



## News Release

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### **HATC RECEIVES \$850,539 GRANT TO CONTINUE ASSISTANCE TO AUSTIN'S HOMELESS**

The Housing Authority of Travis County (HATC) has been awarded \$850,539 Continuum of Care (CoC) grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the continuation of HATC's homeless initiative. The grant application process involves an application and a presentation that reviewed by an allocation panel, which 10 other agencies applied. The grant award funding will start June 1, 2018.

The Continuum of Care Program (CoC) provides rental assistance and supportive services for homeless families and individuals with disabilities, primarily those with serious mental illness, chronic problems due to alcohol or drug dependencies, and acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) or related diseases. HATC is committed to serving at least 74 homeless participants however we always manage to provide housing to approximately 95 households.

*"HATC is committed to working with our local partners to reduce homelessness in Austin, through programs that provide affordable, quality housing for homeless individuals and families," says Patrick B. Howard, CEO/Executive Director. "HATC provides the housing assistance, while our partners provide the supportive services to address the issues that affect our residents' quality of life."*

Grants of this nature support a variety of programs including street outreach, client assessment, and direct housing assistance to individuals and families with children who are experiencing homelessness.

HUD makes available funding each year for the CoC Program, designed to promote a community-wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness. The CoC Program provides funding for efforts by nonprofit providers, States, and local governments to quickly re-house homeless individuals and families while minimizing the trauma and dislocation caused to homeless individuals, families, and communities by homelessness. The program also promotes access to and effective utilization of mainstream programs by homeless individuals and families; and optimizes self-sufficiency among individuals and families experiencing homelessness.

**HATC embraces the mission of "Preserving and developing affordable housing and vibrant communities to enhance the quality of life for all." For more information, visit [www.hatctx.com](http://www.hatctx.com) or find us on Facebook.**