

Veterans Housing and Homelessness Prevention Program



Program Overview

Background

In 2013, the State Legislature authorized approximately \$600 million (AB 639, Perez) in general obligation bonds to construct, acquire, or rehabilitate affordable multifamily rental, transitional and supportive housing for low-income veterans and their families experiencing homelessness and housing instability.

Program Implementation

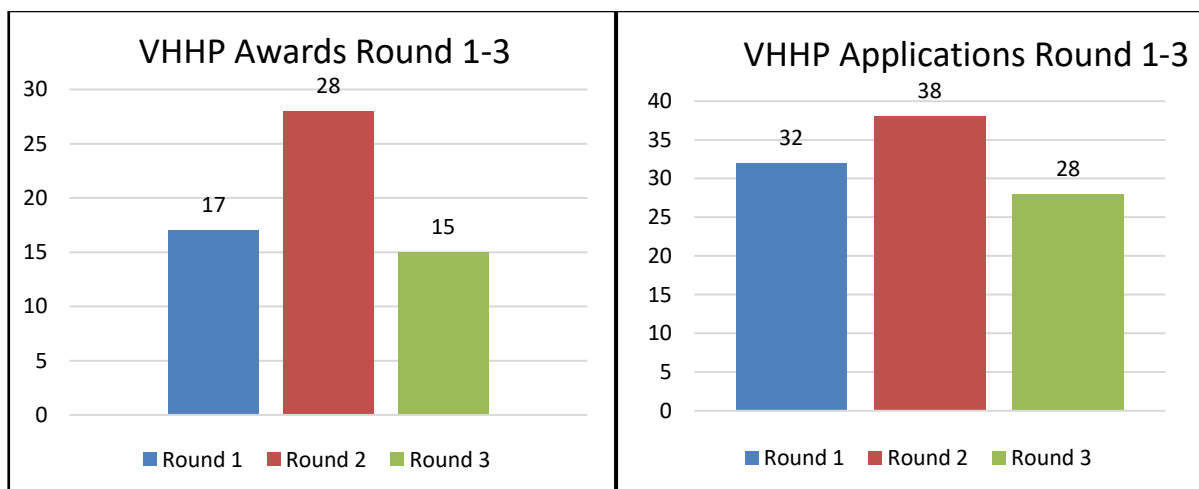
The California Department of Veteran Affairs (CalVet), California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) and California Housing Finance Agency (CalHFA) collaboratively developed and implement the Veterans Housing and Homelessness Prevention (VHHP) Program. A Steering Committee meets regularly to provide implementation oversight of the Program.

Program Goals and Progress

- Goal: Make available at least \$75 million annually for the development and preservation of affordable housing and related facilities for veterans and their families to maintain housing stability.

Progress: As of January 2018, a total of \$238.3 million has been awarded in three rounds of funding to a total of 60 projects. A Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the fourth round of funding will be released in April 2018 and will make an additional \$75 million available for new VHHP projects.

The chart below illustrates the number of applications and awards made since the first round of funding in 2015. The decrease in Round 3 reflects program changes to ensure that projects are ‘shovel-ready’ and will be able to complete construction in a timely manner.



