

AHS Housing Catalog

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SFY23

Department of Corrections

- Grant-funded partnerships for 245 transitional housing beds:
 - Program models include congregate housing, individualized and shared apartments.
 - 13 community-based provider agencies.
 - Statewide program locations.
 - Varying levels of supportive services and structure.
 - Individuals served must be supervised by Vermont Department of Corrections.
 - Length of services range from 3 – 24 months.
 - Budget = \$3,916,340 General fund / \$2,544,478 Medicaid.
 - Public Listing of current programs and additional information can be found at:
[Transitional Housing | Department of Corrections \(vermont.gov\)](#)

Department of Mental Health

- DMH housing subsidy and care vouchers
 - DMH funds housing vouchers via the Vermont State Housing Authority (VSHA) to individuals with serious mental illness who are ready to leave an acute care setting (e.g. hospitals and intensive residential programs) and are experiencing homelessness.
 - They must have been homeless at the time of admission to the acute care program and remain homeless as they await discharge.
 - This program was designed to assist individuals with poor housing histories.
 - The voucher application is completed by a Designated Agency or the Specialized Service Agency Pathways Vermont on behalf of the individual and must include a service plan as well as eligibility documentation.
 - DMH determines individual applicant eligibility and VSHA administers the funds that are used to pay rents to landlords. VSHA field staff assist with housing search and perform housing quality standard reviews.
 - \$568,871 General Fund, \$367,129 Federal Funds, and \$104,000 Medicaid.

Department of Mental Health

- CRT housing support fund
 - These funds are used to provide housing subsidies to enrolled CRT clients waiting for HUD section 8 or other subsidized housing.
 - Priority is given to individuals with severe mental health illness who are paying 50% or more of their income on housing, living in sub-standard housing, homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.
 - The CRT Housing Support Fund is managed by Designated Agency housing staff.
 - The funds can be used for the following purposes: temporary rental assistance, security and apartment set-up costs, ongoing rental subsidy while on Section 8 subsidy waiting list, small loans and other one-time assistance, hospital prevention, hospital step down.
 - \$558,289 General Fund, \$159,544 Federal Funds, and \$314,660 Medicaid.
- Housing First at Pathways Vermont
 - Specialized Service Agency funded by DMH to provide Housing First support services to individuals with significant mental health issues, often with co-occurring substance use conditions, who have a history of chronic homelessness. Funding does not directly support provision of housing.
 - \$163,834 General Fund and \$2,457,289 Medicaid.

Department of Mental Health

- PATH Program (*Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness*)
 - PATH providers provide outreach and engagement services to individuals with severe mental illness experiencing homelessness who typically avoid the mental health system of care. Once engaged the PATH provider agency refers the person to community affordable housing opportunities and long-term supportive services.
 - Six DMH statewide local community partner grantees: Community Health Center in Burlington, HOPE in Middlebury, Homeless Prevention Center in Rutland, Groundworks in Brattleboro, NECKA in St Johnsbury, Good Samaritan Haven in Barre.
 - \$300,000 Federal Funds (SAMHSA) and \$152,730 Medicaid.

Department of Health

- Transitional Housing Opportunity for People Living with Diagnosed HIV Infection (PLWDHI) Bridge Rental Assistance.
 - “HOPWA (Housing Opportunity for People with AIDS) Bridge” provides transitional housing voucher support for PLWDHI who are on the federal HOPWA wait-list. Once a federal HOPWA voucher is available, individuals seamlessly transition over.
 - The Vermont State Housing Authority administers the voucher program. Three AIDS Organizations: AIDS Project of Southern Vermont; VermontCARES; and HIV/HCV Resource Center partners with the health department to refer clients and assist with placement and other needed resources.
 - \$200,000 Funded through 340B pharmaceutical rebates generated by the Ryan White HIV Program through the health department.

Department of Health

- Recovery Housing/Transitional Housing
 - 96 Beds funded by DSU to support some recovery housing vendors, either by purchasing direct bed capacity or by funding infrastructure for the recovery housing vendor organization.
 - 6 of the 96 are beds for Transitional Housing
 - 90 of the 96 are beds for Recovery Housing
 - Time-limited funding to provide voucher dollars to subsidize recovery housing costs for individuals in early recovery who do not have income and for whom the lack of income is a barrier to accessing recovery housing.
 - Funding for Vermont Alliance for Recovery Residences who oversee certification of the recovery homes.
 - \$500,000 General Fund and \$660,736 Federal Funds.

Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living

- Developmental Disabilities Services Division (DDSD)
 - Per Act 186, awarded three housing pilot planning grants. Recipients for the grants include Upper Valley Services, Champlain Housing Trust, and a newly created and parent-led nonprofit organization, which will be announced shortly. A total of \$500,000 grant funds will support up to 25-45 housing units for people with Developmental Disabilities.
 - Expand housing and residential services options for individuals with developmental disabilities, in accordance with federal home and community-based services regulations.
 - Identified partnership between Vermont Developmental Disabilities Council and Green Mountain Self-Advocates, Vermont's statewide developmental disabilities self-advocacy organization, to commission housing study.
 - Investigate public and private funding opportunities for residential program development for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) and assist individuals and families to access these options.
 - Work with individuals with developmental disabilities, their families, and allies to identify potential models for residential services.

Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living

- HomeShare Vermont

- Two or more people share a home to their mutual benefit. Homeshare Guests provided almost 27,000 hours of assistance to their Homeshare Host, helping with everything from yardwork to dog walking to sharing meals.
- SFY23 there were 224 homesharing matches with an average monthly rent of \$340/month. 27% of matches pay no rent at all.
- SFY24 added \$200K GF to expand an existing grant through HomeShare to hire 1 FTE and expand volunteers allowing geographic expansion into some towns in Orleans Co, Caledonia Co, and Windsor Co.
- SFY23 budget was \$123,200 General Fund and \$156,800 Medicaid.

- Support and Services at Home (SASH)

- Provides comprehensive, individualized support and services to meet the unique needs of each participant. Staff work to build a culture of health and social well-being through programming based on a “community Healthy Living Plan” developed with residents’ input and updated twice/year.
- Based in 140 affordable housing communities throughout the state, ensuring programs and support are available where people live.
- 67 statewide partnerships.
- \$432,076 General Fund and \$541,947 Medicaid. (Also receives ~\$4.5M in Medicare funding per the terms of the Vermont All-Payer Accountable Care Organization Model Agreement.)

Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living

- Specialized Nursing Facility for Complex Care
 - Contracting with iCare Health Network who is in process of purchasing Bennington Health & Rehab, a 90-bed facility. They will stand up a model of care early 2024 that will focus on people with complex combination of medical needs and mental health/behavioral and those who are justice involved. Priority will initially be given to people stuck in hospitals and in corrections.
- Support for Residential Care Homes and Long-Term Care Facilities
 - Create a plain language guide explaining RCH/ALR's and how to access them for people seeking housing options and those helping them.
 - Participate in facilitation of regional Learning Collaboratives on Team Based Care to ensure RCH/ALR information is available to local care managers and Housing Navigators.
 - Explore special rates to allow providers to pay local DA to continue to provide mental health supports at RCH/ALR's.

Department for Children and Families

- GA Program
 - The General Assistance Emergency Housing Program provides shelter to unhoused Vermonters in hotels and motels across the state.
 - During the pandemic the program has served over 2,500 households at its peak. Pre-pandemic the program had served at its peak about 250 households.
 - \$24,476 General Fund and \$83,903,170 ERAP, FEMA, or 1x General Fund.
- Housing Opportunity Grant Program
 - A grant program with blended state and federal funding to support approximately 38 non-profit organizations who deliver emergency shelter; homelessness prevention, flexible client financial assistance, coordinated entry administration and housing navigation services, and rapid re-housing rental assistance. The Housing Opportunity Grant Program targets resources to households who are at risk or experiencing homelessness.
 - \$26 m General Fund (including \$7 m in 1x funding), \$1.2 m Federal Funds, and \$202,488 Medicaid.

Department for Children and Families

- Permanent Supportive Housing
 - New program in the design phase. Will be housed in the Office of Economic Opportunities.
 - Provide Medicaid enrollees ages 18 and older who are eligible for full Medicaid State Plan benefits and meet specific health needs-based and risk-based eligibility criteria as outlined in the demonstration renewal application with pre-tenancy supports, tenancy sustaining services, and community transition services.
 - Projected to serve ~100 individuals SFY25 and ~380 individuals at scale in SFY26.
 - \$1,134,800 needed for SFY25/6 months.

Department for Children and Families

- Vermont Rental Subsidy Program
 - A program providing rental subsidy of up to 12 months of housing for eligible households.
 - Through a combination of base funding and one-time funding, VRS was able to serve over 140 Reach Up households at risk of homelessness for 12 months.
 - \$150,682 General Fund and \$812,883 ERAP
- Landlord Relief Program
 - Landlord Relief Program provides an incentive and added security to landlords statewide who house Vermonters receiving rental assistance or who are homeless.
 - Program launched in February 2023 with a one-time appropriation. OEO administers funding and the program is delivered by the Vermont State Housing Authority.
 - \$5,000,000 General Fund SFY23

Department for Children and Families

- HOME Family Voucher Program
 - Rapid re-housing voucher to families with children experiencing homelessness by providing housing with up to 12-18 months of rental assistance.
 - Rental assistance is administered statewide by the Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunity. Funding will support approximately 250 households
 - \$4.7M in one-time CFWD & SFY23 BAA (Included in HOP Budget on slide 11)
- Housing Stability Services
 - Jointly administered by the Department of Housing and Community Development and DCF Office of Economic Opportunity. The grant program supports 23 organizations across Vermont who provide VERAP application support, housing navigation services, housing retention services, landlord outreach and education, mediation, legal services and credit/money management. Services are not limited to households experiencing homelessness.
 - \$15.2M ERAP SFY23-25

Department for Children and Families

- Family Supportive Housing
 - Family Supportive Housing provides long-term intensive home-based service coordination and case management to help families experiencing homelessness to transition into and sustain permanent affordable housing. FSH is provided by 9 organizations and services 11 AHS Districts (discussions remain underway in the Morrisville AHS District). Families with children under 6, child welfare involvement and multiple episodes/long-term homelessness are prioritized.
 - Funding supports up to 480 families annually.
 - \$1 m General Fund and \$1.7 m Medicaid.
- Reach Up Emergency Rental Assistance
 - Reach Up Emergency Rental Assistance (RUERA) supported the full rent of eligible Reach Up families with pandemic, federally funded assistance. 2,664 unique households were served throughout the program.
 - \$19.2M ERAP I & II
- Reach Up Case Management
 - Reach Up Case Managers offer housing case management to families that they serve who are not otherwise connected to a local housing organization. Efforts are made to help families locate short and long term housing solutions to exit homelessness, as well as preventative work to improve and maintain their existing housing situations.

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