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VA encourages donations to help homeless Veterans or those at risk of homelessness during COVID-19 pandemic

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced today a new initiative requesting the public to make donations to help provide emergency relief and facilitate remote access to health care for Veterans who are homeless or at risk of homelessness during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Individuals and organizations are asked to donate essential items such as nonperishables to combat food insecurity and new mobile phones to enable Veterans to access VA telehealth services.

Monetary donations will also be accepted to help Veterans pay for security deposits for living arrangements to prevent homelessness.

“VA is working tirelessly to address the urgent needs of Veterans who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, and with the help of the community — even more can be done,” said VA Secretary Robert Wilkie. “These donations can make a critical difference in the department’s ability to protect and serve vulnerable Veterans during this public health emergency. VA is thankful for the donations already received for our nation’s heroes during this unprecedented time.”

Here are ways to help:

- To donate items as food, mobile phones or household goods to Veterans experiencing homelessness in your community, contact your local [Voluntary Service Office](#).
- To make large donations or donations to multiple locations, contact Dr. Sabrina Clark, director of VA Voluntary Service at VHACO10B2AStaff@va.gov.
- Use the eDonate option on [VA’s website](#) to donate online. Please specify you want the funds to be used to help Veterans who are homeless or at-risk.

VA’s work to reduce homelessness has been significant and impactful, especially with assistance from local communities. This initiative will run through the end of the calendar year and may be extended if circumstances warrant.

Learn more about how [VA is working to protect Veterans](#) during the COVID-19 pandemic and information about [VA's homeless programs](#).

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