

## Press Release

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## Solar Project Funds Land at Local VA Campuses

VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System (VAGLAHS) was awarded \$31million from VA to build solar photovoltaic (PV) systems in support of energy efficient and renewable energy initiatives.

Investments of clean energy and renewable energy projects are aligned with the President's initiative to go 'green' in the Federal government.

"With the large amounts of sunshine available year-round, space availability, and an attractive state-level incentive in California, VAGLAHS' Sepulveda and West Los Angeles medical sites quickly rose to the top of VA's list of candidate locations for PV projects," said VAGLAHS, Chief of Facilities Management, Robert Benkeser.

VA will be installing PV systems at the Sepulveda and West Los Angeles campuses to provide clean, natural, sun-powered electricity. "By using sunlight, a free renewable fuel, these systems will reduce the medical centers' electricity costs and provide environmental benefits to the medical center and the community," said VAGLAHS, Director, Donna Beiter.

### **About the VAGLAHS**

VAGLAHS is the largest, most complex healthcare system within VA. It is one component of the [VA Desert Pacific Healthcare Network \(VISN22\)](#) offering services to veterans residing in Southern California and Southern Nevada. GLA consists of three ambulatory care centers, a tertiary care facility, and ten community clinics. GLA serves veterans residing throughout five counties: Los Angeles, Ventura, Kern, Santa Barbara, and San Luis Obispo. There are 1.4 million veterans in the GLA service area.

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