

Important Please Read

If you need interpretation services...

إذا أنت ترغب خدمات الترجمة الفورية اتصل برقم 1-855-247-3092. (Arabic)
Ako su Vam potrebne usluge tumačenja, pozovite 1-855-247-3092. (Bosnian)
စကားပြန် ဝန်ဆောင်မှုလုပ်ငန်းကိုအလိုရှိပါက 1-855-247-3092 သို့ ဖုန်းဆက်ခေါ်ပါ။ (Burmese)
Si vous avez besoin de services d'interprétation, appelez le 1-855-247-3092. (French)
Mugihe woba ushaka impfashanyo yo gusigurirwa, hamagara uyu murongo 1-855-247-3092. (Kirundi)
यदि तपाईंलाई दोभाषे सेवाको जरुरत परेमा 1-855-247-3092 मा कल गनुर्होस्। (Nepali)
Haddii aad u baahan tahay adeegyo turjumaan, wac 1-855-247-3092. (Somali)
Si usted necesita servicios de interpretación, llame al 1-855-247-3092. (Spanish)
Ikiwa unahitaji huduma za ukalimani, piga simu 1-855-247-3092. (Swahili)
Nếu quý vị cần dịch vụ thông ngôn, hãy gọi 1-855-247-3092. (Vietnamese)

Dear Vermonter,

The Vermont legislature has passed this year's Budget Adjustment Act. The Budget Adjustment Act extends eligibility for the Emergency Housing Program through June 30th, 2024, for households that meet one of the below categories, are a member of the "June Cohort", or have a qualifying disability or health condition.

According to our records, you are housed under Adverse Weather Conditions but do not meet any of the categories listed below:

- Households experiencing homelessness due to the death of a spouse or minor dependent child;
- Households who lost their housing due to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, human trafficking, or other dangerous or life-threatening conditions that relate to violence against the individual or a family member;
- Households who lost their housing due to a court-ordered eviction or constructive eviction, over which they had no control;
- Households experiencing homelessness due to a natural disaster such as a flood, fire, or hurricane;
- Households including a person age 65 or older;
- Households with children 18 years of age or younger (19 if attending school);
- Households including a person receiving SSI or SSDI;



- Households including a member with a disability or health condition documented on the Emergency Housing Disability Variance Request Form;
- Households including a person pregnant in their third trimester; or
- Households with four points from the list below:

Vulnerable Population Category	Points
Disabled Veteran (as defined in 38 U.S.C. § 4211)	1
Individual with an open case receiving services from the Family Services Division	1
SSI or SSDI applicant with medical documentation of disability	1
Individual discharged from a 48-hours or more inpatient hospital stay, within the past 30 days, who has an ongoing medical need related to the hospitalization	2
Individual over 18 years of age discharged from the custody of the department for children and families within the past 3 years	1
Reach Up recipient	1
Individual on probation or parole with the department of corrections who has been incarcerated for 12 consecutive months and released within the past 6 months	1

If you **do** meet any of these categories, please contact Economic Services at 1-800-775-0506 immediately.

If you **do not** meet any of these categories, but believe you have a qualifying disability or health condition you must have a qualified health professional (physician, nurse, midwife, counselor, clinician, etc.) complete the Emergency Housing Disability Variance Request Form to be eligible for housing from March 15th through June 30th, 2024.

YOUR RIGHTS

Right to Request a Fair Hearing

If you disagree with a decision made by ESD, you may ask for an expedited (*speedy*) fair hearing. It will usually be held within 10 days. A fair hearing is your chance to tell your story to the Human Services Board. The board will review the facts of your case in a fair and objective manner and decide whether ESD's decision should be upheld or reversed.

To request a fair hearing, call:

- ESD at 1-800-479-6151, or
- The Human Services Board at 1-802-828-2536.

You must ask for a fair hearing within 90 days of the date you receive notice. You may ask someone you trust to help you make the request.

Rights of People with Disabilities

Do you have a physical or mental or learning condition that makes it hard to do things we ask you to do? We can make changes to help you.

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Vermont law say that we must make changes so people with disabilities can get public benefits. These changes are called reasonable accommodations. Here are some examples of changes we can make:

- Someone can write down your answers if you cannot.
- We can give you more time or help you get the documents you need to give us.
- You can have a support person with you when you talk to us.
- We can send documents with a larger print so you can read them.
- We can meet with you in your home or by telephone, so you do not have to come into the District Office.

Call 1-800-479- 6151 to let us know if you need us to make changes so you can get the benefits you need.

Do You Need Free Legal Help?

You may be able to get free legal help from Vermont Legal Aid. Call 1-800-889-2047.

Do You Have Questions?

If you have any questions or would like more information, please call us at 1-800-479- 6151.