

Housing Opportunity Grant Program (HOP) State Fiscal Year 2026 Awards Summary

The Department for Children and Families Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO) has awarded approximately \$33 million in federal¹ and state funding in State Fiscal Year 2026 under the Housing Opportunity Grant Program (HOP) to 39 non-profit organizations across Vermont.

The Housing Opportunity Grant Program provides funding to operate emergency overnight shelter; provide essential services to shelter guests; provide transitional housing where appropriate; rapidly re-house homeless individuals and families; prevent individuals and families experiencing a housing crisis from becoming homeless; implement coordinated entry to streamline client access to resources; provide flexible financial assistance directly to households; support Landlord Liaisons' work with property owners to create housing opportunities; administer the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS); administer HOP funds to DV/SV providers around the state; and provide and technical assistance to the network of HOP providers.

In State Fiscal Year 2026, an additional \$5.35 million (including \$2 million in one-time funds) was appropriated to the Housing Opportunity Grant Program to support emergency shelter expansion. Thus far, shelter expansion funds have been awarded to 11 organizations, in some cases to continue shelter projects started in State Fiscal Year 2025 with one-time funding. There are several additional shelter expansion projects in development, which OEO intends to fund out of the Housing Opportunity Grant Program later this fiscal year. A detailed comparison of shelter capacity (by household) in SFY23-SFY26 can be found in Appendix A, along with information about the shelter capacity that has been preserved or expanded with funds awarded from the additional HOP appropriation.

The Housing Opportunity Grant Program operates within the [Home Together, Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness](#) and the *Vermont Plan to End Homelessness*. The primary goals of the Housing Opportunity Grant Program remain to:

- Decrease the number of individuals and families experiencing homelessness;
- Shorten the length of time people experience homelessness;
- Reduce the number of individuals and families returning to homelessness; and
- Prevent people from becoming homeless.

¹ Federal funds are primarily from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Emergency Solutions Grant Program (ESG). The [Vermont Consolidated Plan](#) outlines the activities and objectives for use of ESG funds. Additional federal sources are noted separately. Some federal funds are from the HUD Continuum of Care Grant Program and awarded under a separate subrecipient grant agreement, although included in the HOP Award Summary.

A guiding principle of the Housing Opportunity Grant Program is to tie homeless assistance activities to permanent housing through systems, practices, and initiatives that are informed by data and proven approaches. While the program will continue to address the needs of homeless people in emergency or transitional shelters, the focus is to assist people to quickly regain stability in permanent housing after experiencing a housing crisis or homelessness.²

OEO works in close partnership with the [Vermont Balance of State Continuum of Care](#) and the [Chittenden County Homeless Alliance](#) to ensure that state and federal resources are targeted to have the strongest collective impact. The organizations receiving awards work as part of their local housing coalition (formerly called local homeless continuum of care) to coordinate services and housing for Vermonters experiencing homelessness in their community. The HOP Awards Summary is organized to reflect these local Housing Coalitions. For more information about Vermont's local Housing Coalitions visit: [Local Housing Coalitions](#)

Housing Opportunity Grant Program funding is awarded to support one or more strategies:

- Emergency Shelter: Operations and/or Essential Services (including Emergency Apartments and Motel Pool), [Opioid Settlement Funding](#) Activities
- Homelessness Prevention: Services
- Rapid Re-housing: Services, Rental Assistance
- Flexible Client-Based Financial Assistance
- [Coordinated Entry](#): Assessment & Housing Navigation Services
- Landlord Liaison: Services
- Transitional Housing: Operations and/or Essential Services where shown to be the most effective strategy
- [Homeless Management Information System \(HMIS\)](#)³
- Statewide DV/SV Funding Administration
- Statewide Training & Technical Assistance

Grantees are allowed to support administration through either a federally approved or 15% *de minimis* indirect rate.

Eligibility for services and assistance is determined by an individual or family's housing status. In general, emergency shelter, rapid re-housing and transitional housing projects serve those who meet the Vermont Agency of Human Services (AHS) and U.S. Housing & Urban Development (HUD) definition of homelessness⁴. Homelessness prevention services are available to those who meet the AHS and HUD definition of "at risk of homelessness".⁵ Coordinated Entry services and Flexible Client-based Financial Assistance are available to households meeting either the definition of homelessness or the definition of at risk of homelessness.

