



Serving Homeless Veterans: HUD Resources

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Ending Veteran Homelessness

- * *Opening Doors* released in 2010 is a Federal strategic plan to prevent and end homelessness includes 4 goals:
 - * End chronic homelessness by 2017
 - * End veteran homelessness by 2015
 - * End family homelessness by 2020
 - * Set path to end all homelessness by 2020
- * Close collaboration between HUD, USICH, and VA puts us on target to meet veterans goal.

How many homeless veterans?

- * 49,933 in January 2014 represents 33% decline since 2010
 - * 64% sheltered
 - * 36% unsheltered
- * 10.5% decline between 2013 and 2014
- * Where are they located?
 - * 44% major cities
 - * 43% smaller city, county, regional CoCs
 - * 13% in Balance of State or Statewide CoCs (rural)

HUD Resources for Homeless Veterans

- * Non-targeted:
 - * CoC Program
 - * Emergency Solutions Grants Program
 - * Rural Housing Stability Assistance Program (not yet funded)
- * Targeted:
 - * Veterans Homelessness Prevention Demonstration
 - * HUD-VASH

Veteran Homelessness Prevention Program (VHPD)

- * Small 5-site demonstration program funded in FY 2009 for veterans and their families
 - * Homelessness prevention
 - * Rapid re-housing
- * One goal was to serve veterans in rural areas
 - * 2/5 of the 5 sites were significantly rural (upstate NY and central TX)
- * Lessons learned for rural areas:
 - * Travel distances pose significant challenges for case managers
 - * Co-location of services is most-critical in rural areas
 - * Isolation in rural areas poses major obstacle

HUD-VASH

- * HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) combines:
 - * Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) rental assistance (HUD)
 - * Case management and clinical services (VA) provided at VAMCS and community-based outreach clinics
- * From FY 2008 - FY 2015, HUD allocated 2,057 of the approximately 68,711 HUD-VASH vouchers to rural areas (3% of total)
- * FY 2015 allocation: \$75 million for 10,000 more vouchers

HUD Resources: Veterans in Rural Areas

* OneCPD Portal: www.onecpd.info

Rural Housing and Economic Development Gateway at:

* http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/comm_planning/economicdevelopment/programs/rhed/gateway

* Phone: 1-877-RURAL-26 (1-877-2526)