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Lafayette Receives Federal Housing Vouchers for Veterans, Disabled

LAFAYETTE, INDIANA – November 6, 2018 – The City of Lafayette is pleased to announce that the Lafayette Housing Authority was selected as one of five Indiana agencies to be awarded U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) vouchers. These additional 10 HUD-VASH vouchers bring the total to 33 locally administered VASH vouchers. The vouchers combine rental assistance for homeless veterans with case management and clinical services provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). LHA's performance data is one of the key factors used by HUD to determine which agencies are selected.

Lafayette Mayor Tony Roswarski said, "Although often hidden from public view, we want our local veterans to know that we recognize their needs and remain committed to offering assistance. Through a concentrated coordination of efforts from LHA, HUD and the VA, we stand ready to help. Supporting local veterans has always been a major focus for the Lafayette Housing Authority."

The City further notes that the Lafayette Housing Authority is one of five Indiana agencies awarded HUD Mainstream Vouchers for the Non-Elderly Disabled (NED). This program helps to advance the goals of the Americans with Disabilities Act by helping persons with disabilities live in the most integrated setting. The program also encourages partnerships with health and human service agencies with a demonstrated capacity to coordinate voluntary services and supports to enable individuals to live independently in the community.



The 35 new vouchers are the first mainstream vouchers received locally in over 15 years. LHA has a total of 1,273 vouchers and the allocation is currently:

- 1,146 vouchers;
- 59 project based vouchers for chronically homeless;
- 33 VASH; and
- 35 NED.

LHA uses a preference point system to place applicants on the waiting list. LHA distributes \$6.1 million of HUD rental subsidies vouchers in Lafayette, West Lafayette and the five-mile radius of the city limits in order to provide safe and secure housing while working to deconcentrate poverty.

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For more information on these or other housing assistance programs, please visit LHA at <http://www.lafayette.in.gov/314/Housing-Authority>

