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-Jeff, U.S. Navy Veteran

I served honorably in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War.

Unfortunately, in August 2013, I lost my mobile home, car and employment.

The loss of all these things was compounded by severe pains in my upper legs that left me unable to stand or walk for any length of time.

I was hoping to live here as a contributing member of society, but lived without shelter at various locations on the Big Island.

HOPE Services Hawaii provided me with a safe living environment, providing meals, clothing, and more.

I am so grateful that such services are available. HOPE is such a welcome for those who experience tragic circumstances. In turn, I hope to open an emergency shelter here on the Big Island.

Jesus said, “For you will always have the poor with you,” and I’m hoping to do my part to lift them up to a productive and safe life.

We bring to life gospel values of justice, love, compassion and hope through service, empowerment and advocacy.

HOPE Services Hawaii Inc. is an affiliate non-profit organization of the Roman Catholic Church in the State of Hawai‘i that initiates and provides innovative safety net programs to the vulnerable and marginalized.

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SSVF, continued

Eligibility Requirements for SSVF:

- Registered U.S. veteran, or the member of a family in which the head of household or the spouse of the head of household is a veteran
- Homeless or at imminent risk of becoming homeless
- Meet income eligibility requirements: your household annual income cannot exceed 50% of the Hawaii county median income (below).

Income Limit Category (2015)

**Extremely Low (30%)**
1 Person 2 Person 3 Person 4 Person 5 Person
14,350 18,330 23,110 27,890 32,670

**Very Low (50%)**
1 Person 2 Person 3 Person 4 Person 5 Person
23,900 27,300 30,700 34,100 36,850

Required Documentation:

- Veteran Proof of Eligibility*
- Identification
- Proof of Housing
- Initial Proof of Income Eligibility

SSVF Program will provide the following services as they relate to housing stability:

- Outreach services
- Case Management services
- Assistance obtaining VA benefits
- Assistance obtaining other public benefits and needed services within the community
- Limited financial assistance that is necessary to stabilize housing
- Assistance with housing searches
- Financial planning as it relates to stabilizing housing
- Health care services
- Daily living services
- Transportation services
- Fiduciary and payee services
- Legal services

The definition of a veteran under the SSVF program is a person who served in the United States military who was discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable.