

**Consolidated Plan 2024 AAP  
Public Hearing / Virtual Public Hearing  
February 7, 2024  
3:30 – 4:00 PM**

**In-person attendees:** Arthur Hamlin (DHCD), Ron Rupp (VHCB)

**Virtual attendees:** Ari Kisler (AHS – OEO), Debbie Ingram (VT Interfaith Action), Susan Culp

## **Welcome**

Arthur, Ron, Ari introduced themselves and which program they work on. Advisory Board member Debbie Ingram introduced herself and briefly described Vermont Interfaith Action.

## **Background**

Arthur gave a brief overview of the Consolidated Plan and described the four grant programs that receive funding under the Plan and summarized the State's main goals and funding priorities. Arthur reviewed the schedule.

## **Testimony**

Susan Culp participated in the hearing via the Chat feature as her audio and camera were not working. Susan asked the following questions via Chat which were answered:

How is the HUD allocation to Vermont determined? Is it based on anticipated needs? (I am thinking of recent articles saying that our per capita homeless rate is quite high even though VT is a small state) So, how are those numbers determined?

*Response: Arthur and Ari explained that Vermont's allocations are based on a formula that is based on population. Vermont receives a "small state minimum" for HOME funds and Housing Trust Funds of approximately \$3 million annually.*

Would a municipality asking for a planning grant to research the effect of short term rentals on the availability and affordability of housing? Sorry - would that be something that could be funded?

*Response: Arthur responded that he wasn't 100% sure, but he thought a municipality could apply for something like that. (Note: VCDP provided follow up information that a municipal planning grant would be more appropriate for that kind of study.)*

Is a copy of the draft plan available online?

*Response: Yes, Arthur stated that the Plan is online. Ari posted a link to DHCD's Consolidated Plan page in the Chat.*