

Eligibility Criteria for Veterans

- Must be eligible for care at the VA Medical Center (VAMC)
- Must meet definition requirements of chronically homeless under the McKinney Act
- Must have credible evidence of chronic homelessness
- Income must be within the HUD guidelines
- Veterans must be stable and they must be able to live without alcohol and illegal drugs.
- Household members cannot be a life-time registered sex offender
- Must have need for case management and be willing to participate with case management for the duration of the youcher.

HUD VASH MISSION

The combined mission of the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development and U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs is to eliminate homelessness of veterans. This program aims to provide a holistic approach to rental assistance. In addition to quality affordable housing veterans and their families are offered comprehensive care with regard to health-care, and case management and other supportive services to promote self-sufficiency.

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HUD - VA Initiative

Veteran Affairs Supportive Housing

partnership HUD-VASH is a between the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Department of Veterans Affairs. The VA VASH staff provides case management services designed to resolve current homelessness and prevent future episodes of homelessness. HUD provides a Housing Choice Voucher, issued through a public housing agency (PHA), which enables the veteran to obtain affordable housing.



In the state of Texas, more than 2,700 HUD-VASH vouchers have been issued through 15 local public housing agencies and 14 VA medical centers since 2008.

Process of obtaining a HUD-VASH Voucher

Eligibility determination by the VA VA determines case management and obtains required documents Housing referral made to local PHA and income eligibility determined

Housing voucher issued and Veteran selects rental unit

Case management services continue

Failure to cooperate with case management and/or adhere to PHA requirements will result in termination from the program.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



Who should a veteran contact if interested in participating in the HUD-VASH program?



The case managers at the local Veterans Affairs Medical Centers (VAMC) are responsible for referring eligible homeless veterans to the PHAs. Therefore, any interested homeless veteran should contact their local VAMC directly. HUD has posted a list of VAMCs and participating PHAs on the HUD website:

http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/prog rams/hcv/vash/.



What documents will a veteran need to apply for housing?



Each member of the household will need to provide: social security card, a picture ID or drivers license, birth certificate, proof of income and a copy of last year's income tax return (if filed).



What are the requirements for participating in the HUD-VASH voucher program?



The Veteran must have a need for case management service to maintain stability and prevent future homelessness. The Veteran must adhere to all rules provided by the local housing authority. The veteran must agree to regular home and office visits as well as random urine alcohol and drug screenings. The Veteran if necessary must attend medical and behavioral health treatments designed to maintain sobriety. The veteran will attend life skills classes and support groups