



HUD-VETERANS AFFAIRS SUPPORTIVE HOUSING (VASH) PROGRAM

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HUD VASH Overview

- Established in 2008 under the Consolidated Appropriations Act; continued funding under subsequent Appropriations Acts
- Combines Housing Choice Voucher rental assistance with case management and clinical services provided through the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)
- Targeted to homeless veterans

HUD VASH Overview

- VA is responsible for referrals to the PHA
- VA conducts outreach to eligible veterans and determines priority for referrals
- Alternative requirements for PHA eligibility determination
- When household is leased, standard HCV rules apply

Santa Rosa HUD VASH

- First vouchers received FY 2009
- Local VA Partner – Santa Rosa VA Clinic
- Program size: 429 vouchers
- Currently leased: 354 vouchers
- Newly issued and searching: 12 households
- Participants between units: 11 households
- Available for referrals from the VA: 52 vouchers
- Sonoma County Housing Authority also has a small VASH program with 20 vouchers

HUD VASH Program Administration

- Portability agreement with Sonoma County to administer vouchers throughout county
- New vouchers are allocated by federal VA need formula, local VA and PHA capacity and HUD approval
- Regular collaboration between VA and PHA

HUD VASH Project Based Vouchers

- HUD VASH vouchers may be Project Based
 - PHA may convert within existing allocation
 - HUD may release specific funding for VASH PBV
- Santa Rosa: 98 VASH PBV units
 - Windsor Veterans Village (53 units)
 - River City Senior Apartments (19 units)
 - Altamira Family Apartments (10 units)
 - Benton Veterans Village (6 units)
 - Under Construction: Heritage Park Apartments (10 units)
- Families may move to HCV after one year if voucher available

Questions?