



SSVF Shallow Subsidy

Adjoin Veterans provides Shallow Subsidies under an awarded VA SSVF contract. This subsidy provides rental assistance to eligible very low-income Veteran households, with incomes under 50% AMI who are enrolled in a Rapid Rehousing (RRH) or Homeless Prevention(HP) services program or have been referred to our SSVF program. It is likely that most participants will have already received rental assistance via traditional SSVF services (this is not a requirement) and remain rent-burdened, thus requiring the longer-term assistance to maintain permanent housing. Proof that the Veteran household has income and has previously contributed to their rent as agreed upon in a cost-share agreement, is also required to be eligible. Under the SSVF Shallow Subsidy initiative, we may only provide rental assistance payments directly to landlords on behalf of the Veteran household for up to two years. Our staff also offers limited case coordination services, which may be increased if a crisis or unanticipated need arises, to assist Veteran households in maintaining their housing stability.

Participants receiving Shallow Subsidies are expected to meet and connect with their assigned Case Coordinator (or designated SSVF staff) on a monthly basis to discuss progress on goals and other needs; including increasing income through benefits or employment, if this is part of their housing stability plan (HSP), and to review and sign financial assistance paperwork. Participants will be expected to make their portion of the monthly rental payment directly to the landlord and by the due date. Adjoin Veterans is unable to pay late fees if the Veteran household pays the rent late and accrues a late fee. We are also unable to pay any portion of the rent beyond the agreed upon 35% of FMR, under any circumstances.

For SSVF's Shallow Subsidy initiative, the maximum amount of rental subsidy that can be provided on behalf of the Veteran household is limited to 35% of the HUD FMR, and during the duration of the COVID-19 health emergency, the subsidy may be based on actual rent (must meet rent reasonableness), whichever is higher. This amount of subsidy is intended to provide a significant level of support, but distinct from other rental subsidies provided by HUD-VASH or the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher programs, which pay higher portions of assistance toward rent. This subsidy does not decrease for the entire 2-year period **regardless of changes in household income**. To incentivize income growth of Veteran households that are able to work, even if receiving disability payments, households will be encouraged and referred to employment programs such as DoL's Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program (HVRP), EDD, and the Social Security's Ticket to Work Program, to encourage increased income through employment whenever possible. Referrals to Benefits Coordinator and/or counselors will also be made as appropriate to increase income through benefits.