

Supportive Services for Veteran Families Program Purpose Statement

The Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) program provides a continuum of specialized housing services, case management, linkage to Veteran benefits, temporary financial assistance and other supportive services to address housing stabilization for very low income Veterans and their families who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.

SSVF Program Administration Office
101 West Linwood Blvd.
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Mission Statement of The Salvation Army

The Salvation Army, an international movement, is an evangelical part of the universal Christian church.

Its message is based on the Bible.
Its ministry is motivated
by the love of God.
Its mission is to preach the
gospel of Jesus Christ
and to meet human needs
in His name without discrimination.

Community-Based Veterans Assistance in Kansas and Northwest Missouri

Program offices located in:

- Jackson County, Missouri
- Topeka, Kansas
- Wichita, Kansas
- Garden City, Kansas (new location)

We have a mobile-based service delivery model and travel throughout the entire state of Kansas and NW Missouri including rural areas. Refer to the service area and counties served. We will travel to meet the Veteran if they are not located near a program office.

“Reach out for help! We can come to you!”



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SUPPORTIVE SERVICES FOR VETERAN FAMILIES



What is SSVF?

Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) assists extremely low and low-income eligible Veteran family and single Veteran households to obtain stable permanent housing. The Salvation Army was awarded a grant from the United States Department of Veteran Affairs to serve Veterans throughout the State of Kansas and Northwest Missouri. SSVF is a housing-first program designed to combat the disproportionate number of Veterans experiencing homelessness. Assistance is determined on a case by case basis, evidence of need, risk and vulnerability factors.

Eligibility

- Individual/head of household or spouse must be a United States Veteran with active military, naval, or air service and was discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable or dismissed by reason of a general court-martial
- Fall below 50% of Area Median for their county
- Literally homeless or at significant risk of homelessness (as defined by the McKinney-Vento Act as amended by the Hearth Act)
- Must want to reside in Kansas or Northwest Missouri
- **HUD-VASH participants must fall below 30% of Area Median Income for their location and must meet HUD's definition of chronically homeless.**

Program Goals & Objectives

- Rapid Re-housing: Eligible literally homeless Veterans may be assisted with transition into appropriate, affordable permanent housing, and will exit the program into permanent housing obtained with or without other housing subsidies.
- Homeless Prevention: Veterans at the most significant risk of becoming homeless based on a risk factor screening assessment AND who lack other resources, MAY be assisted based on available funding, to remain housed or to be housed in alternative affordable housing units. Participants will be stably housed in permanent housing with or without other housing subsidies.

Service Areas

Kansas
All 105 counties in Kansas

Missouri
Andrew, Atchison, Buchanan, Cass, Clay, Holt, Jackson, Nodaway, Platte and Ray

FAQ's

I'm a Veteran/Veteran Household: how can SSVF help?

- Call us and we will conduct a pre-screen by phone to determine your eligibility for the program
- If you are eligible we will set up a time and place to meet with you to determine how best to assist and to obtain needed documentation of eligibility
- If you are not eligible for our program, we can refer you to other resources

I'm eligible: what can you do for me/my family?

Services target homeless Veterans and prioritize those at most risk of homelessness. Specific services are determined on a case by case basis, and require documented evidence of eligibility, need and risk factors. Services MAY include:

- Case Management
- Housing counseling & housing location assistance
- Veteran Navigator for Vet-to-Vet support and to connect with Veteran, mainstream, and community resources
- Limited short-term rent/utility assistance, arrears, & deposits based on assessed need & resources
- Legal services
- Child care
- Mediation with landlords & utility providers
- Support in disability/benefit applications
- Depending on need, risk factors, and resources other services MAY be available

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE



How to Apply

The Salvation Army SSVF Program Administrative Office
101 W. Linwood Blvd
Kansas City, MO 64111
(816) 285-2799

OR...contact a SSVF office nearest to you. Please contact our Administrative Office if you do not receive a call back in 24-48 hours.

1320 SE 6th Ave.
Topeka, KS
(785) 233-9648 Ext. 325

350 N. Market
Wichita, KS 67202
(316) 425-6144

New Location
216 North Ninth St.
Garden City, KS
(620) 402-4017

Eligibility & Service Limitations:

- * **VA regulations dictate eligibility requirements, limitations of assistance, time limits, financial assistance caps, and lifetime limits.**
- * **VA regulations require the program to direct 60% of grant funds toward Rapid Re-housing of SSVF eligible homeless Veterans/Veteran households.**
- * **There is no guarantee that funds will be available for Homeless Prevention assistance at the time of request. Homeless Prevention assistance requires additional extensive assessment of risk factors and need. Only those with the most significant risks can be prioritized for assistance. This often causes delays, necessitates placement on a waiting list, or the person may be referred elsewhere for assistance.**
- * **VA regulations require that financial assistance if provided, may only be paid directly to third party entities on the Veteran's behalf. Cash assistance is not provided under any circumstances.**

