

WHAT THE 2005 BASE CLOSURES MEAN FOR ORGANIZATIONS AND AGENCIES SERVING HOMELESS PEOPLE

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On Friday, May 13, 2005, the Department of Defense announced 33 base closures affecting military installments across the United States.

Through the 1994 Base Closure and Redevelopment Act, local and state-level organizations and agencies have the opportunity to apply to use this property to help serve the homeless in their communities. If the application for redevelopment of base closure property is accepted, the property is acquired by the organization free of charge.

Many homeless service providers are unaware of this opportunity, and others may be unaware of how to complete the application process. To aid providers in taking advantage of this opportunity, the National Law Center on Homelessness & Poverty has posted information on its website describing the base closure program, timeline, and application process.

Additionally, providers may download a free full-length report describing the program and detailing over 60 organizations that have successfully used the program to serve the homeless in their community.

It is important that providers begin thinking now about ways they might be able to use bases being closed in their communities.

For more information, visit http://www.nlchp.org/FA_Housing/SurplusProperty.cfm.