

Basic Needs, Housing Allowance and Maximum Grants

Basic Needs

Family Size	Existing Basic Needs – 2019 Standards (last changed Aug 2021)	Basic needs if adjusted to annual cost-of-living increase (Oct 2025)
1	\$644	\$811
2	\$942	\$1,187
3	\$1,236	\$1,556
4	\$1,478	\$1,860
5	\$1,733	\$2,182
6	\$1,907	\$2,400
7	\$2,203	\$2,773
8	\$2,458	\$3,095
Each additional person	\$236	\$297

Housing Allowances	Existing Housing Allowance	Housing allowance if adjusted to annual <u>mean</u> cost (Sept 2025)
	(last changed Oct 2001)	
Chittenden County	\$450	\$715
Outside Chittenden County	\$400	\$692
<i>*based on what clients report they pay for housing.</i>		Housing allowance if adjusted to annual <u>median</u> cost (Sept 2025)
		\$539
		\$501

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

<u>Household Size</u>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9+
<u>Basic Needs</u>	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%)								
<u>Outside Chittenden</u> Housing Allowance Max = \$400	562	710	856	976	1102	1188	1335	1462	9+ +236/pp
<u>Inside Chittenden</u> Housing Allowance Max = \$450	587	735	880	1000	1127	1213	1360	1487	9+ +236/pp
* Special Needs Housing Allowance up to \$90 allowed.									