



# VETERAN HOUSING STRATEGY

## VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES IN OREGON

310,333

TOTAL NUMBER OF VETERANS IN OREGON



5.5%

WORLD WAR II

8.1%

KOREAN WAR

37.5%

VIETNAM WAR

23.3%

PEACETIME

25.6%

GULF/POST 9-11

ERA OF  
SERVICE

## 2017 POINT IN TIME (PIT) COUNT

### 1,251 homeless veterans in Oregon

- Oregon is 5<sup>th</sup> highest state of homeless veterans
- 53% living in unsheltered locations  
(3<sup>rd</sup> highest rate in nation of unsheltered)
- 36% chronically homeless  
(compared to 25% of the overall homeless population)
- 90% are men
- Slightly less than 10% (120) are women
- 6 are transgender
- 3 did not identify

**March 31, 2017**

**GOVERNOR KATE BROWN  
CALLS FOR AN END TO  
VETERAN HOMELESSNESS**

The 2017 Legislature authorized \$1.5 Million in Lottery Funds to OHCS in support of veterans' housing and homelessness prevention.

OHCS and ODVA worked together to develop a collaborative plan that includes each of the following elements:

- Building the lasting infrastructure necessary to meet the on-going needs of Oregon veterans
- Immediate deployment of resources into permanent housing opportunities and emergency housing assistance for veterans experiencing or at-risk of homelessness

# 2017-19 VETERAN LOTTERY FUND HOUSING STRATEGY: LASTING INFRASTRUCTURE

## Community Technical Assistance and Consultation

- Provide 10 pilot communities with the resources to establish a By-Name List of homeless veterans, allowing for real time data collection and detailed outcome tracking
- Pilot communities selected through a formal application process
- \$150,000 to be deployed

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## By-Name List Example (Lane County)

- 444 Homeless Veterans on the By-Name List have been housed since 03/2016
- 196 Veterans currently on the By-Name Active List
- 120 Veterans had a Coordinated Entry Assessment to get on the homeless housing wait list since 03/2016
- 1 Veteran had a Coordinated Entry Assessment to get on the homeless housing wait list in the past week
- 1456 Individuals have been assessed for the Homeless Veteran By-Name List since 03/2016
- 3 New Homeless veteran By-Name assessments in the past week
- 49 Unscreened homeless veterans on the list

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## Statewide Veteran Homelessness Integrator

- Collaborate with local communities to align resources and create a streamlined homeless veteran service delivery system
- Statewide convening's, best practice sharing, cross-sector connections, resource coordination and leveraging
- \$240,000 to be deployed (limited duration)



## 2017-19 VETERAN LOTTERY FUND HOUSING STRATEGY: IMMEDIATE RESOURCE DEPLOYMENT

### Increased Community Action Agencies (CAA) Veterans Services Spending

- Utilized in conjunction with OHCS's Document Recording Fee Veterans funds
- Allowable services include street outreach, emergency shelter, transitional housing, rapid rehousing, and prevention
- \$350,000 deployed following 2017 Legislative Session per ODVA budget note

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## CAA Veteran Success Story

- 70 year old homeless veteran was placed into a shelter by the Yamhill Community Action Partnership (YCAP).
- His case manager at the shelter connected him with the local Housing Authority who gave him a HUD-VASH housing voucher.
- He secured an apartment that is now his home, telling his YCAP case manager, “I felt that someone finally cared about me, other than my family.”
- He now donates 15-20 hours a week at the YCAP Spoke House, working to fix donated bikes to be given back to the community.

# 2017-19 VETERAN LOTTERY FUND HOUSING STRATEGY: IMMEDIATE RESOURCE DEPLOYMENT

## Permanent Housing for Homeless Veterans

- \$760,000 to be deployed
- Provide permanent housing opportunities through the development of new affordable homes designated to serve Oregon veterans
- Conditional award made by the OHCS Housing Stability Council on February 2<sup>nd</sup>

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### Recommended Key Performance Measure (KPM):

- Percentage of homeless veterans who exited into permanent housing and retained that housing for six months or longer
- Data to be provided by OHCS to ODVA for reporting

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[Homeless Veteran Success Story: Video](#)

# Questions?

