

## City Council Report

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**To:** City Council

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

### Purpose and Recommendation

The purpose of this report is for the City of Mesa Council to review and approve:

- Approve the renewals for the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) to allow City of Mesa Housing Authority (MHA) Housing Choice Voucher Veteran Affairs Supportive Housing Program (VASH) participants to lease housing in the Town of Gilbert. An Individual IGA will be renewed and executed between MHA and the other jurisdiction. Staff are recommending that the Board adopt a resolution regarding the approval of the IGA renewal.

### Background for IGA for VASH Program

MHA was awarded and administers 206 VASH vouchers. The VASH applicants are referred from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) for housing assistance and are required to be engaged in casework with VA staff.

The IGA will allow VASH applicants/participants additional housing opportunities outside of Mesa in the Town of Gilbert. The MHA will continue to administer the VASH program including certifications and inspections. The jurisdictions will have no responsibility for compliance with VASH; the jurisdictions will only approve that the VASH participant may lease a unit in their jurisdiction.

## **Discussion**

The IGA for the VASH program was reviewed previously by the Resident Advisory Board (RAB), and they recommend the renewals be approved by Mesa City Council. HUD and the VA are in support of the IGAs. The recommended IGA to be entered into with each of the jurisdictions for VASH vouchers is attached to this report.