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HOUSTON HOUSING AUTHORITY AWARDED OVER \$130,000 TO PROVIDE SUPPORTIVE HOUSING FOR HOMELESS VETERANS

HOUSTON— The Houston Housing Authority was awarded \$132,156 to provide project based supportive housing to 22 homeless veterans who will reside at the Village at Palm Center. This competitive award was funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), which recently provided \$7 million to 24 public housing agencies across the country to help homeless veterans obtain permanent housing. The Michael E. DeBakey Veterans Affairs Medical Center will provide case management and an array of its supportive services to the homeless veterans. The supportive housing assistance is provided through the HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) program, which combines rental assistance with case management and clinical services. With the addition of these vouchers, HHA will be able to serve over 900 homeless veterans and their families, making it one of the largest HUD-VASH programs in the country.

“We are thankful that we were selected to receive these vouchers which are a critical resource for ending veteran homelessness in Houston,” said Houston Housing Authority President & CEO Tory Gunsolley. “We value our partnerships, and are proud to work with the VA and the Village at Palm Center to ensure that our homeless veterans receive quality housing and the support that they need to reclaim their lives.”

The Village at Palm Center is expected to open in fall 2015. The 222 unit apartment complex, located in southeast Houston, will offer modern amenities including Energy-Star appliances and light fixtures, nine-foot ceilings, laundry connections, granite counters, hardwood-style flooring, double crown molding, and storage for each unit. Community amenities include resort style pools, playgrounds, gazebos, a splash pad, barbecue pits and picnic tables. The Housing Authority’s new partnership with the Village at Palm Center is one of many collaborations HHA has with developers to provide supportive housing to Houston’s homeless individuals and families. HHA has a partnership with 10 developments totaling 417 units.

ABOUT HHA:

The Houston Housing Authority provides affordable homes and services to more than 58,000 low-income Houstonians, including over 17,000 families housed through the Housing Choice Voucher Program and another 5,700 living in 25 public housing and tax credit developments around the city. HHA also administers one of the nation's largest voucher program exclusively serving homeless veterans. More information about the Houston Housing Authority can be found at www.housingforhouston.com.

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