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VA announces new grants to help end Veteran homelessness Initiative Targets 45,000 Homeless and At-Risk Veterans and Families in High-Need Communities across the Nation.

PORTLAND, Ore. – Secretary of Veterans Affairs Robert A. McDonald announced today the award of a \$9,094,313 homeless prevention grants in Oregon. The grants will serve homeless and at-risk Veteran families as part of the Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) program.

This award will serve Veteran families associated with Community Action Partnership of Oregon (CAPO) out of Salem who was awarded \$3,094,313, and Access, based out of Medford, who was awarded \$6,000,000. These are two of 24 community agencies in 15 high-need communities from across the nation who received grants.

"The Department of Veterans Affairs is committed to using evidence-based approaches such as SSVF to prevent homelessness and produce successful outcomes for Veterans and their families," said Secretary McDonald. "This is a program that works, because it allows VA staff and local homeless service providers to work together to effectively address the unique challenges that make it difficult for some Veterans and their families to remain stably housed."

Under the SSVF program, VA is awarding grants to private, non-profit organizations and consumer cooperatives that provide services to very low-income Veteran families living in - or transitioning to - permanent housing. The grants announced today will provide additional resources to the fourth year operations of the SSVF program.

Through the homeless Veterans initiative, VA committed more than \$1 billion in FY 2014 to strengthen programs that prevent and end homelessness among Veterans. VA provides a range of services to homeless Veterans, including health care, housing, job training and education.

More information about VA's homeless programs is available at www.va.gov/homeless
Details about the SSVF program are online at www.va.gov/homeless/ssvf.asp
Community Action Partnership of Oregon (CAPO) - www.caporegon.org/capo
Access - www.accesshelps.org/index.asp

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[VA Portland Health Care System \(VAPORHCS\)](http://www.va.gov/homeless) serves more than 90,000 Veterans in Oregon and Southwest Washington. VAPORHCS consists of the main tertiary care medical center located near downtown Portland, Ore., the Vancouver Campus located near downtown Vancouver, Wash., a Community Resource and Referral Center (CRRC) in downtown Portland, as well as nine community outpatient clinics across Oregon that support our Veterans. These clinics are located in Bend, East Portland, Hillsboro, Warrenton, Newport, Salem, The Dalles, West Linn, and Lincoln City Oregon.



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