



TACOMA HOUSING AUTHORITY

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100 Special Housing Vouchers Awarded to Tacoma Housing Authority

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) announced its award of special purpose vouchers to assist non-elderly persons with disabilities to move from nursing homes and other healthcare facilities to live independently. Nationwide it awarded only 948 vouchers; it awarded 100 of them to the Tacoma Housing Authority. “We are pleased to get these vouchers,” said Michael Mirra, THA executive director. “They will help people move from expensive institutional settings they do not need if only they had an affordable and stable home. This will improve their lives and save money for the state and federal health care budgets. We are very pleased to do this work with the Department of Social and Health Services. It is a very effective partnership.”

Individuals receiving rental assistance through the program will also receive health and social supports, such as in-home nursing and personal care services, that will enable them to live independently in their communities rather than in institutions. These supports are provided through Medicare and Medicaid grants awarded to DSHS. THA and DSHS will coordinate closely to select eligible participants for the special voucher program.

About Tacoma Housing Authority

Established in 1940, Tacoma Housing Authority engages in a wide range of efforts to help its City meet the growing need for affordable housing. THA develops and manages real estate. It provides rental housing. In partnership with thousands of private landlords, it helps families pay the

rent in the private rental market. It delivers supportive services to help families succeed as tenants, parents, students and wage earners who can live without assistance. It helps them purchase their first home. THA seeks to do its work in ways that help neighborhoods be attractive places to live, work, attend school, shop and play, and that help its City be prosperous, healthy and just. For more information about THA, go to www.tacomahousing.org.