

Housing Eligibility

Eligibility for VA healthcare increases possible housing solutions for a homeless Veteran. Responses to this screener indicate a likelihood of an individual qualifying for a Veteran housing program, and can indicate eligibility for healthcare. Responses to this screener are not directly related to eligibility for Veteran benefits not related to housing or healthcare, such as a pension. Final eligibility is determined by the VA, or a provider with a contracted housing program with the VA.

Check if "Yes"	Description
	1. Are you currently homeless, living in a place not meant for human habitation, or at eminent risk of losing your housing?
	2. Did you serve in active duty in the military, naval, or air service <i>other than training</i> ?
	3. Did you leave/separate from the armed forces with a status other than dishonorable?*
	4. Did you enter basic training before October 16, 1980?*
	5. Do you receive benefits for a service-connected disability or served more than 2 years of active duty?
	6. Do you have a copy of your DD 214 form? (Certificate of Release/Discharge from Active Duty)***

* Statuses other than dishonorable: honorable, under honorable conditions, general, other than honorable, bad conduct.

** Veterans who entered after Oct. 16, 1980 must serve 24 months, and final dates of services will be verified by a service provider to ensure eligibility.

*** If Veteran has DD 214 form, discharge status and date enlisted/active duty will be listed. DD 214 form is the required documentation used to verify eligibility by the VA for all VA housing programs. Veteran can be referred without a DD 214.

If a Veteran answered "yes" to the first four questions, it is likely that he or she is eligible for Veteran housing programs (SSVF/GPD). If a Veteran also answered "yes" to the fifth question, it is likely that he or she is eligible for VA healthcare and VA Contract, Domiciliary, and permanent supportive housing (HUD-VASH).

Veterans must be able to obtain a copy of the DD 214 form to demonstrate eligibility criteria are met. This form can be ordered by the housing provider or a staff member at the VA Medical Center. Referrals can be made to programs if a Veteran meets the screening criteria, even if the DD 214 has not been obtained.

Housing Programs – Quick Guide

HCHV Contract – Crisis Response, Healthcare Required

- Short-term shelter; cannot exceed 6 months
- Program works to help Veterans who are living on the street or exiting an institutional facility

VA Domiciliary – Crisis Response, Treatment, Healthcare Required

- Short-term residential treatment program for homeless veterans; cannot exceed 6 months
- Veterans must qualify for VA medical care

GPD Programs— Crisis Response, Transitional, Healthcare Not Required

- Includes three types of transitional housing services that prepare and assist clients toward permanent housing
- Transitional housing services include substance abuse and mental health services
- Veterans who have entered GPD Programs three times in the past must have VA approval

SSVF Program – Imminent Risk, Literally Homeless, Rapid Re-housing, Healthcare Not Required

- Rapid Re-Housing program with wrap around services
- Assistance is dependent on needs assessment
- Financial assistance provided cannot exceed 9 months of assistance within a 12 month period.

HUD-VASH – Chronic & Literally Homeless, Disability, Permanent Supportive Housing, Healthcare Required

- Veteran must need ongoing supportive case management services
- Veteran must have disability or experienced homelessness for more than 12-months (or a total of 12- months over the last three years)
- Restrictions include those with violent sex offense or arson conviction

Thank you to our partners who are working to end Veteran Homelessness:

City of Indianapolis	Easter Seals Crossroads
CHIP	HRH-HHOOT
HIP	Horizon House
HVAF of Indiana	IMPD
Intecare	PBSO
Volunteer of America— IN	YMCA of Central Indiana
United Way of Central Indiana	Richard L. Roudebush VA Medical Center

Department of Veterans Affairs Housing Information Guide

Understanding Veteran eligibility for crisis and permanent housing

If you know a Veteran experiencing a housing crisis, call 1 (877) 424-3838, to connect them to resources and programs.

Housing Program- Healthcare Required

HUD-VASH Program

HUD-VASH is a VA permanent supportive housing program that combines a housing choice voucher with case management and clinical services from the VA Medical Center. Services are provided at VA Medical Centers, community based outreach clinics, and with home visit case management. Veterans complete the IHA housing voucher intake process, including a required orientation. As a housing first program, case management is not required, but strongly encouraged. HUD-VASH is not a strictly site-based program, so Veterans can work with IHA and their case manager to locate housing that meets their needs and is compliant with the housing quality standards required by HUD. The restrictions on HUD-VASH eligibility are related to housing restrictions within the HUD housing voucher program.

