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Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) Incentives for Landlords



Created to help low-income Veterans secure permanent housing, SSVF also supports and benefits you as the landlord. Learn about the benefits of renting to Veterans experiencing or at risk of homelessness.

- Incentive payments are available when you rent to Veterans with barriers.
- Amounts are customized to reflect local rates, equal to up to 2 months' rent, and apply to leases of at least one year.
- The incentive is yours to keep and does not need to be returned at the end of tenancy.
 - Incentives can only be applied once per lease.
 - It can be used to originate, and in some circumstances, renew a lease.
 - SSVF funding cannot be combined with other federal funding used for the same purposes.

What is SSVF?

The program steps in during a housing crisis to provide case management and supportive services to:

- Prevent the loss of a Veteran's home
- Identify a more suitable housing situation
- Rapidly re-house Veterans and their families who are facing homelessness

Like all of VA's homeless programs, SSVF operates under a Housing First approach, which removes contingencies and barriers to housing to quickly and successfully house Veterans and their families.

SSVF empowers Veterans to have a voice in their journey out of homelessness — something that is not often afforded to those with very low incomes.

How does SSVF work?

Community nonprofit organizations receive grants from SSVF to provide short-term assistance such as security deposits, rental subsidies, housing case management, help with moving expenses, and financial assistance to support the Veteran as they assume full responsibility for the lease and rent.

Many Veterans receiving SSVF subsidies are co-enrolled in the HUD-VA Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) program, which pairs HUD's Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) rental assistance with VA case management and supportive services.

Why rent to Veterans?

It's all too common for Veterans to face housing challenges, particularly with rising rents nationwide. In fact, Veterans are 50% more likely to experience homelessness than other Americans and often encounter other challenges like trauma, mental health issues, and substance use disorders.

You won't just provide shelter. Having secure housing can lead to life-changing health, social, and socioeconomic outcomes for Veterans and their families.

In turn, you'll benefit from responsible, long-term renters; support from VA; and often guaranteed payments through vouchers or short-term subsidies.

VA provides Veterans in HUD-VASH and SSVF with case management to ensure stability through supportive services. This includes education about the requirements of their lease, such as paying their portion of the rent on time. The case manager also provides support to you, the landlord, if any issues arise.

Veterans protected our country — now you can protect them from homelessness. Be part of the solution by providing housing to Veterans in need.

Still have questions?

If you have questions, contact us at: