



**Contra  
Costa  
County**

To: Contra Costa County Housing Authority Board of Commissioners

From: Joseph Villarreal, Housing Authority

Date: January 13, 2015

Subject: Award of Additional HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing Grant

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## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

ACCEPT report on the additional award of Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) vouchers to the Housing Authority from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

## **BACKGROUND**

HACCC currently houses 122 Veterans through the HUD-VASH program. HACCC was awarded 33 new vouchers starting on October 1, 2014 under the FFY 2014 competition. Effective December 1, 2014, HACCC has been awarded an additional 15 vouchers using the FFY 2014 funding.

HUD-VASH is a joint effort between HUD and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) designed to move Veterans and their families out of homelessness and into permanent housing. HUD provides Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) rental assistance, thus allowing homeless Veterans to rent privately-owned housing, and the VA offers case management and clinical services for participating Veterans at VA medical centers and community-based outreach clinics.

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Action of Board On: **01/13/2015** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

### **VOTE OF COMMISSIONERS**

AYE: John Gioia,  
Commissioner  
Candace Andersen,  
Commissioner  
Mary N. Piepho,  
Commissioner  
Karen Mitchoff,  
Commissioner  
Federal D. Glover,  
Commissioner  
Aqueela Bowie,  
Commissioner

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

ATTESTED: January 13, 2015

Joseph Villarreal, Executive Director

By: June McHuen, Deputy

ABSENT: Fay Nathaniel,  
Commissioner

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cc:

The HUD-VASH program is for veterans who:

- Are eligible for VA health care services;
- Are chronically homeless, meaning homeless for a year or more or 4 or more times in the past 3 years;
- Have a history of medical, mental health or substance abuse problems that are now stabilized;

## BACKGROUND (CONT'D)

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- Are ready for independent housing in the community, but need ongoing case management services to maintain it;
- Have some type of income to pay for their housing;
- Are motivated to improve the quality of their lives by working with a VA case manager; and
- Are actively participating in treatment through the VA for their conditions.

To apply for the HUD-VASH program, Veterans should contact the VA Homeless Program at (925) 372-2061. The VA's HUD-VASH Admission Team will assess eligibility for the program. Eligible Veterans will then be referred by the VA to HACCC to obtain a voucher. HACCC will then determine if the Veteran meets HUD's regulations for the HUD-VASH program. Veterans can also contact HACCC at (925) 957-7042 or (925) 957-7010 to be placed on a referral list that will be provided to the VA Homeless Program.

## FISCAL IMPACT

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has awarded the Housing Authority (HACCC) \$181,978 in additional Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2014 funding to support 15 more vouchers under the HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) program.

## CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION

None. Informational item only.

## CLERK'S ADDENDUM