

Housing authority gets \$121K to help homeless vets

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The Fresno Housing Authority is set to receive \$121,000 from the U.S. departments of Housing and Urban Development and Veterans Affairs to assist homeless veterans in securing permanent housing.

Altogether, the departments announced [\\$13.53 million](#) in rental vouchers to local public housing agencies as part of their HUD-Veterans Affairs Supporting Housing (HUD-VASH) program.

The money will help an additional 1,984 homeless veterans find and afford permanent housing.

With the \$121,000 for the [Fresno Housing Authority](#), the agency will be able to award 22 rental vouchers to veterans once they are referred by the VA Central California Health Care System from its [Fresno medical center](#).

Veterans participating in the HUD-VASH program rent privately owned housing and generally contribute no more than 30 percent of their income toward rent.

The Department of Veterans Affairs also offers eligible homeless veterans clinical and supportive services through its medical centers as part of the program.

Since HUD-VASH funding began in 2008, the two agencies have supported vouchers for 68,000 homeless Veterans, including 12,369 homeless veterans in California.

Last October, the two agencies awarded \$62 million in HUD-VASH vouchers to assist more than 9,000 homeless veterans nationwide.

The latest award of \$4.9 million to California public housing agencies will provide rental assistance for an additional 579 homeless veterans in the state.

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