

Date: June 3, 2024

Subject: Important Changes to the General Assistance Emergency Housing Program Beginning July 1.

Dear Hotel/Motel Owners,

We are writing to inform you of significant changes to the General Assistance Emergency Housing Program that will take effect on July 1, 2024, due to new legislation.

- Individuals must meet new eligibility criteria to qualify for assistance from the General Assistance Emergency Housing Program.
- The program cannot reimburse more than the cost of the least expensive advertised room or \$80 per night for sheltering a household experiencing homelessness.
- There will be a cap on the number of rooms the program can utilize. From September 15, 2024, to November 30, 2024, and 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.
- The State will be working to add capacity in certain areas of Vermont and reducing others in an effort to keep Vermonters in their communities.

We sincerely appreciate the partnership and support that hotel and motel owners, managers and staff in Vermont have provided to families experiencing homelessness. We recognize that these changes may affect your lodging business as we work to meet the statewide capacity limit of 1,100 rooms. If you would like to discuss what this means for your business in particular, please reach out to ahs.dcfesdgaaops@vermont.gov.

Thank you for your understanding, assistance and continued cooperation.

Sincerely,

Miranda Gray, Deputy Commissioner
Economic Services Division

