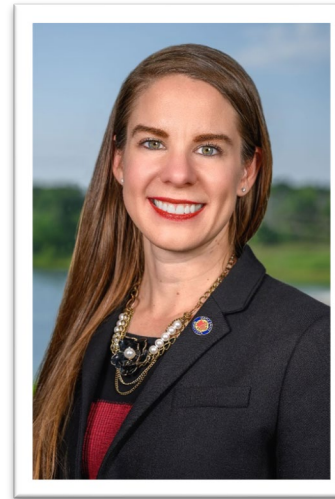




**Presenter:**  
Kristy Janigo  
Maple Grove City Council Member



Creating housing opportunities for our veterans experiencing homelessness or housing instability.

## Patchwork of Programs to Help Homeless Veterans

- **Federal** –
  - U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development-VA Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) Program
- **State** –
  - Governor Walz goal to end veteran homelessness
  - Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs Homeless Veterans Registry
- **County** – Veteran Focused Homeless Access Team
- **Local** – developments in Twin Cities communities
  - Robbinsdale - Robin Hotel
  - Plymouth - Valor Place
  - Maple Grove proposal

## Federal – U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development-VA Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) Program

- **HUD-VASH** is a collaborative program which pairs HUD's Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) rental assistance with VA case management and supportive services for homeless Veterans.
- Intake & eligibility screening occurs at the VA Community Resource Referral Center (downtown Minneapolis, 1201 Harmon Place, Minneapolis, MN 55403, 612-313-3240)
- Veterans can use a HUD-VASH voucher in their community of choice.
- Like HUD vouchers for the general population, there is flexibility in this resource. Choice is the key word.
- <https://www.va.gov/homeless/hud-vash.asp>



# Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs Homeless Veterans Registry

## Minnesota Homeless Veteran Registry Dashboard



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Current Veterans Experiencing Homelessness

136

Monthly Average of Housing Outcomes in the Last 6 Months

46

All Time Housing Outcomes

3,518

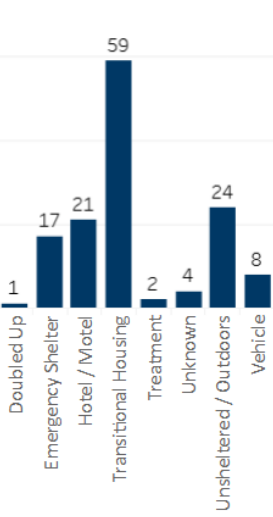
Veterans Housed in the Last 7 Days

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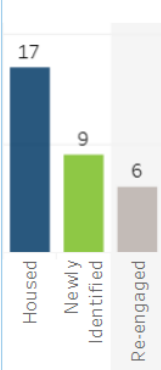
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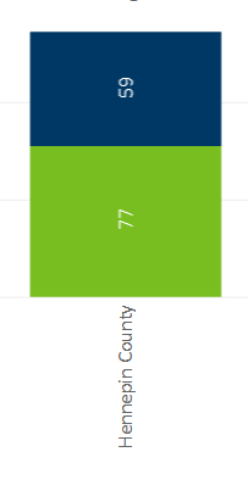
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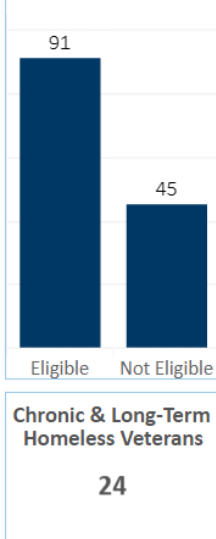
Newly Identified, Re-engaged, & Housed Veterans Within the Last 30 Days (Statewide)



Veterans by CoC with a Housing Plan & No Housing Plan



VA Eligibility



Continuum of Care

- (All)
- Central
- Hennepin Coun...
- Northeast
- Northwest
- Ramsey County
- Southeast
- Southwest
- St. Louis County
- Suburban Met...
- Unknown

Average Number of Days for Veterans to Enter Permanent Housing

145

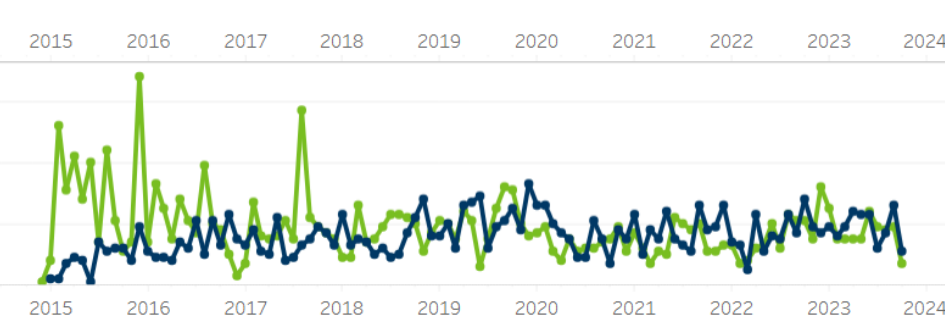
Chronic & Long-Term Homeless Veterans

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[Homeless Veteran Registry / Minnesota Department of Veteran Affairs - State of Minnesota \(mn.gov\)](https://mn.gov/veterans)

- The MDVA Homeless Veterans Registry tracks homeless vets across MN for targeted case management and housing outcomes.
- There are 136 veterans experiencing homelessness in Hennepin County

Veterans Identified & Housed: All Time



Veterans Currently Experiencing Recurring Homelessness

25.00%

Veterans with HUD-VASH Voucher

43

## **Governor Walz Goal to End Veteran Homelessness**

2023 Veteran Omnibus Bill included millions in new funding to effectively end and prevent veteran homelessness

- Including funds to construct dozens of permanent supportive housing rental units and facilitate the Homeless Veteran Registry
- Help Minnesota achieve its goal of being the fourth state in the country to declare an end to veteran homelessness statewide.



