

Supportive Services for Veteran Families Homelessness Prevention Screening Form

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SCREENING DATE (e.g., 10/1/2021)

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APPLICANT HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD (IDENTIFY VETERAN MEMBER OF HOUSEHOLD)

Name _____ HMIS ID (if applicable) _____

The SSVF Program Office requires all grantees to ensure an adequate level of training, based on guidance and materials provided on an ongoing basis, for any staff performing eligibility screening and housing problem-solving efforts, including for homelessness prevention, diversion efforts, rapid exit, and rapid rehousing. For detailed guidance, and training materials, please refer to the **Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) Homelessness Prevention (HP) Screening Tool Companion Guide**.

The SSVF program’s HP services are available to those eligible Veterans who “but for” SSVF assistance will become literally homeless in the next 30 days* and where the local SSVF Grantee has the capacity to provide such services. Eligible Veteran households may be enrolled in SSVF immediately based on the Stage 1 screening if the grantee maintains sufficient capacity to meet local Rapid Rehousing (RRH) demand. SSVF Grantees are expected to conduct Stage 1 HP Screening at the first contact with any Veteran seeking or presenting a need for HP assistance. Eligible Veterans actively seeking or in need of shelter and Veterans living in places not meant for human habitation should be considered for Emergency Housing Assistance (EHA) through SSVF Rapid Re-housing if they cannot be diverted and no other viable, safe shelter, or transitional housing option is available. If a Veteran is fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence and they have nowhere else safe to stay tonight, they are considered literally homeless and should be immediately supported in accessing appropriate shelter and SSVF Rapid Rehousing or other housing assistance. Veteran families/households found to be eligible for SSVF should be enrolled and immediately engaged in a trauma-informed Housing Problem-Solving (HPS) conversation to better identify the specific housing barriers that exist, the urgency of the housing crisis, and whether HPS strategies and SSVF Rapid Resolution (RR) services (mediation, referrals, resource coordination, targeted Temporary Financial Assistance (TFA)) can help prevent the household from experiencing literal homelessness. Those Veterans who pass the Grantee’s Stage 2 Threshold Score may be provided traditional Homelessness Prevention TFA. SSVF Grantees should ensure that HP targeting, planning, and outreach efforts promote equitable service delivery and outcomes.

**If the household indicates they will experience literal homelessness in the next 72 hours, expedite rapid resolution services to quickly identify 1) if the Veteran can receive a full suite of HP services and/or 2) can be supported to arrange alternative plans to avoid unsafe homeless situations.*

Stage 1: Initial Eligibility Screening

“Yes” responses to all three eligibility domains are required for initial SSVF HP eligibility and enrollment in SSVF with Rapid Resolution services (limited TFA based on RR allowable activities).

Factor 1: Veteran Status	
Is the Veteran head of household confirmed to be an eligible Veteran, based on SSVF requirements?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> (If Unknown, use SQUARES 2.0 for instant verification)
Factor 2: Very Low-Income Status (50% Area Medium Income)	
Number of people in the household	
Total gross qualifying income from all sources in the household:	\$
50% of Area Median Income for household size:	\$
Is the Veteran household confirmed, based on available documentation, to be income eligible for SSVF?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> (If Unknown, consider self-verification and follow up for documentation prior to intensive services and TFA)

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Factor 3: Imminently At-Risk of Literal Homelessness

Does the Veteran household indicate they will experience literal homeless with no alternative safe housing options within the next 30days but for SSVF assistance (i.e., will enter emergency shelter, including EHA and Safe Haven, transitional housing, or a place not meant for human habitation)?

Yes No Unknown
 (Note: SSVF may enroll based on initial indication from Veteran but must use further conversations and Stage 2 Screener to determine level of services needed and what that Veteran need and is eligible for upon enrollment)

STAGE 1 INITIAL ELIGIBILITY DISPOSITION

Does the Veteran household meet all initial eligibility domains above?

Yes No Unknown
 (If Yes, Veteran household may be enrolled in SSVF with Rapid Resolution services, including services and eligible RR TFA. Continue with Housing Problem-Solving and **Stage 2 Prioritization Screening**; If No or Unknown, Veteran household may not be enrolled. Connect Veteran to other assistance.)

If Veteran meets the eligibility disposition, the household may be enrolled in SSVF with Rapid Resolution services, including services and eligible RR TFA. Continue with Housing Problem-Solving and Stage 2 Prioritization Screening.