² [ESG Program Interim Rule](#)

³ In the case of programs serving victims of domestic or sexual violence, funds support participation in a comparable separate system.

⁴ [Criteria and Recordkeeping Requirements for Defining Homeless](#)

⁵ [Criteria for Defining At Risk of Homelessness](#)

This year, 22 organizations received funding to support Coordinated Entry services to help connect people quickly to needed homeless assistance. Support for Coordinated Entry is funded in part through a HUD Continuum of Care grant. Coordinated Entry funds also support Housing Navigation Services to support households experiencing or at risk of homelessness with housing search, housing stabilization, and placement services.

Organizations that received funding to provide Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-housing services provide the following to help households relocate or stabilize in housing:

- Housing Search and Placement, including work with nonprofit and private landlords
- Housing Stability Case Management, including follow-up and connection with post-lease supportive services
- Landlord-Tenant Mediation
- Follow-up or Supportive Services to Help Maintain Housing
- Money Management/Credit Repair
- Tenant Education

Rapid Re-Housing Rental Assistance provides up to 24 months of tenant-based rental assistance.

Flexible Client-Based Financial Assistance is designed to support client-centered problem solving and individual housing stability planning. It may also be used to divert or rapidly exit a household from emergency shelter. Financial Assistance includes the following:

- Security deposits, including last month's rent
- Rental arrears, up to 3 months
- Short-term rental assistance, up to 3 months
- Utility deposits
- Program fees for recovery housing or other non-traditional housing
- Transportation costs to live with family or friends

Landlord Liaison Projects have a dedicated staff person who works with property owners and managers to create housing opportunities for people who are homeless or at-risk of homelessness. Core components of a Landlord Liaison project include property owner outreach & engagement, property owner education, information sharing about conflict resolution or mediation services, and support to ensure strong relationships.

Two new project types were funded in SFY26:

- Statewide DV/SV Funding Administration: administering and overseeing funding to a network of victim service providers around the state.
- Statewide Training & Technical Assistance: providing training and technical assistance to the network of Housing Opportunity Grant Program grantees on a variety of topics which may include equal access, affirmative outreach, reasonable accommodations, harm reduction, trauma-informed care, housing first, de-escalation, shelter safety, capacity building within local housing coalitions, working with DV/SV survivors.

Addison County Housing Coalition

Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunity (CVOEO)

\$127,153

Strategies: Coordinated Entry Housing Navigation

Support for 1.25 FTE in staff capacity providing housing navigation services to those experiencing and at risk of experiencing homelessness.

Charter House Coalition

\$623,932

Strategies: Emergency Shelter Operations & Essential Services, Coordinated Entry Assessment & Housing Navigation, Flexible Client-Based Financial Assistance

Operation of a year-round emergency shelter in Middlebury with a capacity of 26 beds for adult individuals, including support for shelter staff (4.58 FTE) and essential services case management (1.35 FTE).

Support for 1.25 FTE in staff capacity providing assessment and housing navigation services to those experiencing and at risk of experiencing homelessness.

Flexible Client-Based Financial Assistance (for shelter diversion and rapid exit): \$9,726

HOPE

\$184,676

Strategies: Homelessness Prevention Housing Navigation & Retention, Coordinated Entry Housing Navigation, Flexible Client-Based Financial Assistance

Support for 0.93 FTE in staff capacity providing housing navigation services to those experiencing and at risk of experiencing homelessness, as well as housing retention services to those at risk of experiencing homelessness.

Flexible Client-Based Financial Assistance: \$107,262 (*includes \$32,738 in one-time funds*)

John Graham Housing & Services

\$754,409

Strategies: Emergency Shelter Operations & Essential Services, Coordinated Entry Assessment & Housing Navigation

Operation of the year-round John Graham Shelter in Vergennes with a capacity of 36 beds (9 rooms) for adult individuals and families with children, including support for shelter staff (4.14 FTE) and essential services case management (1.4 FTE).

Support for 1.31 FTE in staff capacity providing assessment and housing navigation services to those experiencing and at risk of experiencing homelessness.

Bennington Housing Solutions Team

Bennington County Coalition for the Homeless

\$1,043,362

Strategies: Emergency Shelter Operations & Essential Services, Opioid Settlement Funding Activities, Coordinated Entry Assessment & Housing Navigation
Operation of two year-round emergency shelters in Bennington with a capacity of 16 beds for adult individuals (966 Main) and 9 units for families with children (Norton House), including support for shelter staff (1 FTE) and essential services case management (7.88 FTE)

Opioid Settlement Funding (\$4,000) to support guests at both emergency shelters with getting to substance use treatment and/or medical appointments, as well as to purchase medical supplies.

