

# THE STATE OF VETERAN HOMELESSNESS | 2017

Few conditions are more harmful to individual health and welfare than homelessness. That's why the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is committed to making sure every Veteran has a place to call home. Working in partnership with Federal, state and local community organizations across the country, VA provides wraparound services that integrate housing, health care, employment and education assistance programs to support at-risk Veterans and help those experiencing homelessness exit and remain stably housed. VA and its partners have dedicated unprecedented resources to help solve this problem, but there is still work to be done. Here's how they are tackling the challenge, and how you can help.

## 2010-2017 Accomplishments



**46%** reduction in Veteran homelessness since 2010.



**57** communities and three states—Connecticut, Delaware and Virginia—have effectively ended Veteran homelessness.



**600,000** Veterans and their family members permanently housed, rapidly rehoused or prevented from becoming homeless since 2010.



Just over **40,000** homeless veterans.

## 2016-2017 Accomplishments (FY 17)



More than **100,000** Veterans and their families housed or prevented from becoming homeless.



**\$320** million in grants. The amount awarded in grants to **367** nonprofit organizations through Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF).



**82%** obtained permanent housing. **82%** of those discharged from SSVF obtained permanent housing.



More than **85,000** housing vouchers. The number of housing vouchers in use through Housing and Urban Development-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) Program.



More than **300** stand downs. The number of local events VA staff and community partners hosted across the country.



Nearly **50** communities recorded declines of Veteran homelessness of **40%** or more.

### WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO END VETERAN HOMELESSNESS?

Ending homelessness isn't just about housing – it's about building the capacity to sustain a coordinated, proactive effort to ensure Veterans who experience homelessness in the future can be rapidly rehoused and provided the support needed for long-term success. Communities that have effectively ended Veteran homelessness have resources, plans, and partnerships in place to do just that. Visit [www.va.gov/homeless/interagency.asp](http://www.va.gov/homeless/interagency.asp) to learn more about the criteria for achieving the goal of ending Veteran homelessness.

If you know or encounter a Veteran who is homeless or at imminent risk of becoming homeless, connect them to the Homeless Coordinator at their local VA medical center, or urge them to call **1-877-4AID-VET (1-877-424-3838)**.

### INTERESTED IN GETTING INVOLVED?

Visit [www.va.gov/homeless/get\\_involved.asp](http://www.va.gov/homeless/get_involved.asp) to support Veterans in your community.

We know that ending Veteran homelessness is possible, and everyone can help achieve this goal. Visit [www.va.gov/homeless](http://www.va.gov/homeless) to learn more.