

## Who is Eligible to Participate?

Veterans must be currently homeless (or in imminent danger of becoming homeless), have limited income below the established HUD threshold, and have an identified clinical need for case management. Veterans in transitional housing or residential treatment programs may also be considered for admission.

HUD-VASH is designed to help veterans living with a disability, mental illness, addiction, or other issues which necessitate ongoing case management.

Veterans required to register on any Lifetime Sex Offender Registry, or exceed income thresholds are not eligible for the program.

## How are Veterans referred?

Referrals may be made for any veteran thought to be eligible and appropriate for the program, by the VA clinician working with them. Referrals will be screened by the admissions committee to ensure eligibility, clinical need, and determine urgency of need for admission.

## What about Veterans not currently working with a VA Clinician?

Homeless veterans not currently working with a VA clinician should contact the Health Care for Homeless Veterans Outreach Specialist or a Social Worker at your local VA facility, to discuss available housing support options, including the HUD-VASH program.

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# HUD VASH PROGRAM



Supported Housing for  
Homeless Veterans

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Veterans Affairs Medical Center

## **What is the HUD-VASH Program?**

The HUD-VASH program is a partnership between the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to provide subsidized housing vouchers for eligible homeless veterans.

Housing Choice Vouchers are administered through a local Public Housing Authority (PHA). Ongoing case management is provided as needed by qualified staff affiliated with a local VA medical facility.

The HUD-VASH program allows eligible veterans to obtain safe, affordable, accessible, permanent housing in a location of their choice. Veteran participants in the HUD-VASH program must be eligible for VA health care as defined by laws and regulations and must be homeless.

Although permanent housing is a key element of the supports provided, HUD-VASH is not strictly a housing program. It may be helpful to think of HUD-VASH as a long-term case management program, which happens to have housing supports available to eligible participants.

Veterans may continue to use the housing voucher as long it is needed, until income thresholds are exceeded.

## **Where can the Voucher be Used?**

HUD-VASH Vouchers can be used to subsidize rental units from any landlord willing to accept a Housing Choice Voucher and work with the partnering Public Housing Authority. Vouchers are also portable, within specific limitations.

## **What does the Case Manager do?**

Veteran participation in case management is a program requirement.

Your case manager will:

- work with you to develop individualized goals based on your needs and desires
- assist with Public Housing Authority application process and housing search
- coordinate access to needed services and supports
- provide limited counseling services, or referrals when more in-depth support is needed
- complete program documentation - with input from veteran as needed
- monitor progress and follow up as needed

After demonstrating appropriate progress, the case manager may decide (with agreement from the veteran and PHA) to discontinue case management. Veterans may graduate from the program in this manner, but can continue to access the voucher as long as it is needed.

## **What do I need to Get Started?**

Some documents are required as part of the housing authority application process. Veterans can begin ahead of time to gather these items:

- DD 214 - military discharge papers
- Photo ID for all adults
- Social Security Cards for all household members
- Birth Certificates for children ages 0-18

Other income/asset verifications are also required at time of application.

## **What Cost is Involved?**

Veterans are responsible to pay a portion of the monthly rent directly to the landlord. This is equal to 30-40% of their gross monthly income. The housing authority pays the remaining portion of the rent.

Security Deposits, along with any other up front fees, are the responsibility of the veteran. Some community resources may be available to assist with these expenses.

It is recommended that the veteran has income of at least \$200 monthly and not exceed \$1800 monthly. This is to cover other incidental and monthly expenses, such as:

- Food & transportation
- Utilities
- Household supplies
- Basic home furnishings
- Phone, cable, internet, etc.

VASH vouchers are currently available in:

- Cuyahoga County
- Summit County
- Lorain County