

Help end homelessness among veterans in our community

Provide a home for a hero

“It’s hard not to be sympathetic to our vets. We have all experienced pain and turmoil in our lives. If you give a person an honest break – we tell them that if they’re willing to follow our rules, we’d love to have them in our community – that’s all they’re asking for. Once they take this first step, they are able to survive and succeed.”

— Jeanette Murrell,
property manager

“We have a close connection with Veterans Affairs and the King County Housing Authority. They take a strongly coordinated, highly personalized approach to ensure that veterans make a successful transition into their new community. We trust these agencies completely, and we’re very comfortable participating in this program.”

— Cindy Sumner,
assistant manager

As a landlord participating in the Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8) program with the King County Housing Authority, you have been a valuable partner in housing the County’s most vulnerable families. Together we have worked hard to provide safe, suitable housing for low-income families, seniors and persons with disabilities. Now we are asking you to consider participating in a special Housing Choice (Section 8) rental assistance program that specifically helps homeless veterans.

The King County Housing Authority has been awarded an allocation of Housing Choice Vouchers to provide affordable housing to eligible homeless veterans and their families. The program – Veterans Affairs Supported Housing (VASH) – provides permanent housing subsidies and case management, clinical and supportive services to homeless veterans with significant case management needs. The VA screens homeless veterans for program eligibility, determines that participating veterans are medically stabilized and provides case management services to enrollees. Evaluation of an earlier similar program indicates that this approach significantly reduces days of homelessness for veterans and that most veteran participants remain permanently housed.

More than 400,000 veterans will experience homelessness at some point over the course of the year.

Participating in the VASH program offers many benefits and safeguards:

- Participants enrolled in the VASH program have different levels of need. Veterans Affairs Puget Sound and the King County Housing Authority will work with you to match you with a tenant you’re comfortable with.
- You can help keep up your occupancy rate by participating in this program, particularly at a time when rental vacancies are expected to increase. Additionally, you can be assured that rent will be paid in a timely manner and that you have a stable income stream.
- Your participation is an investment in ending homelessness in King County.
- You have the opportunity to serve veterans as they once served us. Veterans made a commitment to their country when they chose to serve. You can feel good about making the decision to care for them when they come home.

For more information about the VASH program, please contact the Section 8 Office at the King County Housing Authority, 206/214-1300.
Thank you for your interest in providing a home to a hero.