The eligibility items listed below are the most common concerns for HUD-VASH. Veterans with certain criminal convictions cannot receive HUD-VASH. A Veteran should speak with the VA Homeless team to verify eligibility.

Additional Eligibility Requirement:

Check if "No"	Description
	Have you been convicted of a violent sex offense?
	Have you been convicted of arson?
Check if "Yes"	Description
	Do you have a diagnosed disability?*
	Have you been homeless for longer than 12 months or for a total of 12 months over the last three years?***

*If the Veteran does not have a disability diagnosed yet but would be likely to be eligible disability documentation, he or she may still be able to qualify for HUD-VASH.

***Veterans who experienced more than 12 months of homelessness have a preference in placement in HUD-VASH, but chronic homelessness is not a requirement for entry.

If you are assisting a Veteran who is experiencing homelessness and needs assistance, please contact the VA Homeless Hotline: 1 (877) 424-3838.

Crisis Programs- Healthcare Required

HCHV Contract

Healthcare for Homeless Veterans (HCHV) Contract beds are short-term shelter (six-month maximum). Contract programs is targeted to serve very vulnerable Veterans who are living on the street, or exiting an institutional facility (medical, mental health, corrections). It is administered by a community partner, and Veterans must be eligible for VA Medical Care. Veterans will only be enrolled in Contract for as long as is needed to address their service/clinical needs in preparation for permanent housing.

VA Domiciliary

The Domiciliary is a 3 to 6 month residential treatment program for homeless veterans, which focuses on identifying and treating underlying issues contributing to the Veteran's homelessness, including substance abuse, mental health needs, interpersonal instability, employment gaps, financial instability, coping skills deficits. The Domiciliary is a therapeutic living environment with 24/7 VA nursing staff. Clients also have access to many services including case management, group therapy, individual clinical therapy, primary medical and medication/disease education, employment services, and other services. The program provides individual furnished rooms for 45 men and 5 women. Veterans must qualify for VA medical care.

Community Partner	Contact Information
Homeless Initiative Program (HIP)	317-957-2275 (SSVF: Marion County only)
HVAF of Indiana	317-951-0688 (SSVF: Marion, Morgan, Hendricks, Boone, Hamilton, Hancock, Shelby, & Johnson Counties)
Intecare	317-237-5770 (SSVF: Marion, Madison, Hamilton, Hancock, Boone, Shelby, Johnson, Vigo, & Clay Counties)
Volunteers of America-IN	1-855-332-8387 (SSVF: Marion, Grant, Morgan, Johnson, Shelby, Monroe, Brown, Bartholomew, Greene, Lawrence, Knox, Daviess, Gibson, Pike, Dubois, Posey, Vanderburgh, Warrick, Spencer, & Perry Counties)
VA Crisis Line	1-877-424-3838 (All Programs: Nationwide)

Housing Programs- Healthcare Not Required

GPD Program

GPD (Grant & Per Diem) is a transitional housing program. Veterans may choose from three types of GPD, based upon their eligibility and need for assistance. Veterans will only be enrolled for as long as is needed to address their service/clinical needs in preparation for permanent housing. Veterans in transitional housing do not lose their chronic homeless status (category for Veterans who are homeless 12 months or longer), but while they are in transitional housing they cannot accrue days homelessness that count toward chronicity.

Program Models:

Housing Type	Description
Bridge	Veteran needs a short-term place to stay (90 days or less)
Service Intensive	Veteran chooses supportive transitional housing
Clinical	Veteran has substance use disorder or mental health issue and agrees to treatment

Additional Eligibility:

Check if "No"	Description
	Have you entered GPD more than two times? *Contact the VA GPD liaison with questions.

SSVF Program

SSVF (Supportive Services for Veteran Families) is a Rapid Re-housing program. SSVF case management focuses on housing stabilization. Services and financial assistance are all provided based upon need. Services include housing location assistance, representation at lease signing to answer questions, and monthly case management and/or home visits. Eligible financial assistance includes security/utility deposits, rental/utility assistance, moving costs, emergency supplies, and childcare.

Additional Eligibility:

Check if "No"	Description
	Have you received a cumulative 9 months of SSVF financial assistance in the last 12 months? *Contact the most recent SSVF provider with questions.