



Housing 200 Veterans in Austin by Veterans Day –

Mayor Adler is leading the local initiative to end Veteran's homelessness in 2015. By that we mean we will

1. Know where all the veterans are and offer them housing or shelter that leads to housing; and
2. That we will have developed a system that responds to a veteran's homelessness so he or she can secure housing within 45 days.

Our first goal in this is to identify 200 housing units that we can use to house 200 veterans with signed leases by Veteran's Day, November 11, 2015.

Housing

1. We need apartments, duplexes, houses for rent with flexible screening criteria re: criminal history, income requirements, etc.
2. ECHO can offer sample language as to how a property can become more flexible with screen criteria re: criminal history, income, debt, etc.
3. Participating property owners will have access to the Housing Heroes fund thru ECHO
 - a. To cover costs of minor repairs required by inspections
 - b. To repair some damages caused by the tenant.
 - c. To cover some costs of holding the unit for a Veteran (waiting for inspection, partial month's rent, etc.)
4. Property owners/landlords interested should contact Bree Williams, ECHO Community Housing Liaison at 512-940-9690 or sign up at <http://austinecho.org/the-solution/onekeyatx-2/> or breewilliams@austinecho.org

Outreach/Social Services

1. ECHO continues leading Monday morning meetings with Caritas, Front Steps, VA, HACA, Mayor's Office and ATCIC, all working together to identify and house these veterans
2. They will continue focus on matching veterans to housing programs (VASH and SSVF) and working with non-eligible veterans to be matched to other rapid- rehousing and permanent supportive housing programs.
3. Housing Authority of City of Austin is focusing resources to streamline application process and do outreach to landlords for veterans.
4. ECHO community has agreed to prioritize housing resources to veterans between now and November 11.
5. Any questions about this process should be directed to Niki Paul, ECHO Director of Operations at nikipaul@austinecho.org or 860-301-0112

Partnership with Businesses – Housing Heroes Fund

1. The partnership with businesses demonstrate community commitment to ending veteran homelessness and a recognition of Mayor Adler's leadership
2. Non-federal dollars can pay for motel stays for veterans not in shelter but in cue for housing while housing is being secured – New Orleans did this to ensure Vet was off the street and accessible for case manager
3. Develops a large group of stakeholders who understand barriers to housing and value in housing the homeless, some of who may want to partner with permanent supportive housing initiatives and the upcoming Pay for Success opportunity.

How can you help? Let ECHO know!

ONEKEYATX



OUR GOAL

To END veteran homelessness by connecting the 234 veterans experiencing homelessness in Austin/ Travis County to safe and affordable homes - one apartment at a time!

OUR ASK

For landlords and property owners to partner with OneKeyATX to commit at least one unit to veteran families who may have rental barriers.

Will you COMMIT ONE UNIT?

www.austinecho.org #OneKeyATX

Or contact Bree Williams at 512-940-9690



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VA



U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
Central Texas Veterans Health Care System

FRONT STEPS

