

★★★ ATTENTION VETERANS ★★★

The Peer Housing Location Assistance Group (PHLAG) is now available to all homeless veterans, and to veterans at risk for being homeless

PHLAG services are designed to assist and instruct you to identify and apply for as many as possible of the quality affordable apartments for which your age, income level, and other eligibility considerations qualify you, in locations of your choice in our region. The group also assists members with finding solutions to such barriers to housing as bad credit, prior criminal records, or poor housing history.

To participate in the PHLAG group you need to first complete an intake interview with one of the group's co-leaders <names >. See below for details.

If you currently reside in a transitional residence or similar program, this status may afford you priority for many subsidized housing resources. Therefore, you will want to bring with you to the intake interview a letter on official VA letterhead from your residence director, specifying the transitional residence name and address and verifying that you are homeless according to the McKinney Act. Similarly you will need documentation of any and all income that you have, which has to be attached to every subsidized housing application you submit.

Each week PHLAG meets for two hours <location and time >. We require that each veteran attend for a minimum of 60 minutes each meeting, at least two meetings per month. Meeting these requirements for "active membership" entitles you to additional benefits including (as needed) individual assistance with completion of housing forms, individual consultation about credit and legal repair strategies, preparation of appeals, and formal advocacy. You are welcome to attend all four meetings every month for the full two hours each.

Active member status also gives you access to our supply of donated furniture and housewares when you obtain housing and possible assistance in moving. Both of these depend on our supplies at any given time. Additionally, active members are also eligible for supportive housing case management services if they wish help with the inevitable adjustments that go along with a major life change such as moving. Referral to alternative resources will be provided to any veteran attending PHLAG when our supplies are insufficient or the veteran does not meet "active member" criteria.

For more information about the PHLAG group, including how to join, please contact <names and contact info> or come to walk in registration immediately at <time and place> preceding the weekly group meeting.