

What is the HUD-VASH Program?

The HUD-VASH program is a collaboration between the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Supported Housing (VASH) program to help homeless veterans and their immediate families find and maintain affordable, safe, and permanent housing in the community.

If you need assistance with NJ HUD-VASH, call 908-647-0180, Ext 6654 or 6642.

HUD-VASH Eligibility Criteria

The HUD-VASH program is for veterans who:

- are eligible for VA health care services;
- are currently and chronically homeless;
- have a need for ongoing case management because of medical, mental health, substance abuse, or other life problems that are now stabilized;
- are ready for independent housing in the community but need ongoing case management services to maintain it;
- have some type of income to pay for their housing;
- are motivated to improve the quality of their lives by working with a VA case manager and participate in activities that promote independence.

NOTE: Veterans and immediate family members subject to a lifetime registration requirement under a state sex offender registration program are not eligible for HUD-VASH because they will not be able to obtain a Section 8 housing voucher.

What is the SSVF Program?

The Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) program was established in 2011 to promote housing stability among homeless and at-risk Veterans and their families. Under the SSVF program, VA awards grants to private non-profit organizations and consumer cooperatives that can provide a range of supportive services to eligible very low-income Veteran families. Services include outreach, case management, assistance in obtaining VA benefits, and help in accessing and coordinating other public benefits. SSVF grantees can also make time-limited temporary payments on behalf of Veterans to cover rent, utilities, security deposits and moving and storage costs, transportation and childcare.

SSVF Eligibility Criteria

1. Veteran must have at least one day of active duty in the armed forces. Veteran's discharge status can be anything but dishonorable. Status can be medical, general, under honorable conditions and other than honorable.
2. Veteran's Household income has to be at no more than 50% of the Median Area Income.
3. Veteran also has to be facing eviction or living in a place not meant for human habitation. A Veteran who is defined as literally homeless is currently residing in a Shelter, a vehicle, sleeping in hallways, rooftops, abandoned buildings, etc.

Other Veteran Programs

Health Care for Homeless Veterans (HCHV)

This program provides community outreach, case management and a range of other services to help homeless veterans get back on their feet.

Residential Treatment Programs

These short-term programs provide comprehensive rehabilitation. Based on their goals, veterans are assisted with meeting health and mental health needs including vocational services, relapse prevention planning, and developing skills for successful community integration.

Compensated Work Therapy / Veterans Industries (CWT / VI)

These programs help veterans transition to employment after an extended absence from the work force by providing a short-term supportive work experience at local VA Medical Centers.

Grant & Per Diem (GPD)

This program allows VA to provide grants and per diem payments to assist public and non-profit organizations to establish and operate transitional supportive housing. Veterans can remain in Grant & Per Diem housing for up to 24 months.

Important Numbers

National Call Center for Homeless Veterans 1 (877) 424-3838

AGENCY: Affairs Health Care Benefits
TELEPHONE: 1(877) 222-VETS

AGENCY: Veterans Affairs
TELEPHONE: 1 (877) 424-3838

AGENCY: Veterans Affairs Jersey Clinic
TELEPHONE: (201) 435-3055

AGENCY: Hudson County Office of Veteran Affairs
TELEPHONE: (201) 369-3430

AGENCY: Jersey City Veteran Affairs
TELEPHONE: (201) 547-4919

AGENCY: Union City Veteran Affairs
TELEPHONE: (201) 271-2299

AGENCY: Secaucus Vet Center
TELEPHONE: (201) 223-7787

AGENCY: Bloomfield Vet Center
TELEPHONE: (973) 748-0980 /1 (877) 927-8387

Other Resources

AGENCY: North Hudson Community Action Corporation—Homes for Heroes
TELEPHONE: (201) 210-0101 / 201-867-1918 ext. 202

SERVICES PROVIDED: Permanent supportive housing for homeless veterans and their families

ADDITIONAL CRITERIA: Veteran must have a disability which can include a mental illness, HIV/AIDS, or substance abuse. Veteran has to have some income and it can be up to 80% of the area median. Veteran has to reside in Hudson County or be originally from Hudson County. Veteran has to be willing and ready for ongoing case management.

JERSEY CITY EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING / MARTIN'S PLACE

ADDRESS: 398 Martin Luther King Drive, Jersey City, NJ

WEBSITE: www.jcetp.org

TELEPHONE: (551) 222-4323

SERVICES PROVIDED: Provide employment and training services for formerly incarcerated individuals.

HUDSON COUNTY RE-ENTRY PROGRAM

ADDRESS: 30-35 Hackensack Ave Kearny NJ 07032

TELEPHONE: (201) 395 5600 x 5166

SERVICES PROVIDED: Housing, Substance abuse and Mental Health Treatment, Medication interventions, Physical Health interventions.

ADDITIONAL CRITERIA: Ex-offender

HUDSON COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT—CRIMINAL DIVISION/ MENTAL HEALTH UNIT

ADDRESS: 595 Newark Avenue, Jersey City, NJ 07306

TELEPHONE: (201) 795-6875/6854

WEBSITE: www.judiciary.state.nj.us/hudson/

SERVICES PROVIDED: Assist any mentally ill individual involved with the Criminal Justice System with Mental Health Assessments. Oversee the Hudson County Veteran's Assistance Project for the Administrative Office of the Courts.

Hudson County Resource Guide for Homeless Veterans



Have you served in the Armed Forces and currently experiencing housing instability or homelessness?

Call one of the agencies below to help you navigate the service and housing options that may be available to you.

AGENCY: Catholic Charities

TELEPHONE: (201) 656-5101

SERVICES PROVIDED: Rental Assistance, moving cost, utility payments, child care expenses, security deposits, supportive services, and transportation (Please Note: Housing 1st model, services such as utility payments cannot be paid if client isn't at risk of homelessness or literally homeless.)

AGENCY: Community Hope, Inc.

WEBSITE: www.communityhope-nj.org

TELEPHONE: (973) 273-7712 / 1 (855) 483-8466

SERVICES PROVIDED: Rapid Rehousing, Homeless Prevention, Case Management

HOPE for Veterans (GPD): (908) 647-5717 ext. 325

AGENCY: North Hudson Community Action Corporation—SSVF

TELEPHONE: (201) 210-0101 / 201-867-1918 ext. 202

SERVICES PROVIDED: SSVF; short-term financial assistance; legal aid, child care, transportation, security payments, rental assistance, utility payments & moving costs.

AGENCY: Soldier On

WEBSITE: www.wesoldieron.org

TELEPHONE: 1 (866) 406-8449

SERVICES PROVIDED: SSVF, case management and referral services including; health care, transportation, income support, legal assistance, Temporary financial assistance: rental assistance, utility fees, security deposits, utility deposits, moving costs, emergency supplies, child care, and transportation.