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HOUSTON HOUSING AUTHORITY AWARDED OVER \$180,000 IN FUNDING FROM U.S. HUD-VASH TO SUPPORT HOMELESS VETERANS

HOUSTON – In an [official announcement on Tuesday, November 10 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development \(HUD\)](#), the Houston Housing Authority (HHA) was awarded \$182,078 in additional funding to support its outstanding efforts in utilizing the HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) program to effectively end veteran’s homelessness in Houston. The Extraordinary Administrative Fee (EAFs) dollars are designed to assist in reducing the time required for veterans to locate and move into permanent housing. The award is a culmination of a nationwide process that resulted in \$5.4 million in EAF awards to fifty-two (52) public housing authorities across the nation. The HHA’s award was the only EAF award designated in the State of Texas and the 7th largest EAF grant awarded nationally.

“Our agency is very proud to be selected as a recipient of this funding from HUD and the VA,” said HHA President and CEO Tory Gunsolley. “Following the success of the *Housing Houston’s Heroes* initiative, these additional resources will afford us even more opportunities to secure housing for the distinguished men & women who wore our nation’s uniform to keep America secure.”

The HHA, City of Houston, Harris County, and an array of community organizations, agencies and charities were recognized at a June 2015 press conference by HUD Secretary Julian Castro, VA Secretary Robert McDonald, U.S. Department of Labor Secretary Thomas Perez for effectively marking an end to the issue of veteran homelessness in Houston. At the event, Secretary Castro stated, “Our courageous veterans deserve the opportunity to experience the American Dream they’ve risked so much to defend. Houston has developed the tools to identify and support every veteran in the city experiencing homelessness.”

ABOUT THE 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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