Housing-Problem Solving Strategies and SSVF Rapid Resolution Services

All Veterans households who present to, or are engaged by, an SSVF grantee requesting or seemingly needing housing crisis services should be engaged in housing problem-solving conversations that aims to identify key resources, opportunities, family and community connections and barriers. This should be part of an immediate housing stabilization plan. These conversations are **not scripted**; however, staff should explore the true nature and urgency of the housing crisis to help inform SSVF's role in assisting the Veteran household to resolve their housing crisis with the least amount of assistance necessary. **Please provide some notes and insights about the Veterans individualized housing situation before completing the Stage 2 portion of the screener.**

Housing Problem-Solving Notes

Current housing situation and why Veteran is requesting assistance

Barriers identified to maintaining current housing situation

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Housing and financial resources/opportunities identified

SSVF may enroll based on initial eligibility Veteran but must use further conversations and Stage 2 Screener to determine level of services Veterans needs and is eligible for once enrolled. The Stage 2 screening should be completed with all Veterans who qualify for SSVF prevention services to better understand needs and eligibility.

Stage 2: Prioritization and Threshold Screening

The factors below are used to further target and prioritize homelessness prevention resources when there is insufficient program funding or capacity to fully assist all eligible or enrolled households imminently at-risk of literal homelessness within 30 days "but for" assistance. Providers should review the **Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) Homelessness Prevention (HP) Screening Tool Companion Guide for more detailed instructions and guidance.**

Number	Screening Factor <small>(Factors do not require collecting additional information if the Veteran has already shared necessary details to determine response and points)</small>	Response Options	Point Value	Total Points
1	Housing loss expected within	1-6 days	12	
		7-13 days	8	
		14-21 days	4	
		More than 21 days	0	
2	Current household income	\$0 (i.e., not employed, not receiving cash benefits, no other current income)	8	
		1-14% of Area Median Income (AMI) for household size	6	
		15-30% of AMI for household size	4	
		31-50% AMI	0	
3	History of literal homelessness (street/shelter/transitional housing) (any adult)	Most recent episode occurred in the last year.	17	
		Most recent episode occurred more than one year ago	15	
		None	0	

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4a	Is not a current leaseholder (head of household)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	6	
4b	Has never been a leaseholder (head of household)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	4	
5	Currently at risk of losing a tenant-based housing subsidy or housing in a subsidized building or unit (household)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	3	
6	Rental evictions within past 7 years (any adults)	2 or more prior rental evictions	9	
		1 prior rental eviction	7	
		No prior rental eviction	0	
7a	Criminal record for arson, drug dealing or manufacture, or offense against persons or property (any adults)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	5	
7b	Incarcerated as adult (any adults)	Incarcerated two or more times	5	
		Incarcerated once	2	
		Not incarcerated	0	
7c	Discharged from jail or prison within last six months after incarceration of 90 days or more (any adults)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	2	
7d	Registered sex offender (any household members)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	3	
8	Disabling condition or symptoms (physical health, mental health, substance use) (head of household)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	6	
9a	Currently pregnant (any household member)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	3	
9b	Single parent household with minor child(ren)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	2	
9c	Household includes young children (age six or under), or a child who requires significant care	Youngest child is under 1 year.	5	
		Youngest child is 1 to 6 years old and/or one or more children (any age) require significant care.	3	

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		None	0	
9d	Household size of 5 or more requiring at least 3 bedrooms (due to age/gender mix)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	3	
10	Household includes one or more members who identifies as an overrepresented population in the homelessness system when compared to the general population.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	7	
Max Score: 100		Total Score		
STAGE 2 ELIGIBILITY DISPOSITION				
<p><i>Based on the established local threshold score, does the Veteran qualify for SSVF financial assistance through homelessness prevention?</i></p>		<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If Yes, Veteran household may be enrolled in SSVF including services and eligible TFA. If No or Unknown, explore opportunities to serve Veteran through Rapid Resolution (RR) or Service Directed Housing Interventions (SDHI).</p>		
<p>Comments:</p>				

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SSVF Staff Certification

By signing below, I certify that I have screened the Veteran household and found that the Veteran household is eligible for SSVF services and will become literally homeless unless SSVF assistance is provided. Further, I certify that all required documentation for SSVF enrollment has been obtained and is contained in the participant's case file.

SSVF Staff Name: _____

SSVF Staff Signature: _____

Date: _____

SSVF Staff Supervisor Certification

SSVF Staff Supervisor Name: _____

SSVF Staff Supervisor Signature: _____

Date: _____