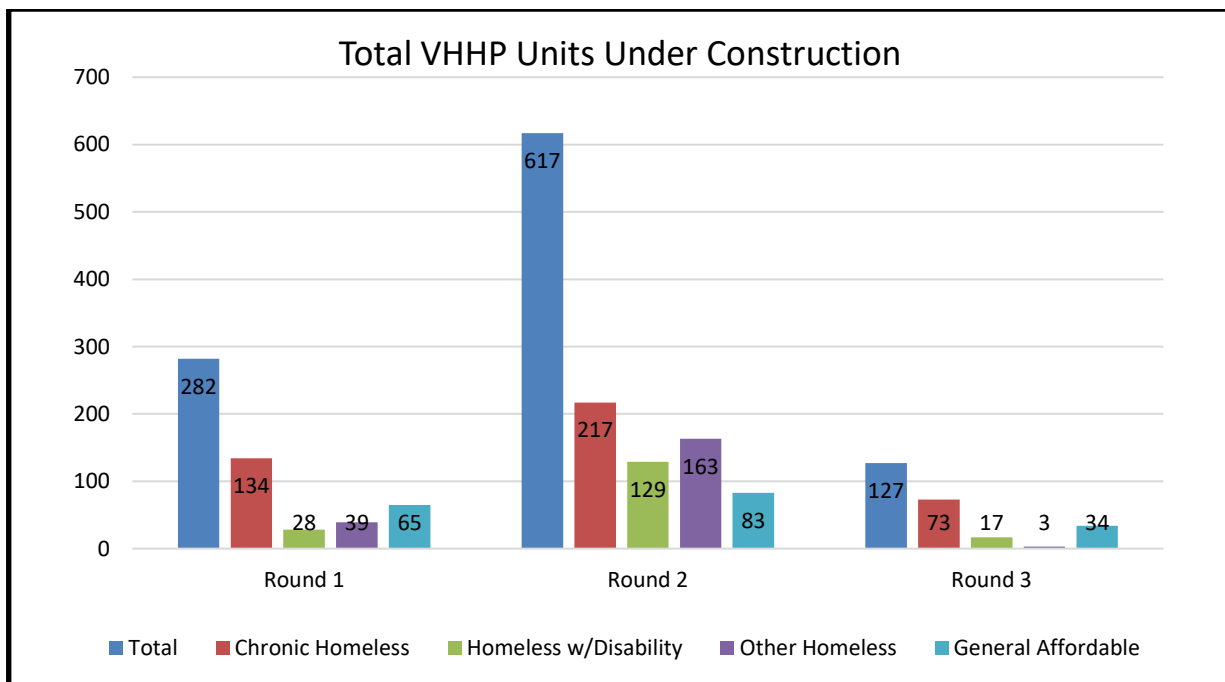
- Goal: House veterans at a variety of income levels, with a focus on veterans experiencing temporary or chronic homelessness

Progress: As of January 2018, projects that will provide housing for a total of approximately 1,026 veterans experiencing temporary or chronic homelessness have been approved and are in the construction process. An estimated 749 (73%) of these veterans are veterans who have experienced chronic homelessness.

- Goal: Ensure 50% of the funding serves extremely low-income veterans and 60% of the housing reach extremely low-income households and shall be permanent supportive housing.

Progress: As of January 2018, 71% of the total VHHP funded units will be income- limited to extremely low-income veterans. An estimated 90% of these VHHP funded units will reach extremely low-income households and provide permanent supportive housing.

The chart below illustrates the number of veteran’s housing units under construction, broken down by units for veterans experiencing chronic homelessness, those with extremely low incomes, and those needing permanent supportive housing. The total number of units currently under construction is 1,026.

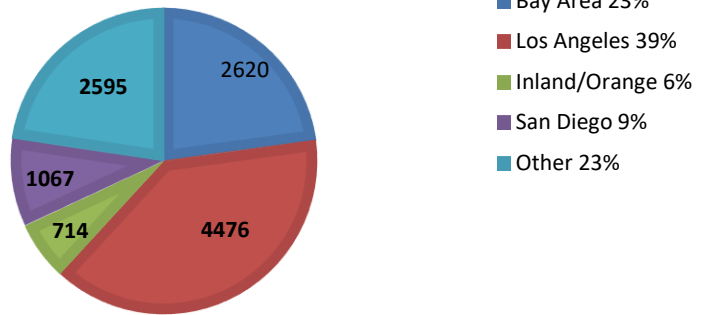


- Goal: Prioritize housing to be developed in areas with especially high concentrations of California’s most vulnerable veterans while preserving funding for other areas

Progress: As of January 2018, 77% of total funding awarded has been allocated for housing in areas with especially high concentrations of the most vulnerable veterans. The remaining 23% has been distributed to ensure allocation of funding in other areas of the state.

The charts below illustrate the geographic distribution of veterans in California and the regional distribution of VHHP funds for the first three rounds. Per the funding allocation formula included in AB 639, the majority of VHHP funding has been awarded to projects serving major metropolitan areas, including Los Angeles and San Francisco where the number of veterans experiencing homelessness or at-risk of homelessness is greatest. However, the next funding round will include an approach to provide greater geographic distribution of funds throughout the state.

NUMBER OF CA VETERANS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS BASED ON 2017 POINT IN TIME(PIT) COUNTS



VHHP Funds Awarded by Region - Cumulative

