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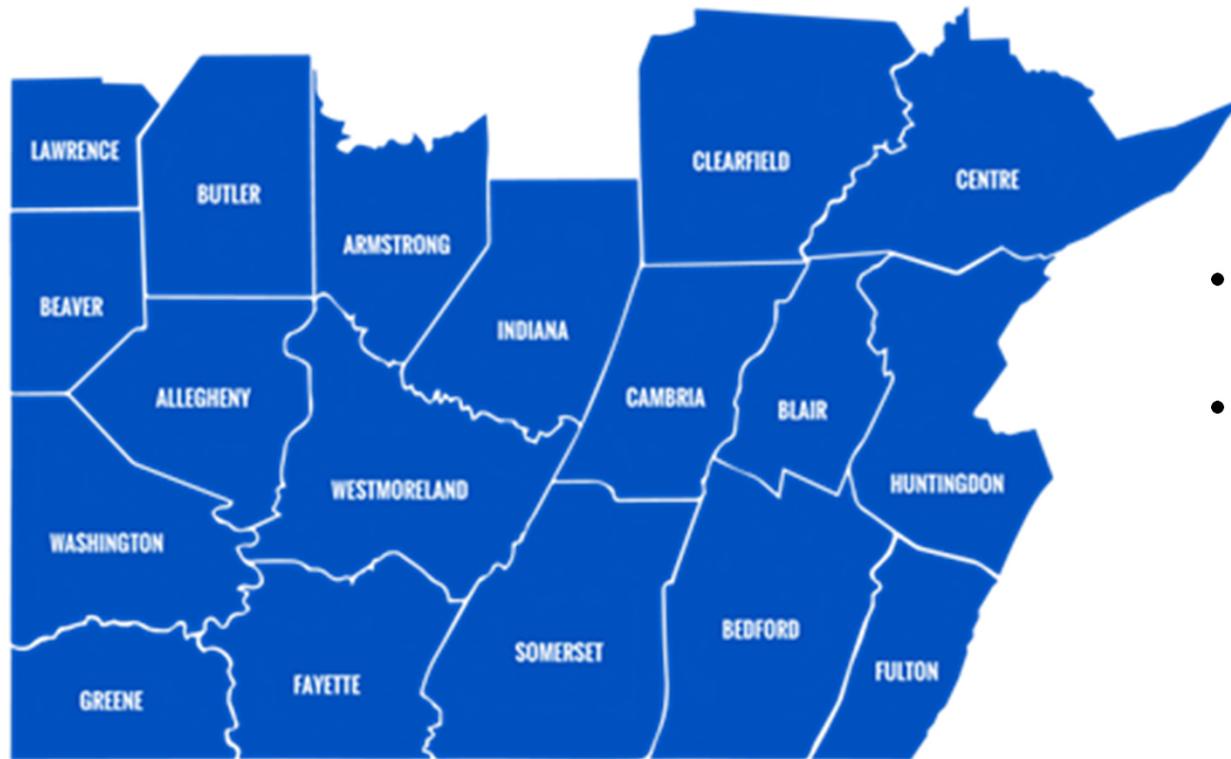
VETERANS LEADERSHIP PROGRAM *of* WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA



Founded by Vietnam Veterans



Who are we and who do we serve?



- Founded in 1982 by LOCAL Vietnam Ve
- Serve Veterans living in 18 counties in Western Pennsylvania

How do we help local veterans?

HOUSING ASSISTANCE



EMPLOYMENT SERVICES



SUPPORTIVE SERVICES



What do we do?

HOUSING ASSISTANCE

Emergency Housing
Emergency assistance
Rental Assistance
Utility Assistance
Case management services

EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

Resume writing assistance
Individualized job search plans
Interviewing & networking techniques
Connections to more than 250 employers

SUPPORTIVE SERVICES

Referrals
Veterans Court mentors
Temporary financial assistance
Temporary transportation assistance
Assistance with benefits
Free tax preparation

VLP's Housing Programs

4 Permanent Supportive Housing

Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF)

Transitional-Rapid Rehousing

Penn Free

Project Journey for Women

Project Journey for Men

HUD Permanent Housing Programs

Permanent Housing for Singles and Families

- Independence

- Valor

County: Allegheny

Eligibility:

