



VETERANS HOUSING SERVICES

Veterans Housing Services builds on the successful Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-housing model, a systemic, collaborative, and holistic approach to housing homeless individuals and families. Funded by the U.S. Veterans Administration Supportive Services for Veteran Families, VHS is a cooperative effort of public and private partners who are committing to and supporting the goals, including the Portland Housing Authority, City of Portland General Assistance, numerous housing developers who offer available Section 8 and VASH housing vouchers and units to veterans.

With offices in Portland, Lewiston, and Bangor VHS operates in urban and rural communities throughout the state of Maine. With many entry points and a coordinated continuum of support services and housing options, the program meets the needs of those at risk who need supports as well as those already homeless who require a range of services.

As with all of Preble Street's programming, our work begins when we ask consumers "How can we help you?" and in keeping with Preble Street's mission, our services are low barrier and driven by an inherent belief in the worth, value and dignity of every person that we meet.

To be eligible for VHS,

- The head of household or the spouse of the head of household must have been in active military service, must be able to obtain a DD 214, and cannot have a dishonorable discharge
- The family must be literally homeless – living in a shelter or someplace not meant for habitation – or be at imminent risk of losing their housing
- The family annual income cannot be more than 50% of the Area Median Income

Available services encompass

- Housing counseling and referral
- Budgeting assistance including payeehip when needed
- Several levels of case management intensity
- A coordinated referral system including VA and community resources
- Housing vouchers and options from local housing authorities and affordable and supportive housing organizations, including site-based Section 8 vouchers in scattered sites, VASH vouchers, and Shelter Plus Care (S+C)
- Temporary financial assistance from the VHS Client Fund to meet financial needs of housed low-income veteran households to prevent homelessness.

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Portland, Maine

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Lewiston, Maine

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Bangor, Maine

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Access to services: Call