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HUD AND VA TEAM UP TO HELP 85 HOMELESS VETERANS FIND PERMANENT HOMES IN PENNSYLVANIA

PHILADELPHIA– The U.S. Departments of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and Veterans Affairs (VA) are awarding nearly \$500,000 to help 85 homeless veterans in Pennsylvania find a permanent place to call home. The rental assistance announced today is provided through the **HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) Program**, which combines HUD’s rental assistance with VA case management and clinical services.

HUD-VASH works to reduce veteran homelessness, providing funding (see chart below) for both the housing and supportive services that are essential for ending homelessness among veterans in Pennsylvania. In December, HUD [announced](#) veteran homelessness is down 15.2 percent in the commonwealth.

“To end veteran homelessness, we must continue to build on what we know works like Housing First,” said Joe DeFelice, Regional Administrator of HUD’s Mid-Atlantic region. “These HUD-VASH vouchers will equip our state and local partners to first get our veterans into permanent housing and then supportive services.”

Across the Mid-Atlantic region, a total of \$2.3 million in HUD-VASH funding has been awarded to Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia.

In the program, VA Medical Centers assess veterans experiencing homelessness before referring them to local housing agencies for vouchers, taking into consideration their duration of homelessness and their need for longer term, more intensive support. These medical centers, which are located across the U.S., Guam, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, offer eligible homeless veterans clinical and supportive services. Veterans participating in the program rent privately owned housing and generally contribute no more than 30 percent of their income toward rent.

Nationally, more than 87,000 vouchers have been awarded and approximately 144,000 homeless veterans have been served through the HUD-VASH program since 2008.

Recipient	Partnering VA Medical Facility	# of Vouchers	Amount
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Adams County Housing Authority	Lebanon	5	\$21,741
Allentown Housing Authority	Wilkes Barre	6	\$32,990
Bucks County Housing Authority	Philadelphia	5	\$40,340
Franklin Housing Authority	Martinsburg	5	\$17,418
Harrisburg Housing Authority	Lebanon	6	\$33,961
Philadelphia Housing Authority	Philadelphia	25	\$193,200
Wilkes Barre Housing Authority	Wilkes Barre	6	\$35,791
York Housing Authority	Lebanon	6	\$28,898
Allegheny County Housing Authority	Pittsburgh Health Care System	3	\$15,948
Clarion County Housing Authority	Butler	5	\$18,379
Housing Authority of Indiana County	Altoona	4	\$15,216
Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh Health Care System	3	\$16,467
Washington County Housing Authority	Pittsburgh Health Care System	6	\$26,914
		85	\$497,263

HUD's mission is to create strong, sustainable, inclusive communities and quality affordable homes for all. The Department's [Mid-Atlantic region](#) includes Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Washington, D.C. and West Virginia. The regional office is in Philadelphia. Follow Regional Administrator Joe DeFelice on [Twitter](#).

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