



**PEDRO E. SEGARRA**  
MAYOR

## **HARTFORD HOUSING AUTHORITY RECEIVES FEDERAL FUNDS TO HELP HOMELESS VETERANS**

### **--- NEWS AND COMMUNITY STATEMENT---**

(March 27, 2012) --- Mayor Pedro E. Segarra today lauded Hartford's Congressional delegation for its diligent efforts to provide quality housing for homeless veterans in and around Connecticut's Capital City.

Yesterday, Senators Richard Blumenthal and Joe Lieberman, along with Congressman John B. Larson announced that the Hartford Housing Authority will receive nearly \$400,000 to support homeless veterans throughout Greater Hartford.

"After putting their lives on the line in service to our country and protecting our freedoms, many veterans return home to an absence of meaningful employment and worse, no place to call home," said Mayor Segarra. "I am truly appreciative of the leadership of our Congressional delegation, which recognized the importance of this issue and fought for much-needed funding."

The Hartford Housing Authority will receive \$397,939 in Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) funds for tenant-based vouchers. The awards are being given to public housing agencies that have agreed to partner with eligible VA medical facilities as provided for in the 2012 Appropriations Act. The Act made the voucher funding available to provide rental assistance under a supportive housing program for homeless veterans.

"The Housing Authority is truly grateful for this additional funding," said Hartford Housing Authority Executive Director Annette Sanderson. "The funds will be used to provide housing opportunities for approximately 50 veterans."

The funding also follows a visit to the district by Tammy Duckworth, Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs, for a public forum on eliminating homelessness among veterans.