

## 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*

### 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

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

**AGENCY:** East Orange VA Medical Center  
**TELEPHONE:** (973) 676-1000

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

**AGENCY:** Jersey City Community Outreach Clinic  
**TELEPHONE:** (201) 435-3055

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

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

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

**AGENCY:** Vet 2 Vet  
**TELEPHONE:** 1 (866) VETS-NJ4

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

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

**AGENCY:** Veterans Crisis Line  
**TELEPHONE:** 1 (800) 273-8255 \*Press 1

## Other Resources

### EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING SERVICES:

**Hudson County One Stop Career Center**  
**ADDRESS:** 530 48<sup>TH</sup> St, Union City  
**TELEPHONE:** (201) 369-5205 ext. 3736

**Jersey City One Stop Center**  
**ADDRESS:** 438 Summit Ave, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Jersey City  
**TELEPHONE:** (201) 795-8800

**Jersey City Employment & Training/ Martin's Place**  
**ADDRESS:** 398 Martin Luther King Dr, Jersey City  
**TELEPHONE:** (551) 222-4323  
**ADDITIONAL CRITERIA:** Former incarceration

### LEGAL SERVICES:

**Northeast NJ Legal Services**  
**ADDRESS:** 574 Summit Ave, Jersey City  
**TELEPHONE:** (201) 792-6363

**Volunteer Lawyers for Justice**  
**TELEPHONE:** (973) 645-1955

**Hudson County Re-entry Program**  
**ADDRESS:** 30-35 Hackensack Ave, Kearny  
**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 Ave, Jersey City  
**TELEPHONE:** (201) 795-6875/6854  
**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.*

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**AGENCY:** Catholic Charities  
**TELEPHONE:** 1 (855) 767-8387 / (973) 399-1333  
**SERVICES PROVIDED:** SSVF, rental Assistance, moving cost, utility payments, child care expenses, security deposits, supportive services, and transportation (Please Note: Housing 1<sup>st</sup> model, services such as utility payments cannot be paid if client isn't at risk of homelessness or literally homeless.)

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**AGENCY:** Community Hope, Inc.  
**WEBSITE:** [www.communityhope-nj.org](http://www.communityhope-nj.org)  
**TELEPHONE:** (973) 273-7712 / 1 (855) 483-8466  
**SERVICES PROVIDED:** SSVF, Rapid Rehousing and Prevention supportive services provided to veterans who are literally homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. Case management services and linkage to legal assistance, employment services, mental health services, transitional shelters, and VA benefits. Temporary financial assistance such as rental assistance, security deposits, utility deposits, moving costs, child care expenses, transportation assistance, rental arrears and utility arrears.  
**HOPE for Veterans (GPD):** (908) 647-5717 ext. 325

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**AGENCY:** Soldier On  
**WEBSITE:** [www.wesoldieron.org](http://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.