

## Veterans Homeless Prevention Demonstration Project (VHPD)

The Veterans Homeless Prevention Demonstration Project (VHPD) is a new initiative by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the U.S. Department of Veterans' Affairs (VA), and the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) to provide assistance to veterans at-risk of becoming homeless or newly homeless. Funding for the assistance program is provided by HUD.

The VHPD project's target population is:

- Veterans returning from Iraq (OEF) and Afghanistan (OIF),
- Female veterans,
- Veterans with families especially with a single head of household
- National Guard and Reserve

The Tampa/Hillsborough County Homeless Continuum of Care (led by the Homeless Coalition of Hillsborough County) was selected as one of five communities in the country for this program.

Locally, the VHPD project will help veterans in the four counties served by the James A. Haley VA Hospital:

- Hillsborough
- Pasco
- Polk
- Hernando

### VHPD Minimum Requirements are:

- Eligible for VA health care
- At-risk of becoming homeless or homeless for less than 90 days - see housing instability criteria below
- Household income below 50 percent of area median income (AMI) - see income guideline chart below
- Have no other resources or supports available to prevent homelessness