



## RESOURCES FOR ESTABLISHING PARTNERSHIPS WITH TRANSITIONAL AND PERMANENT HOUSING

In recognition of the intrinsic link between employment and stable housing, the following resources are provided to Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program (HVRP) grantees seeking to establish partnerships that will support transitional and permanent housing.

### **Best Practices for HVRP Grantees: Housing Services**

[http://www.nchv.org/images/uploads/Best%20Practices%20for%20HVRP%20Grantees\\_Housing%20Services\\_WEB\(1\).pdf](http://www.nchv.org/images/uploads/Best%20Practices%20for%20HVRP%20Grantees_Housing%20Services_WEB(1).pdf)

The [National Coalition for Homeless Veterans](#) (NCHV) addresses the housing needs of HVRP participants by exploring changes and trends in programs, data sources, and environment. It shares information on the intersection of HVRP and veteran-specific and mainstream resources, as well as private resources that support housing goals of veterans experiencing homelessness.

### **The National Veterans Technical Assistance Center (NVTAC)**

<http://www.nvtac.org/>

NVTAC assists HVRP grantees in helping veterans who experience homelessness find meaningful sustainable employment through a mix of approaches—from leveraging benefit and education resources to building partnerships with growth/green industries. The NVTAC Resources page includes links to a set of best practice resources, including several that are highlighted below.

#### ***Best Practices: Profiles of Promising Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program Grantees***

[http://www.nchv.org/images/uploads/HVRP\\_Best\\_Practices\\_Vol.2\\_WEB\\_.pdf](http://www.nchv.org/images/uploads/HVRP_Best_Practices_Vol.2_WEB_.pdf)

This compilation, prepared by [NCHV](#), profiles 20 HVRP grantees that have unique approaches to securing housing, in addition to reintegrating veterans experiencing homelessness into meaningful employment.

#### ***Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program: Best Practice Profiles of Employment Assistance Programs***

<https://www.dol.gov/vets/programs/hvrp/hvrp-bp.htm#ca1>

Many of the HVRP grantees included in this compilation from the NCHV have creatively and successfully addressed the transitional and permanent housing needs of their clients.

#### ***“At Your Service” Best Practices video series***

[http://nchv.org/index.php/connect/story/hvrp\\_best\\_practices\\_resources](http://nchv.org/index.php/connect/story/hvrp_best_practices_resources)

At the 2014 NCHV Annual Conference, focus groups of experienced HVRP grantees convened to discuss their successful strategies for connecting veterans to services. Highlights of those conversations are presented as videos on this website. Topics are wide-ranging, but “Client Outreach Strategies and Enrollment—Part 1” discusses interacting with GPD and HUD-VASH staff, and “Partnerships—Part 1” mentions the value of partnering with the Continuum of Care.

### **Housing First in Permanent Supportive Housing Brief**

<https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/3892/housing-first-in-permanent-supportive-housing-brief/>

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development ([HUD Exchange](#)) presents this overview of the principles and core components of the Housing First model. It also provides information about how permanent supportive housing providers can implement a Housing First approach if they are not already doing so.

### **Core Components of Rapid Re-housing**

<http://www.endhomelessness.org/library/entry/rapid-re-housing2>

The [National Alliance to End Homelessness](#) describes core components of a rapid re-housing program: housing identification, rent and move-in assistance, and rapid re-housing case management and services.

### **Fact Sheet: What is a Continuum of Care?**

<http://www.endhomelessness.org/library/entry/fact-sheet-what-is-a-continuum-of-care>

This short fact sheet from the National Alliance to End Homelessness outlines four necessary parts of a Continuum of Care (CoC): outreach, intake, and assessment; emergency shelter; transitional housing units with supportive services; and permanent and permanent supportive housing.

### **Coordinated Entry Policy Brief**

<https://www.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/Coordinated-Entry-Policy-Brief.pdf>

This brief from the [HUD Exchange](#) is intended to inform local efforts to develop CoC's coordinated entry processes. It lists and describes qualities of effective coordinated entry, discusses the prioritization of the people who are most vulnerable, and explains how to address waiting times through coordinated entry.

### **Five Strategies for Building a Successful Relationship with Your Local VA**

<http://www.endhomelessness.org/library/entry/five-strategies-for-building-a-successful-relationship-with-your-local-va>

The [National Alliance to End Homelessness](#) offers this solutions brief on building successful relationships with the local [Department of Veteran Affairs](#) (VA). Solutions include: bringing VA staff into the community and the larger homelessness assistance system, making ending veteran homelessness a local priority, increasing transparency and cooperation, helping VA staff whenever possible through sharing resources and knowledge, and building political will.

