Green Power	Climate Action Plan (2011)	Long Range Planning	4	\$\$	Medium	Ongoing
Existing	Continue to promote and support the Go Solar WeHo program and encourage the pairing solar systems with battery energy storage systems.	WeHo Climate Action	Long Range Planning	4	\$	Low	Ongoing
Existing	Leverage Clean Power Alliance and Southern California Edison programs to encourage the adoption of solar, battery energy storage, smart inverters, and smart thermostats.	WeHo Climate Action	Long Range Planning	4	\$	Low	Ongoing
Existing	Promote and support the adoption of clean and resilient energy technologies in affordable housing, schools, and other critical facilities.	WeHo Climate Action	Long Range Planning	4	\$	Low	Ongoing
GAP	Identify additional opportunities for microgrid projects that expand neighborhood resilience.		Public Works	4	\$\$\$\$	High	TBD

Regional Partnerships

Strengthen Regional Systems and Critical Infrastructure

Existing	Foster continued collaboration with neighboring jurisdictions and regional partners (Westside Cities, LADOT, Metro, LA County, etc.) on efforts to improve regional public transit (bus, rail, emerging microtransit, and dockless mobility options) and support zero emission mobility options within Southern California. I.E Finish The Line partnership with Metro to advocate for the Crenshaw-LAX rail extension project.	General Plan Mobility Element; WeHo Climate Action	Long Range Planning	5	\$\$\$\$	High	Ongoing
Existing	Coordinate with neighboring jurisdictions to adopt climate-adapted water management practices that reduce reliance upon imported water.	WeHo Climate Action	Long Range Planning	4	\$	Low	Ongoing
Existing	Host Regular Symposiums: 2023 POPs + PARTS and 2024 Water Wise		UDAS	3	\$\$	Medium	Ongoing

Existing	Secured “precovery” funding opportunities in collaboration with state and federal partners through the FEMA Seismic Retrofit Grant	General Plan Safety Element; Local Hazard Mitigation Plan	Building & Safety	5	\$\$	High	Ongoing
Existing	Establish one or more resilience hubs in collaboration with external partners (i.e. community-based & environmental organizations, environmental organizations) to support community members, coordination, communication, distribute resources, reduce carbon pollution, and serve as centers for preparedness, rapid response, and recovery.	WeHo Climate Action	Public Safety; Long Range Planning	5	\$\$\$\$	High	FY 26/FY 27
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Form regional alliances for policy advocacy

Existing	Coordinate among transit agencies and local governments to advance regional transportation and transit resilience through participation in the Westside Cities Council of Governments	General Plan Mobility Element	Long Range Planning	4	\$\$	Low	Ongoing
Existing	Clean Power Alliance member since 2019, which includes clean energy policy advocacy in Sacramento and Washington, DC.	Climate Action Plan (2011)	Long Range Planning	4	\$	Low	Ongoing
Existing	The Legislative Affairs Team, in collaboration with the City’s Sacramento lobbyist, monitors federal and state legislation, and engages in advocacy efforts to advance the City’s interests in Sacramento and Washington, DC.		Community & Legislative Affairs	5	\$\$\$	High	Ongoing
Pending	Advocate for the integration of tribal-influenced fire management practices, in particular cultural burning, by LA County Fire and neighboring jurisdictions, in order to mitigate nearby wildfires.	WeHo Climate Action	City Council	4	\$	Low	FY 26

Existing Efforts, Gaps, and Resources Key

Cost Estimate	Cost Range
Very Low: \$	\$0 - \$50,000
Low: \$\$	\$50,001 - \$100,000
Medium: \$\$\$	\$101,000 - \$500,000
High: \$\$\$\$	\$501,000 or greater
Staffing Resources	Time Range
Very Low	< 480 hours of labor
Low	481 to 1,000 hours of labor
Medium	1,001 to 2,000 hours of labor
High	> 2,000 hours of labor
Relevance Scores (scale from 1 to 5)	
1	Program is expected to have insignificant measurable impacts on climate risks or on vulnerable people
5	Program is expected to have very significant, highly quantifiable positive impacts that reduce climate risks and create positive impacts on vulnerable people
Relevance Factors	Explanation
How much does the program reduce risks to people?	Programs that will impact more people will score higher than programs that impact a few people. Example: A program that provides accommodations for all people with mobility challenges will score higher than a program targeted only towards older adults.
How many types of climate risks will be reduced by this program?	Programs impacting a greater range of climate hazard risks (heat, wildfire, flooding, drought, winds) will score higher. Example: A program that reduces fire risk only will score lower than a program that reduces fire risks and also improves water management.
How much of WeHo's vulnerable population will benefit from this program?	Programs that will benefit larger portions of vulnerable populations will score higher. Example: A program that is likely to benefit a few low-income households will score lower than a program that will benefit a large amount of low-income households.
How measurable will the impacts be?	Programs that will provide measurable impacts will score higher than programs that are difficult to track. Example: A program that contains results that can be quantified, like providing housing for a specific percentage of unhoused people, will score higher than a program that has general goals, like "Consider solutions for homelessness."