

# Supportive Services for Veteran Families Program (SSVF)

Housing Counseling Services, Inc. (HCS) is a community-based non-profit 501(c)3 organization founded in 1972 to provide comprehensive counseling, training, advocacy, and housing opportunities for low and moderate-income homebuyers, homeowners, and tenants, helping them achieve successful living in healthy, safe, decent and affordable homes.

The Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) Program provides services to very low-income Veteran families. The program is one intervention available within a continuum of care supported by the Department of Veteran Affairs. The SSVF program uses short, intensive case management to address a host of factors that affect veteran families' housing stability (joblessness, limited income, disability, mental illness, credit/budget issues, etc.) and links veterans to following services:

- housing counseling services
- moving expenses
- health care
- daily living
- personal financial planning
- transportation assistance
- fiduciary and payee services
- legal services
- child care services

## Contact Us:



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Housing Counseling Services (HCS) is a HUD approved nonprofit 501(c)3 organization that provides comprehensive housing counseling, training and advocacy for low- and moderate-income tenants, homebuyers and homeowners. Our goal is to build sustainable communities through informed housing consumers. HCS is funded by the DC Department of Housing and Community Development, DC Department of Health HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis, STD and TB Administration, Enterprise Community Partners, US Department of Housing and Urban Development, US Department of Veteran Affairs, DC Department of Human Services, Meyer Foundation, DC Housing Finance Agency, The Morris and Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation, DC Department of Insurance Securities and Banking, PNC Bank, DC Office of Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs, DC Office of Latino Affairs, and your generous donations.

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*Housing Counseling Services (HCS)*

U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs  
Supportive Services For Veteran Families Grantee

## WHAT ARE THE BASIC ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS?

-  Must be a Veteran who was not dishonorably discharged from the military
-  Must reside in the HCS SSVF Service area (District of Columbia, Prince George's County, Montgomery County, Fairfax County, Arlington County, and City of Alexandria)
-  Must be currently homeless
-  Must meet income requirements for very low income (see below)

Household Size	Maximum Income
1	\$38,650
2	\$44,150
3	\$49,650
4	\$55,150
5	\$59,600
6	\$64,000
7	\$68,400
8	\$72,800



## WHAT DOES THE PROGRAM OFFER?

### CASE MANAGEMENT

Case management is the central focus of the SSVF Program. Our case managers have a wealth of knowledge and a commitment to understanding veterans' needs. Case management services include:

- Household needs assessment
- Individualized housing stability plan that includes specific goals toward securing stable housing
- Linkages to VA benefits and other community resources
- Intensive collaboration with clients to ensure progress from the time of intake until exit from the program

### TEMPORARY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (TFA)

Temporary Financial Assistance (TFA) is one of many methods case managers use to help clients remain in or obtain permanent housing. TFA is **only** provided in conjunction with case management. All payments are made to 3rd parties on a case-by-case basis. Eligible assistance includes:

- Rental Arrears
- Security Deposit/1st Month's Rent
- Utility Deposits and Arrears
- Moving Costs
- Transportation
- Childcare
- General Housing Stability Assistance

## HOW DO I APPLY?

### CALL US!

1. Contact HCS at **(202) 667-7006** to speak with one of our SSVF Eligibility Specialists who will schedule you for an SSVF Clinic appointment.

2. During your appointment, complete the SSVF program application. Bring all required documentation to ensure timely processing:

- Documentation of Veteran Status (DD214 Form)
- Photo ID for all adult (18yrs+) members of household
- Birth Certificate of all children in household
- Documentation of all household income received within the last 30 days
- Documentation of all household assets and financial resources.
- Documentation of Housing Status (Lease, Letter from current Shelter, or Letter from Homeless Service Provider)

*\*Additional documentation may be requested.*

3. After all required documentation is received, we will notify you of your eligibility status within two business days.

### REFERRALS

