Serving Homeless Veterans:
HUD Resources
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Ending Veteran Homelessness

* Opening Doors released in 2010 is a Federal strategic plan to prevent and end homelessness includes 4 goals:
  - End chronic homelessness by 2017
  - End veteran homelessness by 2015
  - End family homelessness by 2020
  - Set path to end all homelessness by 2020
* Close collaboration between HUD, USICH, and VA puts us on target to meet veterans goal.
How many homeless veterans?

* 49,933 in January 2014 represents 33% decline since 2010
* 64% sheltered
* 36% unsheltered
* 10.5% decline between 2013 and 2014

Where are they located?

* 44% major cities
* 43% smaller city, county, regional CoCs
* 13% in Balance of State or Statewide CoCs (rural)

HUD Resources for Homeless Veterans

* Non-targeted:
  * CoC Program
  * Emergency Solutions Grants Program
  * Rural Housing Stability Assistance Program (not yet funded)

* Targeted:
  * Veterans Homelessness Prevention Demonstration
  * HUD-VASH
Veteran Homelessness Prevention Program (VHPD)

- Small 5-site demonstration program funded in FY 2009 for veterans and their families
  - Homelessness prevention
  - Rapid re-housing
- One goal was to serve veterans in rural areas
  - 2/5 of the 5 sites were significantly rural (upstate NY and central TX)
- Lessons learned for rural areas:
  - Travel distances pose significant challenges for case managers
  - Co-location of services is most-critical in rural areas
  - Isolation in rural areas poses major obstacle

HUD-VASH

- HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) combines:
  - Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) rental assistance (HUD)
  - Case management and clinical services (VA) provided at VAMCS and community-based outreach clinics
- From FY 2008 - FY 2015, HUD allocated 2,057 of the approximately 68,711 HUD-VASH vouchers to rural areas (3% of total)
- FY 2015 allocation: $75 million for 10,000 more vouchers
HUD Resources: Veterans in Rural Areas

* OneCPD Portal: [www.onecpd.info](http://www.onecpd.info)

Rural Housing and Economic Development Gateway at:

* Phone: 1-877-RURAL-26 (1-877-2526)