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## **Yakima Housing Authority breaking ground on its new Chuck Austin Place, veterans' affordable housing development at former Yakima Armory**

Yakima Housing Authority is excited to inform the community that construction of the new Chuck Austin Place, located at the former Marine Armory at 1703 Tahoma Ave in Yakima has navigated past the regulatory issues that caused a delay. Due to the perseverance and commitment from YHA's partners, construction will begin July 6<sup>th</sup> and completion of veteran service center, Yakima Neighborhood Health dental clinic and 41 apartments for homeless veterans is expected by August 2021. YHA appreciates the continued support from the community for this much needed housing.

YHA is thrilled to be a recipient of one of Pacific Power's Blue Sky 2018 funding awards. YHA is one of a dozen community-based renewable energy projects, that will become a reality this year thanks to Pacific Power's Blue Sky participants. Along with Pacific Power, the support and commitment to affordable housing from our funders the Washington State Housing Finance Commission, Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program, Washington State Department of Commerce Housing Trust Fund, City of Yakima, Federal Home Loan Bank & Banner Bank, Enterprise Housing Credit Investment, Heritage Bank and Impact Capital have proven to be essential. Without them and our development partners, Beacon Development Group and Kantor Taylor PC, YHA would not be able to provide this opportunity to the veterans in our community.

Housing Authority of the City of Yakima was created in 1977 by the City of Yakima to provide affordable housing for low- and moderate-income residents of the community. Its mission is to build stronger communities through a commitment to safe and affordable housing. YHA currently owns and manages more than 500 units of affordable housing throughout Yakima, Toppenish, Granger, Cowiche and Tieton. YHA continues to meet its mission through the maintenance, preservation and construction of affordable housing throughout the communities that it serves.

Any questions can be directed to Lowel Krueger, Executive Director, at the Yakima Housing Authority at (509) 453.3106.