

# Seattle Veterans Action Center Records, 1971-1981

## Overview of the Collection

<b>Creator</b>	Seattle (Wash.). Human Services Dept.
<b>Title</b>	Seattle Veterans Action Center Records
<b>Dates</b>	1971-1981 (inclusive) 1971 1981
<b>Quantity</b>	2.2 cubic feet, (6 boxes)
<b>Collection Number</b>	3631-01
<b>Summary</b>	Records of an agency serving Vietnam War veterans
<b>Repository</b>	<a href="#">Seattle Municipal Archives</a> Seattle Municipal Archives Office of the City Clerk City of Seattle PO Box 94728 98124-4728 Seattle, WA Telephone: 206-233-7807 Fax: 206-386-9025 <a href="mailto:archives@seattle.gov">archives@seattle.gov</a>
<b>Access Restrictions</b>	Records are open to the public.
<b>Languages</b>	English
<b>Sponsor</b>	Funding for processing this record series was provided through a grant from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission.

---

## Historical Note

An Office of Human Resources was established in 1971 in the Executive Department to develop, implement, and manage social services for low-income and disadvantaged residents of Seattle. In 1973 it was replaced by the Department of Human Resources. DHR administered family and youth services programs, senior citizen services, community service activities, the Seattle Veterans Action Center, and the Comprehensive Residential Weatherization Program. Federal, state, and local grants comprised two-thirds of the department's operating budget. Passage of the 1986 Low Income Housing Levy increased the City's funding and policy role in housing issues. In 1991, the agency name was changed to the Department of Human Services. A year later, the Department of Housing and Human Services was created, incorporating the City housing programs and Community Development Block Grant administration from the recently abolished Department of Community Development. DHHS programs included aging services, family and youth services, housing and community services, human services, and the City's education office. In 1999, the Office of Housing was established as an independent agency and DHHS was reorganized as the Human Services Department.

# Content Description

The Seattle Veterans Action Center was established in 1971 to provide coordinated readjustment assistance to veterans, especially minority, disadvantaged and disabled Vietnam war veterans. Services included job referrals; education, job and benefit counseling; emergency services and discharge review. Records include subject files, grant files, photographs, public information files, and reports. Subjects include amnesty for war resisters, creation of the Center, funding, and the Mayor's Committee To Aid Returning Veterans.

## Use of the Collection

### Preferred Citation

[Item and date], Seattle Veterans Action Center Records , Record Series 3631-01. Box [number], Folder [number]. Seattle Municipal Archives.

## Administrative Information

### Arrangement

Arranged into five subseries: subject files, grant files, photographs, public relations files and reports.

---

## Detailed Description of the Collection

The following section contains a detailed listing of the materials in the collection.

### Subject Files, 1971-1981

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
1/1	Action / VISTA Proposal for 1973-1975	1973-1974
1/2	Amnesty	1975
1/3	Amnesty	1976
1/4	Amnesty	1976
1/5	Budget - Organization	1971-1972

Container(s)	Description	Dates
1/6	Budget	1973-1974
1/7	Contributions To Sea-VAC	1972-1974
1/8	Council of Churches (Washington)	1972
1/9	Department of Human Resources Interdepartmental Correspondence	1975
1/10	Department of Human Resources Interdepartmental Correspondence	1976
1/11	Department of Human Resources Interdepartmental Correspondence	1976
1/12	Discharge Upgrade Project	1975-1976
2/1	Employment (Jobs) Information	1980
2/2	Employment Project Study	1975
2/3	EX-V-IT Program (Ex-Veteran-In-Training)	1973-1975
2/4	Film and Film Orders	1972-1973
2/5	History (Sea-VAC)	1981
2/6	Incoming Letters	1972-1976
2/7	Legislation (National)	1974-1975
2/8	Mayor's Committee To Aid Returning Veterans	1971-1973
2/9	Mayor's Committee To Aid Returning Veterans	1973-1974
2/10	Mayor's Committee To Aid Returning Veterans	1975-1976
2/11	Mayor's Task Force To Aid Returning Veterans - Evaluation of Sea-VAC	1973
2/12	National League of Cities / U.S. Conference of Mayors Correspondence	1975

