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**San Diego Housing Commission awards \$2.1 million
for supportive housing programs**

SAN DIEGO – The San Diego Housing Commission has awarded \$2.1 million in “Shelter Plus Care” federal grants to local nonprofit organizations. The funds will be used to provide affordable housing and comprehensive supportive services to homeless and disabled individuals. The grants are funded by the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD).

The grants will be distributed as follows:

- A new grant in the amount of \$769,500 to The Cove Apartments in Talmadge. Operated by The Association for Community Housing Solutions (TACHS), the program will open its doors in April. The Cove will provide 19 units of permanent supportive housing to formerly homeless adults with mental disabilities.
- \$1.3 million in renewal grants to Pathfinders of San Diego, Stepping Stone, St. Vincent de Paul, Center for Social Support and Education, and TACHS (for an existing program).

San Diego’s Shelter Plus Care programs help address the goals of the Plan to End Chronic Homelessness in the San Diego Region. According to the plan, there are nearly 10,000 homeless individuals in the county, of which approximately 1,400 are chronically homeless. The Shelter Plus Care program is designed to serve this latter population – individuals who need affordable housing combined with comprehensive supportive services.

“This is about helping restore dignity and quality of life to individuals who have lost hope. Shelter Plus Care gives them hope because it’s been proven to work,” said Carrol Vaughan, Interim President & CEO for the San Diego Housing Commission. “We are proud to provide funding to our service provider partners to continue this important effort.”

To date, the San Diego Housing Commission has committed \$16 million toward the development of 605 housing units and 279 transitional beds for at-risk populations. Another \$16 million has provided critical operating funds to ensure that 500 transitional housing beds are available every year.

The San Diego Housing Commission is a public agency working to expand affordable housing opportunities in the City of San Diego. Each year, the agency helps 80,000 low-income individuals with affordable housing through award-winning programs that benefit the city’s economy and revitalize neighborhoods. The agency also finances affordable housing development and advises the San Diego City Council on housing policy matters.