



## Dedicate SDHC-Owned Housing Units – 25 for Homeless San Diegans

The San Diego Housing Commission (SDHC) is one of the first public housing agencies in the nation to commit affordable rental housing that it owns for homeless San Diegans.

As one of the five key components of its **HOUSING FIRST – SAN DIEGO** Homelessness Action Plan, SDHC will set aside 25 of its own affordable rental units to temporarily provide furnished apartments for homeless individuals and families.

This is a continuing commitment of 25 units year-round, with an annual value of \$348,000.

While many of our homeless programs emphasize support services, some individuals and families may need only a roof over their heads as they work to rebuild their lives. The goal is to help our homeless San Diegans get back on their feet and move on to renting an apartment of their own:

- SDHC units, located throughout the City of San Diego, will be used for this effort, beginning January 1, 2015;
- Tenants will pay up to 30 percent of income they may have toward their rent; and
- Prospective tenants will be identified in referrals from the new Coordinated Assessment and Housing Placement (CAHP) system being utilized by all homeless service providers in Downtown San Diego. Homeless service providers now have the ability to instantly share information to screen homeless individuals, track background information and direct them to the most appropriate housing options.

SDHC owns 2,221 affordable housing units (excluding The Churchill property).

SDHC’s homelessness strategic plan is deeply rooted in the national Housing First model – provide homeless individuals with housing as quickly as possible, with supportive services as needed.

**HOUSING FIRST – SAN DIEGO** was launched on November 12, 2014.

## HOUSING FIRST - SAN DIEGO Lease Agreement

The leases shall be month-to-month with a maximum term of 18 months. Extensions may be granted beyond that through a hardship request.

In addition, SDHC will be implementing the following programs to remove barriers to housing:

- A program to waive security deposits and the \$30 application fee for entry into one of the units
- A monthly utility allowance ranging from \$25 to \$125/month.

## A Call to Action

These units will have basic furnishings such as beds, couch, dining table and chairs. SDHC is actively seeking financial contributions to offset these expenses and other household items.

Please contact [HousingFirstSanDiego@sdhc.org](mailto:HousingFirstSanDiego@sdhc.org) for additional information.

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