

August 18, 2016

Board of County Commissioner
Clackamas County

Members of the Board:

Approval to apply to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Set-Aside
Funding Availability for Project-Basing HUD-VASH Vouchers

Purpose/Outcomes	Permission to apply for 25 Veteran Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) Vouchers to be used in a Housing First Model
Dollar Amount and Fiscal Impact	Approximate value of \$365,000 annually, if awarded
Funding Source	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. No County General Funds used.
Duration	Continuously renewed annually
Previous Board Action	None
Strategic Plan Alignment	1. Sustainable and affordable housing 2. Ensure safe, healthy and secure communities
Contact Person	Chuck Robbins, Executive Director, 503-650-5666
Contract No.	None

BACKGROUND:

The Veteran Administration (VA) and the Department of Housing and Urban Development provide funding to pay rental assistance for Veterans and this funding includes close case management by the VA for each of the veteran families. HACC currently has 51 VASH vouchers. HACC would like to expand its Veteran housing assistance and offer 25 additional Project Based Vouchers as an option for local affordable housing providers to tie to specific units. These units would be required to follow the Housing First model, which puts the Veteran in housing regardless of rental barriers and surrounds them with services and support. If HACC is awarded the additional vouchers, a Request for Proposals will be advertised soliciting applications from parties invested in placing these vouchers in their developments.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the approval to apply for this grant and acceptance of the award, if funded. Staff further recommends authorizing Chuck Robbins, Executive Director to sign all grant documents on behalf of Clackamas County.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Swift, Director
Health, Housing & Human Services