



TACOMA HOUSING AUTHORITY

RESOLUTION 2023-01-25 (3)

Date: January 25, 2023

To: THA Board of Commissioners

From: April Black
Executive Director

Re: Korean Women's Association—Project Based HUD-VASH Vouchers

This resolution would award fifteen (15) Project-Based HUD-VASH vouchers to KWA's 15th & Tacoma Senior Housing project and authorize Tacoma Housing Authority's (THA) Executive Director to execute an Agreement to Enter into a Housing Assistance Payment Contract (AHAP) contract between Tacoma Housing Authority and Korean Women's Association (KWA).

BACKGROUND

The Department of Veterans Affairs American Lake Division and Tacoma Housing Authority (THA) signed a letter of support to Project-Base fifteen (15) HUD-VASH vouchers at the Korean Women's Association (KWA) 15th & Tacoma Senior Housing project.

KWA's 15th & Tacoma Senior Housing project will provide 86 units of affordable housing in downtown Tacoma. The project will include 47 studio units and 39 one-bedroom units with on-site services and programs. All units will be leased to families and individuals with incomes at or below 50% of area median income (AMI). The project will begin construction March 1, 2023.

This partnership will set aside deeply affordable housing units for chronically homeless aging Veterans who will have supportive services provided by KWA and VA Puget Sound HUD-VASH Case Managers. The project will set aside 15 units for this Veteran population.

This partnership aligns with THA's long term goal to add additional affordable housing units through development or partnerships within the community.

RECOMMENDATION

Approve Resolution 2023-01-25 (3) authorizing THA's Executive Director to execute an Agreement to enter into a Housing Assistance Payment (AHAP) contract with Korean Women's Association (KWA).



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(Approval of Korean Women's Association—Project Based HUD-VASH Vouchers)

A **RESOLUTION** of the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Tacoma

WHEREAS, KWA's 15th & Tacoma project will provide 86 units of affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, KWA's 15th & Tacoma project will house very-low-income and extremely low-income households in our community; and

WHEREAS, THA has underutilized HUD-VASH vouchers available; and

WHEREAS, THA is committed to providing housing for homeless veterans in our community; and

WHEREAS, THA and the Department of Veterans Affairs Puget Sound Health Care System (American Lake Division) agree that these HUD-VASH vouchers will provide an additional housing option for many homeless veterans in our community; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City Of Tacoma, Washington, as follows:

THA's Executive Director is authorized to execute an Agreement to enter into a Housing Assistance Payment (AHAP) contract with Korean Women's Association (KWA) for its 15th & Tacoma project.

Approved: January 25, 2023


Shennetta Smith, Chair