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HACLA awarded 525 Vouchers to House Homeless Veterans

LOS ANGELES – The Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles (HACLA) today announced the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is inviting the agency to accept 525 additional vouchers to provide housing for homeless Veterans under the Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) Program.

“HACLA has worked tirelessly with our partner organizations to decrease chronic homelessness through various targeted programs; the HUD-VASH program provides a critical resource to support this mission among the Veteran population. We thank our program partner, the local Veterans Affairs office for their assistance in administering this program,” said Douglas Guthrie, HACLA President and CEO. “There are over 7,000 homeless veterans in Los Angeles County on any given night. We must work to ensure that the men and women who served our country are treated with dignity and provided with the support they need to adjust back to civilian life.”

When the program began in 2008, HACLA received the second largest award in the nation with 840 vouchers. With this award, the total allocation to HACLA is now 2,520 HUD-VASH vouchers.

The Authority’s dedication to decreasing chronic homelessness was recognized in 2012 by the United Way of the Greater Los Angeles. HACLA is a key partner in their Home for Good effort, a 5-year plan to end chronic and veteran homelessness in Los Angeles County.

The agency administers the following permanent supportive housing programs to end homelessness: Shelter Plus Care, Project-Based Voucher, Tenant Based Supportive Housing and HUD-VASH. These programs are aimed at supporting over 8600 households.

HUD-VASH is a joint program with HUD, Veterans Affairs (VA) and local housing authorities. HUD-VASH vouchers provide tenant-based permanent supportive housing to chronically homeless veterans. Eligible homeless veterans are referred to HACLA by the VA. Case management and other supportive services are provided by the VA. Many community-based homeless outreach and service organizations have participated in city-wide efforts to locate and identify homeless veterans, and to connect them with the referral process.

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