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Secretary Shinseki Announces an Additional $10.3 Million to Help Eliminate Veterans Homelessness

WASHINGTON – Eleven states will share more than $10.3 million in grants to community groups to provide enhanced services for homeless Veterans this year. This is in addition to the $59.5 million in preventive grants awarded earlier this year.

"Homelessness is a national issue that will be solved at the local level," said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric K. Shinseki. "VA is proud to partner with the community organizations that share our dedication to serving those who served this Nation. They are pulling Veterans out of homelessness and setting them on the path to independence."

As a key component of VA's plan to eliminate homelessness among Veterans, VA's Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Program provides grants and per diem payments to help public and nonprofit organizations establish and operate supportive housing and service centers for homeless Veterans. As a result of this funding, provided through a program known as VA Special Need Grants for Homeless Veterans Service Providers, 26 projects will receive approximately $10.3 million to continue providing enhanced services for homeless Veterans who are seriously mentally ill. The grants will also greatly benefit homeless women Veterans, including women with children, elderly women, or those who may be terminally ill.

For more information, visit VA's website for the National Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Office at www.va.gov/homeless/GPD.ASP. Additionally, VA has a National Call Center for Homeless Veterans, 1-877-4AID VET (1-877-424-3838), http://www.va.gov/HOMELESS/NationalCallCenter.asp.

Recipients of VA Special Need Grants for Homeless Veterans Service Providers

State	City	Recipients	Special Need Population	Amount
AR	Little Rock	St. Francis House, Inc.	Chronically mentally ill	$367,500
CA	Los Angeles	Salvation Army, a California Corporation	Women, including women who have care of minor dependents	$325,500
	San Francisco	Swords to Plowshares	Chronically mentally ill	$682,499
	San Francisco	Swords to Plowshares	Frail elderly	$331,638
	Los Angeles	The Salvation Army	Chronically mentally ill	$300,337
	Long Beach	United States Veterans Initiative, Inc.	Women, including women who have care of minor dependents	$252,138
	Sacramento	Vietnam Veterans of California, Inc.	Women, including women who have care of minor dependents	$321,454
	Sacramento	Vietnam Veterans of California, Inc.	Chronically mentally ill	$436,106

	San Diego	Vietnam Veterans of San Diego	Women, including women who have care of minor dependents	$300,615
	San Diego	Vietnam Veterans of San Diego	Chronically mentally ill	$550,200
	Los Angeles	Volunteers of America Los Angeles	frail elderly	$524,941
CO	Denver	Catholic Charities and Community Services Denver	Chronically mentally ill	$629,207
FL	Cocoa	Volunteers of America of Florida, Inc.	Chronically mentally ill	$365,492
IN	Indianapolis	HVAF of Indiana, Inc.	Chronically mentally ill	$498,750
MA	Leeds	United Veterans of America, Inc.	Chronically mentally ill	$520,597
	Leeds	United Veterans of America, Inc.	Women, including women who have care of minor dependents	$206,126
	Boston	Vietnam Veterans Workshop, Inc.	Frail elderly	$308,452
	Boston	Vietnam Veterans Workshop, Inc.	Chronically mentally ill	$452,686
MD	Hagerstown	Way Station, Inc.	Chronically mentally ill	$481,768
NY	Bay Shore	United Veterans Beacon House, Inc.	Frail elderly	$250,950
OH	Cleveland	Volunteers of America of Greater Ohio, Inc.	Chronically mentally ill	$498,750
	Columbus	Volunteers of America of Greater Ohio, Inc.	Chronically mentally ill	$420,000
	Cleveland	West Side Catholic Center	Women, including women who have care of minor dependents	$105,000
TX	El Paso	Opportunity Center for the Homeless	Chronically mentally ill	$261,872
	Houston	United States Veterans Initiative, Inc.	Chronically mentally ill	$420,000
UT	Salt Lake City	First Step House, Inc.	Chronically mentally ill	$479,267

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