


## Veteran's Village Eligibility

The Veteran's Village Project in Colma is scheduled to open in spring of 2019. There are a total of 66 units. 59 of the units will be filled by referrals from the VA HUD-VASH program for very low income or homeless Veterans and their families. A total of 7 units for low income Veterans who meet income requirements will be leased through the San Mateo County Department of Housing in late 2018 or early 2019. The Town will provide updates when they become available. An information line has been established for this project: 415-335-7640

### HUD-VASH Eligibility Criteria

Veterans who are appropriate for this program must be VA health care eligible Veterans. VA eligibility makes this determination.

Veterans must also meet the definition of homelessness defined in [The McKinney Homeless Assistance Act](#)  as amended by S. 896 The Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing (HEARTH) Act of 2009. HUD-VASH prioritizes the chronically homeless

### Veteran for admission.

Veterans who are appropriate candidates for this program demonstrate the most need or vulnerability and must need case management services in order to obtain and sustain independent community housing. HUD-VASH targets the chronically homeless Veteran who is the most vulnerable and often has severe mental or physical health problems and/or substance use disorders, with frequent emergency room visits, multiple treatment attempts, and limited access to other social supports. However, other Veterans who are homeless with diminished functional capacity and resultant need for case management are also eligible for the program.

A key component of the program is VA's case management services. These services are designed to assist Veterans in obtaining and sustaining permanent housing and engage in needed treatment and other supportive services that improve Veterans' quality of life and end their homelessness. Case Management is the heart of this program and is a requirement for participation in the HUD-VASH voucher program.

VA determines clinical eligibility for the program. The public housing authority (PHA) determines if the Veteran participant meets HUD's regulations for this program. The PHA will determine eligibility based on income limits. Also, the PHA will determine if any member of the household is required to maintain Lifetime Sexual Offender Registry status — those who do are not eligible to participate in this program.

HUD-VASH provides permanent supportive housing for eligible homeless Veterans who are single or eligible homeless Veterans with families. The program is developed for the homeless Veteran, so eligible Veteran families must include the Veteran.

Because HUD-VASH provides for Veterans who may have medical, mental health and/or substance use disorders, eligible Veterans must be able to complete activities of daily living and live independently in the community with case management and supportive services.

To apply for HUD-VASH, please contact your local VA Homeless Program. Veterans can contact the HUD-VASH program directly, or obtain a referral from a case manager in another VA program, from a community program, or other referral sources.

**Make the Call.  
You Fought for Our Home. We'll Fight for Yours.**

If you need housing assistance, call the National Call Center for Homeless Veterans at **1-877-4AID-VET**.

**When you call:**

- You will be connected to a trained VA responder.
- The responder will ask a few questions to assess your needs.
- If you're a Veteran, you may be connected with the Homeless Program point of contact at the nearest VA facility.
- Contact information will be requested so staff may follow up.

**Oakland Benefits Office:**

1301 Clay Street, Rm. 1400 North  
Oakland, CA 94612

Phone: 800-827-1000  
Fax: 510-637-6118

The Oakland Regional Office is accessible via public transportation.

**From BART**

Exit at 12th Street-City Center station

Walk one block through City Center to Clay Street

The Federal Building is straight ahead

Please visit the following sites for more information: [BART](#) and [AC Transit](#).