



Commit up to 1,500 Federal Rental Housing Vouchers

Up to 1,500 federal rental housing vouchers are being committed by the San Diego Housing Commission (SDHC) to provide housing to homeless individuals and families over the next three years.

This is one of the five key components of **HOUSING FIRST – SAN DIEGO**, the San Diego Housing Commission's Homelessness Action Plan (**HOUSING FIRST – SAN DIEGO**) which was launched on November 12, 2014.

These housing vouchers have an estimated annual value of \$15 million (based on the average monthly value of a housing voucher, \$831).

SDHC will award 300 federal rental housing vouchers for Permanent Supportive Housing in each year of **HOUSING FIRST – SAN DIEGO**.

These housing vouchers provide much-needed rental assistance for low-income tenants with incomes below \$33,180 a year for one person, which is 60 percent of Area Median Income, according to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Back on April 9, 2010, SDHC laid the foundation for implementing the national Housing First model in San Diego – provide homeless individuals with housing as quickly as possible, with supportive services as needed.

SDHC was one of the first public housing agencies to ask permission from HUD to use federal Sponsor-Based Housing Vouchers to provide long-term housing for chronically homeless individuals.

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For Permanent Supportive Housing Notice of Funding Availability Applicants

300 federal rental housing vouchers will be available the first year:

- 250 – Project-Based or Sponsor-Based Housing Vouchers
- 25 – Youth Aging Out of the Foster Care System
- 25 – Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) program.

Four different types of federal rental housing vouchers are available.

Housing Voucher Definitions:

Federal Sponsor-Based Housing Vouchers are awarded to nonprofit organizations (sponsors) that provide supportive services to homeless San Diegans.

Federal Project-Based Housing Vouchers link rental assistance to specific housing programs. SDHC expanded the use of these housing vouchers to address and prevent homelessness.

Federal Rental Assistance for Youth Aging Out of the Foster Care System provides housing with case management services for young adults between the ages of 18 and 23 who are leaving foster care, with a preference for housing with a family, a roommate in a one-bedroom unit, a group home or transitional housing. Supportive services include attaining a high school diploma or General Educational Development certificate, job skills training and job placement.

Federal Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) vouchers link HUD rental assistance with clinical health and case management services provided by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). The local VA identifies veterans who qualify for VASH vouchers. SDHC confirms their eligibility and enrolls them in the VASH voucher program.



Rental Housing Vouchers – Current Commitments

Some 275 of these federal rental housing vouchers are already committed to four major downtown affordable housing developments that will be completed in the next two years:



- 76 housing vouchers to **Celadon at Ninth and Broadway**, a development of 248 affordable apartments that is expected to be completed in early 2015. Adults and youth aging out of the foster care system will be among the residents;



- 76 housing vouchers to **Alpha Square**, which will provide 201 affordable apartments for low-income and very low-income individuals and homeless San Diegans when it is completed in fall of 2015;



- 51 housing vouchers to **Atmosphere**, which will be completed in 2016, providing 202 affordable apartments for extremely low-, very low- and low income households, including homeless adults; and



- 72 housing vouchers to **The Churchill**, which will create 72 affordable studios for homeless military veterans, youth aging out of the foster care system and additional adults who need supportive services.

In addition, 222 homeless veterans will also be able to obtain housing and the supportive services they need because of VASH vouchers recently allocated to SDHC by HUD.

SDHC also has committed 108 federal Sponsor-Based Housing Vouchers to nonprofit organizations that will provide supportive services to homeless San Diegans.

