

## Advisory Group Update Fiscal Year 2020 Quarter 4/Year-End Review

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic this information is being provided digitally. If you have specific questions about any of the data provided or wish to provide feedback please contact:

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**We need your help to ensure Veterans are being served.**

### Program Updates:

COVID-19 Info: SSVF Guidelines/Stafford Act Info:

- Vermont declared a federal disaster under the Stafford Act, April 8, 2020; still in effect through FY20 Q4
- SSVF Grantees provided additional/expanded resources for Veterans enrolled including:
  - Emergency Housing Assistance (EHA) in Motels/Hotels time limits waived in states with federal disaster declared
  - Time limits for rental assistance/utility assistance waived
  - Expanded access to Homeless Prevention including supporting HUD VASH arrears
  - Food Assistance; \$500 limit waived for households with food insecurities, not to exceed \$1500

### By the Numbers:

#### FY20 Q4 TFA Spending:

- Total Q4 TFA spending: \$291,547.46
- Total Q4 Prevention: \$36,289.01
- Total Q4 Rapid spending: \$255,258.45

- VT-500 BoS: \$158,843.08
- VT-501 CCHA: \$106,917.55
- NY-525 CC: \$25,786.83

#### FY20 TFA Spending:

- FY20 Total: \$554,079.67
- FY20 Prevention: \$137,160.56
- FY20 Rapid: \$416,919.11

#### Veterans in EHA 3/17/20-9/30/20: 53

**Total EHA TFA Spending through FY20:** \$316,733.93

#### Total Veterans Served:

- FY20 Q4: 30
- FY20 Total: 176\*

\*146 is VA SSVF FY-20 target; represents a 17% increase

### Outreach:

SSVF at UVM continues to be deeply engaged with state and municipal outreach:

- Continued monthly support and participation in the 3 federally recognized CoCs, VT-500 VCEH, VT-501 CCHA, and NY-516 Clinton County, NY
- Participated in the ongoing State COVID-19 Housing Calls
- Coordination of services between Healthcare for Homeless Veterans Team at the VAMC WRJ, VAMC Albany, and SSVF

#### Direct Homeless Engagement:

- 15 of 15 (14 VT, 1 NY) counties had outreach conducted in FY20 Q4
- 207 out of 270 townships had outreach contacts in FY20 Q4
- 11 Path, Community Meal, Camp Ground, or Faith Based outreach contacts made in FY20 Q4
- 476 total outreach contacts made FY20 Q4

### Successes:

- SSVF at UVM screened and rapidly enrolled more Veterans in Q3 and Q4 of FY20 than any other comparable period. SSVF has managed a .002 day average for time between Veteran referral and contact with the Veteran
- SSVF at UVM is able to place homeless Veterans in Emergency Housing within a few hours of intake call

### Challenges:

- SSVF at UVM continues to strategize on how to meet the challenges of successfully transitioning Veterans from EHA to sustainable permanent housing. This is complicated by the high demand and low inventory of affordable permanent housing coupled with higher needs clients.