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## HUD AND VA ANNOUNCE ADDITIONAL SUPPORT TO HELP HOMELESS VETERANS FIND PERMANENT HOMES

*Second Round of HUD-VASH vouchers to provide housing for veterans and their families*

WASHINGTON – In a continuing effort to help end veteran homelessness, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) today announce a second round of funding to help provide permanent homes to veterans and their families experiencing homelessness in six states and the District of Columbia.

The funding provided through the *HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) Program* gives an additional 424 vouchers to local public housing agencies across the country. In October, HUD awarded another \$35 million to help more than 4,000 homeless veterans find permanent homes.

Recently, HUD, VA and the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH) announced the number of veterans experiencing homelessness in the United States has been cut nearly in half since 2010. The data revealed a 5.4 percent decrease in veteran homelessness between January 2017 and January 2018.

“As a nation, it’s our duty to serve the men and women in uniform who sacrificed so much for our country,” said HUD Secretary Ben Carson. “The additional HUD-VASH vouchers awarded today will continue to support the important work of communities across the country that ensures our veterans have a safe and stable place to call home.”

“VA, HUD, and our federal, state and local partners are proud of the significant decline in Veteran homelessness achieved in recent years; however, important work remains,” said VA Secretary Robert Wilkie. “The housing choice vouchers and wraparound supportive service announced today will improve the lives of many Veterans who are currently homeless by helping them find a place to call home and reintegrate back into their families and communities.”

The HUD-VASH program combines rental assistance vouchers from HUD with case management and clinical services provided by VA. Since 2008, more than 93,000 vouchers have been awarded and approximately 150,000 homeless veterans have been served through the HUD-VASH program. More than 600 public housing authorities (PHAs) administer the HUD-VASH program, and this most recent award includes 25 additional PHAs, increasing HUD-VASH coverage to more communities.

In the HUD-VASH program, VA Medical Centers (VAMCs) assess veterans experiencing homelessness before referring them to local housing agencies for these vouchers. Decisions are based on a variety of factors, most importantly the duration of homelessness and the need for long-term, intensive support in obtaining and maintaining permanent housing. The HUD-VASH program includes both the rental assistance the voucher provides and the comprehensive case management that VAMC staff offers.

Veterans participating in the HUD-VASH program rent privately owned housing and generally contribute no more than 30 percent of their income toward rent. VA offers eligible homeless veterans clinical and supportive services through its medical centers across the U.S., Guam, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. Read more about the HUD-VASH program.

In October, HUD and VA awarded \$35 million to help more than 4,000 homeless veterans find homes. The funding ensured communities could provide the critically needed housing assistance and case management services to veterans and their families experiencing homelessness. The agencies also announced an additional \$7.4 million through the *Veterans Housing Rehabilitation and Modification Pilot (VHRMP) Program* to assist disabled veterans with modifying or rehabilitating their homes, making them more accessible.

**HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing Choice Vouchers (HUD-VASH)  
Fiscal Year 2018 Awards – Round 2**

STATE	HOUSING AUTHORITY	PARTNERING VA MEDICAL FACILITY	NUMBER OF VOUCHERS	AWARD AMOUNT	STATE TOTAL
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<b>California</b>	County of Los Angeles Housing Authority	Greater Los Angeles HCS	26	\$289,559	
	City of Los Angeles Housing Authority	Greater Los Angeles HCS	40	\$425,867	
	County of San Joaquin Housing Authority	Palo Alto	5	\$29,162	
	County of Stanislaus Housing Authority	Palo Alto	10	\$55,552	
	County of Santa Clara Housing Authority	Palo Alto	35	\$704,142	
	Santa Cruz County Housing Authority	Palo Alto	5	\$57,926	
	Housing Authority of the City of Livermore	Palo Alto	4	\$60,679	
	Housing Authority of the City of Santa Ana	Long Beach HCS	5	\$53,760	
	County of Orange Housing Authority	Long Beach HCS	32	\$364,050	
	Anaheim Housing Authority	Long Beach HCS	20	\$273,531	

	City of Sacramento Housing Authority	Northern California HCS	21	\$150,644	
	Contra Costa County Housing Authority	Northern California HCS	21	\$299,136	
				<b>California Total:</b>	<b>\$2,764,008</b>
<b>District of Columbia</b>	D.C. Housing Authority	Washington DC	28	\$377,727	
				<b>District of Columbia Total:</b>	<b>\$377,727</b>
<b>Hawaii</b>	County of Hawaii	Pacific Islands HCS	3	\$23,155	
	City and County of Honolulu	Pacific Islands HCS	10	\$112,509	
	Hawaii Public Housing Authority	Pacific Islands HCS	10	\$113,290	
				<b>Hawaii Total:</b>	<b>\$248,954</b>
<b>Idaho</b>	Idaho Housing and Finance Association	Spokane	9	\$32,859	
				<b>Idaho Total:</b>	<b>\$32,859</b>

<b>New Mexico</b>	Albuquerque Housing Authority	New Mexico HCS	6	\$31,916	
	Bernalillo County Housing Department	New Mexico HCS	10	\$59,241	
				<b>New Mexico Total:</b>	<b>\$91,157</b>
<b>Oregon</b>	Housing Authority of Clackamas County	Portland	15	\$142,301	
	Housing Authority of Portland	Portland	32	\$274,252	
	Housing Authority of Washington County	Portland	15	\$138,017	
				<b>Oregon Total:</b>	<b>\$554,570</b>
<b>Washington</b>	King County Housing Authority	Seattle	43	\$465,992	
	Pierce County Housing Authority	Seattle	10	\$71,029	
	Spokane Housing Authority	Spokane	9	\$38,988	
				<b>Washington Total:</b>	<b>\$576,009</b>

				<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,645,284</b>
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