

# Project HERO

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# HERO

- **Housing, Employment, Recovery Opportunities**
  - Transitional Housing Program
  - Up to 2 years of Program Participation
  - Substance Use Disorder
  - Mental Health Disorder
  - Discharge Above a Dishonorable

# Population

- Homeless Veterans
- Male
- Average Age=50
- 59% African American
- 41% Caucasian

# Population

- 85% Substance Use Disorder
- 54% Mental Health Disorder
- 40% Co-Occurring Disorder
- 15% Meet Chronic Homeless Definition

# Housing Needs

- Affordable Housing
  - Increased Rents with Decrease in Rental Property
  - Low-Income Population
  - Population (Average age=50)
  - Increase in Permanent Housing Vouchers



# Housing Needs

- Offender Friendly Housing
  - Subsidized Housing
  - Background Checks
  - Freedom Place
    - 3 Requirements
      - No Sex Offences
      - No Eviction Due to Drug Activity in 3 years
      - No Intent to Distribute/Manufacture Within 3 years

# Housing

- Reduce Barriers to Housing
  - Housing First
  - Reduce Paperwork
  - Partnership with Landlord/Property Manager
    - Public/Private Partnership

# Housing

- Housing First vs. Alcohol and Drug Free Program
- Harm Reduction Model
- Program Measures vs. Population Needs

# Veterans Housing Resource

- 27 Transitional Housing units
- Male and Female Veterans
- Same Requirements as HERO Program