

Veteran Committee Meeting updates

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Hello Everyone,

I apologize for the delay. Attached is the information we discussed during the Veteran Committee meeting on Tuesday. I have also attached the link for the VA and income guidelines. Income guide Link:

https://www.huduser.gov/portal/datasets/il/il2018/2018summary.odn <u>VA Website:</u> https://www.va.gov/homeless/ssvf/index.asp

Thank you,

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Please consider volunteering for the 2019 Homeless Point-in-Time Count

January 23rd.

at www.pitvolunteer.com "Let's make everyone count"

2 attachments

SSVF Overview Flyer as of 101918.docx 20K

SSVF Referral Form-2018.pdf

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Supportive Services for Veteran's Families (SSVF)

The primary goal of the SSVF program is to assist very low income Veteran's families to obtain permanent stable housing.

SSVF Case Managers will assess the Veteran and their family's needs.

SSVF has Employment Specialists that can assist with obtaining earned income.

The Veteran is responsible for working in collaboration with SSVF. A budget is created with housing, utilities, and all other expenses included. Some of these expenses may be estimated to assure that the Veteran will be able to sustain independent living once he/she enters into a lease for residency. Depending on circumstances a Veteran may be eligible for HUD-VASH benefits administered by the VA.

Once a budget is complete, it is time to start looking for a place to rent. Once you find a place to you would like to rent inform your SSVF Case Manager to review. For qualifying veterans, SSVF can often assist with security deposits and first month's rent, utility deposits and access to The Mustard Seed for bedding. SSVF will conduct follow-up monthly interviews that include a review of your budget, care planning and answering questions you may have.

Steps to Finding Independent Living: Most Important: Safety First—Find a safe place to stay tonight.

- 1. Look for an apartment, house, or condo, to rent.
 - a. Choose one or two areas you would like to live. Seek various information sources.
 - b. Look at prices!!! Can you reasonably afford this? Fit it into your budget to see how much you have at the end of each month. Did you remember to include everything you purchase or make payments on each month?
 - c. Go to view apartment. Ask what is included? Utilities? Amenities? Do you like the area? If you don't have transportation is it near a bus line? How long is the lease?
- 2. Inform SSVF Staff of your choice of permanent residence.
- 3. Work with SSVF staff to obtain deposits for residence and utilities and to obtain furnishings as eligible.
- 4. Move In.
- 5. There will be follow up to insure that the veteran exits from the program with success.

To Access SSVF – Visit Sites Below - or- Call VA Hotline and ask for SSVF - 855-948-2311

<u>Veterans Only -On-Site HUB/Outreach – Lake Baldwin Clinic -</u> Building 507 – Reception Area - Days: First & Third Fridays of the month - Time: 9:00 am—2:00 pm

<u>Seminole County HUB</u> - Northland Church (Care Center in The Rink) - 522 Dog Track Road, Longwood, FL - Mondays 1:30 pm -4:00 pm

<u>Osceola County HUB</u> - Goodwill Job Connection Center - Kissimmee -1356 E. Vine Street Kissimmee, Florida, 34744 - Tuesdays 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

<u>Orange County HUB -</u>Health Care Center for the Homeless (HCCH) - 816 W Central Blvd, Orlando FL - Fridays 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Orange Count HUB - United Against Poverty (UP Center)-150 West Michigan Street, Orlando, FL -Fridays 1:30pm - 4:00pm

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Please Read before submitting a referral.

Is the client homeless? ☐ Yes* ☐ No *If yes, read Eligibility Criteria for Rapid Rehousing Is the client precariously housed? ☐ Yes* ☐ No *If yes, read Eligibility Criteria for Homeless Prevention

Eligibility Criteria for SSVF Homeless Prevention:

Veteran families who are presently in such permanent housing and applying for SSVF assistance must be assessed for: 1) Program eligibility (Stage 1), and 2) program targeting (Stage 2) using the VA's "SSVF Homelessness Prevention Screening Form" (version 2). Apart from meeting SSVF eligibility requirements for Veteran status and income, applicant families must minimally meet the following Stage 1 eligibility criteria to receive SSVF homelessness prevention assistance:

A. Be facing the imminent loss of their current primary nighttime residence (housing an individual or family owns, rents, or lives in with or without paying rent; housing shared with others; and rooms in hotels or motels paid for by the individual or family) within 30 days or less of applying for SSVF homelessness prevention assistance. ****Veteran will need eviction letter or 3 notice from landlord and/or property manager.**

B. Be at risk of becoming literally homeless but for SSVF assistance, meaning the Veteran family: - Has no other residence; AND - Has no resources or support networks, e.g., family, friends, faith-based or other social networks, immediately available to prevent them from becoming literally homeless.

