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PRESS RELEASE

Sacramento Continuum of Care Awarded \$18,719,062

Sacramento wins funding for key bonus project, increasing funding by nearly \$2 million over 2014

SACRAMENTO, CA - Sacramento Steps Forward (SSF) Executive Director Ryan Loofbourrow announced today that the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has awarded \$18.7 million in funding for Sacramento homeless housing projects in their FY 2014 Continuum of Care Program competition. Grants are awarded competitively to local projects through the coordinated efforts of the Continuum of Care to meet the needs of individuals and families experiencing homelessness. Provided through Sacramento Steps Forward's Continuum of Care Program (CoC), the funding announced will ensure 39 local projects and our County's Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) remain operating in the coming year.

In addition, Sacramento successfully competed for and secured funding for one of only 25 bonus projects awarded nationally. This project, Step Up Sacramento - the fifth largest awarded - will provide an additional \$2.4 million to enable a collaboration led by Next Move, Lutheran Social Services, and Wind Youth Services to provide an additional 130 units of permanent supportive housing for chronically homeless families and single adults, encompassing households from transition age youth to seniors.

Sacramento's Continuum of Care also redirected \$750,000 previously allotted to several programs to four new programs that will create an additional 30 permanent supportive housing beds and assist 80 families each year to move quickly into housing via rapid rehousing.

HUD's announcement comes just before Sacramento County's Homeless Point-in-Time Count, a biennial census of homeless individuals throughout the County, and also during the launch of Zero:2016, a national effort to reduce and end homelessness among veterans and the chronically homeless by the end of 2016. Ryan Loofbourrow, Executive Director of Sacramento Steps Forward, stated "We are honored to receive the vote of confidence that a full renewal of existing funds, as well as securing bonus project funding represents. We look forward to working with HUD and our partners to ensure that these valuable community programs make a difference in the lives of Sacramento's most vulnerable citizens."

Sacramento Steps Forward, an innovative private non-profit organization, is issuing a community-wide call to join together to ensure that all Sacramentans have a place to call home. For more information, please contact Maya Wallace at 916-993-7702 or email mwallace@sacstepsforward.org.

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