Support for 4.13 FTE in staff capacity providing assessment and housing navigation services to those experiencing and at risk of experiencing homelessness.

*New funding (Opioid Settlement) to support transportation and purchase supplies.

BROC – Community Action in Southwestern Vermont

\$471,904

Strategies: Homelessness Prevention Housing Navigation, Coordinated Entry Assessment & Housing Navigation, Flexible Client-Based Financial Assistance
Support for 3.5 FTE in staff capacity providing assessment and housing navigation services to those experiencing and at risk of experiencing homelessness.

Flexible Client-Based Financial Assistance: \$144,720 (*includes \$46,378 in one-time funds*)

Project Against Violent Encounters (PAVE)

\$193,151⁶

Strategies: Emergency Shelter Operations & Essential Services, Motel Pool, Coordinated Entry Assessment

Operation of a year-round emergency shelter with a capacity of 6 rooms for adult individuals and families with children fleeing violence, including support for essential services case management (1 FTE).

Motel pool funds for overflow capacity to meet the full emergency shelter need for all persons fleeing domestic/sexual violence in the district.

HUD CoC funding: 0.32 FTE in staff capacity providing assessment services to those experiencing homelessness (*separate grant agreement*)

⁶ All funding except for HUD CoC funding (\$27,560) is provided as a subgrant through the Vermont Network Against Domestic and Sexual Violence.

Caledonia & Southern Essex and Orleans & Northern Essex Housing Coalitions

Northeast Kingdom Community Action

\$1,736,779

Strategies: Emergency Apartment Operations & Essential Services, Emergency Shelter Operations & Essential Services, Rapid Re-Housing Housing Navigation & Retention, Homelessness Prevention Housing Navigation & Retention, Coordinated Entry Assessment & Housing Navigation, Flexible Client-Based Financial Assistance
Operation of 5 emergency shelter apartments (9 bedrooms total) in the St. Johnsbury district and 5 emergency shelter apartments (12 bedrooms total) in the Newport district for adult individuals and families with children, including support for essential services case management (1.95 FTE).

Operation of two year-round emergency shelters in St. Johnsbury with a capacity of 20 beds (Shelter at Moose River) and 4 rooms (Winter Street Shelter) for adult individuals, including support for shelter staff (8.4 FTE) and essential services case management (2 FTE).

Support for 2.65 FTE in staff capacity providing housing navigation and retention services to those experiencing and at risk of experiencing homelessness.

HUD CoC funding: 2.05 FTE (1.025 FTE per district) in staff capacity providing assessment and housing navigation services to those experiencing homelessness
(*separate grant agreement*)

Northeast Kingdom Youth Services

\$48,552

Strategies: Transitional Housing Operations & Essential Services, Coordinated Entry Housing Navigation

Operation of 1 transitional housing unit (2 bedrooms) in St. Johnsbury for unaccompanied youth and young adults, including support for essential services case management (0.33 FTE).

Support for 0.33 FTE in staff capacity providing housing navigation services to youth and young adults experiencing and at risk of experiencing homelessness.

RuralEdge Housing & Community Development

\$132,606

Strategy: Rapid Re-Housing Rental Assistance

Administration of up to 18 months of rental assistance for households exiting homelessness.

Rapid Re-Housing Rental Assistance: \$119,922

Umbrella

\$179,732⁷

Strategies: Emergency Shelter Operations & Essential Services, Motel Pool

Operation of two year-round emergency shelters in the Newport and St. Johnsbury districts with a capacity of 9 rooms for adult individuals and families with children fleeing violence, including support for essential services case management (1.05 FTE).

Motel pool funds for overflow capacity to meet the full emergency shelter need for all persons fleeing domestic/sexual violence in the Newport and St. Johnsbury districts.

HUD CoC funding: 0.84 FTE in staff capacity providing assessment services to those experiencing homelessness (*separate grant agreement*)

⁷ All funding except for HUD CoC funding (\$65,855) is provided as a subgrant through the Vermont Network Against Domestic and Sexual Violence.

