

The Backyard Homes Project



THE PROGRAM

The *Backyard Homes Project* is an **affordable housing initiative** that incentivizes homeowners in the City of LA to build backyard homes and rent them to Section 8 voucher holders for at least 5 years. This is a **one-stop-shop** that helps average homeowners become providers of affordable housing.

INCENTIVES

Program participants will receive:

- + Free project management
- + Affordable design and construction services
- + Optional financing in the form of a permanent mortgage product
- + Required landlord training and tenant support services
- + Possible signing bonus for new Section 8 landlords

WHAT IS A BACKYARD HOME?

A Backyard Home – also called an ADU, in-law unit, or granny flat – is a secondary residential unit that can be added to a residential lot with an **existing single family home**. ADUs are independent rental units that have their own entrances, kitchens, bathrooms, bedrooms, and living rooms. They can be attached or detached from the primary residence and can be a garage conversion.

ADU DESIGNS

We are committed to both thoughtful design and affordable construction. Therefore, the ADUs designed and built for the Backyard Homes Project will utilize **pre-vetted design models**, which include site plans, elevations, materials and finishes.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

Homeowners are eligible to apply if they agree to house a Section 8 voucher holder in their new ADU for a minimum of 5 years and if their property is in a **single family residential area located within the City of LA**. We will support 10 homeowners in the first year to test the program.

PROGRAM PARTNERS

- **LA-Más** — Program Management, Design, Permitting
- **Restore Neighborhoods LA (RNLA)** — Construction
- **Genesis LA Economic Growth Corporation & Self-Help Federal Credit Union** — Financing
- **LA Family Housing & St. Joseph Center** — Tenant Matching and Support
- **Housing Rights Center** — Landlord Training
- **Housing Authority of the City of LA (HACLA)** — Section 8 Program Management

LEARN MORE & APPLY

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