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STATE AWARDS \$2 MILLION TO HOUSE HOMELESS VETERANS IN KINGMAN

****New transitional shelter aims to help veterans impacted by COVID****

PHOENIX, AZ – The Arizona Department of Housing (ADOH) announced a \$2 Million award to the City of Kingman and the Jerry Ambrose Veterans Council (JAVC) to fund the construction of an emergency shelter in Kingman for homeless veterans. The joint venture between the city and JAVC will create 25 beds of transitional housing for Mohave County vets in need.

"We must make sure that we're taking care of those who have sacrificed so much to protect our nation," said Governor Ducey. "The emergency homeless shelter in Kingman will support and protect our heroic veterans, put them on a path toward a better quality of life, and help them access useful resources and services. I'm thankful to the Arizona Department of Housing, the City of Kingman and the Jerry Ambrose Veterans Council for their dedication to serving our veterans."

Mental health, substance abuse, and employment services will be available to any vet who needs them while staying at the facility. The average stay is expected to be six months. The goal is to enable a smooth transition when veterans are ready to move to their own permanent housing.

"This facility will give vets struggling with homelessness the time and supportive services they need to get back on their feet," said ADOH Director Tom Simplot.

ADOH was provided \$22.5 Million in a special federally-funded Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-CV) through the CARES Act for this type of public facilities construction that responds to needs created by COVID-19. ADOH has received applications for all \$22.5 Million of this CDBG funding.

"ADOH and its stakeholders will continue to look for ways to fund supportive housing throughout Arizona," said Simplot.

The City of Kingman will administer construction as JAVC converts an existing building it owns on 315 Oak Street (pictured above) into the shelter. Construction is anticipated to begin in March 2022 with the facility expected to open for vets in fall 2023.

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About the Arizona Department of Housing (ADOH)

Established in 2002, we administer programs to create, preserve, and invest in affordable housing statewide. ADOH does not own or build housing; we manage programs that convey funding to private and government entities that apply and meet criteria developed by state/federal law. ADOH receives no state General Fund appropriation and most programs are federally-funded.