

## Program Criteria

### Veteran Status

SSVF will verify veteran status through the DD214. Staff will assist participants in obtaining their DD214. In the meantime, a Statement of Service (SOS), a VA Medical Card, or a Squares printout can be used as verification of Veteran status while pursuing the DD214.

### Housing Status Criteria

- At imminent risk of losing their housing (current eviction/foreclosure notice, living in home of another because of economic hardship and being asked to leave, staying in a hotel paid by oneself, exiting a publicly-funded institution without a stable housing plan).
- Literally homeless (staying at emergency shelter or a place that is not meant for human habitation [street, car, etc.]).

### Income Inclusions

- Earned income (wages/salaries)
- Self-employment/business income
- Pension/retirement income
- Unemployment and disability income
- Armed forces income
- Interest and dividend income
- TANF/public assistance
- Alimony and child support income
- G.I. Bill Housing stipend



## SUPPORTIVE SERVICES FOR VETERAN FAMILIES (SSVF) SOUTH MISSISSIPPI

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Monday-Friday  
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## Services Provided

- Outreach
- Case management
- Temporary financial assistance
- Healthcare navigation services
- Employment services
- Assistance in obtaining VA benefits
- Assistance in obtaining public benefits

Referrals are submitted by Veterans Affairs, self-referrals, walk-ins and other local agencies that provide services to Veterans.

We serve Veteran families from Jackson, MS south to the coast.

Located at:



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## Our Goal

Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) goal is to promote housing stability among very low-income Veteran families who reside in or are transitioning to permanent housing from Jackson, MS south to the coast.

## Eligibility

To be eligible for Supportive Services, a person must:

1. Have served in the active military, naval, or air service and have a discharge status that is not dishonorable.
2. Be homeless or at imminent risk of becoming homeless.
3. Household income does not exceed 50% of the area median income (AMI) for the household size and county, as defined by U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, which can be found at [www.huduser.org/portal/datasets/il.html](http://www.huduser.org/portal/datasets/il.html).

## Services Provided

### Outreach

Outreach specialists will visit homeless encampments, shelters, and other areas where homeless veterans may be.

### Case Management

Each eligible participant will be assigned a Veterans Resource Specialist to ensure that participants receive the assistance needed to promote housing stability.

Veterans Resource Specialists will:

- Consult with participants to conduct needs assessments and create individualized housing stability plans.
- Monitor participants from time of intake until they exit the program.

### Temporary Financial Assistance

Eligible participants may receive temporary financial assistance in the following short term ways:

- Rental assistance
- Utility payment assistance
- Deposit (security and utility)
- Moving costs
- Emergency supplies
- Transportation assistance

### Healthcare Navigation

Veterans will receive assistance getting connected to VA health care benefits or community health care services where veterans are not eligible for VA healthcare.

### Employment Assistance

Veterans seeking employment can receive resume preparation, mock interviews, job referrals, and temporary financial assistance for some work-related expenses.

### Assistance in Obtaining VA Benefits

If the eligible participant is not receiving services from the VA, Veterans Resource Specialists will make participants aware of the services for which he or she may be eligible for and offer to refer the participant to the nearest VA facility.

If the eligible participant is already receiving services from the VA, Veterans Resource Specialists will focus on what additional services the participant may need, want and be eligible for.

### Assistance in Obtaining Public Benefits

Veterans Resource Specialists will assist eligible participants in obtaining and coordinating other public benefits in the area, including:

- Health care services
- Income support services (disability, social security, TANF, unemployment assistance, SNAP/food stamps)
- Legal services
- Child care services
- Personal financial planning services
- Transportation services

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