Eligibility Criteria for SSVF Rapid Re-Housing:

1) Categories 2 and 3 Eligibility (Rapid Re-Housing) SSVF's rapid re-housing assistance is intended for eligible Veteran families who are literally homeless as per definition bulleted below. Persons qualifying as literally homeless include persons who at the time of application or reassessment lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, including Veteran families who are: Staying in a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings, including a car, park, abandoned building, bus or train station, airport, or camping ground; OR Staying in a supervised publicly- or privately-operated shelter designated to provide temporary living arrangements (including congregate shelters, transitional housing, and hotels and motels paid for by charitable organizations or by federal, state, or local government programs for low-income individuals); OR Exiting an institution where he or she resided for 90 days or less and who resided in an emergency shelter or place not meant for human habitation immediately before entering that institution; OR Are fleeing or attempting to flee a domestic violence situation

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Please ensure all necessary documents are sent completed.

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FY 2018 Income Limits Summary

Selecting any of the buttons labeled "Explanation" will display detailed calculation steps for each of the various parameters.

FY 2018 Income Limit	Median Family Income	FY 2018 Income Limit	Persons in Family							
Area	Explanation	Category	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Orlando-Kissimmee- Sanford, FL MSA	\$62,900	Very Low (50%) Income Limits (\$) Explanation	22,400	25,600	28,800	31,950	34,550	37,100	39,650	42,200
		Extremely Low Income Limits (\$)* Explanation	13,450	16,460	20,780	25,100	29,420	33,740	38,060	42,200*
		Low (80%) Income Limits (\$) Explanation	35,800	40,900	46,000	51,100	55,200	59,300	63,400	67,500

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 $\hfill\square$ Requesting Assistance with Homeless Prevention

□ Requesting Assistance with Rapid Re-Housing

□ VA ROI Attached *Required

□ **RAPID REHOUSING ONLY:** Income **MUST** be less or at 50% AMI, client should be literally homeless. Veteran status must be verified.

□ HOMELESS PREVENTION ONLY: Income MUST be less or at 50% AMI, client needs to be at imminent risk of being homeless, meet the Prevention threshold score of 19 on the Housing Prevention tool and provide self-sustainability.

□ HUD VASH (Rapid Rehousing Only): Income MUST be less or at 30% AMI, if over 30% waiver is attached.

□ HUD VASH (Homeless Prevention Only) Income MUST be less or at 30% AMI, if over 30% veteran is not eligible.

□ **HUD VASH (Rapid Rehousing Only):** Referral packet completed and attached. (<u>https://www.va.gov/homeless/ssvf/index.asp?page=/official_guide/forms</u>)

Client Name:	Date:
Client Phone Number:	Last Four SSN:
Alt. Contact Information:	
Client e-mail address:	

SSVF Referral Form revised October 2018

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Veteran discharge status: Honorable Dishonorable Other than Honorable Uncharacterized
Type of service requested: 🛛 Housing 🗆 Employment 🗆 Legal
Is client in housing? □ Yes □ No □Other
Behind on rent? Yes No Amount Due: Amount Due
Behind on utilities? Yes No Amount Due:
Has client received eviction? Yes No Amount Due:
Number in household: Adults Children (Under 18)
Pets (Quantity & Type):
Is client homeless? □ Yes □ No (*See Eligibility Criteria for SSVF Rapid Re-Housing Section 1 for Homeless Definition)
How long has client been homeless?
Has the client applied for HUD VASH? Ves No
Has the client qualified for HUD VASH? \Box Yes \Box No
Where did client stay last night?
Does client have income? □ Yes □ No
Income Source:
Income Amount \$
Referring Agency: Contact Person:
Agency phone number:
Forward to: SSVF (Orange, Seminole, Osceola, & Lake County)
Attn: VA SSVF Referral
Fax Number: 407-893-5299