

Veterans Housing and Homelessness Prevention Program



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Governor signs AB 639 (October 10, 2013)

Proposition 41 approved by voters (June 2014)

Pre-Framework Design (March-July 2014)

- Over 20 stakeholder interviews conducted
- Site visits to public housing authorities, VA health networks, veteran service providers, and localities in Los Angeles, San Diego and San Jose
- Phone consultation with federal agencies, including federal VA, HUD, and United States Interagency Council on Homelessness

VHHP Guiding Framework released in July 2014-November 2014

- Six public information and listening workshops throughout the state (LA area, Riverside, Bay Area, Sacramento, Fresno, San Diego) with over 200 attendees and three State agencies

Draft VHHP Guidelines released for comment (November 2014-February 2015)

- Two public listening sessions in Los Angeles and Oakland with over 100 participants attending and three State agencies
- Written comments received from over 40 groups
- HCD response to comments available February 2015 for final Guidelines and NOFA

Round 1 NOFA and Guidelines released (February 2015) and funds awarded (June 2015)

- Four Round 1 NOFA application workshops
- Three March workshops in San Francisco, Los Angeles and San Diego, co-sponsored by CSH and California Housing Partnership to strengthen projects and services in San Francisco.
- Three public feedback sessions on the application process and Round 1 program

design in Los Angeles, Oakland and Sacramento with video conferencing to Chula Vista, Fresno and Yountville with over 100 participating to develop Round 2 NOFA

Round 2 NOFA released (October 2015) and funds awarded (Spring 2016)

- Four NOFA application information sessions and webinars (Oakland, Riverside, San Diego, Fresno)
- Staff presented on VHHP as part of a panel at the Housing California annual conference in March 2016 and at the San Diego Housing Commission in June 2016.

Round 3 NOFA released (December 2016) and funds awarded (December 2017)

- Three NOFA application information sessions and webinars (Santa Ana, Oakland, San Diego)
- Formal Stakeholder Advisory Committee Process: November 2015-April 2016 a VHHP Advisory Committee held 4 meetings
- Round 3 Guideline/NOFA Public Hearings: a public hearing was held before the Senate Transportation and Housing Committee & Senate Veterans Affairs Committee, January 5, 2016

Anticipated Round 4 NOFA Stakeholder Engagement Process

- As part of the continual improvement process HCD and CalVet are collaborating to identify opportunities for public outreach including a webinar, a teleconference broadcast to CalVet facilities and Technical Assistance workshops. This effort will take place in the spring of 2018.