

SUPPORTIVE SERVICES FOR VETERAN FAMILIES (SSVF)

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According to the January 2022 PIT Count:

National Snapshot:

Total number experiencing homelessness: 582,462

Number of Veterans experiencing homelessness: 33,129 (decrease of 11% since January '20).

Of this total: 19,565 Veterans experiencing sheltered homelessness.

13,564 Veterans experiencing unsheltered homelessness.

- **Estimated number of Veterans experiencing homelessness in America has declined by 55.3% since 2010.**
- **Veterans are 50% more likely to become homeless than other Americans due to poverty, lack of support networks, and dismal living conditions in overcrowded or substandard housing. About 1.5 million veterans are considered at-risk of homelessness.**

According to the January 2022 PIT Count:

Oregon Snapshot:

Total households experiencing homelessness: 14,853

Number of Veterans experiencing homelessness: 1,460

- **About 50% report being unsheltered**

Portland, Gresham/Multnomah County CoC:

Total households experiencing homelessness: 4,488

Number of Veterans experiencing homelessness: 470

- **About 50% report being unsheltered**

According to the January 2022 PIT Count:

Clackamas Co. CoC

Total households experiencing homelessness: 390

Number of Veterans experiencing homelessness: 52

Hillsboro, Beaverton/Washington Co. CoC

Total households experiencing homelessness: 571

Number of Veterans experiencing homelessness: 82

Vancouver/Clark Co. CoC

Total households experiencing homelessness: 838

Number of Veterans experiencing homelessness: 45

SUPPORTIVE SERVICES FOR VETERAN FAMILIES (SSVF) PROGRAM

SSVF is designed to rapidly rehouse and provide guidance and case management services to Veteran families (defined as a single Veteran or a family in which the head of household or the spouse of the head of household is a Veteran) who are homeless or at imminent risk of becoming homeless. VA grants funds to private nonprofit organizations and consumer cooperatives to help Veteran families access a full range of community benefits designed to prevent homelessness. Through SSVF, Veterans can obtain VA and other benefits that may include health care, daily living services, financial planning services, transportation, legal services, childcare, and housing counseling. Time-limited payments to landlords, utility companies, moving companies, and licensed childcare providers may also be provided to help Veterans stay in or acquire permanent housing. (VA)

- **Approximately \$418 million in grants were awarded to 261 nonprofit organizations.**
- **105,170 Veterans and family members served by SSVF in FY 2022.**
- **Of those Veterans discharged from the SSVF program, 72% obtained permanent housing.**
- **Since 2010, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has helped nearly 986,000 Veterans and their families avoid or exit homelessness.**

Transition Projects, Inc., SSVF:

Our SSVF program serves Veterans experiencing literal homelessness in the Portland Metro area to obtain permanent housing in the shortest amount of time, while providing a full range of community benefits and supportive services needed to maintain housing. We work with Veterans to formulate a sustainable plan for income, identify needs, and refer to our internal supportive services team, as well as community resources and supports. We also serve Veterans at imminent risk of homelessness (within 30 days), whether facing eviction or other challenges to housing stability, as funding allows. We are the largest holder of Veterans' grants (SSVF, GPD), from the VA, in the Northwest.

Our SSVF Team:

13 Case Managers

4 Engagement Specialists

2 Benefits and Income Specialists (SOAR)

1 Income Development Specialist

1 Wellness Access Specialist

1 Healthcare Navigator

1 Landlord-Tenant Relations Supervisor

SSVF Leadership Team

Subcontracting Partnerships:

Impact NW

Metro Public Defenders (MPD)

Who Do We Serve?

Veterans and Veteran families in which the head of household, or the spouse of the head of household, is a Veteran.

Veteran is defined as a person who served in the active military, naval, or air service, regardless of length of service, and who was discharged or released there from. Veteran excludes a person who received a dishonorable discharge from the Armed Forces or was discharged or dismissed from the Armed Forces by reason of the sentence of a general court-martial. SSVF also serves Veterans who served in the Guard/Reserves if activated via Title 10.

Other Eligibility Criteria

- **Veteran/Vet Family gross household income must be below 80% AMI**
- **Veteran/Vet Family must be experiencing literal homelessness, or at imminent risk of homelessness within 30 days.**

How Does A Veteran Connect With Us?

- **Access line: 1-855-425-5544**
- **Online form: www.tprojects.org/veterans-services-pre-screening-form**
- **Veterans Orientation: Every Tuesday morning from 9:00am - 11:00am (final entry at 10:00am), at the Bud Clark Commons, 650 NW Irving St., Portland, OR 97209**
- **Email: ssvf.screening@tprojects.org**
- **In Person Screenings: CRRC in Portland, other locations vary**

What Do We Offer Veterans Enrolled In SSVF?

- **Targeted Outreach**
- **Case Management**
- **Connection to VA Benefits and Programs**
- **Connection to Public Benefits, Mainstream/Community Resources**
- **Temporary Financial Assistance (TFA)**
- **General Housing Stability Assistance (GHSA)**

Case Management:

- **Needs Assessment**
- **Housing Stability Planning**
- **Addressing Housing Barriers, Prioritization**
- **Coordinating Provision of Supportive Services, TFA**
- **Provision/Coordination of Referrals**

Temporary Financial Assistance (TFA)

- **Rental Assistance**
- **Deposits (security or utility)**
- **Utility-fee payment assistance**
- **Moving costs**
- **Transportation (public transportation tickets or vehicle repair)**
- **General Housing Stability Assistance (GHSA)**
- **Emergency Housing Assistance**
- **Childcare**

What About Outcomes?

FY '22:

444 Veteran Households Served (627 individuals)
225 Veteran Households Obtained Permanent Housing
81 Days: Average Number of Days to Placement (Rapid Rehousing)
\$6k (RRH), \$13.5k (HP): Average Cost Per Household Served

FY '23:

540 Veteran Households Served (816 individuals)
230 Veteran Households Obtained Permanent Housing
85 Days: Average Number of Days to Placement (Rapid Rehousing)
\$9k (RRH), \$12.5k (HP): Average Cost Per Household Served

2023 Portland Veterans Hiring Fair & Stand Down



This one-day event - the largest in Oregon - assists those who have served in the military by offering access to essential social services, benefits, resources, job opportunities, housing, medical care, legal assistance, and much more.

- **Hiring Fair featuring 100 employers**
- **Legal Clinic**
- **Health and Wellness Services**
- **Dental Services on-site**
- **Military Surplus**
- **Veteran Intake for Programs & Services**
- **Breakfast and Lunch**
- **100+ Service Providers**
- **Pet Care and Services**
- **Haircuts and more!**

2023 Stand Down by the Numbers:

Total Registration: 425 Veterans

Gender Identity: Female: 71
Male: 344
N/A: 10

Where did you sleep last night: Family/Friends: 37
House: 214
Hotel: 5
Shelter: 66
Outside: 27
N/A: 12

Legal Clinic (MPD): 2022 – 19 veterans attended
2023 – 53 veterans attended

▪ **Thank You!**