

SDHC PARTNERSHIP CELEBRATES OPENING OF TRANSITIONAL HOUSING AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES FACILITIES FOR FEMALE VETERANS

Majority funding for Hickman Hall provided by the City of San Diego and the San Diego Housing Commission

SAN DIEGO, CA— The San Diego Housing Commission (SDHC) partnership development of 18 transitional housing beds, as well as supportive services facilities, for low-income female Veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan commemorated its grand opening. [Watch Video]

More than 80 percent of the total development cost of \$3.9 million for Veterans Village of San Diego's (VVSD) new construction of Hickman Hall on its five-acre campus in the Midway District was funded by the City of San Diego (City) and SDHC.

"This is what it means to work together," San Diego Mayor Kevin Faulconer said. "This is what it means to have a vision and to see it through to reality for our veterans."

In addition to the 18 transitional housing beds, Hickman Hall includes two managers' units, a counseling center, administrative offices, a gym, library, tenant storage, laundry room, and a dental clinic that will serve VVSD's more than 300 clients.

"This is a new chapter. The village will be able to do even more to serve the men and the women who served our country," Speaker of the California State Assembly Toni Atkins said.

The City invested \$1,746,601 and SDHC invested \$1,444,846 toward the total development cost of \$3,941,447.

The County of San Diego also invested \$50,000, with additional funding provided by private sources.

<u>Funding sources for SDHC's investment</u> included \$1,434,846 from Federal HOME Investment Partnerships Program funds awarded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to the City and administered by SDHC, and \$10,000 from the City's Housing Impact Fees, also administered by SDHC.

A nonprofit corporation, VVSD is the region's largest provider of housing and social services for homeless Veterans.

VVSD's program directs homeless Veterans through a state-licensed residential early treatment program with case management, mental health services, employment development, and reintegration into the community.

Veterans who have 120 days of sobriety and continue to participate in the programs provided by VVSD are eligible to move into the transitional housing located on VVSD's campus, which helps Veterans achieve self-reliance.

Since 2006, SDHC has invested \$9,917,717 in loans and grants toward the creation of 362 beds for early treatment and transitional housing programs on VVSD's campus.

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