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INNOVATIVE COUNTY PROGRAMS HONORED FOR COMBATING HOMELESSNESS

County Receives Awards For Helping Homeless Individuals and Families

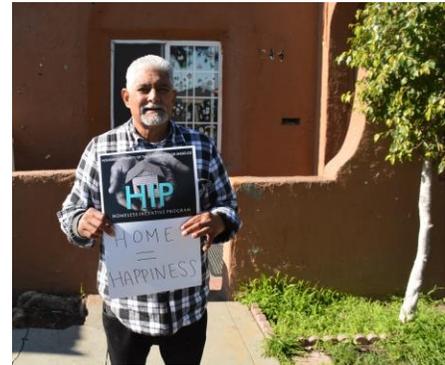
Alhambra, CA, June 8, 2017 – The National Association of Counties (NACo) awarded the Community Development Commission (CDC) and the Housing Authority of the County of Los Angeles (HACoLA) two 2017 Achievement Awards, and recognized HACoLA as part of NACo's 100 Brilliant Ideas at Work.



The CDC's South Los Angeles Recuperative Care Center (Center) received an Achievement Award in the Health category. The 38-bed Center provides an environment for homeless patients to recover after major surgery, following discharge from County hospitals. The Center's goal is to stabilize patients recovering from acute illness, injuries, or conditions that would be exacerbated by living on the streets or in a shelter.

HACoLA's "Combating Homelessness: An Incentive-Based Approach" received an Achievement Award, and was selected by NACo as one of the 100 Brilliant Ideas at Work, which are programs that showcase the best innovations in county government. To help combat homelessness, HACoLA established two programs, the Landlord Veteran

Incentive Program (VIP) and the Homeless Incentive Program (HIP), that offer incentives to landlords in order to help homeless veterans, individuals, and families compete against the tight rental housing market and non-subsidized renters.



Sean Rogan, Executive Director of the CDC and HACoLA, shared, “It’s an honor to be recognized by NACo for our efforts in combating homelessness. We are committed to developing and implementing programs that will improve the lives of homeless and low-income individuals, veterans, and families in Los Angeles County.”

NACo President Bryan Desloge said, “Counties overcome complex challenges, provide essential services and constantly do more with less. We applaud these Achievement Award-winning counties for outstanding efforts to improve residents’ quality of life.”

Started in 1970, NACo’s annual Achievement Award Program is designed to recognize innovative county government programs. Each nominee is judged on its own merits and not against other applications received. Nationally, awards are given in 18 different categories that reflect the vast, comprehensive services counties provide. The categories include children and youth, criminal justice, county administration, information technology, health, civic engagement, and many more.

NACo will recognize award-winning counties at its 2017 Annual Conference and Exposition from July 21 through July 24, 2017 in Franklin County, Ohio.

For more information about NACo and the 2017 Achievement Awards, please contact David Jackson at djackson@naco.org. All media may contact Elisa Vásquez, Public Information Officer for the CDC and HACoLA, at (626) 586-1762.

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