

## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS ROSEBURG VA HEALTHCARE SYSTEM COMMUNITY REINTEGRATION SERVICE CENTER



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## To whom it may concern:

The HUD-VA Supported Housing program (HUD-VASH) which is a joint project of the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Department of Housing and Urban Development would like to invite you as a landlord to participate in helping our community house our homeless veterans. Locally, the HUD-VASH program is jointly run by the local VA Service Center and the Housing And Community Services Agency of Lane County (HACSA). We help veterans find apartments in the community by helping to pay the rent and providing long-term supportive services to assist with housing stability.

Each participant in the HUD-VASH program is required to participate in case management. As case managers we work closely with the veteran and their property manager to provide long-term, comprehensive support in maintaining stable housing.

Veterans participating in the HUD-VASH program commit to:

- Make timely payments of his or her portion of rent and other charges [most of the rent is paid by HACSA as a rental subsidy, which is issued the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month or the closest business day];
- Work with VA staff and case manager on a regular, frequent basis;
- Monthly home visits by case manager;
- Unannounced home visits;
- Maintain safe, respectful communication and interactions with others;
- Agree to use the housing as a personal residence, and not to house unrelated persons or to conduct illegal activities;
- Refrain from damaging the property and perform normal maintenance as expected; and
- If a veteran has zero income, in addition to paying their full rent as a subsidy, HACSA will also pay a standard Utility Allowance amount.
- If a veteran causes damages to a unit, the landlord may obtain reimbursement from Oregon Housing and Community Services for up to \$5,000. <a href="http://www.oregon.gov/ohcs/Pages/housing-choice-landlord-guarantee-assistance.aspx">http://www.oregon.gov/ohcs/Pages/housing-choice-landlord-guarantee-assistance.aspx</a>

Please consider renting to the veterans in our program. Feel free to contact us at the phone number provided on our letterhead for further information about the HUD-VASH program.

Sincerely,

The Lane County HUD-VASH team
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