

SUPPORTIVE SERVICES FOR VETERAN
FAMILIES COVID RESPONSE

EMERGENCY HOUSING ASSISTANCE (EHA)

Background on EHA

EHA is an already existing SSVF service that provides temporary housing (motels and hotels) to ensure household safety in the cases where *shelter beds, transitional housing, or other resources are not available*, and subsequent rental housing has been *identified generally* but is not immediately available for move-in by the participant.



EHA & COVID-19 RESPONSE

- In response to the COVID-19 crisis, SSVF has modified the guidance provided to grantees around temporary housing placements.
- SSVF grantees can place enrolled SSVF program participants into motels/hotels using EHA even if other temporary housing options are available if those living situations would place Veterans at risk for COVID-19.
- Grantees are not allowed to provide direct medical care, that may be needed for COVID-19 positive Veterans and, in conjunction with the VA and CoC, are following local public health protocols to address safety and care coordination for the Veterans who are COVID-19 positive.

EHA PRIORITIZATION

- Priority is being given to high-risk Veterans, which include Veterans 60 or older or Veterans with significant underlying health problems that put them at higher risk if exposed to COVID-19.
- Unsheltered Veterans and asymptomatic Veterans in need of quarantine are prioritized for emergency housing placement if capacity exists after high-risk placements have been made.
- The SSVF grantee's ability to provide EHA may be limited by funding, staffing, or lack of local resources.



EHA REFERRALS

Veterans not already enrolled with SSVF can be referred to the local SSVF grantee for a EHA placement.

SSVF RENTAL ASSISTANCE EXTENSION

- Under the updated Stafford Act allowances, Grantees providing services in a Federally Declared Disaster area/state, are allowed to serve Veteran families that have exhausted TFA within the last 2 years.
- Grantees are also allowed to waive the TFA limit for the number of months of rental assistance provided. Grantees in these areas/states are also allowed to waive the TFA limit for the number of months of utility assistance provided.

HUD-VASH SSVF REFERRAL PACKET COVID-19

- In response to the COVID-19 crisis, the SSVF program and HUD-VASH program have developed a referral packet to be used from March 27, 2020, thru June 30, 2020.
- The packet can be used in areas where PHAs can no longer complete Housing Quality Inspections (HQS) or other administrative tasks due to shutdowns. SSVF may use TFA to assist Veterans in moving into the prospective HUD-VASH unit while awaiting HQS.
- SSVF TFA can cover move-costs (Security Deposit and Rental Assistance) to avoid delays in helping Veterans secure permanent housing.
- SSVF TFA can continue until PHAs resume operations, and rental costs can be transitioned to HUD-VASH voucher support.
- Veterans receiving SSVF assistance will be co-enrolled in HUD-VASH, and HUD-VASH staff will remain responsible for housing navigation and case management

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