

Basic Needs, Housing Allowance and Maximum Grants

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Family Size	Existing Basic Needs – 2019 Standards (last changed August 2021)	Basic needs if adjusted to annual cost-of-living increase (October 2023)
1	\$644	\$766
2	\$942	\$1,121
3	\$1,236	\$1,469
4	\$1,478	\$1,757
5	\$1,733	\$2,060
6	\$1,907	\$2,267
7	\$2,203	\$2,619
8	\$2,458	\$2,923
Each additional person	\$236	\$281

Housing Allowances	Existing Housing Allowance (last changed October 2001)	Housing allowance if adjusted to annual median cost (Oct 2023)
Chittenden County	\$450	\$801
Outside Chittenden County	\$400	\$665

*Based on what clients report they pay for housing.

Current Maximum Grants (in blue and orange) Outside and Inside Chittenden County (any countable income is subtracted from the maximum grant amount)

Household Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9+
Basic Needs	644	942	1236	1478	1733	1907	2203	2458	+236/pp
	Maximum Grant								
	(Basic Needs + Max Housing + Special Needs Housing Allowance*) X Ratable Reduction (49.6%)								
Outside Chittenden Housing Allowance Max = \$400	562	710	856	976	1102	1188	1335	1462	9+ +236/pp
Inside Chittenden Housing Allowance Max = \$450	587	735	880	1000	1127	1213	1360	1487	9+ +236/pp
* Special Needs Housing Allowance up to \$90 allowed.									