

## **How Homeless Veterans use section 8 to pay for housing**

There is a special section 8 program called **HUD-VASH** that pays rent for qualified homeless veterans. This program is NOT to be confused with **BAH** (Basic Allowance for Housing) a subsidy paid to active military members when federal housing quarters are not provided. Homeless vets are given preferential treatment and can usually bypass the long waiting list required to be admitted into section 8 program.

To Qualify:

A Vet must be eligible for VA health care services

A Vet must be chronically homeless

*Homeless for a year or more or four or more times in the past 3 years*

A Vet must have a history of medical, mental health, and/or substance abuse problems that are now stabilized

A Vet must have some type of income to pay for their housing

A Vet must be willing to work with a case manager and actively participate in treatment of their condition

A Vet cannot be a convicted sex offender