### SAN DIEGO HOUSING COMMISSION

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# "Housing Our Heroes" The 1,000 Homeless Veterans Initiative

The San Diego Housing Commission (SDHC) and the City of San Diego are partners in The 1,000 Homeless Veterans Initiative to provide housing for up to 1,000 homeless Veterans in the city within one year, a new initiative of **HOUSING FIRST – SAN DIEGO**, SDHC's landmark three-year Homelessness Action Plan (2014-17).

The 1,000 Homeless Veterans Initiative is investing more than \$12.5 million in City, Federal and SDHC resources over the next two years to provide housing opportunities for homeless Veterans who are living on the streets or living in shelters.

The program was launched on March 1, 2016, after the City Council approved City funding with the Mayor's support.

## Program Update March 1, 2016 – July 20, 2016

#### HOMELESS VETERAN PARTICIPANTS

209 Homeless Veterans have secured rental housing, including 18 families with 34 children.

Above numbers reflect:

- 132 Homeless Veterans with federal housing vouchers
- 77 Homeless Veterans who received financial assistance through the Rapid Rehousing Funds

Currently, 136 Homeless Veterans are searching for rental housing

### Landlord Outreach

"Housing Our Heroes," is the landlord outreach program of The 1,000 Homeless Veterans Initiative.

There are a number of incentives for landlords with rental properties in the city of San Diego (ZIP code 92037 and ZIP codes that begin with 921, excluding 92118) who wish to rent to homeless Veterans.

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#### LANDLORD PARTICIPATION

- 130 landlords have signed up
- 333 rental housing units have been listed

To date, more than \$145,000 has been provided to landlords, including:

- \$54,750 in landlord incentive payments— \$500 for the first rental unit to a homeless Veteran and \$250 for each additional rental unit (136 payments to 83 unique landlords)
- \$91,031 toward security deposits and utilities (60 security deposits; 14 utility deposits)



Established in 1979, the San Diego Housing Commission provides a variety of award-winning affordable housing programs and services that stimulate the local economy, revitalize neighborhoods, and impact the lives of low-income and homeless San Diegans.

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### *"Housing Our Heroes" The 1,000 Homeless Veterans Campaign*

All participants of The 1,000 Homeless Veterans Initiative must be referred by SDHC partner agencies or organizations that provide supportive services to homeless San Diegans.

It is important that homeless Veterans add their names to a database that assesses their housing needs and vulnerability, which will help identify those homeless Veterans who are most in need.

Call or visit the following agencies that can assist homeless Veterans with the registration for this Coordinated Assessment database:

**Alpha Project for the Homeless** (619) 232-4785 3737 5th Ave. San Diego, CA 92103

**Courage to Call** (Mental Health Systems) 211 – Option 4 9445 Farnham St. Suite 100 San Diego, CA 92123

**ElderHelp** (619) 284-9281 3860 Calle Fortunada, #101 San Diego, CA 92123

**Father Joe's Villages** (619) 446-2100 1501 Imperial Avenue San Diego, CA 92101 Joan Kroc Center at Father Joe's Villages (619) 233-8500 1501 Imperial Ave. San Diego, CA 92101

**Neil Good Day Center** (619) 233-8500 299 17th St. San Diego, CA 92101

**PATH** (619) 810-8600 1250 6th Ave. San Diego, CA, 92101

**U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs** (619) 400-5000 7410 Mission Valley Road San Diego, CA 92108 Veterans Community Services (800) 974-9909 5605 El Cajon Blvd. San Diego, CA 92115

**Veterans Village of San Diego** (619) 497-0142 3320 Kemper Street #104 San Diego, CA 92110

Volunteers of America (619) 561-9808 3530 Camino Del Rio North Suite 300 San Diego, CA 92108

For more information: email HousingOurHeroes@sdhc.org, call (619) 578-7768, or visit www.sdhc.org









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