

# Mesa Housing Services Governing Board Report

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**To:** Mesa City Council

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**Subject:** VASH Program Inter-governmental Agreement renewals

## Purpose and Recommendation

The purpose of this report is for the Chairman of the Board, or his designated representative, to enter into a First Amendment to the Mesa Public Housing Authority Intergovernmental Agreements for the Housing Choice Voucher Veteran Affairs Supportive Housing Program (VASH) with the Public Housing Authorities of: City of Chandler, Maricopa County, Pinal County, Town of Gilbert, and Town of Queen Creek. (Citywide)

## Background for IGA for VASH Program

The VASH program combines voucher rental assistance for homeless veterans and their families with case management and clinical services provided by the Department of Veteran Affairs medical center and clinics. The First Amendment to the VASH Intergovernmental Agreements (IGAS) will extend the term of the agreements with each of the Public Housing Authorities.

The IGAS allows Veterans additional housing opportunities and the option to lease within these cities without having to go through the portability process which can be time consuming and difficult on the veteran. They provide these cities opportunities to house homeless veterans in their community even though they do not have any VASH vouchers allocations.





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## Discussion

The IGAS for the VASH program were previously approved by the HGB in 2015. The IGA First Amendments to be entered into with each of the Housing Authorities for VASH vouchers is attached to this report.

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