

Agenda Item #13.2
For Housing Authority Meeting of: February 23, 2026

CITY OF SANTA ROSA
HOUSING AUTHORITY

TO: HOUSING AUTHORITY COMMISSIONERS
FROM: ANNETTE ANTHONY, HOUSING COMMUNITY SERVICES
MANAGER
SUBJECT: HUD-VETERANS AFFAIRS SUPPORTIVE HOUSING (VASH)
PROGRAM – OVERVIEW OF HUD-VASH OPERATING
REQUIREMENTS

AGENDA ACTION: REPORT

RECOMMENDATION

The Housing and Community Services Department recommends that the Housing Authority receive information regarding the Department of Housing and Urban Development Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing Program (HUD-VASH) and an overview of the operating requirements. This item is for information only and no action will be taken.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this study session is to provide information on the HUD-VASH program and its operating requirements which were updated on August 13, 2024.

BACKGROUND

The HUD-VASH program was established in 2008 under the Consolidated Appropriations Act. The program provides Housing Choice Voucher rental assistance to homeless veterans along with case management provided by the local Department of Veteran Affairs (VA).

The HUD-VASH Operating Requirements were originally published in Federal Register on May 6, 2008, with subsequent updates made March 23, 2012; September 27, 2021; and August 13, 2024. The most recent update implemented new waivers, program flexibility and general guidance deemed necessary to effectively deliver and administer the HUD-VASH program. The purpose of this study session is to provide an overview of the HUD-VASH program and updated operating requirements.

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PRIOR HOUSING AUTHORITY REVIEW

Not applicable.

ANALYSIS

Not applicable.

FISCAL IMPACT

There are no fiscal impacts from holding a study session.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378, the proposed action is not a “project” subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it does not have a potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment. In the alternative, the proposed action is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the project may have a significant effect on the environment.

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Not applicable.

NOTIFICATION

Not applicable.

ATTACHMENTS

None.

PRESENTER

Annette Anthony, Housing and Community Services Manager