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HUD, VA Grants Going to Northern California Public Housing Agencies *More Than \$4 million to Provide Permanent Housing for Homeless Veterans*

SAN FRANCISCO – Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric K. Shinseki has announced the award of \$4,057,539 to public housing agencies in the San Francisco Bay area to supply permanent housing and case management for the state’s 1,972,000 Veterans.

“This initiative will strengthen our ongoing efforts to eliminate Veteran homelessness by 2015 and improve quality of life for Veterans,” Secretary Shinseki said. “Working with our partners at HUD and in Congress, we continue to make good progress to reduce Veteran homelessness, though much work remains. VA is committed to providing Veterans and their families with access to affordable housing and medical services that will help them get back on their feet.”

The funding, from Housing and Urban Development’s Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing program (HUD-VASH), is a coordinated effort by HUD, VA and local housing agencies to provide permanent housing for homeless Veterans.

Homeless Veterans are referred to the public housing agencies for “Housing Choice” Section 8 vouchers to assist with rent payment. Eligible homeless Veterans receive VA-provided case management and services to support stability and recovery from physical and mental health, substance use, and functional concerns contributing to or resulting from homelessness.

The San Francisco Housing Authority will get 25 housing vouchers for \$349,218; the Oakland Housing Authority will get 50 vouchers for \$498,696; the Housing Authority City of Fresno will get 25 vouchers for \$146,127; the County of Sacramento Housing Authority will get 25 vouchers for \$176,844; the Housing Authority of the County of San Mateo will get 25 vouchers for \$334,290 and an additional 25 vouchers for \$334,290; the County of Monterey Housing Authority will get 25 vouchers for \$190,161; the Housing Authority of the County

Santa Clara will get 100 vouchers for \$1,159,500; the City of Pittsburg Housing Authority will get 25 vouchers for \$238,881; the Santa Cruz County Housing Authority will get 25 vouchers for \$280,395; the County of Humboldt Housing Authority will get 25 vouchers for \$142,572; and the City of Santa Rosa will get 25 vouchers for \$206,565.

Veterans participating in the HUD-VASH program rent privately owned housing and generally contribute no more than 30 percent of their income toward rent. VA offers eligible homeless Veterans clinical and supportive services through its medical centers in San Francisco, East Bay – Martinez, Fresno, Sacramento, and Palo Alto.

More information about VA's homeless programs is available online at <http://www.va.gov/homeless>.

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