



LANDLORDS NEEDED: Housing Ventura County's Homeless Veterans

THE OPPORTUNITY:

Helping end veteran homelessness by providing access to rental housing for those who served and their families.

OVERVIEW:

HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) is a collaborative program between the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and 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, locally based 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 HUD-VASH program is administered by several local housing authorities and serves all of Ventura County.

The Supportive Services for Veteran Families program (SSVF) provides time-limited financial assistance and case management services to help veterans and their families rapidly return to housing or to prevent homelessness. The VA funds community-based, nonprofit organizations to provide security deposits, rental subsidies and case management services to ensure that housing is stable and successful, with the goal of supporting the veteran to take over full responsibility for the lease and the rent. The SSVF program in Ventura County is administered by the Salvation Army.

Veteran income required to qualify for HUD-VASH or SSVF is 50% of median income (e.g. under \$35,000 for an individual; under \$40,000 for a two-person household).

PARTNER LANDLORD BENEFITS:

Just one rental unit can change the life of a veteran. There is no landlord requirement of the number of units to partner with HUD-VASH and/or SSVF programs. Advantages for landlords who participate include: guaranteed rent paid through direct deposit (tenants may be responsible for a small portion of rent); control of tenant selection to confirm compatibility; single point of contact with a case manager and timely responsiveness to tenant and landlord concerns; leases shorter than 12 months; reduced vacancy rates due to rapid connection with renters; and reduced default risk. Voucher rental amounts paid to landlords are based on rent reasonableness, utilities and amenities included with the rental unit(s).

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