

# Supportive Services for Veterans and Veterans Families

The SSVF Program is to help low income Veteran families who are homeless or at-risk of homelessness quickly regain stability in permanent housing after experiencing a housing crisis and/or homelessness.

## SSVF Eligibility Guidelines

- **Veteran Family** – either a single person who is a veteran or the spouse of or head of household is a veteran.
- **Very Low Income** – household income does not exceed 50% of the area’s median income. 2014 Susquehanna Co. \$19,950 (1 person) - \$28,500 (4 persons) - \$37,650 (8 persons).
- **Occupying Permanent Housing** – a.) Is residing in permanent housing *or* b.) Is homeless and scheduled to become a resident of permanent housing within 90 days pending the location or development of housing suitable for permanent housing *or* c.) has exited permanent housing within the last 90 days to seek other housing that is responsive to the very low income Veteran Family’s needs and preferences.

## Determining Eligibility

- **DD214** – Department of Defense Form 214, Veterans Status. “Veteran” for SSVF purposes – an individual who has served in the active military, naval, air service, National Guard, or Merchant Marines, and was discharged under conditions other than dishonorable. A Reservist who was activated during “War Time” or during a “State of Emergency” and deployed out of State may be eligible. (*Note: Bad Conduct discharges are not the same as Dishonorable, and as such, are eligible*)
- **Veteran Household Status** – single person is a veteran or if the spouse of or head of household is a veteran.
- **Income Eligibility** – include income of all household adults before taxes and deductions and including any garnished wages. Income includes interest, dividends, pensions, retirement pay, disability, unemployment, TANF, alimony, child support, armed forces income, G.I. Bill housing stipend.

## Benefits Available to Eligible Veterans

- **Rental Assistance** – payment of rent, mobile home lot fee when participant owns mobile home, penalties and fees to help participant remain in or obtain permanent housing. Owner occupied housing in a foreclosure status may be eligible for assistance. Participant must have means to continue in permanent housing. Assistance is available to obtain the means necessary to continue in permanent housing through the VA, state or private programs.
  - **Utility Payment Assistance** – may be provided for amounts currently due or in arrears. (Heat, electric, water, sewer, garbage collection)
  - **Deposits** – assistance is available for security & utility deposits.
  - **Moving Costs** – payment assistance may be available for moving costs (such as truck rental, hiring moving company, short term storage fees).
  - **General Housing Stability Assistance** – limited amount of funds may be available for items needed to gain or keep employment (such as uniforms, tools, certifications, licenses), expenses associated with moving into a house (such as basic kitchen utensils, bedding and supplies), expenses associated with securing housing (such as background check fee, application fees, brokerage fees).
  - **Emergency Housing Assistance** – assistance for families that are literally homeless and awaiting permanent housing *if* no other shelter is available.
  - **Transportation Assistance** – assistance may be available with transportation. May be for public transport or where public transport is not available private transportation.
  - **Child Care Assistance** – assistance may be available for child care if the child care is needed to keep or obtain employment.
- (All above assistances has a maximum coverage of 4 months.)

**Temporary financial assistance payments, under the SSVF Program, necessitate the development of a reasonable plan to address the participant’s future ability to make housing and utility payments.**



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