Cattle Drive in Wyoming

H UD Partners with Department of Transportation and Environmental Protection Agency to Promote Sustainable Communities

Sustainable Communities Planning Grants administered by HUD in collaboration with the Department of Transportation (DOT) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). These grants will catalyze the next generation of integrated metropolitan transportation, housing, land use and energy planning using the most sophisticated data, analytics and geographic information systems. These integrated plans would inform state, metropolitan and local decisions on how and where to allocate Federal, state and local transportation, infrastructure and housing investments. Better coordination of transportation, infrastructure and housing investments will result in more sustainable development patterns, more affordable communities, reduced greenhouse gas emissions, and more transit-accessible housing choices for residents and firms.

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HUD Transforming Rental Assistance

TRA reflects HUD's commitment to developing a reliable, long term solution to preserve affordable housing, support affordable housing reinvestment and neighborhood revitalization efforts, and to bring enhanced opportunity and choice to residents.

Transforming Rental Assistance (TRA) is a multi-year, $350 million proposal to:

- Preserve HUD-funded public and assisted housing and put the nation’s inventory of deeply affordable rental housing on a sustainable financial footing.
- Enhance housing choice for residents and increase the share of HUD-assisted households living in lower-poverty communities.
- Streamline the administration of HUD's rental assistance programs.

For more information on TRA, please click on the following link:

http://portal.hud.gov/portal/page/portal/HUD/fy2011budget/signature_initiatives/transforming_rental_assistance

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CHEYENNE HOUSING AUTHORITY AND VAMC RECEIVES HOUSING ASSISTANCE FOR VETERANS

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HUD TO HELP 25 HOMELESS VETERANS IN WYOMING FIND PERMANENT HOMES

U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Regional Administrator Rick Garcia announced today $104,595 in additional funding to allow the local housing agency in Wyoming to provide a permanent home for 25 homeless veterans. The funding is provided through a second round of grants under HUD’s Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing Program (HUD-VASH) program. This funding is part of $7.5 million HUD Secretary Shaun Donovan announced today that will support nearly 1,300 homeless veterans. Working closely with the Cheyenne Veterans Affairs (VA) Medical Center, the Cheyenne Housing Authority will target these grants specifically to homeless veterans in their area. Earlier this month, HUD announced $58.6 million in HUD-VASH grants to provide 7,500 vouchers for homeless veterans. For a local breakdown of the vouchers announced today, visit HUD’s website.

“These grants are providing real hope to our homeless veterans who might otherwise be forced to live on our streets,” said Rick Garcia. “With this additional funding, we'll be able to put a total of nearly 9,000 new vouchers in local communities across the country to help those who served and sacrificed so much for us.”

“This program provides critical assistance to those who have worn our nation's military uniforms and are in need of a home,” said VA Secretary Eric K. Shinseki. “VA and HUD will continue to work in partnership to end homelessness among veterans.”