

Federal Programs that Address Veteran Homelessness

Compiled below are several federal programs that address homelessness among, as taken from the United States Veterans Affairs website on Homeless Veterans.¹

Entity	Service/ Program Name	Service Type	Examples of services provided to clients
United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”)	HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (“VASH”) Vouchers	Housing, Mental Health	Housing Choice Voucher (“HCV”) rental assistance for homeless Veterans with case management and clinical services provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs.
United States Veterans Affairs (“VA”)	Stand-Down Events	Services	Stand Downs are typically one- to three-day events providing supplies and services to homeless Veterans, such as food, shelter, clothing, health screenings and VA Social Security benefits counseling. Veterans can also receive referrals to other assistance such as health care, housing solutions, employment, substance use treatment and mental health counseling.
VA	Domiciliary Care Program	Housing, Mental Health	The MH RRTPs are designed to provide state-of-the-art, high-quality residential rehabilitation and treatment services for Veterans with multiple and severe medical conditions, mental illness, addiction, or psychosocial deficits.
VA	Health Care for Homeless Veterans	Health Care	Provide services such as food, clothing, health screenings, VA benefits counseling, and referrals to a variety of services including housing and employment.

¹ United States Department of Veterans Affairs, August 4, 2016.

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VA	Homeless Mobile Medical/Mental Veterans Outreach	Physical and Mental Health	<p>Under Project Homelessness Ending Action: Reintegration, Transition, and Healthcare (HEARTH), HMMM-V is an outreach van equipped to provide medical, mental health, and social services to Veterans experiencing homelessness and living in unsheltered environments (on the streets, under bridges, or other outdoor settings). The HMMM-V Van regularly visits CitySquare’s Opportunity Center, Dallas International Street Church, and special events across North Texas.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Reaches out to Veterans who are homeless or at risk of homelessness in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. •Attempts to find Veterans eligible for VA services who are homeless and not participating in homeless services. •Delivers services to Veterans living on the street, under bridges, and in other outdoor settings. •Provides immediate medical and mental health care, and social services directly to Veterans. •Helps to verify and enroll Veterans for VA services.
VA	Project Community Homelessness Assessment, Local Education, and Networking Groups (CHALENG)	Housing and Services	<p>Unites homeless service providers, advocates, Veterans and concerned citizens toward the goal of meeting the evolving needs of Veterans who are homeless.</p>

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VA	Community Resource and Referral Center	Services	CRRCs provide Veterans impacted with homelessness or are at risk of homelessness direct access to VA and community agency partner resources and services to work on personal goals in a day center environment with individual or group meetings, recreational activities, and laundry and shower facilities.
VA	Health Care for Homeless Veterans Emergency Housing and Contract Residential	Housing and Health Care	This program provides short-term (maximum 90 days) emergency housing for Veterans who are homeless and in need of temporary housing while they work toward independence and find permanent housing and stable employment. In the Tyler and Canton area, this temporary housing is located in residential communities, and owned and operated by the Andrews Center. In Dallas, it is located at the Union Gospel Mission.
VA	Grant Per Diem Program	Housing and Services	This VA-funded program is based out of the Salvation Army and the Union Gospel Mission in Dallas and the Presbyterian Night Shelter and Tarrant County MHMR in Fort Worth. It provides transitional housing for Veterans who are homeless with the goals of achieving greater self-determination, developing residential stability, and increasing income potential.

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VA	Compensated Work Therapy Transitional Residences	Housing and Employment	This program includes 4 houses in Dallas and 1 in Bonham, all owned by VA, where Veterans participating in the TSES Program pay a monthly program fee. These large, well-kept, comfortable homes are near bus lines and major shopping centers and include private or semi-private bedrooms, living rooms, kitchens, laundry, and yard. Veterans living in these homes receive care management and support, and are one step closer to independent, successful, community living.
VA	Peer Housing Location Assistance Groups	Housing and Services	The HCHV Program performs outreach in the community to engage and identify Veterans who are homeless, on the streets, in shelters, and in county jails to help them access care, obtain needed services, and take advantage of community resources. HCHV staff perform comprehensive housing assessments (Universal Homeless Housing Screening). This screening helps determine the next best step for the Veteran. It may be the Veteran has a mental health or substance abuse problem and may benefit from residential substance abuse treatment or behavioral health services. Counselors also have information about rental assistance, bill payment, clothing, primary care, and vocational rehabilitation.

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VA	Homeless Women Veterans Program	Housing and Services	VA understands that many women Veterans face challenges when returning to civilian life, including raising children on their own or dealing with the aftereffects of military sexual trauma. Without intervention, these and other issues can put women Veterans at greater risk of homelessness. VA also strives to address the individualized needs of women throughout its specialized programs for homeless Veterans. Every VA Medical Center and regional benefits office also has a dedicated advocate to make sure women Veterans get the health care and benefits they've earned through service.
VA	Vocational Rehabilitation (Formerly Compensated Work Therapy)	Employment	Assists Veterans address barriers associated with obtaining full-time employment. Sobriety Support, Chaplain, Occupational Therapy, and group therapy sessions are also regularly scheduled. Places Veterans in various work situations to develop marketable skills, improve employability, increase self-confidence and esteem, and evaluate the capacity to sustain the demands of work.
VA	Supportive Services for Veteran Families (“SSVF”)	Housing and Services	SSVF awards grants to private nonprofit organizations and consumer cooperatives who will provide supportive services to very low income Veterans and their families residing in or transitioning to permanent housing. The grantees will provide a range of supportive services designed to promote housing stability.

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U.S. Department of Labor	Homeless Veteran Reintegration Program	Employment	<p>The program is "employment focused" and veterans receive the employment and training services they need in order to re-enter the labor force. Job placement, training, job development, career counseling, resume preparation, are among the services that are provided.</p> <p>Supportive services such as clothing, provision of or referral to temporary, transitional, and permanent housing, referral to medical and substance abuse treatment, and transportation assistance are also provided to meet the needs of this target group.</p>