

The HUD-VASH Program is primarily intended for Veterans who:

- Are currently homeless
- Can live and maintain housing independently
- Agree to use the housing as a personal residence
- Are NOT a registered lifetime sex offender
- Are willing to accept case management



What do I need?

- A HCHV intake assessment
- A stable source of income
- Referral from an approved community or VA residential treatment program
- The following documents:
 - * Birth certificate/DD214
 - * Arkansas Photo ID or Arkansas Driver's License
 - * Social Security Card
 - * Proof of income from all sources
 - * Statement of savings
 - * Sex-Offender/ Background Check

Homeless Demographics

- Approximately 131,000 Veterans are homeless on any given night.
- About 3% of homeless Veterans are women.
- It is estimated that 45% of homeless Veterans have a mental health disorder and more than 70% have a substance abuse problem.
- Approximately 56% of homeless Veterans are African-American or Hispanic.
- By mid-2010, it is projected that 3,700 OIF/OEF Veterans will have accessed homeless outreach programs.

Source: U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, 8/31/2009 and National Coalition for Homeless Veterans, 2010)



For more information about VASH

please visit
www1.va.gov/homeless/housing.asp

or contact the
VA Day Treatment Center
1000 Main St.
Little Rock, AR 72201

NATIONAL HOMELESS HOTLINE:
1-877-424-3838

HUD-VASH

SUPPORTIVE HOUSING FOR HOMELESS VETERANS



Central Arkansas Veterans Healthcare System



Department of Veterans Affairs

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What is the HUD-VASH Program?

HUD-VASH represents a partnership between the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). The program is designed to help Veterans who are homeless, find and maintain safe affordable permanent housing in the community.

VASH (VA Supportive Housing) is a case management program that offers a HUD Section 8 "Housing Choice" rental assistance voucher to eligible Veterans.



The primary goal of HUD-VASH is to help Veterans and their families successfully move out of homelessness. The program is designed to improve Veteran's mental and physical health, enhance the Veteran's ability to remain in their home or to pursue homeownership, and integrate into their local community.

Commonly Asked Questions

* *What is a VASH case manager?*

VASH case managers provides one-on-one support to program participants. You and your case manager will develop an individualized service plan to help you achieve and maintain permanent housing, as well as assist you in meeting personal goals (i.e. going back to school or homeownership). Your case manager also connects you with VA and community resources (i.e. referral for counseling or utility assistance) when needed.

• *How long can I participate in VASH?*

As long as you are income eligible and benefiting from the program. However, some Veterans have a goal of homeownership and take advantage of the HUD Family Self-Sufficiency Program.

• *What happens if I lose my job or my income increases?*

Your rent is ALWAYS income based. In the event of any changes notify your case manager and the housing authority immediately and your rent will be adjusted accordingly.

• *What if I have a felony?*

The VASH program is designed to help Veterans from various walks of life. A felony does not make you ineligible for the VASH program. *The ONLY legal matter that makes a Veteran ineligible for VASH is if he or she is listed on a life time registry for sex offenses.

• *What if I don't have a problem with drugs?*

There is **absolutely no requirement** to have a drug history for participation in VASH. For the Veteran that has an alcohol or drug problem, treatment is available prior to admission and throughout participation in the VASH program.

Benefits of VASH

- Opportunities for Home-Ownership
- Affordable Rent
- Case Management and Advocacy



Benefits of Case Management

- Assistance with locating housing and furnishings
- Advocacy and assistance in times of need or crisis
- Budgeting and credit counseling assistance and referrals
- VA and community resource referrals, including donations

Other Services Available

- Drop-In Day Treatment Center
- Substance Use Disorder Specialist
- Supportive Housing Groups
- Social and Recreational Activities