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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT AWARDS OVER \$520,000 TO THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FOR HOMELESS VETERANS ASSISTANCE

50 New Veterans Affairs Housing Vouchers Awarded from 2010 Competition

LOS ANGELES, July 26, 2011 – Last month, the Housing Authority of the County of Los Angeles (HACoLA) was awarded 50 vouchers, equaling \$527,628 for 12-month rental assistance, through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) Voucher Program. The HUD-VASH Program combines Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) rental assistance for homeless veterans with case management and clinical services provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). HACoLA is working with the VA to provide these services for participating veterans at the Greater Los Angeles Health Care System/West Los Angeles Veterans Affairs Medical Center (VAMC).

“I am proud to add these 50 HUD-VASH vouchers to our existing allocation of 505 that HACoLA administers in partnership with the VAMC of Greater Los Angeles. The HUD-VASH Program allows us to give back to our Country’s heroes and we join HUD Secretary



Shaun Donovan in supporting the young men and women who have been fighting for us around the world as they return to Los Angeles County.” said Sean Rogan, Executive Director of HACoLA.

HACoLA was one of only five housing authorities to receive 50 vouchers, the maximum number any one housing authority/jurisdiction could receive from HUD in Fiscal Year 2010. Veterans are referred to HACoLA for these vouchers based upon a variety of factors, but most importantly on their need for, and ability to, benefit from supportive housing. Supportive housing includes both the financial help the voucher provides and the comprehensive case management that medical staff provides. Veterans participating in the HUD-VASH Program rent privately owned housing and generally contribute no more than 30% of their income toward rent. The VA offers eligible homeless Veterans clinical and supportive services through its medical centers across the U.S., Guam and Puerto Rico.

For more information on the County’s HUD-VASH Program, please call Georganne Colvin at (562) 347-4821.

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