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HOUSTON HOUSING AUTHORITY RECEIVES NEW RAPID RE-HOUSING FUNDING AWARD OF OVER \$1.2 MILLION FROM U.S. HUD TO SUPPORT LOCAL EFFORTS TO COMBAT YOUTH HOMELESSNESS

HOUSTON – As part of a May 2, 2016 announcement from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the Houston Housing Authority (HHA) was awarded an additional \$1,270,076 in additional resources to support its efforts to address homelessness in Houston. The funding comes as part of over \$32,098,014 million in Continuum of Care (CoC) grant funding awarded to thirty-eight homeless housing and service programs across the State of Texas, and builds upon over \$71.5 million in HUD funding awarded through the department's first round of funding in March 2016.

As part of Houston's The Way Home CoC working group that includes the Houston Coalition for the Homeless and several agencies serving Houston, Harris County, Pasadena, and Fort Bend counties, the HHA will allocate this new funding to Rapid Re-housing initiatives which stabilize young adults experiencing homelessness and place them into permanent housing as quickly as possible. The HHA also received \$2,537,204 in renewal grants through this HUD funding cycle. The new grant is the 3rd largest sum received by the Houston CoC this year.

"The HHA is very pleased to hear the news of our agency once again being a recipient of funding from HUD, along with the successful applications of all of our Continuum of Care partners acrss the region," said HHA President and CEO Tory Gunsolley. "These resouces will aid the HHA and our partner agencies in tackling a monumental, yet achievable task of ending homelessness in our city. Getting individuals off of the street and into housing is a goal that we must address with continuous support and coordinated effort. I am confident we have the teamwork and commitment to meet this objective."

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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