

### Selected Policy Recommendations from A Home for Everyone Workgroups

Veterans	Housing	Safety off the Streets	Workforce & Economic Opportunity	Health
<b>Landlord Access:</b> Increase pool of partner landlords, non-profit and for-profit, through outreach and improved incentives	<b>System Design:</b> Develop shared standards for housing placement and retention services: flexible, mobile, culturally specific	<b>System Design:</b> Improve data sharing, implement coordinated access, and shared standards for service delivery	<b>Alignment:</b> Align DHS TANF-JOBS program, career track employment, housing, and community-based, culturally specific support	<b>Discharge Planning:</b> Ensure hospitals do not discharge into homelessness
<b>Flexible Local Resources:</b> Provide flexible local resources to facilitate the full utilization of VA housing resources	<b>Local Housing Funding:</b> Affirm 30% set-aside in urban renewal areas, dedicate 30-50% of all new locally funded units to households exiting homelessness, establish homeless preference at Home Forward	<b>Facilitate Siting:</b> Reduce legal and practical barriers to siting safety off the streets options, including shelter, transitional campgrounds	<b>Bring Housing to Workforce:</b> Provide people currently engaged in career-track training through the Economic Opportunity Program (EOP) with access to housing assistance	<b>Mobile Health Services:</b> Bring health care services to community based settings
<b>Home Forward Initiatives:</b> Project base VASH vouchers, create veterans preference for Section 8, allow S+C recipients to transition to Sect. 8 when appropriate	<b>Housing Access/Retention:</b> Reduce screening barriers; increase standard to evict, fair housing/legal assistance, landlord incentives; apply equity lens	<b>Shelter Diversion:</b> Allow flexible funds to be used for prevention, relocation to out of state housing, and opportunistic housing placements	<b>Bring Workforce to Housing:</b> Expand access to employment and career-track resources to support more people served by homeless services providers	<b>Increase Recuperative Care Options:</b> Create more options for people leaving hospitals, mental health and addictions facilities
<b>VA Resource Streamlining:</b> Streamline transition from SSVF to VASH; VSOs to advocate for status change & benefit eligibility; support VASH lease-up	<b>State &amp; Federal Funding Changes:</b> Support increased federal and state funding (e.g. \$100 million/ EHA/SHAP); remove barriers to development (e.g. inclusionary zoning) and inflexible federal regulations	<b>Mobile Supports Attached to SoS Options:</b> Bring housing placement and support services to shelters, rest areas, and other SoS options lacking those services	<b>Engagement and Evaluation:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strengthen partnerships with private-sector employers (e.g. tax credit)</li> <li>• Better connect innovative employment strategies (e.g. social enterprises) to mainstream resources</li> </ul>	<b>Improved Information:</b> Ensure health care providers are doing housing assessments at intake and ongoing.
<b>Data Integration:</b> Improve data integration between VA and local data systems	<b>Alignment:</b> DHS, employment, benefits, health-care, and criminal justice systems require alignment to housing agenda		<b>Board Comment:</b> <i>Some on coordinating board asked for more emphasis on alternative employment strategies (e.g. social enterprises, self-employment)</i>	<b>Expand Permanent Supportive Housing:</b> Annually set aside 25% of publicly funded housing for PSH, 80-100 units, recapture savings for additional PSH
<b>Training:</b> Improve training of local providers to identify eligibility for VA assistance.	<b>Evaluation:</b> Develop and implement a framework for ongoing evaluation of AHFE			<b>Alignment:</b> Use health care Community Benefit \$, Flexible Services \$, and Medicaid for PSH & housing