

## **MESA HOUSING SERVICES GOVERNING BOARD**

November 29, 2018

The Mesa Housing Services Governing Board of the City of Mesa met in the lower level meeting room of the Council Chambers, 57 East 1st Street, on November 29, 2018 at 7:33 a.m.

### **BOARDMEMBERS PRESENT**

John Giles, Chairman  
Mark Freeman  
Christopher Glover  
Francisco Heredia\*  
David Luna  
Gary Nelson  
Kevin Thompson  
Jeremy Whittaker

### **BOARDMEMBERS ABSENT**

None

### **STAFF PRESENT**

Christopher Brady  
Dee Ann Mickelsen  
Jim Smith

(\*Boardmember Heredia participated in the meeting through the use of telephonic equipment.)

### 1. Items from citizens present.

There were no items from citizens present.

### 2. Approval of minutes from the September 27, 2018 meeting.

It was moved by Boardmember Luna, seconded by Boardmember Glover, that the minutes from the September 27, 2018 Mesa Housing Services Governing Board meeting be approved.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Giles-Freeman-Glover-Heredia-Luna-Nelson-Thompson-Whittaker  
NAYS – None

Carried unanimously.

### 3-a. Hear a presentation and discuss updates to the City's Housing Choice Voucher Programs including utilization, funding, and expenditures.

Housing and Community Development Director Liz Morales introduced Housing Supervisor Mary Brandon who displayed a PowerPoint presentation. **(See Attachment 1)**

Ms. Morales reviewed the resolution request. She explained the approval of the resolution will provide veterans with additional housing opportunities and the option to lease within a

community that does not have any Veteran Affairs Supportive Housing Program (VASH) vouchers available. She added there is a veteran currently leasing in the City of Chandler, and the Town of Gilbert is looking into housing options available in their community. (See Page 2 of Attachment 1)

In response to questions posed by Chairman Giles, Ms. Morales advised the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) supply VASH Vouchers to municipalities that have identified homeless veterans needing housing assistance and the City of Tempe and Maricopa County have received additional allocations. She added it is imperative that the City continues to work with these jurisdictions in order to provide a smooth transition for the veteran when wanting to use a VASH Voucher and lease in a neighboring community.

In response to a question posed by Boardmember Freeman, Ms. Morales reported the City has been allocated 191 VASH Vouchers, the City of Tempe received 8 VASH Vouchers, and Maricopa County has 5 VASH Vouchers.

In response to a question posed by Boardmember Luna, Ms. Morales stated the City is not fully utilizing the VASH Vouchers that have been currently allocated, therefore there is not a concern that the City will run out of VASH Vouchers with veterans using them in neighboring communities. She added if the VASH Vouchers become fully utilized additional allocations can occur in the future.

In response to a question posed by Chairman Giles, Ms. Morales remarked the City has not fully utilized the VASH Vouchers allocated to the City due to the eligibility requirements set by HUD and the lack of landlords in the community willing to lease to a veteran using the VASH program. She stated the VA is working with HUD to expand the eligibility criteria. She reported 400 veterans are listed that need housing and 70 are eligible for the program.

In response to a question posed by Boardmember Thompson, Ms. Morales advised veterans that enter into the VASH program receive support from the VA through a social worker to ensure the veterans are successful in the program. She added it is an expectation that all the veterans in the program receive long-term case management.

Ms. Morales advised the City hosted a Landlord Seminar for new and existing landlords. She stated City Departments provided presentations and approximately 80 landlords attended the seminar. She thanked the Mayor and Councilmembers for attending and supporting the event. (See Page 6 of Attachment 1)

Chairman Giles thanked staff for the presentation.

4. Take action on the following resolutions:

- 4-a. Adopting a resolution approving and authorizing the Chairman of the Mesa Housing Authority Governing Board, or his designated representative, to enter into the First Amendment to the Mesa Public Housing Authority Intergovernmental Agreements for the Housing Choice Voucher Veteran Affairs Supportive Housing Program (VASH) to extend the term of the agreements with each of the following government entities or their respective Public Housing Authorities: City of Chandler, Maricopa County, Pinal County, Town of Gilbert and Town of Queen Creek.

It was moved by Boardmember Glover, seconded by Boardmember Luna, that Resolution No. HGB Res 18-1 be adopted.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Giles-Freeman-Glover-Heredia-Luna-Nelson-Thompson-Whittaker

NAYS – None

Chairman Giles declared the motion carried unanimously and Resolution No. HGB Res 18-1 adopted.

