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Responses to requests for information:

A description of the federal Dept. of Housing and Urban Development's Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) Program can be found on the HUD website - www.hud.gov/offices/pih/programs/hcv/vash/index.cfm.

The following responses come from my contact at the Boston Veterans Administration (VA) Health Care for the Homeless Office:

demand for veteran family housing -

over the course of a quarter they would find 10-15 veterans with dependents

proportion of veterans needing wheelchair accessible housing -

estimated 7% of veterans are physically handicapped

need for affordable housing among veterans -

approximately 1200 homeless veterans are located in the greater Boston area,

approximately 400 are chronically homeless

approximately 900 homeless veterans receive services from Boston VA

I don't believe the Newon Housing Authority has any information about these issues. They are not a part of this proposal as they are not a participating housing authority in the VASH program.

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This page is located on the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Homes and Communities Web site at <http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/programs/hcv/vash/index.cfm>.



HUD-VASH Vouchers

Overview

The 2008 Consolidated Appropriations Act (the Act) (Public Law 110-161) enacted December 26, 2007, provided \$75 million dollars of funding for the HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) voucher program as authorized under section 8(o)(19) of the United States Housing Act of 1937. The HUD-VASH program combines HUD HCV rental assistance for homeless veterans with case management and clinical services provided by the Veterans Affairs at its medical centers and in the community.

The 2008 Appropriation required HUD to *make such funding available to public housing agencies (PHAs) that partner with eligible VA Medical Centers (VAMC) or other entities as designated by the Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs, based on geographical need for such assistance as identified by the Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs, public housing agency administrative performance, and other factors as specified by the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development in consultation with the Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs.*

Based on this language, the VA identified 132 VAMCs that will participate with the program. In doing so, the VA took into account the population of homeless veterans needing services in the area, the number of homeless veterans served by the homeless programs at each VAMC during FY 2006 and FY 2007, geographic distribution and VA case management resources. There will be at least one site in each of the 50 states and in the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

Generally, the HUD-VASH HCV program will be administered in accordance with regular HCV program requirements (24 CFR Section 982). However, the Act allows HUD to waive or specify alternative requirements for any provision of any statute or regulation that HUD administers in connection with this program in order to effectively deliver and administer HUD-VASH voucher assistance. The HUD-VASH Operating Requirements (including the waivers and alternative requirements from HCV program rules) were published in the Federal Register on May 6, 2008.

HUD awarded funding for approximately 10,000 HUD-VASH vouchers in May 2008.

Related Notices and Guidance

- ▶ PIH Notice 2009-11 - Project-Basing HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing Vouchers
- ▶ Portability Attachment - This document may be attached to form HUD-52665, Family Portability Information, in cases where the HUD-VASH family is moving to another PHA's jurisdiction, but the family's case management services will be provided by the initial PHA's partnering VAMC

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- ▶ PIH 2008-37 — Reporting Requirements for the HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing Program
- ▶ HUD-VASH Questions and Answers: These Qs & As serve as a supplement to the HUD-VASH Operating Requirements published in the Federal Register on May 6 and 19, 2008.
- ▶ There was a printing error in the Federal Register Notice entitled "Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers: Implementation of the HUD-VA Supportive Housing Program," which was published on Tuesday, May 6, 2008. The section on mobility and portability of HUD-VASH vouchers (Section F) is incomplete. The Federal Register issued a correction on Monday, May 19, 2008. Below are links to a complete version of the Operating Requirements, as well as the May 6th and May 19th publications in the Federal Register.
HUD-VASH Operating Requirements ♦ Complete Version
- ▶ Federal Register Notice ♦ May 6, 2008
- ▶ Federal Register Notice ♦ May 19, 2008

Webcasts

- ▶ **HUD-VASH Satellite Broadcast 10-27-2009:** Below are the materials discussed during the HUD-VASH satellite broadcast of October 27, 2009
 - ▶ HUD-VASH Operating Requirements (MS-PowerPoint)
 - ▶ HUD-VASH Reporting Requirements (MS-PowerPoint)
 - ▶ HUD-VASH: The VA Perspective (MS-PowerPoint)
 - ▶ HUD-VASH Project Based Vouchers (MS-PowerPoint)
 - ▶ HUD-VASH and HUD's Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (MS-PowerPoint)
- ▶ **HUD-VASH Satellite Broadcast 02-10-2009:** Below are the materials that were discussed during the HUD-VASH satellite broadcast of February 10, 2009.
 - ▶ HUD Presentation (MS-PowerPoint)
 - ▶ VA Presentation (MS-PowerPoint)
- ▶ **HUD-VASH Satellite Broadcast 09-19-2008:** Below are the materials that were discussed during the HUD-VASH satellite broadcast of September 19, 2008.
 - ▶ Program and Reporting Requirements (MS-PowerPoint)
 - ▶ VA Update (MS-PowerPoint)
- ▶ **HUD-VASH Satellite Broadcast 05-08-2008:** Below are the documents related to the HUD-VASH Satellite Broadcast of May 8, 2008. These documents will be used during the Broadcast.
 - ▶ VA Case Management (MS-PowerPoint)
 - ▶ HUD - VASH Operating Requirements (MS-PowerPoint)
- ▶ View archived HUD-VASH Webcasts

HUD-VASH Contact Information

- ▶ PHA Contacts for HUD-VASH
- ▶ VA Sites and PHAs (MS-Excel)

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