

Date: March 25, 2025

Subject: General Assistance Emergency Housing Program – Informational Notice

Dear Municipal Leaders,

We are writing to inform you of upcoming changes to the General Assistance Emergency Housing Program, which will take effect on **April 1, 2025**.

Under the current law, individuals must meet specific eligibility criteria to qualify for a maximum of **80 nights** of assistance through the program. Additionally, the law establishes a cap on the number of rooms the program can utilize. Specifically, between **September 15, 2024, and November 30, 2024**, and again from **April 1, 2025, to June 30, 2025**, the program will be limited to using a maximum of **1,100 hotel or motel rooms statewide**.

It is important to note that a significant number of Vermonters currently receiving assistance through the program will no longer be eligible after **March 31, 2025**. Eligible individuals will retain the flexibility to utilize their 80 days in a manner that best meets their needs. However, once individuals exit the program, the Department does not collect information regarding their whereabouts. While some households may transition to permanent housing, it is likely that others may resort to camping.

Below is the current number of people who might not be eligible as of April 1st to receive housing assistance from the GA program:

District	Households	Adults	Children
Barre District Office	56	80	14
Bennington District Office	49	61	15
Brattleboro District Office	77	98	22
Burlington District Office	82	106	25
Hartford District Office	20	26	*
Middlebury District Office	*	*	*
Morrisville District Office	*	*	*
Newport District Office	*	*	*
Rutland District Office	95	133	62



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District	Households	Adults	Children
Springfield District Office	16	20	*
St Albans District Office	12	13	*
St Johnsbury District Office	*	*	*
Grand Total	430	564	155

Please note, data under 12 is suppressed to protect clients' privacy. Data is from 3/24/25.

We appreciate your continued partnership and commitment to supporting vulnerable Vermonters during this transition. Please feel free to reach out with any questions or for further clarification.

Sincerely,
Miranda Gray, Deputy Commissioner
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