



The County of San Diego links homeless San Diegans who suffer from mental illness to supportive housing as a first step towards stability and recovery.

# West Park Inn

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## Project Description



West Park Inn is an affordable housing development located in the Bankers Hill neighborhood north of downtown San Diego. This development is a rehabilitation of the hotel which was built in 1989. The building consists of 47 single room occupancy units, one of which is reserved for a full-time, on-site property manager. Of those 47 units, 23 are reserved for adults with serious mental illness eligible for supportive services under the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Local Government Special Needs Housing Program (SNHP). This program is part of a larger initiative by the County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA), Behavioral Health Services (BHS) to link homeless or at risk of homelessness individuals with mental illness to permanent housing and supportive services.

West Park Inn consists of a wood frame four-story building, a laundry room, leasing office and community room.

Housing Development Partners (HDP) is the nonprofit affiliate of the San Diego Housing Commission (SDHC). HDP develops and preserves affordable housing for low-income San Diegans through the rehabilitation of existing buildings and new construction.

**TOTAL PROJECT COST      \$15,585,000**

Rents at West Park Inn are affordable based on San Diego County MHSA SNHP guidelines. Project-Based Vouchers (PBVs) are provided by SDHC. Residents with PBVs pay an estimated 30% of their monthly income towards their rent.

West Park Inn was made possible through the financial assistance and dedication of the San Diego Housing Commission, Banner Bank, and RedStone Equity Partners.

## West Park Inn

Total Units	47
MHSA SNHP Units	23
Non-MHSA Affordable Units	23

Leasing-Up Began      May 2018

### Full Service Partnership (FSP):

North Central County Case Management

## Why is this project here?

The goal of West Park Inn is to provide safe, livable, affordable housing linked to client centered, voluntary, wraparound services to promote residential stability and self-sufficiency. Residents have access to transportation and other services to live as independently as possible. Amenities within walking distance to West Park Inn include pharmacies, urgent care, Balboa Park, downtown library, grocery stores, and major bus routes, providing residents convenient access to regular community destinations as well as potential employment opportunities.

North Central County Case Management has partnered with BHS and West Park Inn to provide strengths-based, psychosocial rehabilitation, intervention, and resource management to assist the 23 MHSA SNHP eligible individuals in obtaining optimum independence. Supportive services are provided on a voluntary basis and residents are assertively and respectfully encouraged to participate in the services available to them. North Central County Case Management is responsible for ensuring that psychiatric treatment needs, as well as food, clothing, shelter, and medical care needs, are met.

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## What is MHSA “supportive housing”?

Supportive housing is a community-based service model that provides housing integrated with support services such as: mental health services, primary health care, alcohol and drug services, case management, and social services to help homeless individuals with mental illness gain stability and live more productive lives.

Supportive housing consists of two main components: permanent housing, and social and mental health services. The combination of a stable home, coupled with access to mental health and social services, medical care, counseling, education and employment, has been proven to benefit not only the participants, but their neighborhoods and communities as a whole.

In San Diego, an estimated 8,576 people are homeless. Roughly 30 percent of unsheltered homeless individuals suffer from severe mental illness, a major contributing factor to their homelessness.

BHS is partnering with service providers and housing developers to address the dual stigmas of homelessness and mental illness. The partnership recognizes that housing matters, because a stable home in combination with social and mental health services can break the cycle of homelessness.

***Home is where recovery begins.***

For more information about:

**MHSA’s Housing Matters campaign**  
[www.HousingMattersSD.org](http://www.HousingMattersSD.org)

**Housing Development Partners**  
[www.hdpartners.org](http://www.hdpartners.org)  
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