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Register Today to Ensure Your Spot! Engage with National and Local Leaders to Pave Your Community's Path to Zero

"The Drive to December" Oct. 5-6 in Washington, D.C.

Local Leaders, National Impact

National partners in the movement to end veteran homelessness this year know where change happens: in your local communities. At this year's Veterans Access to Housing Summit, these national partners are investing in you to make sure you have all the resources and tools to succeed this year and to conquer the challenges ahead.

The Housing Summit's small group session structure and opportunities for one-on-one engagement and networking with Federal Agency and training and technical assistance partners means you can craft a personalized agenda that meets your local needs.

NCHV partners within HUD and VA will be there... will you?

The 2015 NCHV Veterans Access to Housing Summit, "The Drive to December", will be held Oct. 5-6 at the Grand Hyatt Washington in Washington, D.C.

[Download the 2015 NCHV Veterans Access to Housing Summit schedule.](#)

[Click here to reserve your room in our discounted room block.](#)

[Click here to register online.](#)

[Click here to download a registration form to return my fax or mail.](#)

Space at this event is limited, and no walk up registrations will be accepted. Please plan ahead to ensure you are able to attend. Stay tuned to the [NCHV Veterans Access to Housing Summit webpage](#) for the latest updates!

Registration fee for NCHV members is \$200.

Registration fee for non-NCHV members is \$250.

[Click here to learn more about joining NCHV!](#)

Linking Employment and Housing to Prevent and End Homelessness

The U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH), Department of Labor (DOL), Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and the Butler Family Fund have released [Partnerships for Opening Doors](#), a new report that reflects the combined knowledge of the 11 communities, national organizations, and Federal partners who participated in the Partnerships for Opening Doors Summit.

[Read the report](#), which highlights strong examples of ways communities can integrate employment and housing strategies to end homelessness and provides and recommendations for how the Federal government can better support local work.

The Home Depot Foundation Seeks Proposals for Veteran Housing Projects in Rural Areas

Concept papers due Oct. 30, 2015

The Home Depot Foundation (THDF) is seeking opportunities to support veteran housing projects in rural areas. Projects may be new construction or rehab, with priority given to renovation and rehab projects, and must be either in progress or scheduled to commence within the next 12 months. The Home Depot Foundation anticipates funding several projects, with awards ranging from \$25,000 to \$40,000.

The bricks-and-mortar projects can provide both temporary and permanent housing for veterans, depending on the local needs of the community. Fundable projects include: support for veteran homeowners with repair and rehab needs; accessibility modifications on caregiver homes housing veterans; housing homeless veterans; veteran homeownership programs; and programs that increase the availability of affordable rental housing for veterans.

Organizations interested in applying to this program are asked to submit a Concept Paper on the approved Concept Paper Template by **October 30, 2015, at 5 p.m. ET**. This concept paper should be no longer than three pages. Also, before working on the concept paper, please complete the quick eligibility quiz to see if you eligible for this grant. Please access a downloadable copy of both documents at the links below.

ELIGIBILITY: The applicant must be a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, tribally designated housing entity (TDHE), or housing authority acting as a nonprofit, that serves veterans at or below 80% of area median income.

RURAL SERVICE AREA: The applicant must apply to support programs working in nonmetropolitan areas or in counties that meet the USDA definition of rural for housing (Sec. 520 of the Housing Act of 1949). Please check the USDA Property Eligibility Site, <http://eligibility.sc.egov.usda.gov>, to determine rural eligibility.

[Link here for the eligibility quiz.](#)

[Link here for the concept paper template.](#)

Upon review by The Home Depot Foundation and Housing Assistance Council, selected organizations will be invited to submit full proposals online. Full proposals will not be accepted without a preliminary approval by The Home Depot Foundation. The applicant must be a nonprofit organization, tribally designated housing entity (TDHE), or housing authority acting as a nonprofit, that serves veterans at or below 80% of area median income.

For more information about this program, contact [Janice Clark](#), Coordinator Special Initiatives,

Housing Assistance Council, or [Shonterria Charleston](#), Housing Specialist, Housing Assistance Council.

Hill Watch: Public Policy and Legislative Updates

NCHV provides testimony at Senate hearing

On July 29, 2015, NCHV Executive Director Baylee Crone was among the panel of experts testifying before the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee during the hearing "Ending Veteran Homelessness."

Read more about the hearing in the latest post on [Coalition Call - NCHV Testifies at Senate Hearing: Work Remains to End Veteran Homelessness](#). The post includes a write up on the hearing, links to a video of the hearing, and NCHV's testimony submitted for record.

Also highlighted in the post is the recently introduced bill, The Homeless Veterans Services Protection Act. Cosponsored by Senator Patty Murray (WA) and Senator Mazie Hirono (HI), the bill would ensure that veterans with "Other than Honorable" discharges remain eligible for homeless services designed to help all veterans. NCHV fully supports this legislation.

Stay tuned to our [Policy and Legislation page](#) for the latest updates!

Funding Opportunities

Cracker Barrel Foundation seeks to strengthen and preserve the communities where Cracker Barrel restaurants operate by supporting programs in the areas of education, human services, cultural affairs and the environment. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. For more information, [click here](#).

The Viking Foundation of Lincoln is accepting grant applications from 501(c)(3) organizations in Lancaster County, Nebraska; Polk County, Iowa; and Denver County, Colorado. The grants will be for services to those who are challenged with education, poverty, housing, gender, mental and physical health, and other issues. The application deadline is Oct. 1. To view full details, [click here](#).

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