

**SPECIAL RULES FOR THE HUD**  
**VASH (VETERAN AFFAIRS SUPPORTIVE HOUSING)**  
**VOUCHER PROGRAM**

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VASH stands for Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing.

Manchester Housing and Redevelopment Authority (MHRA) has 124 VASH Vouchers.

The requirements for VASH Vouchers are as follows:

1. VAMC-(Manchester) will refer families.
2. MHRA must maintain written documentation of referrals in the tenant file.
3. No waiting list necessary.
4. Local preferences are waived.
5. No denial of assistance for engaging in drug/alcohol activity. Denial is only for lifetime registration for a sexual offender.
6. MHRA must determine income eligibility.
7. Income targeting does not apply.
8. PHA can include extremely low income families in its income targeting.
9. Initial term of the voucher is one hundred and twenty (120) days.
10. Initial term of the lease may be less than one (1) year.
11. VASH families may reside in jurisdiction areas accessible to case management by VAMC.
12. Restrictions in portability do not apply.
13. Initial PHA must maintain records on VASH families. When portability is necessary, the receiving PHA **must bill**. (No absorbing, unless they are an active VASH Program.)
14. VAMC is responsible for screening homeless veterans, provide appropriate treatment, supportive services, housing search assistance, identify social services, medical needs, maintain records, and provide information for evaluation purposes.
15. If the family is determined by the VAMC to no longer need services, the PHA may offer the family one of its Housing Choice Voucher (HCV).