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# SSVF and HUD-VASH Coordination in response to Covid-19

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## SSVF AND HUD-VASH COORDINATION IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19

- [HUD-VASH Admissions During COVID-19 Response 10N Memo](#) dated June 5, 2020 states that Veterans in temporary accommodations due to COVID should be considered for HUD-VASH
- HUD-VASH programs are strongly encouraged to fully utilize all available vouchers by serving those in need who are ready to engage and are appropriate for the program. HUD-VASH programs should not reserve vouchers for unsheltered, chronically homeless, or high acuity Veterans when other eligible Veterans are in need and waiting to be served



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- [SSVF Assistance for Veterans Participating in HUD-VASH 10N Memo](#) dated May 19, 2020 allows SSVF grantees to provide housing search assistance, housing placements, security deposits, and rental assistance for Veterans in HUD-VASH. Veterans will be co-enrolled with both programs
- SSVF may assist HUD-VASH Veterans with rental payments when housing authorities are delayed in conducting housing quality inspections or processing vouchers due to COVID-19 related shut-downs or decreased capacity



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- On July 16, VA announced an additional \$400 million in CARES funding
- SSVF grantees will use a portion of their CARES funding to support HUD-VASH placements and increase collaboration
  - SSVF is beginning to build capacity using CARES funds
  - SSVF can use funds to provide rental assistance for HUD-VASH Veterans due to delays from PHA shutdowns, decreased capacity, or budget shortfalls



## SSVF AND HUD-VASH COORDINATION IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19

- In response to COVID-19 SSVF has placed more than 10,000 vulnerable and unsheltered Veterans in hotels to prevent the spread of illness
- The latest [SSVF annual report](#) indicated that 63% of SSVF participants had a disabling condition
- Anecdotal reports from SSVF grantees suggest that Veterans in hotels have complex clinical needs





## SSVF AND HUD-VASH COORDINATION IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19

- SSVF and HUD-VASH can collaborate using the strengths of each program to help Veterans achieve housing stability
- SSVF can provide non-clinical services to help move Veterans into housing quickly
- These services may be helpful when HUD-VASH teams have staffing shortages



# SSVF NON-CLINICAL SERVICES

- Housing navigation
  - Housing search
  - Assistance with lease up process
  - SSVF initial inspection
  - Coordinating move-in
- Non-clinical case management
  - Assistance with transportation
  - Linkages to community resources
  - Service coordination
  - Case conferencing



- **HUD-VASH teams can focus on the clinical needs of the Veterans, such as:**
  - **Assessment of health and behavioral healthcare needs;**
  - **Provision of health and behavioral health care;**
  - **Referral to higher level(s) of case management support when clinically indicated.**





- **HUD-VASH and SSVF communication**
  - Case conferencing – Veterans in hotels
  - Clarify roles of SSVF and HUD-VASH case managers when working with Veterans
  - Identifying timelines for transitioning Veterans from SSVF case managers to HUD-VASH



## SSVF AND HUD-VASH COORDINATION IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19

- HUD-VASH and SSVF National Office in partnership with Technical Assistance Collaborative, Abt Associates and other partners will provide individualized training and peer learning opportunities to selected communities
- TA opportunities will focus on enhancing collaboration between SSVF and HUD-VASH programs to ensure that Veterans are moved into housing quickly



# Questions?