

Office of Economic Opportunity and Economic Services Division
Community Meeting

6/26/2025

Office of Economic Opportunity:

HOP SFY2026 Application Review Update

1. Timeline, Process, and Budget Overview

- Thank you to applicants for their continued patience during the HOP SFY2026 review process. We are in the process of finalizing budgets, issuing award notices, and working on grant agreements.
- Received 43 applications, totaling approximately \$42M (not including client financial assistance).
- The total budget is approximately \$32 million, including an increase of \$3 million to sustain shelter projects started in SFY25.
- As many of you are aware, ERAP Housing Stability Services, a COVID-19 era funding program, ends June 30, 2025, and the HOP budget is not generally able to absorb requests to maintain positions currently supported with ERAP HSS funds.

2. Shelter Maintenance & Expansion Update

- Shelter capacity for 114 households will be maintained (started midyear in SFY25) or created in SFY26. This includes capacity for 68 households that we anticipate coming online during SFY26.
- Seasonal shelter capacity is anticipated for 42 households this year across three projects, but we are working with Vermont Interfaith Action to develop new protocols and processes around Extreme Weather Shelter. More information will be shared later this summer, including information on how communities will be able to apply for funding to support this work.



Economic Services Division:

Overview of the General Assistance Housing Program starting on July 1, 2025 can be found in the previous Community Meeting notes posted here:

<https://dcf.vermont.gov/Addressing-and-Preventing-Unsheltered-Homelessness#Comms>

Ending of the Governor's Executive Order 03-25:

As the Executive Order is set to expire on June 30, 2025, the program will no longer utilize the [Medically Vulnerable form](#) or associated review process.

Current Data:

The chart below represents all households, including those not covered under the Executive Order, that have exhausted their 80-night limit and are scheduled to lose eligibility between now and July 1, categorized by District Office area:

District	Households	Adults	Children
Barre District	60	89	20
Bennington District	59	83	56
Brattleboro District	51	73	34
Burlington District	100	140	61
Hartford District	31	38	*
Middlebury District	*	*	*
Morrisville District	*	*	*
Newport District	*	*	*
Rutland District	102	153	93
Springfield District	18	23	*
St Albans District	24	28	*
St Johnsbury District	15	18	*
Grand Total	478	666	304

*Data under 12 is suppressed



The chart below outlines the current eligibility categories for households scheduled to exit the program between June 23 and July 1, 2025:

Eligibility Category	Households	Adults	Children
Non-Executive Order households that will exhaust between 6/23/25 and 7/1/25	99	125	13
Executive Order-Families	175	268	291
Executive Order-Medically Vulnerable	186	250	0
Executive Order-Provisionally housed for medical verification/Pregnant	18	23	0
Grand Total	478	666	304

Eligibility Date Calculation:

The 80-day limit is based on a rolling 12-month period and does not reset on July 1.

Nights are calculated by conducting a 12-month lookback. This means that if someone applies on 9/15/25 ESD will calculate how many nights the client was housed between 9/15/24 and 9/15/25 excluding cold weather. The 12-month look back changes each time a client applies.

Additional Local Supports:

Local housing coalitions - each has the contact info:

<https://helpingtohousevt.org/localhousingcoalitions/>

Chittenden County Homeless Alliance:

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