



## PHA Profile: San Diego Housing Commission Sponsor-based Section 8 Program

### Basic PHA Stats

Location: San Diego City, California  
Housing Choice Vouchers: 14,640  
Public Housing Apartments: 76

### Program Description

The San Diego Housing Commission has been a partner in its local Continuum of Care for more than 10 years. The Commission committed 25 sponsor-based vouchers to “Project 25” which identified veterans and highly vulnerable homeless households using the 100,000 Homes Campaign Vulnerability Index Survey in downtown San Diego.

### Motivation

Providing vouchers for this population is a component of SDHC’s overall efforts to impact homelessness. Among those identified as the most frequent users of public services, SDHC reports a dramatic reduction in use of public resources in excess of \$200,000 per year per individual.

### Resources Required

This program required MTW status.

### Challenges

Working off a list (Vulnerability Index Survey) can be challenging because the homeless population by its nature is transitory. We have had a number of discussions locally about how we might adjust future efforts to make the process more efficient

### Rewards

With the great work of its program partners, SDHC has been able to identify some of the costliest demands on medical, law enforcement and emergency services, frequently stemming from mental health or substance abuse issues. Providing sponsor-based housing vouchers has stabilized the lives of former homeless San Diegans

### Partners

United Way and St. Vincent De Paul Village were significant partners in the project.

### Contact Person for PHAs Interested in Implementing a Similar Program

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