5. Adjournment.

Without objection, the Mesa Housing Services Governing Board meeting adjourned at 7:53 a.m.

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JOHN GILES, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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DEE ANN MICKELSEN, CITY CLERK

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Mesa Housing Services Governing Board meeting of Mesa, Arizona, held on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2018. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

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DEE ANN MICKELSEN, CITY CLERK

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(Attachment – 1)

# Housing Services Governing Board

## Quarterly Update

Liz Morales & Mary Brandon

November 29, 2018



# Housing Services Governing Board Resolution Request

Approval to enter into a First Amendment to the Mesa Public Housing Authority Intergovernmental Agreements for the Veteran Affairs Supportive Housing Program (VASH) with the cities of: City of Chandler, Maricopa County, and Pinal County, Town of Gilbert, and Town of Queen Creek

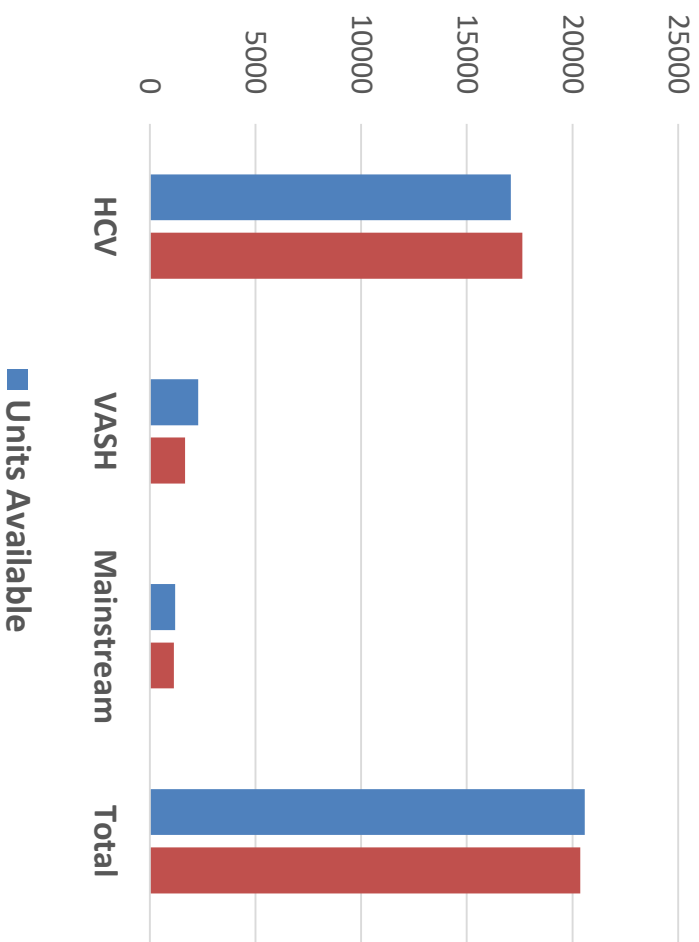
# Housing Services Governing Board Utilization

CY 2018 Units  
available  
20,580

CY 2018 Actual  
Units leased  
20,424 (forecast)

