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**Downtown Women's Center Receives Generous \$100,000 Grant from the S. Mark Taper Foundation for General Operating Costs**

LOS ANGELES – The Downtown Women's Center (DWC) is pleased to announce that the S. Mark Taper Foundation has awarded a \$100,000 grant to support the organization's general operating costs over a one-year period. Demonstrating the Foundation's commitment to assisting vulnerable populations in Los Angeles, this generous grant will support DWC's mission by helping to cover the organization's program and administrative costs that have not been fully funded through program-specific support.

"While many supporters fund a specific program or service, unrestricted funds are crucial to strengthening our organizational infrastructure by providing the flexibility to accommodate the needs of women experiencing homelessness," said Melissa Tillman, Chief Development and Communications Officer at DWC. "A grant of this size will help us ensure that our core programs are successfully implemented and integrated, with the goal of guiding women toward permanent housing and personal stability."

Women's homelessness in greater Los Angeles has risen dramatically in recent years; today there are nearly 18,000 women sleeping in shelters, cars, and on the streets of Los Angeles County. Without DWC's services, thousands of women would lose access to critical supportive services and housing. DWC deeply appreciates the S. Mark Taper Foundation's long-standing support of the services and programs that help end homelessness for women in Los Angeles every day.

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**About Downtown Women's Center**

The Downtown Women's Center (DWC) is the only organization in Los Angeles focused exclusively on serving and empowering women experiencing homelessness and formerly homeless women. DWC envisions a Los Angeles with every woman housed and on a path to personal stability. Its mission is to end homelessness for women in greater Los Angeles through housing, wellness, and advocacy. Founded in 1978, DWC was the first permanent supportive housing provider for women in the U.S. Learn more at [www.DowntownWomensCenter.org](http://www.DowntownWomensCenter.org).