



Announcement Regarding Public Comment Opportunities Veterans Housing and Homelessness Prevention Program (VHHP)

California is home to 1.8 million Veterans¹, the largest population in the nation. More than 13,000 of our California Veterans experience homelessness² each year. Many can be helped through the Veterans Housing and Homelessness Prevention (VHHP) Program.

The VHHP Program was made possible when California voters passed Proposition 41 and authorized General Obligation bond financing totaling \$600 million for the purpose of funding the development of rental housing for low-income and homeless Veterans.

The California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) administers the VHHP program in conjunction with the California Housing Finance Agency (CalHFA) and the California Department of Veterans Affairs (CalVet). To date we have awarded \$176 million to 45 developments in two application cycles. These developments will provide more than 1,500 apartments for Veterans, including more than 900 apartments for homeless Veterans.

As we move forward, the next Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) is expected to be released in November. HCD and CalVet have scheduled workshops on proposed revisions to the program guidelines in advance of the next NOFA. The workshops allow interested parties a chance to review the proposed changes and provide input and comments prior to their adoption.

Written comments on the proposed guidelines will also be accepted, until October 21, 2016. Please submit your comments via email to hcdvets@hcd.ca.gov, and indicate the specific guidelines section associated with each comment.

The proposed guideline text, along with a synopsis of the proposed changes, is available at <http://www.hcd.ca.gov/financial-assistance/veterans-housing-and-homelessness-prevention-program/>.

¹ National Center for Veterans Analysis and Statistics

² 2016 PIT Estimate of Veteran Homelessness – by State

If you're interested in attending one of the workshops, please register as soon as possible at <http://hcd-vhhp-workshops.eventbrite.com/>

Workshop Schedule:

<p>October 10, 2016</p> <p>Santa Ana Santa Ana City Council Chambers 22 Civic Center Plaza Santa Ana, CA 92702 10:00 am to 12:00 pm</p>	<p>October 12, 2016</p> <p>Merced Merced Civic Center Council Chambers 678 West 18th Street, 2nd Floor Merced, CA 95340 10:00 am to 12:00 pm</p>
<p>October 14, 2016</p> <p>Sacramento Department of Veterans Affairs 1227 O Street Sacramento, CA 95814 10:00 am to 12:00 pm</p>	<p>October 17, 2016</p> <p>Bakersfield Baker Street Village Community Room 1015 Baker Street Bakersfield, CA 93305 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm</p>

The following California Veterans Homes will also provide a video teleconference of the Sacramento workshop on Friday, October 14, 2016 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm.

California Veterans Home, Barstow:
100 East Veterans Pkwy
Barstow, CA 92311

California Veterans Home, Chula Vista
700 East Naples Ct
Chula Vista, CA 91911

California Veterans Home, Yountville:
100 California Drive
Yountville, CA 94599

California Veterans Home, West L.A.:
11500 Nimitz Ave
Los Angeles, CA 90049

California Veterans Home, Lancaster:
45221 30th Street West
Lancaster, CA 93536

California Veterans Home, Ventura:
10900 Telephone Road
Ventura, CA 93004

California Veterans Home, Redding:
3400 Knighton Road
Redding, CA 96002

California Veterans Home, Fresno:
2811 West California Avenue
Fresno CA 93706

For additional information on this program and others offered by HCD, please subscribe to HCD's email lists at <http://www.hcd.ca.gov/hcd-subscribe.html>. If you have specific questions regarding the VHHP Program, please contact John Nunn, Jr., Program Manager, at John.Nunn@hcd.ca.gov or (916) 274-0575.