

Private Landlords

Partnering to End Homelessness



“It is truly our duty to right this wrong and put an end to veteran homelessness, once and for all.”
-First Lady Michelle Obama



Every veteran deserves a safe and stable place to call home.

Federal programs—such as the HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) and the Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) programs—can provide long- or short-term rental subsidies and services that effectively end homelessness for our nation’s heroes and their families. In many communities, however, veterans struggle to find apartments or homes that they can rent with these subsidies, and remain living on our streets and in our shelters for far too long, but you can help.

The Need

Access to Rental Housing for Veterans and Their Families

No veteran should experience homelessness, and thanks to important actions at the Federal, state and local levels, veteran homelessness has been reduced by 33 percent between January 2010 and January 2014. Ending veteran homelessness is an achievable goal, but there is more work to do. In January 2014, 49,933 veterans were experiencing homelessness in the United States, and veterans accounted for more than 10 percent of all adults facing homelessness. Achieving this goal requires a community-wide response to provide access to rental units for veterans that are exiting homelessness, especially in high-cost and tight rental markets. Even in communities that have made great progress, such as New Orleans, where veteran homelessness was effectively ended earlier this year, there is still a need for landlords to make units available for veterans who may experience homelessness in the future.

The Opportunity

Partnering to Make Homes Available to Those Who Served

Landlords can play a key role honoring those who have served our country by working with VA and non-profit organizations serving veterans to make their rental units available to veterans who have experienced homelessness and are participating in the HUD-VASH or SSVF programs.

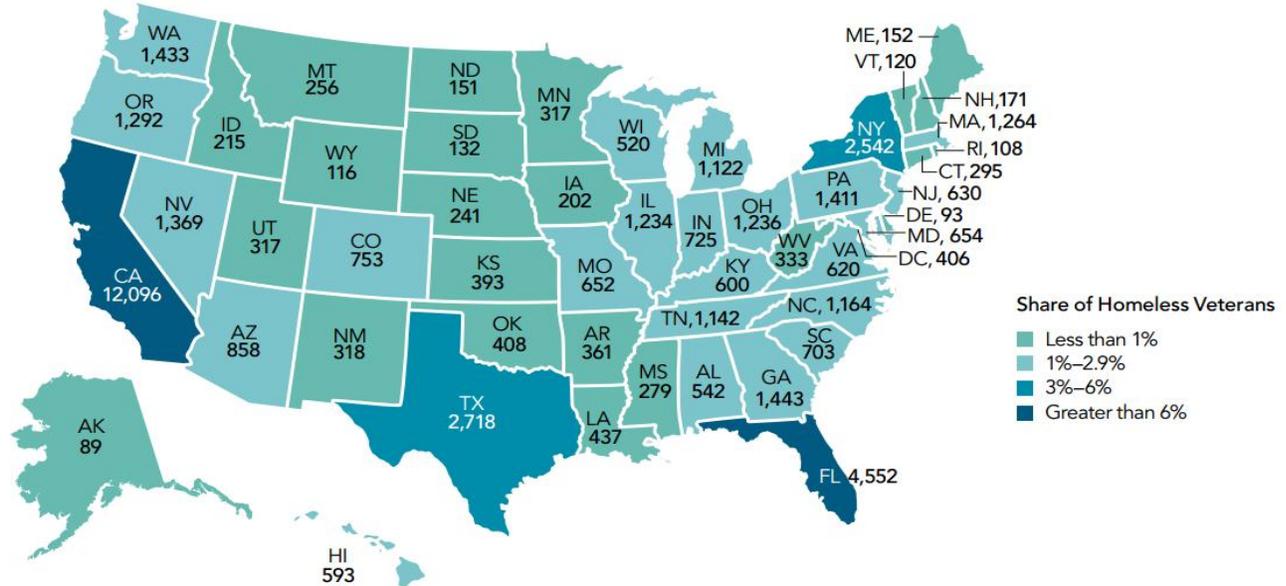
- HUD-VASH is a collaborative program between the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) through which eligible veterans experiencing homelessness receive a Housing Choice rental voucher from HUD, paired with VA-provided case management and supportive services to sustain housing stability, support recovery from physical and behavioral health issues, and address other challenges. Program goals include housing stability, while promoting maximum veteran recovery and independence in the community for the veteran and the veteran’s family.
- The SSVF program provides time-limited financial assistance and case management services to help veterans and their families rapidly return to housing or to prevent homelessness. VA funds community-based, nonprofit organizations to provide security deposits and rental subsidies and case management services to ensure that the housing is stable and successful, with the goal of supporting the veteran to take over full responsibility for the lease and the rent.

In addition to knowing they have an opportunity to serve our nation’s veterans, landlords will find some advantages when they choose to partner with HUD-VASH and/or SSVF programs. For example, landlords can experience more stable rental income, reduced vacancy rates due to quick connections with renters as soon as units become available, and access to staff people who can address any issues. Participants in both programs access case management and/or support services, which provides a safety net for tenants, additional assurances that lease terms are met, and a reduced default risk.



The Data

Estimates of Veterans Experiencing Homelessness By State, 2014



SOURCE: HUD 2014 Annual Homeless Assessment Report to Congress

The Communities

Landlords willing to rent to veterans participating in HUD-VASH and SSVF programs are essential elements of the solution to veteran homelessness in every community in our country. Provided here is a list of 25 communities that have some of the most significant needs:

Community	Veterans Experiencing Homelessness
Atlanta, GA	477
Baltimore, MD	305
Boston, MA	450
Chicago, IL	714
Denver, CO	429
Detroit, MI	525
Fresno, CA	272
Honolulu, HI	385
Houston, TX	644
Las Vegas, NV	1230
Los Angeles, CA	3739
Miami, FL	317
New Orleans, LA	193

Community	Veterans Experiencing Homelessness
New York, NY	1645
Orlando, FL	299
Philadelphia, PA	357
Phoenix, AZ	310
Portland, OR	412
Riverside, CA	296
San Diego, CA	1307
San Francisco, CA	720
Seattle, WA	685
Tampa, FL	236
Tucson, AZ	285
Washington, DC	406
Total	16,638

*Estimates based on the 2014 Point-in-Time Count

Contact

To connect with your local HUD office, visit <http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/localoffices>.

To connect with your local VA on landlord opportunities, contact Charles Selby, Charles.Selby@va.gov.