1. Must be homeless by HUD standards
2. Veteran Status
3. Diagnosis of permanent debilitating disability

Permanent Housing for Singles

- Liberty

- Victory

County: Allegheny

Eligibility:

1. Must be homeless by HUD standards
2. Veteran Status
3. Diagnosis of permanent debilitating disability

Other HUD Housing Programs

Penn Free

Bridge Housing for singles

County: Allegheny

Eligibility:

1. Must be homeless
2. Veteran Status
3. \$1,200 monthly income
4. Diagnosis of drug or alcohol abuse

Constitution

Rapid-rehousing program for singles and families

County: Allegheny

Eligibility:

1. Must be homeless.
2. Veteran Status

Allegheny LINK

How do I refer a Veteran to the HUD Housing programs?

- Allegheny LINK– Allegheny County’s Coordinated Entry System
- <http://www.alleghenylink.org/>

866-730-2368

The mission of the Allegheny Link is to simplify and streamline access to services and supports in an effort to help individuals and families maintain their independence, dignity and quality of life.

VLP's Emergency Housing

Project Journey for Women (United Way)

Project Journey for Men (United Way)

Emergency shelter for single women or women with children (30-60 days)

Emergency shelter for single men or men with children (30-60 days)

County: Allegheny

County: Allegheny

Eligibility:

Eligibility:

1. Must be homeless or at imminent risk of losing housing
2. Female with Veteran Status

1. Must be homeless or at imminent risk of losing housing
2. Male with Veteran Status

VLP's Emergency Assistance

Emergency financial assistance for singles or families (One time assistance per year)

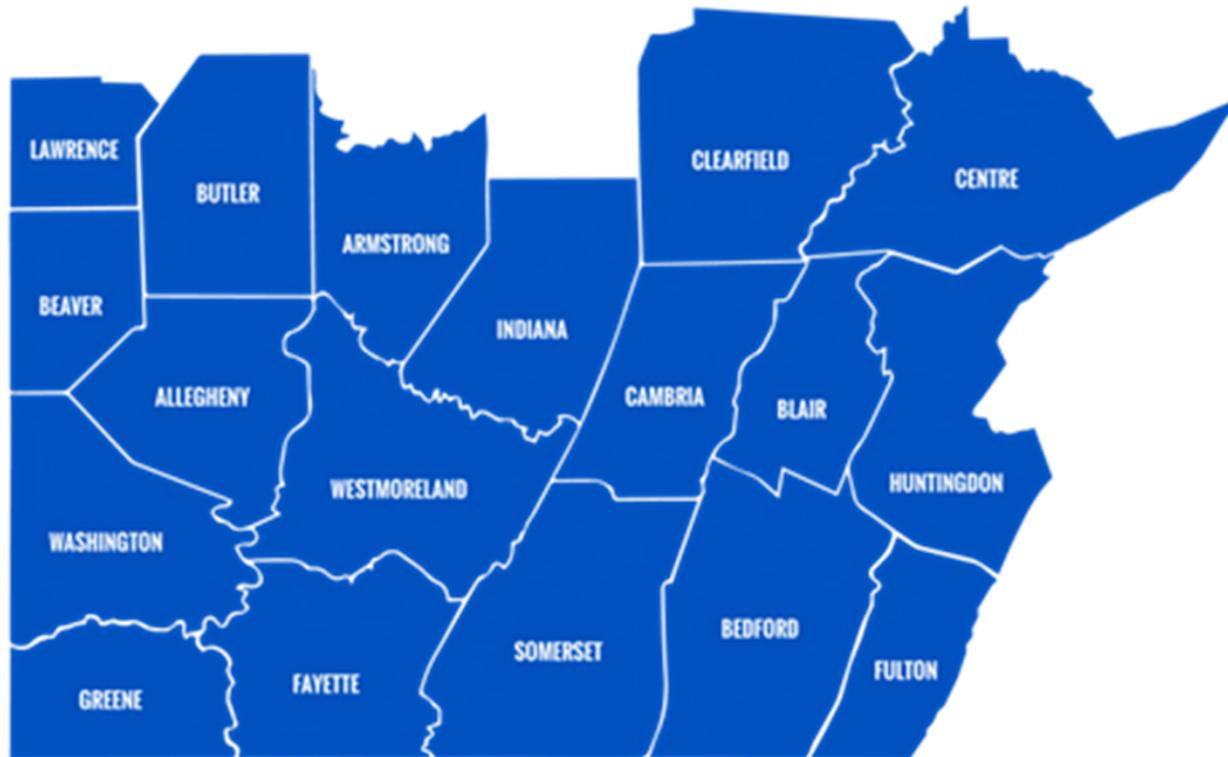
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Eligibility:

