



# CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF VETERAN SERVICE AGENCIES

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## California Association of Veteran Service Agencies Receives \$22 Million from First Round of Proposition 41 Grants

Sacramento – CAVSA Members, including New Directions for Veterans, U.S.VETS and Veteran Resource Centers, were awarded six projects totaling more than \$22 million from the first round of Proposition 41 grants. These projects, located in Sacramento and the Los Angeles area, will provide 392 units of housing and extensive supportive services for homeless low-income veterans.

“This first round of awards is a historic investment by the State of California in efforts to end veteran homelessness in California,” said Steve Peck, President of the California Association of Veteran Service Agencies (CAVSA). “These grants will dramatically enhance our efforts to provide housing and intensive supportive services such as case management, drug and alcohol counseling, health clinics, disability benefit advocacy, mental health support as well as family and childcare services.”

“It is an honor to have three projects selected among this first round of grant recipients,” said Gregory C. Scott, President & CEO of New Directions for Veterans. “These Proposition 41 funds will leverage additional federal resources to end the homelessness of hundreds of veterans and their families.”

“We offer our deepest gratitude to Governor Brown, the State Legislature and California voters for approving the \$600 million in general obligation bonds that support this first round of housing funds for homeless veterans,” said Peter Cameron, President of Veterans Resource Centers of California. “We will strive to put those resources to immediate use in support of our underserved veterans!”

CAVSA is a consortium of six non-profit veteran service providers working in partnership to address the needs of California’s veterans. CAVSA’s geographic diversity facilitates the delivery of direct services in both urban and rural regions throughout the state, stretching from Eureka to San Diego.

CAVSA’s mission is to address and promote the employment, training, education, housing, medical and business development needs of veterans and their families.

## CAVSA Projects Funded by 1<sup>st</sup> Round of Proposition 41 Funds

Project Name	Project City & Zip Code	VHHP Amount	Sponsor Name
Palo Verde Apartments	El Monte, 91732	\$3,505,710	Hollywood Community Housing and New Directions for Veterans
South West View Apartments	Los Angeles, 90016	\$2,340,000	New Directions Housing LLC
Whittier Place Apartments Phase 2	Los Angeles, 90023	\$2,916,686	East LA Community Corporation and New Directions for Veterans
Mather Veterans Village Phase 2	Rancho Cordova, 95655	\$2,489,944	Veterans Resource Centers of America
Liberty Lane Apartments	Redlands, 92374	\$2,619,328	A Community of Friends
March Veterans Village	March JPA, 92518	\$8,165,937	Coachella Valley Housing Coalition

\* **U.S.VETS** is the development partner and service provider in two of the projects: March Veterans Village in Riverside, which will provide 150 units of permanent supportive housing (75 VASH vouchers), and 50 transitional housing beds; and Liberty Lane in Redlands, which is 40 units of permanent supportive housing.

**\* NEW DIRECTIONS PROJECTS INCLUDE:**

**Whittier Place II – 18 Homeless Veterans units in East Los Angeles** Is a 34-unit community, with 18 units reserved for Homeless Veterans and the rest for homeless. A recent USC study found that 40% of post 9/11 veterans in Los Angeles County are Hispanic or Latino, and so this project addresses a significant services gap for homeless veterans in the East Los Angeles area of Los Angeles County.

**New Directions West Adams- 63 Homeless Veterans units in West Adams** Is a 64-unit community in West Los Angeles, with 36 units reserved for homeless veterans and 27 designated for seniors with a preference for senior veterans.

**Palo Verde Apartments – 25 Homeless Veterans units in El Monte** Is a 49-unit community in El Monte, with 25 units restricted for homeless Veterans, of which only 16 are VASH units that require VA Healthcare eligibility.

**VETERANS RESOURCE CENTERS OF AMERICA** is the development partner and service provider at the Mather Veterans Village project in Rancho Cordova This project will provide 46 units of transitional housing co-located with 100 units of permanent supportive housing. This project was the only fully transitional housing project approved in the first round.