Programs

Health Care for Homeless Veterans (HCHV)

The mission of the Miami HCHV program is to provide outreach services to facilitate care for homeless Veterans in need of treatment for psychiatric, substance abuse, medical, and housing problems. The staff of the Miami HCHV program provides extensive outreach, psychiatric examinations, treatment referrals, employment referrals and on-going case management to homeless Veterans with mental health, substance abuse, and medical problems. After a thorough assessment, Veterans may be placed in shelter, rehabilitation and/or residential treatment through existing VA programs, or through programs in the community. The HCHV program also provides indirect services to homeless Veterans through community networking and partnering on projects to benefit the homeless.

Eligibility

The following criteria must be met to make Veterans eligible for the Homeless Veterans Program:

- Veteran must meet the VA eligibility criteria for healthcare benefits.
- Veteran must have other than a dishonorable discharge.
- Veteran is without adequate housing, currently homeless, or at risk for homelessness.
- Veteran is without adequate income and resources for independent living.
- Veteran has need for medical, mental health, or substance abuse services.
- Veteran is willing to obtain assistance from the VA.
- Applicants for VASH must meet the federally defined definition of homelessness. Additionally, the Veteran must need case management service.

HUD-VA Supported Housing Program (HUD-VASH)

This program is a sub-component of the Miami HCHV Program, and provides intensive clinical case management services, including substance abuse, medical/mental health, recreational therapy, and employment services. Eligible homeless Veterans are also placed in subsidized housing while participating in case management. The goal of this program is to offer the homeless an opportunity to rejoin the mainstream of community life, to the fullest extent possible. The program provides participants with a housing subsidy that is determined by both locally standardized fair market rental rates and by each Veteran’s personal income. This program is available through our partnership with Miami-Dade, Broward, and Monroe County, and with local public housing authorities.

Grant and Per Diem Program and other Transisitonal Housing

The Grant and Per Diem Program is a national VA initiative to establish transitional housing and supportive services to homeless Veterans through partnerships with community non-profit and government agencies. The grants fund programs such as a service center, bridge housing, low demand, hospital to housing, and clinical treatment. These programs are located in Miami-Dade, Broward, and Monroe County.
Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) program is to promote housing stability among very low-income Veteran families who reside in shelter or transitional housing, or those needing rapid rehousing.

Through the SSVF Program, the VA aims to improve the housing stability of very low-income Veteran Families.

SSVF can provide short term case management, rental assistance, utility deposit/payment assistance, security deposit assistance, and emergency supplies for those meeting the eligibility and income criteria.

Local SSVF Programs are located in Miami-Dade, Broward, and Monroe Counties.

Ending homelessness among Veterans, like ending homelessness itself, will take a combined effort by federal, state, and local government and the private sector. To learn more about these partnerships, contact:

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