1. Must be homeless or at imminent risk of losing housing
2. Veteran Status

SSVF Housing Program

Allegheny, Beaver, Butler, Fayette, Washington, Westmoreland, Armstrong, Bedford, Cambria, Clearfield, Blair, Fulton, Greene, Centre, Somerset, Huntingdon, Indiana, Lawrence



What is SSVF?

- Community based grant awarded by the VA to private, non-profit organizations.

SSVF's Main Goals

- Assist Veterans experiencing homelessness with permanent and sustainable housing (RR)
- Prevent homelessness for Veterans facing evictions (HP)

Required SSVF Support Services

1. Outreach
 2. Case management
 3. Connection to VA benefits and programs
 4. Connection to public benefits and mainstream, community resources
 5. Temporary Financial Assistance (TFA)
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SSVF Eligibility

1.) Veteran Status

- Must have at least 1 day of active duty service outside of training
- Anything other than a “dishonorable” discharge

2.) Very low Income

- Must have an income at or below 50% AMI

3.) Housing Status

- *Literally homeless (RR)*- staying in a shelter, transitional housing, place not meant for human habitation
- *At Imminent risk of homelessness(HP)*- has an eviction notice or must leave current residence

SSVF Assistance

- Rental assistance (current or arrears)
- Utility assistance (current or arrears)
- Deposits (security or utility)

- Supportive Services
- Moving costs
- Transportation
- General Housing Stability Assistance
- Emergency Housing Assistance
- Child care

VLP's Employment Services

Service Development

employment assistance for veterans

Counties: Allegheny, Butler, Westmoreland

Eligibility:

Seeking for assistance obtaining full-time employment

Stably housed (tenant or home owner)

In 2015, VLP enrolled nearly **500 veterans**

into our employment programs

VLP Employment HVRP

Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program – HVRP Rural

Employment assistance for homeless veterans

County: Blair, Bedford, Cambria, Fulton,
Huntingdon, Somerset

Eligibility:

1. Homeless at time of referral
2. Requesting assistance with finding employment

Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program – HVRP Urban

Employment assistance for homeless veterans

County: Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Butler,
Fayette, Washington, Westmoreland

Eligibility:

1. Homeless at time of referral
2. Requesting assistance with finding employment

VLP's Supportive Services

- SOAR Program
 - Veterans Court
 - Tax Assistance
 - Housing Locator
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Referrals

**s Leadership Program Pittsburgh: Allegheny,
Butler, Lawrence**

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, PA 15201
8200

ervices of Western Pennsylvania: Westmoreland

e.
, PA 15601
410

unity Action Partnership: Somerset

St.
A 15501
628

s Leadership Program: Washington, Fayette,

**•Veterans Leadership Program Johnstown:
Armstrong, Cambria, Centre, Clearfield,
Huntington, Indiana**

Hiram G. Andrews Center
727 Goucher Street
Johnstown, PA 15905
(814) 255-7209

**•Center for Community Action: Bedford,
Huntington, Fulton**

195 Drive In Lane
Everett, PA 15521
(814) 623-9129

•Blair County Community Action: Blair

2100 6th Avenue
Altoona, PA 16602
(814) 946-3651

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Testimonials from our Veterans

“I cannot put into words how grateful I am for all of the wonderful things that you all have done for myself and my family. You provided shelter, when we had none, made sure we had food and clothing, helped us find an apartment and made it livable with so much stuff.”



“The passion you all show in your work with helping veterans is commendable. Words cannot describe how much I appreciate what you have done for me. I really believe I would have ended up homeless without your help. I am truly grateful!!”

“VLP made my dreams comes true. If it wasn't for their help, I wouldn't been able to secure my own apartment and go back to school. Now, I have my own space to study so that I can do well in school.”



Community Support

- Landlords
- Employers
- Agencies and nonprofit organizations
- Stand Down
- Volunteers
 - Project Journey “Adopt A Home”
 - Free tax preparations
- In-kind donations
- Third-Party events
- Other volunteer opportunities



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