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SAHA RECEIVES NEARLY \$1 MILLION IN ADDITIONAL FUNDING TO ASSIST HOMELESS SAN ANTONIO FAMILIES

SAN ANTONIO – The San Antonio Housing Authority (SAHA) has been awarded nearly \$1 million in additional funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Services (HUD) for two programs addressing homelessness – the Shelter Plus Care Program (S+C) and the Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) program.

SAHA was recently awarded \$580,500 from HUD for the S+C program, to provide rental assistance to homeless families. This is in addition to a one-year, \$669,264 grant that SAHA received in January of this year.

The S+C Program provides long-term rental assistance and supportive services for homeless persons with disabilities, such as mental illness, substance abuse problems and HIV/AIDS or related diseases. SAHA is currently working with Center for Health Care Services to provide these services.

HUD also recently awarded SAHA \$385,872 for the agency's VASH program, which will fund an additional 100 vouchers for homeless veterans.

Like the S+C Program, participants in the VASH program receive rental assistance along with case management. Clinical services for VASH participants are provided by the Veterans Affairs at its medical centers and in the community.

"We are committed to reducing homelessness in San Antonio," says Lourdes Castro Ramirez, SAHA President and CEO. "These grants allow us to provide affordable, quality housing for families while working with them on issues that affect their quality of life."

Housing assistance combined with vital supportive services for individuals living with mental illness or other serious health problems significantly enhances housing stability, and numerous research studies have proven it is less costly than other forms of emergency and institutional care.

The S+C and VASH programs are in addition to SAHA's other homelessness initiatives, including a partnership with Haven for Hope.

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