

City of Santa Rosa



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Title: REPORT - REQUEST TO ALLOCATE TEN (10) VETERANS AFFAIRS SUPPORTIVE HOUSING VOUCHERS FOR THE ALTAMIRA FAMILY APARTMENTS UNDER A FIFTEEN-YEAR PROJECT-BASED HOUSING ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS CONTRACT

BACKGROUND: The Project-Based Voucher (PBV) program is a component of the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program. Under this program, a Public Housing Authority can attach up to 20 percent of its budget authority under the Housing Choice Voucher program to specific housing units. Project-basing of VASH vouchers is allowed so long as the VA is in support of the project.

The low vacancy rates and high rent costs in Sonoma County have presented significant challenges to Veterans attempting to use VASH vouchers. The VASH program is targeted towards chronically homeless Veterans; the unique needs of the target population create additional barriers to successful long-term housing placements. The utilization rate for the program is currently 77 percent.

The Housing Authority approved the release of a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Project-Based VASH Vouchers in 2015 with up to 100 vouchers available. To date, 73 vouchers have been allocated under the RFP.

The Altamira Family Apartments proposal (Proposal) was reviewed by a committee consisting of two Housing Authority commissioners and a representative from the Veterans Administration. The committee supports the project moving forward to the full Housing Authority Board of Commissioners.

The Housing Authority approval of the Proposal will authorize staff to enter into the appropriate Housing Assistance Payments (HAP) contracts as required under the PBV regulations at 24 CFR Part 983 for the Altamira Family Apartments.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by the Housing and Community Services Department that the Housing Authority, by resolution, approve the allocation of ten (10) Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) vouchers under a fifteen-year Project-Based Housing Assistance Payments (HAP) contract for the Altamira Family Apartments in the city of Sonoma, California.

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