99.25%

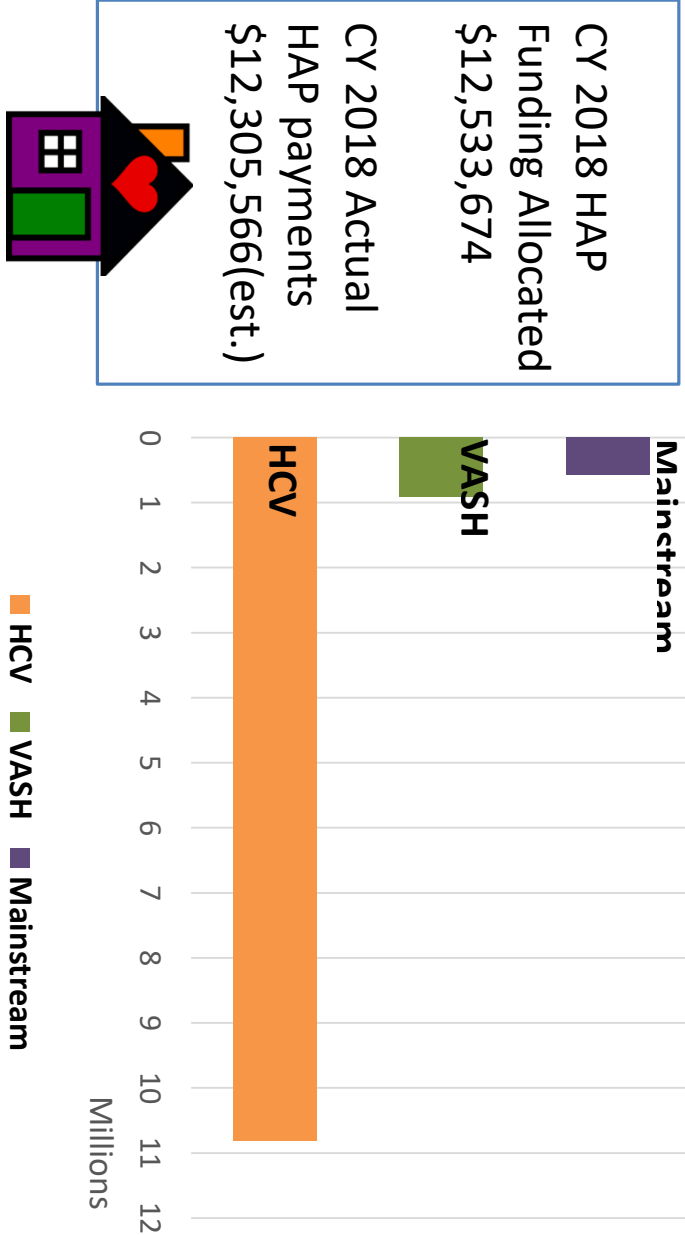
units available vs. actual units leased



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## 2018 HAP Funding

### 2018 Housing Assistance Payments through December

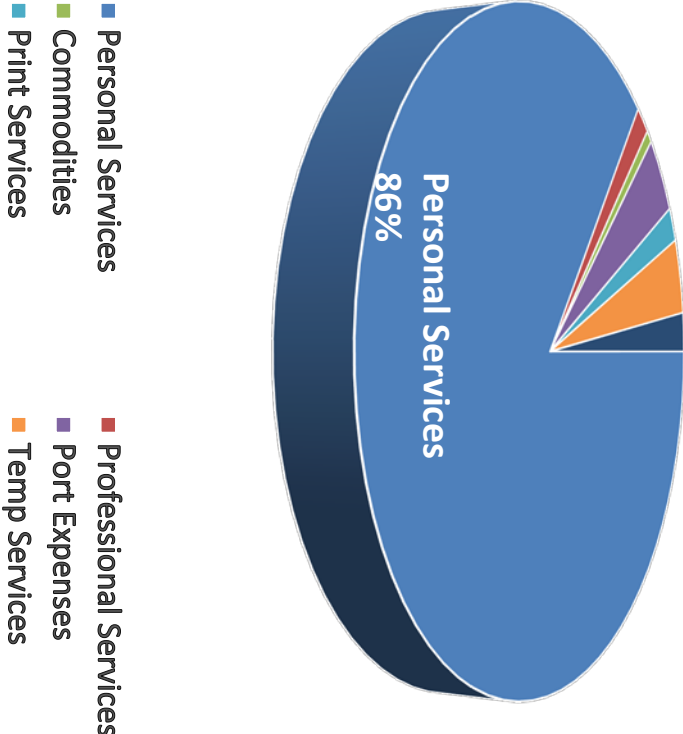


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## Admin Fee Funding

### 2018 Administrative Fee Funding

CY 2018 Admin Fee Eligible
\$1,093,044
CY 2018 Actual Fee Spent
\$985,829 (est.)
90%

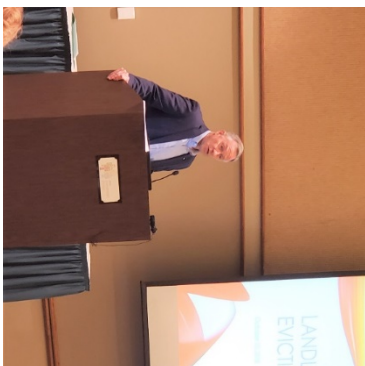




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## Updates

# LANDLORD Seminar



# Housing Services Governing Board 2019

## What's New in 2019

- ❖ March 2019 – Housing Services Annual Plan Update approval
- ❖ Rollout Landlord Incentive Program  
“Increasing Housing Opportunities in Mesa”  
(IHOM)
- ❖ 2019 Goal - Outreach to increase landlords
- ❖ Focus on housing opportunities for Veterans

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## Questions?