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Christian Outreach Appeal rejected as user of Navy housing

Christian Outreach Appeal's proposal to use some Navy housing in West Long Beach as transitional housing for the homeless has been rejected by the federal Department of Health and Human Services.

COA, a homeless service agency in Long Beach, was to receive 200 housing units on 26 of the 135-acre Navy housing site west of Santa Fe Avenue and north of Pacific Coast Highway. Sixty-two acres are going to the Long Beach Unified School District for new

schools, 17 acres have been set aside for a federal Job Corps site, and California State University/Long Beach wants 30 acres for a research and training center.

The COA's project got initial approval, but then lost its financial backer and doesn't have the money to run the program. The Salvation Army has expressed an interest in the parcel, but city officials say it is unclear what will happen to the 26-acre piece of land.