Chittenden County Homeless Alliance

Ascend Housing Allies

\$74,755

Strategy: Rapid Re-Housing Retention

Support for 0.75 FTE in staff capacity providing housing retention services to those moving into housing from homelessness.

Burlington Housing Authority

\$233,825

Strategy: Homelessness Prevention Housing Navigation & Retention, Coordinated Entry Housing Navigation

Support for 2 FTE in staff capacity providing housing navigation to those experiencing and at risk of experiencing homelessness, as well as housing retention services to those at risk of experiencing homelessness.

Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunity (CVOEO)

\$3,056,594

Strategies: Emergency Shelter Operations & Essential Services, Opioid Settlement Funding Activities, Coordinated Entry Assessment & Housing Navigation, Flexible Client-Based Financial Assistance

Operation of the year-round Champlain Place emergency shelter in Burlington with a capacity of 42 beds for adult individuals (with an additional 26 beds made available during the cold weather season), including support for shelter staff (12.4 FTE) and essential services case management (2 FTE).

Support for 6.25 FTE in staff capacity providing assessment services to those experiencing homelessness, as well as housing navigation services to those experiencing and at risk of experiencing homelessness.

Opioid Settlement Funding (\$9,000) to support guests at Champlain Place with getting to substance use treatment and/or medical appointments, purchasing harm reduction supplies, and for training and professional development opportunities for staff.

Flexible Client-Based Financial Assistance: **\$498,750**, including \$5,000 specifically for shelter diversion and rapid exit (*includes \$158,233 in one-time funds*)

*New funding (Opioid Settlement) to support transportation, purchase supplies and staff training and professional development opportunities.

City of Burlington, Community and Economic Development Office (CEDO)

\$1,326,555

Strategies: Emergency Shelter Operations & Essential Services

Operation of the year-round Elmwood Community Shelter in Burlington with a capacity of 35 beds (30 rooms) for adult individuals, including subgrants for shelter staffing (5.25 FTE) and essential services case management staffing (2 FTE).

Community Health Centers of Burlington

\$262,240

Strategies: Opioid Settlement Funding Activities

Opioid Settlement Funding to provide medical and nursing staff on-site at HOP-funded emergency shelters throughout Chittenden County, to purchase harm reduction and medical supplies, and to provide training and professional development for staff.

*New project.

COTS**\$1,662,849**

Strategies: Emergency Shelter Operations, Coordinated Entry Housing Navigation
Operation of a year-round emergency shelter in Burlington (Waystation) with a capacity of 36 beds for adult individuals from July-December, including support for shelter staff (4 FTE), with a planned expansion to add 20 more beds for adult individuals in December, including support for an additional 2.2 FTE shelter staff.

Operation of two year-round emergency shelters in Burlington (Main Street Family Shelter & Firehouse Family Shelter) with a capacity of 15 rooms for families with children, including support for shelter staff (6.1 FTE).

Operation of the year-round Daystation day shelter in Burlington, including support for shelter staff (5.15 FTE).

Support for 4.13 FTE in staff capacity providing housing navigation services to those experiencing and at risk of experiencing homelessness.

*New funding supports increased shelter staffing and operating costs associated with expanded shelter capacity anticipated to come online in December.

Pathways Vermont**\$66,765**

Strategy: Rapid Re-Housing Housing Navigation & Retention

Support for 0.84 FTE in staff capacity providing housing navigation and retention services to those experiencing homelessness.

Spectrum Youth & Family Services**\$988,494**

Strategies: Emergency Shelter Operations & Essential Services, Homelessness

Prevention Housing Navigation & Retention, Rapid Re-Housing Retention

Operation of two year-round emergency shelters in Burlington (The Landing & Nightly Shelter) with a capacity of 18 beds for unaccompanied youth and young adults, including support for essential services case management (6.68 FTE).

Operation of the year-round Drop-in Center day shelter in Burlington, including support for essential services case management (1.2 FTE).

Support for 2.88 FTE in staff capacity providing housing retention services to those moving into housing from homelessness.

Subgrant to the Champlain Valley School District to support 0.5 FTE in staff capacity providing housing navigation and retention services to those at risk of experiencing homelessness.

Steps to End Domestic Violence**\$2,098,181⁸**

Strategies: Emergency Shelter Operations & Essential Services, Motel Pool, Homelessness Prevention Housing Navigation & Retention, Coordinated Entry Assessment & Housing Navigation, Rapid Re-housing Retention

Operation of a year-round emergency shelter with a capacity of 21 rooms for adult individuals and families with children fleeing violence, including support for shelter staff (3.5 FTE) and essential services case management (2.9 FTE).

