



ASSISTANCE FOR HOMELESS VETERANS

DOES VA HAVE PROGRAMS TO ASSIST HOMELESS VETERANS?

VA has many benefits and services to assist homeless Veterans. Disability benefits, education, healthcare, housing assistance, rehabilitation services, employment assistance, residential care, and compensated work therapy are among the many services we offer to eligible Veterans.

WHAT KIND OF VA BENEFITS AND SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE FOR HOMELESS VETERANS?

Disability Benefits

VA annually awards more than \$29 billion in disability benefits to millions of Veterans. In many instances, these payments are the major source of income to Veterans and serve to prevent homelessness.

Outreach

Staff from VA regional offices, medical centers, and special homeless programs regularly visit community shelters, agencies, and outside areas to help thousands of homeless Veterans each year.

Healthcare for Homeless Veterans Program

Operates at more than 135 sites and provides outreach, exams, treatment, referrals, and case management to Veterans who are homeless and dealing with mental health issues, including substance abuse. Trained and caring VA specialists provide tools and support necessary to help homeless Veterans get their lives on a better track.

Domiciliary Care for Homeless Veterans Program

Provides medical care and rehabilitation in a residential setting on VA medical center grounds to eligible ambulatory Veterans disabled by medical or psychiatric disorders, injury, or age and who do not need hospitalization or nursing home care.

Supportive Services for Veterans Families Program

Provides grants and technical assistance to community-based, nonprofit organizations to help Veterans and their families stay in their homes.



Disabilities determined by VA to be related to your military service can lead to monthly non-taxable compensation, enrollment in the VA health care system, a 10-point hiring preference for federal employment and other important benefits. Ask your VA representative or Veterans Service Organization representative about Disability Compensation, Pension, Health Care, Caregiver Program, Career Services, Educational Assistance, Home Loan Guaranty, Insurance and/or Dependents and Survivors' Benefits.



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U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and VA Supportive Housing Program (HUD-VASH)

HUD and VA partner to provide permanent, supportive housing and treatment services to homeless Veterans. HUD allocates “Housing Choice” vouchers across the country, which allows Veterans and their families to live in market rate rental housing while VA provides case management services. A housing subsidy is paid directly to the landlord by the local public housing authority on behalf of the participating Veteran. The Veteran then pays the difference between the actual rent charged by the landlord and the amount subsidized by the program. The case management services facilitate the attainment of the Veteran’s recovery goals.

Homeless Veterans Supported Employment Program

Provides vocational assistance, job development and placement, and ongoing supports to improve employment outcomes among homeless Veterans and Veterans at-risk of homelessness. Formerly homeless Veterans who have been trained as Vocational Rehabilitation Specialists provide these services.

Compensated Work Therapy

Comprised of three unique programs which assist homeless Veterans in returning to competitive employment: Sheltered Workshop, Transitional Work, and Supported Employment. Veterans in CWT are paid at least the Federal or State minimum wage, whichever is higher.

Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment VetSuccess Program

Assists Veterans with service-connected disabilities to prepare for, find, and keep suitable jobs. Services that may be provided include: Comprehensive rehabilitation evaluation to determine abilities, skills, and interests for employment; employment services; assistance finding and keeping a job; and On-the-Job Training, apprenticeship, and non-paid work experiences.

Acquired Property Sales for Homeless Providers Program

This program allows homeless provider organizations to purchase available properties VA obtained through foreclosures on VA-insured mortgages at a discount rate of 20 to 50 percent. Some of these properties are also available for lease.

HOW CAN YOU GET MORE INFORMATION?

To connect with any of these homeless services, please call VA’s toll-free National Call Center for Homeless Veterans at 1-877-4AID-VET (1-877-424-3838) to speak to a trained VA responder. The hotline is available 24/7 and is free. Neither VA registration nor enrollment in VA healthcare or benefits is required to use this service.

