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## **HUD AWARDS 100 ADDITIONAL VOUCHERS TO SACRAMENTO HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY TO PROVIDE HOUSING ASSISTANCE TO HOMELESS VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES**

**Sacramento, CA** | The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) have awarded 100 vouchers to Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency (SHRA) to assist in providing permanent housing opportunities for veterans and their families who are experiencing homelessness in Sacramento County. The supportive housing assistance is provided through the HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) Program, which combines rental assistance from HUD with case management and clinical services provided by VA.

HUD allocates the vouchers to local public housing agencies that are specifically targeted to homeless veterans based on a variety of factors, including the number of reported homeless veterans and the proximity of a local VA Medical Center with the capacity to provide case management. SHRA administers the VASH program for Sacramento County working in partnership with the Veteran Affairs Program and Volunteers of America. The additional vouchers will allow SHRA to support a total of 612 veterans with rental assistance to secure affordable housing for themselves and their families.

“The VASH program is an extremely important resource for SHRA to help address the critical gap in rental housing assistance and wraparound services that our veterans need and deserve in order to successfully readjust themselves in the community,” said SHRA Executive Director La Shelle Dozier. “We’re very pleased that HUD has recognized the value of this program to Sacramento County in helping more veterans and their families who would otherwise experience homelessness and a difficult road to a stable living environment and better future.”

VA Medical Centers (VAMCs) assess veterans experiencing homelessness before referring them to local housing agencies for the VASH rental assistance vouchers. Decisions are based on a variety of factors, most importantly the duration of homelessness and the need for longer term, more intensive support in obtaining and maintaining permanent housing. The program also includes comprehensive case management offered by the VAMC staff.

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