

## **Additional SSVF Resources Available During COVID-19 Crisis\***

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1. Emergency Housing in Hotel/Motels
  - a. Designed to reduce exposure of vulnerable populations to congregate environments where they may be at greater risk from contracting COVID-19.
  - b. Guidance available on [www.va.gov/homeless/ssvf](http://www.va.gov/homeless/ssvf).
  - c. Recorded webinar available at <https://tacinc.adobeconnect.com/pvg82h3q893j/>
  
2. Transition-In-Place for HUD-VASH
  - a. In areas where PHAs can no longer complete HQS due to shutdowns, SSVF may use temporary financial assistance (TFA) to assist Veterans with move-costs (Security Deposit and Rental Assistance) to avoid delays in securing permanent housing. TFA can continue until PHAs resume functioning and rental costs can be transitioned to HUD-VASH voucher support.
  - b. HUD-VASH staff remain responsible for housing navigation and case management.
  - c. Referral process follows procedures currently in place for SSVF's support of move-in costs and does not involve SSVF screening or case management.
  
3. Expanded Access to Homeless Prevention (HP)
  - a. In federal disaster areas (currently California, Washington, New York), the stage 2 screener for HP is no longer required to provide financial assistance.
  - b. The requirement that a minimum of 60 percent of financial assistance be spent on literally homeless Veteran households is waived in these federal disaster areas.
  
4. Food Assistance
  - a. SSVF grantees are currently allowed to spend up to \$500 per household on food assistance when no other food resource is available. That \$500 limit has been waived.

*\* Resources are only available for those eligible Veteran households enrolled in a SSVF program. These resources are limited and close coordination between local VAMCs and SSVF grantees is necessary to prioritize the needs of the most vulnerable.*