# Hennepin County Homeless to Housing – Veteran Focused Team

- The Homelessness to Housing (H2H) team has several veteran focused caseworkers.
- In two years, Hennepin County has transitioned more than 500 people into permanent housing
- Almost all of them (96%) have stayed in that housing

[Homeless to housing: Personalized, housing-focused support \(hennepin.us\)](https://www.hennepin.us)

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## Home Sweet Hennepin: A homeless veteran finds his place

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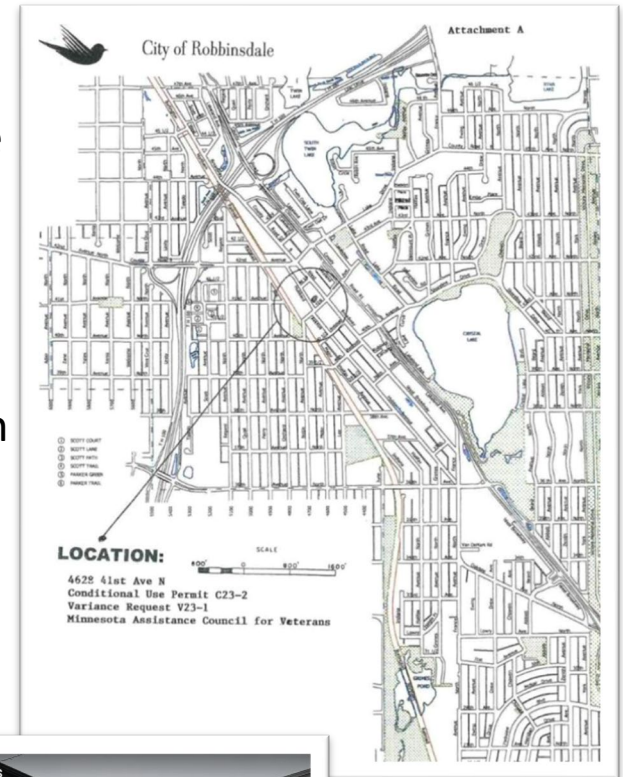


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Hennepin County has helped 559 formerly unhoused people into homes over the past two years. That's 559 stories. This is the story of Larry Houston, an Army veteran who was sleeping in his car until he teamed up with caseworker Jeanetta

## Veteran Housing in NW Metro – Robin Hotel

- Robbinsdale – renovation of existing structure
- 125 year old building at the corner of Hubbard Avenue and 41st Avenue
- Hennepin County purchased the building in 2022 and conveyed it to Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans (MAC-V)
- Robbinsdale City Council approved the development in September 2023.
- 16 units of affordable housing for homeless veterans planned
- 11 bedrooms and four apartments.
- Intended for both transitional and permanent affordable housing



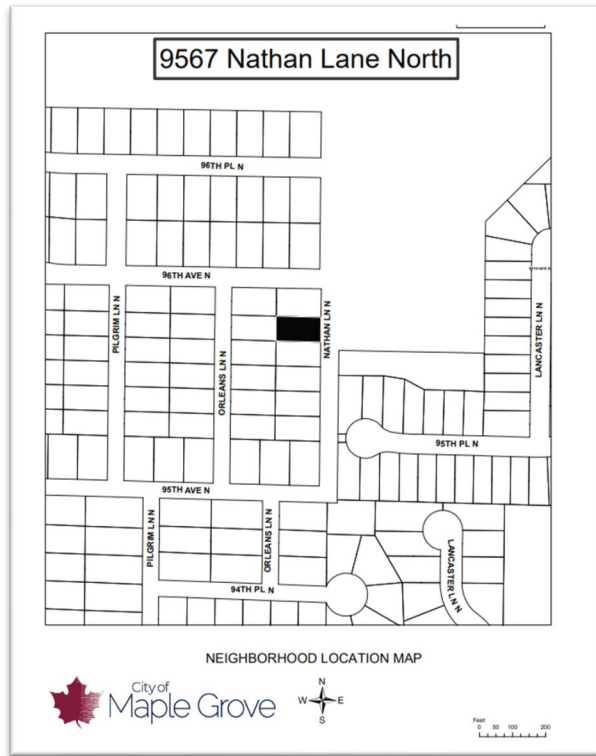
## Veteran Housing in NW Metro – Plymouth – Valor Place

- Fall 2021 construction, northeast corner of Fernbrook Lane and Rockford Road
- Owned and managed by the Plymouth Housing & Redevelopment Authority (HRA)
- Two-unit rental development for veterans and their families who meet income limits and other eligibility requirements.
- <https://www.plymouthmn.gov/departments/community-economic-development/housing/valor-place-veterans-housing?locale=en>





# Veteran Housing in NW Metro – Maple Grove Proposal



- August 21, 2023, Maple Grove City Council meeting - TABLED
- Single family home proposed on city owned vacant lot at 9567 Nathan Lane North