

2021 SSVF Shallow Subsidy Community Planning Document

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1. To develop a coordinated approach across all programs serving Veterans, SSVF, VAMC, HUD-VASH, and CoC staff should review data about the number of homeless Veterans in the community, barriers to housing including average cost burden, system disparities and local market rents, and share information about their current available resources and priorities. This review should be linked to local equity efforts and data to ensure SSVF Shallow Subsidy services and assistance overall is furthering equity and addressing disparities at the local level. Describe how your agency will use this data and local knowledge to center planning in equity.

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2. All local stakeholders focused on ending Veteran homelessness, including HUD-VASH, should work together to establish or refine their documentation, [case conferencing](#) and decision-making making protocol to incorporate SSVF’s new Shallow Subsidy services. Describe the local plan to outreach, target and assess individual Veterans for the Shallow Subsidy services – both with Homeless Prevention and Rapid Rehousing.
 - a. Outreach/In-reach Plan: Describe your agency plan for proactive in-reach and outreach for Shallow Subsidy.

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- b. Targeting Approach: Based on the agency/community review of data are there any populations or sub-populations that will be targeted or prioritized-E.g., Veterans who are Seniors, Veterans with fixed income, Veterans with the ability to improve household income through employment or other means and the demonstrated ability to pay their portion of the rent?

- c. Assessment Plan: Describe how your agency will identify and prioritize households for Shallow Subsidy services-both with Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Rehousing. For example, grantees may elect to engage in system level case conferencing to assess a Veteran's fit for Shallow Subsidy (as opposed to program exit or referral to some other subsidy or service types) with regard to income/rent burden, need for supportive services, and individual circumstances.

3. The SSVF Program Office has requested that the Shallow Subsidy planning process be coordinated with the local VA Medical Center (VAMC), HUD-VASH, Continuum of Care (CoC) Board and/or equivalent policy making entity and local [Homelessness Veterans Reintegration Program](#), if applicable.

- a. Provide the name, title, and contact information for the VAMC, HUD-VASH, CoC Board and/or equivalent policy making entity, and Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program staff that you shared this plan with.

- b. Describe any concerns raised by these entities and how your agency plans to address.

- c. Describe how your agency will work alongside the VAMC and the CoC Board and/or equivalent policy making entity to integrate Shallow Subsidy into the local homeless response system.

4. The SSVF Shallow Subsidy percentage should be uniform across SSVF grantees with shared geography in a Continuum of Care.

- a. Describe how your agency and other SSVF grantees, who share geography in a Continuum of Care, coordinated the process for setting the Shallow Subsidy percentage.

- b. Shallow Subsidy Rent Amount:

- i. What was the final determination-percentage for the current Shallow Subsidy amount (e.g., 35% of Rent Reasonableness or FMR)?

- ii. What will be the final determination-percentage for the Shallow Subsidy amount if it is able to be deepened in the final rule to up to 50% of Rent Reasonableness?

- 5. Identify any specialized services that you will (continue to) provide as part of your new Shallow Subsidy services (i.e., employment services, SOAR, assistance with Veteran Benefits Administration applications, Health Care Navigation financial management etc.) and how you will collaborate with the local Homeless Veteran Reintegration Program, Department of Labor services, or other local employment programs and supports.

- 6. SSVF Shallow Subsidy services are designed to provide longer term assistance; this requires grantees to develop a mechanism to set aside funds that will last for the entire two-year commitment. Describe how your fiscal department will ensure that Temporary Financial Assistance will be available to support the household for the two-year Shallow Subsidy period.

- 7. The SSVF Program Office has ensured that Shallow Subsidy services are included in the financial and other services HMIS data elements for SSVF implementation as of October 1, 2019.
 - a. Have you reviewed the data element requirements for Shallow Subsidy?

b. Describe your workflow for collecting and entering all required information.

8. SSVF Shallow Subsidy services may be augmented by combining it with certain state or local subsidies (may NOT be combined with Federal funds). Describe what (if any) funding sources your community will combine with SSVF Shallow Subsidy. Please note that this is not a requirement and may only apply to some grantees in localities that have such funds available.

9. Describe your agency plan for regular monitoring of the Shallow Subsidy service, e.g., ensuring equitable outcomes. Describe your community plan, if applicable, for SSVF grantees who share geography in a CoC to regularly monitor Shallow Subsidy service and outcomes.