

\$400k grant to help homeless San Bernardino County veterans

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More than \$400,000 was granted to San Bernardino County from two federal agencies in an attempt to house homeless military veterans here.

The county's homeless military veteran population was at 401 in January, according to a statement released by County Supervisor Robert Lovingood. Frank Guevara, director of veterans affairs for this county, said there are about 47 veterans remaining who are living on county streets.

"We are very close, and I have every expectation that we will reach this goal by the end of December," Lovingood said in a statement. "We have a remarkable team that has made impressive progress on a very difficult problem. So as we celebrate our great veterans, we can also celebrate our success in battling veteran homelessness here at home in San Bernardino County."

Guevara's office has been working diligently to bring the number of homeless veterans down and getting them off of the street.

"To date, since the beginning of the year we've placed 354 veterans in homes," he said. "Our next goal is to get families and children off of the street bringing the homeless population down."

Rep. Pete Aguilar, D-San Bernardino, announced today that the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the U.S. Veterans Administration awarded the San Bernardino County Housing Authority \$405,804 to support housing vouchers for veterans.

"I'm glad to see important funding heading to San Bernardino County veterans," Aguilar said in a statement. "We cannot sit back while Inland Empire veterans are left to suffer alone on the streets. Our service members risked their lives to keep our families safe and free and we owe it to them to ensure that they have the resources they need to live stable and healthy lives when they return."



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