



## **Agenda Item IV: Department Updates**

Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council Meeting, October 8, 2019

### **1. Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD):**

#### **No Place Like Home (NPLH)**

In 2018, California voters approved Proposition 2, authorizing funding for NPLH program.

- HCD released a second competitive NOFA in September 2019.
- Amendments to the NPLH Guidelines were released at the end of September 2019.
- All counties, except Alpine County, intend to use Noncompetitive Allocation funds, and have submitted their County Noncompetitive Allocation Acceptance Form.

#### **California Emergency Solutions and Housing (CESH):**

The 2018-19 Budget allocates about 25% of the first year's SB 2 revenues to CoCs through CESH.

- All but three of the 2018 Standard Agreements have been executed. All California CoCs applied and were awarded approximately \$53M in the first round using a portion of SB 2 funds and remaining ESG funds.
- In March 2019, HCD released the second CESH NOFA for approximately \$29M. Applications were due on June 28, 2019, and HCD anticipates awarding the funds in October 2019.

#### **Housing for Healthy California (HHC):**

The 2018-19 Budget allocates about 25% of the first year's SB 2 revenues to CoCs through HHC.

- In May 2019, HCD released two NOFAs (for counties and developers, respectively), totaling \$93 million.
- HCD received 24 applications and anticipates awarding funds in December 2019.

#### **Veterans Housing and Homelessness Prevention (VHHP):**

VHHP provides loans to developers to acquire, build, or rehabilitate permanent supportive housing for veterans experiencing chronic homelessness or risk of chronic homelessness.

- HCD anticipates releasing a fifth NOFA by November 2019, with applications due in January.
- Round 5 Guidelines are under consideration and will be finalized by November 2019.

#### **Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG)**

- In March 2019, HCD released two ESG NOFAs for approximately \$6M for the CoC Allocation and approximately \$5M for the Balance of State Allocation. Applications were due May 30, 2019.
- The application deadline was extended to July 31, 2019, for applicants impacted by a 2018 FEMA disaster including Butte, Los Angeles, Ventura, Shasta, San Diego, and Santa Barbara Counties.
- HCD anticipates announcing awards in October 2019.

## 2. *Department of Veterans Affairs (CalVet):*

### **Veteran's Housing and Homelessness Prevention program (VHHP):**

- The CalVet VHHP team continued its outreach campaign in July with informative and lively presentations in Tulare, Modesto, Chico, Auburn, Santa Barbara, and Santa Cruz. The purpose was to create excitement and awareness of the funding opportunity to develop multifamily affordable rental housing for veterans with low income and permanent supportive housing for veterans experiencing homelessness.
- VHHP developments that broke ground this quarter:
  - Alameda Point Senior will be erected on the grounds of the former Naval Air Station Alameda and will be part of a massive \$1 billion master development. Of its 60 affordable housing units, 28 will be restricted to veterans, most of which will house veterans experiencing homelessness with a disability with supportive services provided by Operation Dignity.
  - Windsor Veterans Village will be a 100% veteran development with 60 housing units in Windsor, all dedicated to veterans experiencing homelessness. Supportive services at Windsor Veterans Village will be provided by Veterans Resource Center of America.
  - Rosa de Castilla in Los Angeles is expected to provide roughly half of its units for veterans experiencing homelessness (49 of 90 total units), many of which are two-plus bedrooms with supportive services provided by New Directions for Veterans.
- VHHP Grand Openings this quarter:
  - Valley View Senior homes in American Canyon will restrict 22 of its 70 units for veterans at a variety of income ranges including veterans experiencing homelessness.
  - Veterans Villas in Escondido, a 100 percent veteran development, will feature 54 units of permanent supportive housing for veterans experiencing homelessness, with supportive services provided by Veteran Village of San Diego.
- The CalVet VHHP team in partnership with HCD is finalizing the Program Guidelines for the upcoming 5<sup>th</sup> round NOFA which is expected to publish around Veteran's Day.