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Ending Veteran homelessness remains a priority of the Veterans Health Administration (VHA), and the Housing and Urban Development – Department of Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) program is an important component of our ongoing effort to develop a responsive system with capacity to ensure Veteran homelessness is rare, brief, and non-recurring. Tribal HUD-VASH was established to provide this program to Native American/Alaska Native Veterans living in tribal communities that could not utilize the standard HUD-VASH voucher by providing a hybrid Indian Housing Block Grant to a selected tribe or their tribally designated housing entity (TDHE).

Based on consultative discussions with the tribe/TDHE, and utilizing a data-driven assessment of the tribal homeless Veteran need, local resources and commitment of the tribe/TDHE, this letter affirms the commitment of the [Insert VA Medical Facility name here] to support a Tribal HUD-VASH grant award to [Insert tribe/TDHE name here]. We understand that the tribe/TDHE will not be able to implement the program until a VA case manager is in place.

If the tribe/TDHE is awarded a grant by HUD, the [Insert VA Medical Facility’s name here] will support the Tribal HUD-VASH program by expeditiously obtaining the clinical staff of an appropriate discipline to provide case management and supportive services as mandated in [VHA Directive 1504](https://r03cleapp06.r03.med.va.gov/hub2/app/hp/library/record/visit?id=1227) “Tribal Housing and Urban Development-Department of Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing Program” through either direct hire, contracting, or detail until a permanent case manager is obtained. Material support shall include needed items such as office space, furniture, IT equipment, government-owned vehicles or compensation for use of privately owned vehicles, and adequate clinical supervision and oversight.

We understand that the National HUD-VASH Program Office will provide specific-purpose funding for the case management staff and GSA vehicles as it becomes available.