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\$400K grant funds village for homeless disabled veterans

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The nonprofit Carrfour Supportive Housing has received a grant — its second — from The Home Depot Foundation's Veteran Housing Grants Program.

Back in 2012, the first grant was \$350,000. This one came to \$400,000.

The money will be used to further Carrfour's mission: combating homelessness by providing affordable housing to underrepresented groups in South Florida.

With 60 units, "Liberty Village" will open late this year in Liberty City. It will accommodate formerly homeless veterans who have been impacted by disabilities.

"We're hoping that it's a final home for veterans that have had long journeys on their road to self-sufficiency after they served our country," said Stephanie Berman-Eisenberg, president and CEO of Carrfour.

All of Liberty Village's units will be for those who earn 60 percent or less of the area median income, with select numbers of

units reserved for lower AMI percentages.

To ensure manageable housing, the rent will be 30 percent of each veteran's income — even if they don't have a stable source. This is a practice done at all of Carrfour's communities that contain a homeless component.

Carrfour doesn't just serve veterans. The company is dedicated to a wide range of populations, Berman-Eisenberg said.

Sixteen communities have already been created, stretching from Miami Beach to Little Havana.

Carrfour's targeted audi-



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Carrfour Supportive Housing, a nonprofit affordable housing developer, is building affordable housing, above and below, in Liberty City thanks to a \$400,000 grant from The Home Depot Foundation's Veterans Housing grant program.

ences have included the formerly (and chronically) homeless, veterans, disabled, and low-income residents. Of the four communities currently in planning, one will be dedicated

to LGBTQ seniors.

"We feel that supportive housing is the perfect combination of what somebody needs coming out of homelessness in order to remain successfully housed," Ber-

man-Eisenberg said. "It's a combination of very affordable, quality housing, combined with on-site services as a safety net for a family."