

Where are the Housing Programs Located? What is a Veteran Housing Program like?

Veteran Housing Programs are located at:

- Chippewa Falls in Chippewa County
- King in Waupaca County,
- Union Grove in Racine County

Each housing program offers clean, safe, and secure accommodations. There is a full meal plan available. The program's staff members are highly trained professionals who are dedicated to serving veterans and provide the veteran with ongoing support.

All veterans have work responsibilities while residing in one of the housing program locations. Veterans will often work together to maintain the center. This discipline and hard work serves to restore each veteran's pride, confidence, and self-esteem.

A transitional program participant may also earn money while in the program that will be placed in their savings account. These earnings may be used to obtain other housing options after the veteran completes the program.

Veterans may be assessed a program fee of up to 30% of their gross income.

"What lies Behind us, and what lies Before Us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us"

How does a veteran apply for admission to the VHRP?

Veterans who wish to apply for the VHRP or need more information can contact:

- Veterans Assistance Foundation, Wisconsin Programs. www.Vafvets.org. 1(608) 372-VETS (8387) or 1 (866)823-VETS (8387)
- A county veteran's service office (listed in the telephone book under "County Government" or the WDVA website at www.WisVets.com/CVSO)
- The Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs at **1-800-WIS-VETS (947-8387)** or email VHP@dva.wisconsin.gov

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VETERAN HOUSING & RECOVERY PROGRAM



Specifically designed for homeless veterans and those who are at risk of becoming homeless, including those veterans seeking other affordable housing options.



WDVA website: www.WisVets.com
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Who is eligible to participate in the VHRP?

All in state and out-of-state veterans who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces are eligible. The Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs will confirm military service and eligibility.

What about the veteran's family?

Spouses and dependent children are not eligible at this time, unless the spouse is also a veteran. However, the VHRP staff will assist the veteran's family with obtaining adequate housing while the veteran is in a transitional program.

How long is the Transitional Program?

Generally, most veterans can complete their individual program in about 6-10 months. Others may complete their program in less time, but the maximum duration of the transitional program is 2 years.

The VHRP offers stable, secure, and safe housing to both male and female homeless veterans while they receive the training and other services necessary to become self-supporting.

The VHRP also can assist veterans who are at risk of becoming homeless and need job training and other services.

The VHRP affords veterans access to a wide array of services such as:

- Temporary and Permanent Housing
- Job Training
- Education
- Counseling
- Health care, including treatment of PTSD (post-traumatic stress disorder)
- Treatment for alcohol or drug abuse issues
- Benefits and entitlements

A VHRP staff member along with the contractor and VA Case workers will interview each veteran to make an assessment and determine immediate and long-term needs. Then the veteran and VHRP staff member can agree on a specific program that addresses those needs.

Applicants who need immediate medical attention or treatment for drug/alcohol problems will receive those services as quickly as possible.

Applicants with drug or alcohol problems **must** first successfully complete a treatment program before they continue in the VHRP program.

Based on their housing needs, veterans may:

- Live and work at the Housing Program while they receive services offered through the VHRP.

Long Term Affordable Housing

Both Chippewa Falls and Union Grove have suites available to those veterans needing long term affordable housing in a secure and safe environment.

This housing is open to any veteran who has completed the transitional program or who is in need of temporary or permanent housing. All veterans entering these programs must complete an application process and must have sufficient income in order to pay the monthly program fee.

The goal of the Veterans Housing and Recovery Program is to assist military veterans who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless in obtaining temporary or permanent housing, in addition to providing other services that will enable them to reintegrate back to the community