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## VA announces upcoming awards of more than \$400M in grants to help Veterans who are homeless or at risk of homelessness

WASHINGTON — Thousands of low-income Veterans and their eligible family members will continue to have access to crucial homelessness services as a result of \$426 million in grants to be awarded under the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs' (VA) [Supportive Services for Veteran Families \(SSVF\) Program](#).

This funding includes \$62 million in new SSVF awards that support outreach, case management and other flexible assistance to rapidly re-house Veterans who become homeless or prevent Veterans from becoming homeless.

The grants will be awarded to 271 nonprofit organizations in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. A list of applicants who will be awarded grants is available at [www.va.gov/homeless/ssvf.asp](http://www.va.gov/homeless/ssvf.asp).

"Ending Veteran homelessness remains a high priority and the SSVF program has proven to be remarkably effective in helping low-income Veterans and their families overcome housing crises," said VA Secretary Robert Wilkie. "By offering temporary assistance to eligible Veterans through these important grants, we will continue to help Veterans exit homelessness and remain in stable housing."

In addition to conducting outreach and case management, grantees will assist eligible Veterans and their families with obtaining VA and other benefits, such as health care, fiduciary payee, financial planning, child care, legal, transportation, housing counseling and other services. Grantees are expected to leverage SSVF grants to enhance the housing stability of very low-income Veterans and their families. In doing so, grantees are required to establish relationships with local community resources.

In fiscal year 2018, SSVF grantees served 125,878 participants, including 82,664 Veterans and 25,942 children. As a result of these and other efforts, the number of homeless Veterans has been cut in half since the launch of the Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness in 2010. Since 2010, hundreds of thousands of Veterans and their family members have been placed into permanent housing or avoided becoming homeless through VA's homelessness programs and targeted housing vouchers provided by the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The applicants to whom grants will be awarded competed under a Notice of Fund Availability published Dec. 19, 2018, available at [https://www.va.gov/HOMELESS/ssvf/docs/SSVF\\_NOFA\\_Publication\\_2018\\_27465.pdf](https://www.va.gov/HOMELESS/ssvf/docs/SSVF_NOFA_Publication_2018_27465.pdf). The funding will support SSVF services in fiscal year 2020, which covers Oct. 1, 2019, to Sept. 30, 2020. The SSVF program is authorized by [38 United States Code 2044](#). VA implements the program by regulations in [38 CFR part 62](#). Visit [www.va.gov/homeless/ssvf.asp](http://www.va.gov/homeless/ssvf.asp) to learn more about the SSVF program.

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