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HATC SECURES OVER \$100,000 FROM THE HUD-VASH PROGRAM TO SUPPORT HOMELESS VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES

Austin, TX – The Housing and Urban Development-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) program awarded the Housing Authority of Travis County (HATC) with 15 additional HUD-VASH vouchers, bringing the total number of HUD-VASH vouchers administered by HATC to 30.

Effective in 2/1/2020, this award represents a new allocation of \$106,346 in annual federal funds to help provide even more veterans with immediate access to permanent housing. “The new allocation will ensure we continue to dedicate resources to serve and support homeless veterans and their families in Central Texas,” said Patrick B. Howard, HATC CEO and Executive Director.

The HUD-VASH program is a collaborative program between HUD and VA that combines HUD housing vouchers with VA supportive services to help homeless and chronically homeless veterans and their families find and sustain permanent housing. HATC will administer HUD-VASH vouchers in collaboration with the Central Texas Veterans Health Care System (CTVHCS) and the Department of Veterans Affairs Austin Outpatient Clinic.

“The HUD-VASH program is an important part of our ongoing effort to reach and maintain the effective end to homelessness among Veterans in Travis County,” said Rachele Misiti, LCSW-S, CTVHCS Assistant Chief of Social Work.

To receive a voucher, veterans must first contact CTVHCS for eligibility purposes, at which point they are referred to HATC. Once the voucher is issued by HATC, Veterans will then pay no more than 30% of their adjusted income, while the VASH Voucher will pay the remaining balance of the rent set by the property owner.

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