

Other Services

Veteran's Mental Health Helpline

A mental health helpline has been established by the NJ Division of Mental Health Services for veterans returning from duty.

The toll-free number provides immediate assistance to veterans suffering from emotional or psychological distress, as well as those having difficulty re-assimilating into civilian life after their mobilization for active duty service ends.

You may reach the helpline 24 hours a day, 7 days a week by dialing:

1-866-VETS-NJ4U (1-866-838-7654)

Middlesex County Veteran's Service Card

A courtesy service card is available in the County Passport office to all veterans in acknowledgement of service rendered to the United States of America.

- Original DD-214 must be recorded with the County Clerk.
- Proof of name and address in Middlesex County in the form of a driver's license, business mail, or property tax bill.
- Married females requesting ID cards listing a name other than what appears on their DD-214 must also show supporting document showing legal name change.

Passport Office hours :

Monday-Friday 8:30a.m. to 3:45p.m.

Tuesdays are 8a.m. to 5:45p.m.

Call 732-745-3827 for more information



For more information please contact
**Doug Breen, Middlesex County Veteran's
Services Coordinator**

**732-745-4051 or
doug.breen@co.middlesex.nj.us**

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Veteran Housing Assistance Program



Financial assistance for
homeless veterans or
veterans at risk of homelessness

Veterans Housing Assistance

The Middlesex County Veterans Housing Assistance Program was created to provide temporary financial assistance so homeless veterans can obtain permanent housing and to also prevent those veterans at risk of homelessness from losing their housing.

The program is a central ingredient in the service system that earned Middlesex County the Federal recognition of reaching Functional Zero for Veterans Homelessness.

Veterans from all services, including National Guard and Reserves are eligible to apply.

The types of financial assistance are:

- Security Deposits
- First month's rent
- Temporary Rental Assistance
- Rental Arrears (up to 3 months)

The amount and type of financial assistance will be determined by the veteran's case manager based on the household's need.

Program Eligibility

- Veteran with an honorable discharge or general discharge under honorable conditions from any of the branches of the US military, including National Guard and Reserves
- Existing Middlesex County resident or last permanent residency in Middlesex County within the past 6 Months
- Homeless or at risk of imminent homelessness

For more information or to obtain an application, please contact: Doug Breen at 732-745-4051 or by email: doug.breen@co.middlesex.nj.us.

Rapid Re-Housing

For veterans who are homeless, the County will provide assistance to help the individual or household obtain permanent housing quickly and minimize the amount of time spent in emergency shelter or in places not meant for human habitation.

Veterans who receive a voucher from any program, such as HUD-VASH may be eligible for security deposit assistance.

Veterans moving into permanent housing may be eligible for both security deposit assistance and payment of first month's rent.

In some limited instances, a veteran might receive short term rental assistance for no more than 6 months.

Referrals can be made by emergency and transitional housing programs, non-profit agencies or service organizations that can verify the veteran is homeless.

Homelessness is defined as lacking a fixed, regular or adequate nighttime residence including living on the street or other places not meant for human habitation, or shelters.



Homelessness Prevention

For veterans who are at imminent risk of homelessness, the County can provide up to three months of rental arrears in cases where this will prevent the household from becoming homeless and where no other housing options exist.

Imminent risk is defined as existing residence will be lost within 14 days, with no subsequent residence identified and the household lacks the resources and supports to obtain other permanent housing.

The household income must not exceed 50% of area median income issued by HUD.

2017 Income Limits

1 person - \$36,900

2 person - \$42,200

3 person - \$47,450

4 person - \$52,700

5 person - \$56,950

6 person - \$61,150

These amounts vary minimally each program year.