### **Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Program**

<http://www.va.gov/homeless/gpd.asp>

The VA's Grant and Per Diem Program promotes the development and provision of supportive housing and services with the goal of helping homeless veterans achieve residential stability, increase their skill levels and income, and obtain greater self-determination.

### **HUD-VASH Vouchers**

[http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program\\_offices/public\\_indian\\_housing/programs/hcv/vash](http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/public_indian_housing/programs/hcv/vash)

The HUD-Veteran Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) program combines rental assistance for veterans experiencing homelessness with case management and clinical services provided by the VA.

### **Department of Veteran Affairs Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) Program Guide**

[http://www.va.gov/HOMELESS/ssvf/docs/SSVF\\_Program\\_Guide\\_March\\_2015\\_Edition.pdf](http://www.va.gov/HOMELESS/ssvf/docs/SSVF_Program_Guide_March_2015_Edition.pdf)

The VA's Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) program promotes housing stability among very low-income veteran families who reside in or are transitioning to permanent housing.

### **CoC and PHA Collaboration: Strategies for CoCs to Start the Partnership Conversation.**

<https://www.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/CoC-and-PHA-Collaboration-Strategies-for-CoCs-to-Start-the-Partnership-Conversation.pdf>

In this document, HUD provides CoCs with preliminary strategies and tips for starting or improving the partnership conversation and engaging their local public health agencies (PHAs) in collaborative planning activities. It discusses big picture approaches to forming an effective partnership. Ideas contained with the document are further elaborated upon in *The Business Case for Partnering* (see next entry).

### **The Business Case for Partnering with Public Housing Agencies to Serve People Who Are Homeless**

<https://www.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/The-Business-Case-For-Partnering-With-Public-Housing-Agencies-To-Serve-Homeless.pdf>

Produced as a combined endeavor of HUD and the [United States Interagency Council on Homelessness](#) (USICH), this document is designed to help PHAs and CoCs understand the specific ways that partnerships can significantly benefit a local community's efforts to end homelessness. It discusses waiting lists, applications and briefings, housing choice voucher utilization, and housing choice voucher inspections.

### **Establishing Wait List Preferences**

[https://www.usich.gov/resources/uploads/asset\\_library/PHA\\_WaitList.pdf](https://www.usich.gov/resources/uploads/asset_library/PHA_WaitList.pdf)

In this document, USICH explains waiting list management and homeless admissions preferences as strategies for expanding housing opportunities through Public Housing and Housing Choice Voucher programs.

### **Converting Foreclosed and Vacant Properties to Support Homeless Veterans: Single-Housing-Unit Template**

[http://www.nchv.org/images/uploads/Corporate%20Connection\\_Housing%20Template.pdf](http://www.nchv.org/images/uploads/Corporate%20Connection_Housing%20Template.pdf)

This template from the [NCHV](#) provides proven strategies for facilitating property acquisition of foreclosed and vacant single-family housing units, and it outlines resources that can be leveraged to procure, support, and maintain permanent housing for homeless veterans. It guides nonprofit organizations, government entities, and private businesses through finding possible partnerships and leveraging community assets within the veteran community and from available housing.

### **Neighborhood Stabilization Program**

<https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/nsp/>

HUD's Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) seeks to stabilize communities that have suffered from foreclosures and abandonment. It can provide an opportunity for housing and homeless assistance providers to create permanent housing and permanent supportive housing to people experiencing or at risk of homelessness. At least 25 percent of NSP funds must serve people with incomes below 50 percent of area median income.

### **National Community Stabilization Trust**

<http://www.stabilizationtrust.com/>

The National Community Stabilization Trust is a nonprofit organization dedicated to working with nonprofit and private sector housing organizations, state and local governments, and federal agencies to help communities acquire and manage distressed properties.

### **Landlord Liaison Project**

<http://www.landlordliaisonproject.org/>

This website describes the Landlord Liaison Project of King County, Washington, which creates incentives for landlords to relax screening criteria for people experiencing homelessness who have barriers to accessing permanent housing. Launched in 2009, the program has helped place hundreds of individuals in private market rental units.

### Atlanta Real Estate Collaborative

<http://arec.org/>

The Atlanta Real Estate Collaborative (AREC) is a group of private individuals with extensive real estate experience who are devoted to sharing their expertise in housing with those in need. In addition to connecting individuals experiencing homelessness to programs and housing units, AREC supports nonprofit organizations addressing homelessness in acquiring or developing properties to add permanent supportive units to their already successful programs.

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