

**NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION
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Indianapolis, Indiana**

Resolution No. 25: Additional Affordable Housing Funding for Homeless and At-Risk Veterans

Origin: Veterans Employment & Education Commission

Submitted by: Veterans Employment & Education Commission

WHEREAS, Lack of affordable housing is a major problem for Post 9/11 veterans making them more likely to struggle to afford housing than previous veteran groups, and homeless veterans who served in Iraq and Afghanistan are more likely to have families or children that also require assistance; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Housing and Urban Development reports that in 2021, 19,750 veterans were experiencing sheltered homelessness in the United States, and veterans experiencing sheltered homelessness accounted for 11 out of every 10,000 veterans in the country; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Veteran Affairs Health Care for Homeless Veterans (HCHV) Program serves an average of 150,000 veterans annually and, in FY2020 supported 310 contracts with over 3,500 available beds in 49 states, Puerto Rico and Guam; and

WHEREAS, HCHV Contract Residential Services programs allow the Department of Veteran Affairs to award locally established contracts to community-based agencies that fill service gaps and provide short-term residential care, along with immediate housing placement for veterans as they seek permanent housing; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana, on October 12-13, 2022, That the American Legion supports legislation or administrative proposals that provide additional transitional and permanent housing for veterans that are homeless or at risk of being homeless, including veterans with families.