

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 Housing Governing Board (HGB) to review and approve the renewals for:

Intergovernmental Agreements (IGAS) to allow City of Mesa Housing Authority (MHA) Housing Choice Voucher Veteran Affairs Supportive Housing Program (VASH participants to lease housing in Town of Gilbert and Maricopa County Housing Authority. Individual IGA's would be renewed and executed between MHA and the other jurisdictions. Staff is recommending that the Board adopt a resolution regarding the approval of the IGAs renewal.

Background for IGA for VASH Program

MHA was awarded and administers 191 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 IGAS will allow VASH applicants/participants additional housing opportunities outside of Mesa in Town of Gilbert and Maricopa County Islands in the East Valley. 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 each only approve that the VASH participant may lease a unit in their jurisdiction.





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Discussion

The IGAs for the VASH program were reviewed previously by the Resident Advisory Board (RAB) and they recommend the renewals be approved by the HGB. 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.

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