



RESOLUTION 2023-07-26 (4)

Date: July 26, 2023

To: THA Board of Commissioners

From: April Black
Executive Director

Re: Low Income Housing Institute (LIHI) Lincoln District Senior Housing Building --
Conversion of HUD-VASH vouchers to Project-Based VASH Vouchers

This resolution would authorize the conversion of up to twenty (20) Housing and Urban Development-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) vouchers to project-based VASH vouchers at the LIHI Lincoln District Senior Housing Project.

BACKGROUND

This development will bring 78 new affordable units to Tacoma with an income mix of 30% to 50% Area Median Income (AMI). Twenty one-bedroom, 50% AMI units will be set aside for HUD-VASH tenants. Onsite services will be provided by Asia Pacific Cultural Center (APCC). APCC is an established non-profit in the City of Tacoma that has deep cultural roots in the Asian and Pacific Islander community. The project will serve individuals and couples ages 55 and over, with 39 units set aside for individuals homeless at entry and is intended to be affirmatively marketed to AAPI and BIPOC seniors. One unit will be set aside for a live-in manager unit.

The Department of Veterans Affairs American Lake Division strongly supports this project and THA's commitment to convert up to twenty (20) tenant-based HUD-VASH vouchers into Project-Based HUD-VASH vouchers for this project.

HUD approval is not required for this conversion. However, a letter of support from the Department of Veterans Affairs Puget Sound Health Care System (American Lake Division) is needed prior to this action, stating it is in support of the decision and committing to continued provision of care management services. On June 23, 2023, THA received letter of support from the VA, meeting HUD's only requirement for

conversion of these vouchers (see Exhibit A). THA and the VA have a strong working relationship, which will streamline the referral of households to occupy the Project Based VASH units set aside at LIHI Lincoln District Senior Housing Project.

RECOMMENDATION

Approve Resolution 2023-07-26 (4) authorizing the conversion of up to twenty (20) HUD-VASH Vouchers to Project-Based VASH Vouchers at Low Income Housing Institute (LIHI) Lincoln District Senior Housing Project.



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(Low Income Housing Institute (LIHI) Lincoln District Senior Housing Building Project-- Conversion of HUD-VASH vouchers to Project-Based VASH Vouchers)

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

WHEREAS, LIHI Lincoln District Senior Housing project will provide 78 units of affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, LIHI Lincoln District Senior Housing 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 and the Department of Veterans Affairs Puget Sound Health Care System (American Lake Division) agree that the conversion of 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 approve the conversion of up to twenty (20) HUD-VASH vouchers to Project-Based VASH vouchers at LIHI Lincoln District Senior Housing project.

Approved: July 26, 2023



Shennetta Smith, Chair