Container(s)	Description	Dates
2/13	National League of Cities / U.S. Conference of Mayors Veterans Projects	1976
2/14	Outreach Plan	1975-1976
2/15	Overviews and Attachments	1972-1977
2/16	Private Industry Council Grant - Veterans Helping Veterans	1980
<b>Box/Folder</b>		
3/1	Program Description	1971-1972
3/2	Research Work	1976
3/3	Vietnam Veterans Civic Council	1976
3/4	Vietnam Veterans Coordinating Council	1979

## Grant Files, 1971-1977

Container(s)	Description	Dates
<b>Box/Folder</b>		
3/5	Proposals and Grants Office of Human Resources	1971
3/6	Proposals and Grants	1971-1972
3/7	Proposals and Grants	1971-1972
3/8	Proposals and Grants	1972-1973
3/9	Proposals and Grants	1974
3/10	Proposals and Grants	1975
3/11	Proposals and Grants: National League of Cities, Creating Sea-VAC	1971-1972
3/12	Grant Application: National League of Cities / U.S. Conference of Mayors	1972-1973

<b>Container(s)</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Dates</b>
3/13	Proposals and Grants: National League of Cities / U.S. Conference of Mayors	1972-1973
3/14	Proposals and Grants: National League of Cities / U.S. Conference of Mayors	1973-1974
3/15	Proposals and Grants: National League of Cities / U.S. Conference of Mayors	1974-1975
4/1	Proposals and Grants: Office of Economic Opportunity	1972-1973
4/2	Proposals and Grants: Community Services Administration (OEO)	1974-1975
4/3	Proposals and Grants: Community Services Administration (OEO)	1975
4/4	Proposals and Grants: Community Services Administration, NOGA	1976
4/5	Proposals and Grants: Community Services Administration (OEO)	1976
4/6	Proposals and Grants: Community Services Administration (OEO) Progress Reports	1976
4/7	Grant Application (Federal, OEO)	1977
4/8	Proposals and Grants: OEO Veteran's Outreach	1972-1974
4/9	Proposals and Grants: OEO Veteran's Outreach	1973
4/10	Proposals and Grants: OEO Veteran's Outreach	1974
4/11	Proposals and Grants: OEO Veteran's Outreach	1974
4/12	Proposal: Upward Bound	1975
4/13	Veterans Outreach Budget	1973
4/14	Sea-VAC Funding, Letters of Support	1972

## Photographs (Mostly of Sea Vac Staff), undated

4/15

### Public Relations Files, 1972-1978

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
5/1	Articles About Sea-VAC	1972-1973
5/2	Press Releases	1972
5/3	Press Releases	1972
5/4	Press Releases	1973
5/5	Press Releases	1973
5/6	Press Releases	1976
5/7	Public Relations	1974
5/8	Public Relations	1976
5/9	Publicity	1976-1978
5/10	Radio Releases: Public Service Announcements	1972-1973
5/11	Radio Releases: Public Service Announcements	1972

### Reports, 1972-1980

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
6/1	Reports - Annual	1972-1980
6/2	Reports DHR Bi Monthly	1976
6/3	Reports - Discharge Upgrade, National League of Cities	1976-1977

Container(s)	Description	Dates
6/4	Report - First Year	1972
6/5	Report - Two Year	1973
6/6	Reports - Less Than Honorable Cases	1976
6/7	Report - OEO, Evaluation of Sea-VAC	1974
6/8	Reports - Other-Than-Honorable Cases	1974-1975
6/9	Report - Upward Bound	1975
6/10	Report - Veterans Rehabilitation Study, Interim Report	Undated
6/11	Report - Women Veterans Project Final Report	1980

## Names and Subjects

### Subject Terms :

Veterans--Services for--United States

Vietnam War, 1961-1975--Veterans--Washington--Seattle

### Corporate Names :

Seattle (Wash.). Dept. of Human Resources

National League of Cities

### Geographical Names :

Seattle (Wash.)

Finding aid prepared by Janet Ness

2010