Support for 2.6 FTE in staff capacity providing housing navigation and retention services to those experiencing and at risk of experiencing homelessness, as well as assessment services to those experiencing homelessness.

Motel pool funds for overflow capacity to meet the full emergency shelter need for all persons fleeing domestic/sexual violence in the district.

⁸ Funding is provided as a subgrant through the Vermont Network Against Domestic and Sexual Violence.

Franklin & Grand Isle Housing Coalition

Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunity (CVOEO) \$426,608

Strategies: Coordinated Entry Assessment & Housing Navigation, Flexible Client-Based Financial Assistance

Support for 1.25 FTE in staff capacity providing housing navigation services to those experiencing and at risk of experiencing homelessness.

Flexible Client-Based Financial Assistance: \$195,800 (*includes \$62,750 in one-time funds*)

HUD CoC funding: 1 FTE in staff capacity providing assessment and housing navigation services to those experiencing homelessness (*separate grant agreement*)

Samaritan House (operated by CVOEO) \$706,361

Strategy: Emergency Shelter Operations & Essential Services, Flexible Client-Based Financial Assistance

Operation of the year-round Tim's House emergency shelter in St. Albans with a capacity of 20 beds (16 rooms) for adult individuals, including support for essential services case management (6 FTE).

Flexible Client-Based Financial Assistance (for shelter diversion and rapid exit): \$2,000

Spectrum Youth & Family Services \$446,253

Strategies: Emergency Shelter Operations & Essential Services

Operation of a year-round emergency shelter in St. Albans with a capacity of 8 beds for unaccompanied youth and young adults, including support for essential services case management (5.35 FTE).

Voices Against Violence (operated by CVOEO) \$503,795⁹

Strategies: Emergency Shelter Operations & Essential Services, Motel Pool, Coordinated Entry Assessment & Housing Navigation

Operation of a year-round emergency shelter with a capacity of 12 rooms for adult individuals and families with children fleeing violence, including support for essential services case management (2.13 FTE).

Motel pool funds for overflow capacity to meet the full emergency shelter need for all persons fleeing domestic/sexual violence in the district

HUD CoC funding: 0.95 FTE in staff capacity providing assessment and housing navigation services to those experiencing homelessness (*separate grant agreement*)

⁹ All funding except for HUD CoC funding (\$43,145) is provided as a subgrant through the Vermont Network Against Domestic and Sexual Violence.

Housing Coalition of Southeastern Vermont (Brattleboro Area Housing Coalition)

Groundworks Collaborative

\$1,775,274

Strategies: Emergency Shelter Operations & Essential Services, Opioid Settlement Funding Activities, Coordinated Entry Assessment, Flexible Client-Based Financial Assistance

Operation of the year-round Drop-in Center emergency shelter in Brattleboro with a capacity of 34 beds for adult individuals, including support for shelter staff (15.64 FTE) and essential services case management (3.03 FTE).

Increased seasonal emergency shelter at the Drop-in Center (November-April) with a capacity of 6 beds for adult individuals, including support for shelter staff (1.8 FTE).

Opioid Settlement Funding (\$41,167) to support a contract with the AIDS Project of Southern Vermont to provide basic on-site wound care treatment for participants of the Groundworks Drop-in Center.

Support for 0.18 FTE in staff capacity providing assessment services to those experiencing and at risk of experiencing homelessness.

Flexible Client-Based Financial Assistance (for shelter diversion and rapid exit): \$6,000

HUD CoC funding: .85 FTE in staff capacity providing assessment services to those experiencing homelessness (*separate grant agreement*)

*New funding (Opioid Settlement) to support on-site wound care treatment.

Interaction: Youth Services & Restorative Justice¹⁰

\$177,079

Strategies: Transitional Housing Operations & Essential Services, Emergency Apartment Operations & Essential Services, Coordinated Entry Housing Navigation Services

Operation of 1 transitional housing unit (3 bedrooms) in Brattleboro and 2 emergency shelter apartments (4 bedrooms total) in Windham County for unaccompanied youth and young adults, including support for essential services case management (0.59 FTE).

