

# Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH)

## Rental Assistance for Homeless Veterans FAQ



### What is the HUD<sup>1</sup> -VASH program?

HUD-VASH provides rental assistance through Housing Choice Vouchers to homeless veterans and their families along with case management and supportive services. The program is a collaborative effort between HUD and the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), and administered by local public housing authorities (PHAs).

### What is a Housing Choice Voucher?

Formerly known as Section 8, a Housing Choice Voucher enables low-income individuals and families afford to rent market rate units by providing a rental subsidy. Voucher holders contribute between 30-40 percent of their monthly income towards rent and the subsidy covers the rest.

### How does it work?

The VA case manager assesses veteran's eligibility and refers them the PHA to receive a Housing Choice Voucher. Case management is individualized for each person, however some of the housing supports provided through the HUD-VASH program include:

- Help navigating the voucher application process
- Assist with finding a rental unit
- Secure financial assistance with security deposit and move-in costs
- Coordinate with the landlord and PHA through the leasing process
- Educate on property maintenance
- Liaison with landlord if needed

### How does HUD-VASH benefit landlords?

- A Housing Choice Voucher pays a portion of the rent each month which reduces the veteran's portion of the rent to an affordable amount.
- Ongoing case management provides an additional resource for communication between the landlord and tenant.
- Regular inspections conducted by the PHA help protect your real estate investment by identifying potential property concerns early.
- Special incentives for HUD-VASH landlords may be available and vary by PHA.

### How can I help?

The HUD-VASH program is successful because of partnership with local landlords who support the program by renting to veterans. Contact your local Housing Authority to find out if there is a HUD-VASH program in your area. <https://resources.hud.gov/>

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<sup>1</sup> U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development