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TINY HOMES GUIDE

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While there is no absolute way to know if tiny homes are the best solution for homelessness in your community, there are several factors that indicate whether the veteran population might benefit from this type of intervention.

Communities should consider the following factors when trying to decide whether to implement tiny homes in a permanent or temporary capacity.

First and foremost, the specific subpopulations of veterans seeking services in your community should be considered.

Next, the capacity to serve veterans within existing systems, and where the shortfalls exist, must be examined.

Please use the questions on the following pages to help you decide if and how tiny homes would benefit your community.



QUESTIONS THAT SHOULD BE ASKED PRIOR TO INITIATING TINY HOME VILLAGES IN YOUR COMMUNITY:

- Where does the inflow of veterans into homelessness in my community come from? What does the inflow of veterans experiencing homelessness in my community look like?
- Are a large percentage of veterans experiencing homelessness in my community living sheltered or unsheltered? Does my community have a large share of chronically homeless veterans?
- What are the barriers veterans in my community face when trying to access shelters?
- What is the relationship between individuals experiencing homelessness and local law enforcement in my community?



QUESTIONS THAT SHOULD BE ASKED PRIOR TO INITIATING TINY HOME VILLAGES IN YOUR COMMUNITY:

- Are the veterans in my community well served through existing programs and services?
- What barriers do the veterans in my community face when trying to access existing programs and services?
- What do the exits from homelessness look like? What type of housing are veterans in my community exiting to?
- How fast are we able to exit veterans to housing?



QUESTIONS THAT SHOULD BE ASKED PRIOR TO INITIATING TINY HOME VILLAGES IN YOUR COMMUNITY:

- What is the existing transitional or temporary housing capacity in my community?
- Would the veterans in my community benefit from temporary or permanent tiny home solutions?
- What type of services should veterans be able to access onsite? Does this differ between temporary and permanent tiny home communities?
- What type of staff would be needed to run the community and provide onsite services? How would their roles be funded?