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HUD VETERAN RESOURCE CENTER

The HUD Veteran Resource Center provides important information about the full range of resources and initiatives available at HUD, with a special emphasis on those veterans most in need--the homeless. Through the HUD Veteran Resource Center, you may receive significant information on program resources available to assist veterans in communities. These programs include: the Continuum of Care/Homeless Assistance Programs, Community Development Block Grants, HOME Investment Partnerships, HOPE 3, and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS.

Call the HUD Veteran Resource Center for Funding Announcements, Grant Applications and Supplemental Materials, Program Regulations and Guides, Technical Assistance Information, Training and Conference Information and updates on HUD/CPD.

The HUD Veteran Resource Center provides information and referral services to:

- Federal, State and local government agencies
- Veteran Service Organizations
- Religious organizations
- Other Non-Profits
- Individuals
- Veterans
- Homeless groups
- Educational institutions

For more information about the HUD Veteran Resource Center call:

1-800-998-9999

You can also reach the HUD Veteran Resource Center at:

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HUD Assistance for Veterans Who Are Homeless: A Fact Sheet

President Clinton and HUD Secretary Cisneros are committed to working side by side with communities across the country to help break the cycle of homelessness among all Americans, including our military veterans.

To tackle the problem of homelessness, comprehensive strategies must be forged -- strategies that recognize the particular needs of each segment of the homeless population, including veterans. This strategy is called the Continuum of Care.



It is vital that veterans and their advocates become a part of the Continuum of Care in their community.

To continue to enhance HUD's efforts on behalf of veterans, Andrew Cuomo, HUD Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, has taken several actions. First, in early 1996, he appointed Bill Pittman as the Department's Liaison for Veteran Services. Second, in April 1996, Mr. Cuomo established the *HUD Veteran Resource Center*. The Center provides important information about the full range of resources and initiatives at HUD, with special emphasis on those veterans most in need -- the homeless.

HUD is also continuing to work with other Federal agencies to help expand veteran services:

- For instance, HUD agreed in February, 1996 to help fund the Department of Labor's (DOL) effort to help homeless veterans obtain housing, training and jobs. HUD transferred \$1.3 million to DOL to match DOL funding for the Homeless Veteran's Reintegration program.
- HUD actively participates in several important veteran interagency efforts. HUD is part of the White House Veteran's Policy Group and the Interagency Council on the Homeless' Veterans Task Force.

HUD recently announced that 43 veteran-specific programs and 660 projects, whose clientele will include homeless veterans, have been awarded a total of \$450 million in 1996 McKinney Continuum of Care homeless assistance funds. Communities with the most inclusive, coordinated process that address the needs of all homeless subpopulations, including veterans, were rewarded. In addition, HUD has already allocated by formula to States and local governments \$115 million of Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) program funds. ESG funds thousands of emergency and transitional shelters that often address veteran needs.

Finally, HUD has significant additional program resources available to assist veterans in communities in addition to the McKinney Act homeless programs. These programs include: Community Development Block Grants (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships and Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA).

For more information about HUD services for veterans, interested persons can call the HUD Veteran Resource Center at 1-800-998-9999.