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Subject: Update on General Assistance Emergency Housing Program

Dear Municipality Leaders,

The Department for Children and Families (DCF) wishes to inform you that beginning July 1, 2025, the program will operate under eligibility criteria similar to last year, as established under Act 27 of 2025. You can view the act here:

<https://legislature.vermont.gov/bill/status/2026/H.493>

Important Program Information

1. Rolling 80-Day Limit:

- Emergency housing assistance is limited to 80 days within a 12-month period, counted on a rolling basis. This means each day of assistance used in the past year counts toward the limit, regardless of the calendar year.
- Days spent in emergency winter housing from December 1st to March 31st do not count toward the 80-day limit.

2. End of Governor's Executive Order 03-25:

- The executive order allowed certain households to receive more than 80 days of housing assistance. As of July 1, 2025, these households will no longer be eligible for extended assistance.

Current Impact:

- As of June 23, 2025, 385 households benefited from the extended assistance under the executive order. These households will no longer be eligible for housing assistance as of July 1, 2025.
- Additionally, there are 93 households not covered under the executive order who will also reach the end of their eligible assistance period by July 1, 2025.





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- Below is the data from 6/23/2025 on the number of all households, adults, and children affected in each district area. Please note that data for groups smaller than 12 is suppressed to protect privacy:

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

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
Economic Services Division, DCF

