



# Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles

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## **HUD Approves Higher Voucher Payment Standard for HUD-VASH Program,** Landlords who rent to homeless veterans will receive increased rental subsidy

**Los Angeles** - The Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles (HACLA) today announced the agency's request for an increase in the voucher payment standard (VPS) for the HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (**HUD-VASH**) program has been granted by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

"HUD's approval of this waiver request will provide landlords with additional support to house our homeless veterans," said HACLA President and CEO Douglas Guthrie. "We appreciate the federal government's support and hope that this adjustment will increase the lease-up rate for the program in this tight rental market."

The new HUD-VASH VPS takes effect starting September 11, 2017 for new contracts. The published rate is the maximum contract rent allowable if supported by a rent comparability study.

The adjusted payment standard is as follows:

Bedroom Size	Old HUD-VASH VPS	New HUD-VASH VPS
Zero BR	\$1,231	\$1,496
One BR	\$1,500	\$1,808
Two BR	\$1,936	\$2,339
Three BR	\$2,611	\$3,148
Four BR	\$2,895	\$3,486

HACLA has taken the following steps to help veterans find housing: (1) streamlining the application and leasing process; (2) conducting landlord outreach events across the city; (3) implementing interjurisdictional agreements with neighboring housing authorities; and (4) establishing a Homeless Incentive Program which provides landlord vacancy hold incentives, security deposit assistance and damage mitigation funds.

The agency continues to review and implement various strategies in support of the goal of ending veteran homelessness in the City of Los Angeles.

If you are a landlord interested in learning more about the HUD-VASH or the Homeless Incentives programs, please contact Itzel Amezcun at (213)252-5385.

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