

SUPPORTIVE SERVICES FOR VETERAN FAMILIES

Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) provides assistance to Veterans who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless

BASIC ELIGIBILITY

Who qualifies and who does not?

Veterans, who have served active military service and were separated under any condition other than dishonorable, may qualify for Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) benefits and services.

Current and former members of the Reserves and National Guard who were called to active duty by a federal order and completed the full term of duty for which they were activated may also be eligible for SSVF benefits. Those who were only called up for training purposes do not meet the eligibility requirement for SSVF services, however, SSVF will still work to refer such individuals to other organizations that may be able to assist them.

SSVF also takes into account the annual household income; please see the Area Median Income (AMI) chart published below in this newsletter. Eligible Veteran household's gross income must fall below the 50% AMI guideline to be eligible for SSVF Services.

Veterans currently in possession of a HUD VASH voucher, in the process of obtaining a HUD VASH voucher, or enrolled in the Grant and Per Diem Program (GPD) must fall below the 30% AMI guideline to be eligible for SSVF services.

In addition, Veterans enrolled in the GPD Program and seeking services through SSVF must be referred to the SSVF program within their first 30 days of entering the GPD program

AREA MEDIAN INCOME TABLE

NASSAU-SUFFOLK, NY HUD METRO FMR AREA
Median Income: 109000

Very Low (50%) Income Limit | Extremely Low (30%) Income Limit

PERSONS IN FAMILY	NASSAU-SUFFOLK, NY HUD METRO FMR AREA Median Income: 109000	
	Very Low (50%) Income Limit	Extremely Low (30%) Income Limit
1	38150	22900
2	43600	26200
3	49050	29450
4	54500	32700
5	58900	35350
6	63250	37950
7	67600	40550
8	71950	43200

REQUIRED GEAR

What to bring to your appointment...

Upon initial screening, a few documents are needed to verify Veteran status and eligibility. Please have the following documents ready for your intake meeting:

- ★ DD214. (If you cannot provide your DD214 at the time of intake a VA Card, HINQ, or Letter of Service may serve as proof of Veteran status)
- ★ Birth Certificate, Social Security card and State ID for all members of the household
- ★ 2 most recent pay stubs for all employed members of the household
- ★ Award letters for SSI, SSD, SSA, DSS Benefits, VA Service connected pension, VA non-service connected pension for all members of the household
- ★ 2 most recent bank statements for all household members showing any additional income including: retirement pension, child support, alimony payments and/or Unemployment benefits
- ★ Utility shut off notice/s
- ★ Eviction notice
- ★ Letter of shelter stay from shelter Case Manager
- ★ Discharge paper from hospital or institution

If you need help obtaining the necessary documents for eligibility, we may be able to assist. Please call our main office (631) 227-0777.

SSVF grant funds may not be used to pay any of the following items:

- Mortgage Costs
- Construction Cost
- Credit cards or Consumer Debt
- Car Payments
- Pet Care
- Court Ordered fees/fines

For more information and an expanded list, contact program staff.



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Do you know a homeless veteran or a veteran on the verge of becoming homeless? Contact our office so we can assist a veteran in need (631) 227-0777.

1 in 4 HOMELESS IN THE US ARE VETERANS

Statistic: Sept 2009, National Coalition for the Homeless

SERVING THOSE WHO SERVED

It's not just about housing...

In an effort to assist the Department of Veteran Affairs mission to end Veteran homelessness, the goal of SSVF is to help Veteran families achieve self-sufficiency, long term housing stability and an improved quality of life. Temporary Financial Assistance (TFA) is just one tool that can be used to combat homelessness amongst Veteran families. SSVF works with the Veteran to address the root causes of their individual housing situation.

In support of this effort SSVF provides job referral services, resume writing, assistance with interview preparation, as well as help connecting to other local resources to aid in possible employment opportunities.

SSVF is also able to help Veteran families obtain benefits that they may be entitled to through County, State and Federal Government entities. These services are available to all members of the Veteran family household.

As a program, SSVF utilizes partnerships with other organizations to meet any additional needs that the Veteran family may have identified. This includes referrals for mental health services and other social service assistance.

DEFINING THE VETERAN FAMILY...

The SSVF Program defines a Veteran family as "A Veteran who is a single person or a family in which the head of household, or the spouse of the head of household, is a Veteran."

A household is defined as "All persons who together present for services and identify themselves as being part of the same household." (Note: Proof of family status is not required, but may serve as proof of household composition in some circumstances.)



The Veteran can define their individual household with the understanding that the income of all individuals in the household will be counted in the eligibility requirements.

WHAT SERVICES DOES SSVF PROVIDE

SSVF provides two basic types of services: Wrap Around Services and Temporary Financial Assistance (TFA).

Wrap Around Services include but are not limited to:

- ★ Emergency Housing Referrals
- ★ Assistance Searching for Housing
- ★ Connection to Local, State and Federal Benefits
- ★ Employment and Training Services
- ★ Financial Literacy Education
- ★ Budget Advisory
- ★ Rental Assistance and Arrears
- ★ Utility Arrears
- ★ Security Deposits
- ★ Storage and Moving Costs
- ★ Temporary Financial Assistance
- ★ Connection to Child Care Providers

In addition to the above services, SSVF may be able to provide Temporary Financial Assistance (TFA) to those who qualify.

TFA Services include but are not limited to:

- ★ Moving Costs
- ★ General Housing Stability Assistance
- ★ Emergency Housing assistance
- ★ Transportation Assistance

Each Veteran family is assessed at the time of intake to determine which services they may be eligible to receive.

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