Support for 0.49 FTE in staff capacity providing housing navigation services to those experiencing and at risk of experiencing homelessness.

Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA)

\$335,999

Strategies: Homelessness Prevention Housing Navigation & Retention, Coordinated Entry Assessment & Housing Navigation, Flexible Client-Based Financial Assistance

Support for 2 FTE in staff capacity providing assessment and housing navigation services to those experiencing and at risk of experiencing homelessness, as well as retention services to those at risk of experiencing homelessness.

Flexible Client-Based Financial Assistance: \$107,258 (*includes \$32,736 in one-time funds*)

¹⁰ formerly Youth Services, Inc

Women's Freedom Center**\$320,648¹¹**

Strategies: Emergency Shelter Operations, Motel Pool

Operation of a year-round emergency shelter with a capacity of 12 rooms for adult individuals and families with children fleeing violence, including support for shelter staff (2.25 FTE).

Motel pool funds for overflow capacity to meet the full emergency shelter need for all persons fleeing domestic/sexual violence in the district.

¹¹ Funding is provided as a subgrant through the Vermont Network Against Domestic and Sexual Violence.

Lamoille Valley Housing & Homelessness Coalition

Capstone Community Action

\$247,695

Strategies: Homelessness Prevention Housing Navigation & Retention, Rapid Re-housing Housing Navigation & Retention, Coordinated Entry Assessment & Housing Navigation, Flexible Client-Based Financial Assistance

Support for 1.65 FTE in staff capacity providing housing navigation and housing retention services to those experiencing and at risk of experiencing homelessness.

Flexible Client-Based Financial Assistance: \$72,360 (*including \$23,189 in one-time funding*)

HUD CoC funding: 0.8 FTE in staff capacity providing assessment and housing navigation services to those experiencing homelessness (*separate grant agreement*)

Clarina Howard Nichols Center

\$155,181¹²

Strategies: Emergency Shelter Operations & Essential Services, Motel Pool, Coordinated Entry Assessment

Operation of a year-round emergency shelter with a capacity of 7 rooms for adult individuals and families with children fleeing violence, including support for essential services case management (1 FTE).

Motel pool funds for overflow capacity to meet the full emergency shelter need for all persons fleeing domestic/sexual violence in the district.

HUD CoC funding: 0.35 FTE in staff capacity providing assessment services to those experiencing homelessness (*separate grant agreement*)

Lamoille Community House

\$1,027,969

Strategies: Emergency Shelter Operations & Essential Services, Emergency Apartment Operations, Opioid Settlement Funding Activities

Operation of the year-round Lamoille Community House Emergency Shelter in Hyde Park with a capacity of 21 beds for adult individuals, including support for shelter staff (2.75 FTE) and essential services case management (5.9 FTE).

Operation of 3 emergency shelter apartments (4 bedrooms total) in Lamoille County for families with children, including support for shelter staff (0.67 FTE).

Opioid Settlement Funding (\$9,707) to support guests at Lamoille Community House Emergency Shelter with getting to substance use treatment and/or medical appointments, purchasing harm reduction supplies, and for training and professional development opportunities for staff.

*New funding (Opioid Settlement) to support transportation, purchase supplies and staff training and professional development opportunities.

¹² All funding except for HUD CoC funding (\$28,429) is provided as a subgrant through the Vermont Network Against Domestic and Sexual Violence.

Rutland County Housing Coalition

BROC – Community Action in Southwestern Vermont

\$1,047,346

Strategies: Emergency Shelter Operations & Essential Services, Flexible Client Based Assistance, Homeless Prevention Housing Navigation, Coordinated Entry Assessment and Housing Navigation Services

Operation of a year-round emergency shelter in Rutland, anticipated to open later in SFY26, with a capacity of 10 beds for adult individuals, including support for shelter staff (1 FTE)

Support for 0.9 FTE in staff capacity providing assessment and housing navigation services to those experiencing and at risk of experiencing homelessness.

Support for 1 FTE in staff capacity providing motel-based essential services.

Flexible Client-Based Financial Assistance (for shelter diversion and rapid exit): \$5,000

*New funding to support new emergency shelter project(*includes \$718,183 in one-time shelter expansion funding*).

Homeless Prevention Center

\$988,345

Strategies: Emergency Apartment Operations & Essential Services, Homelessness Prevention Housing Navigation & Retention, Rapid Re-Housing Rental Assistance, Rapid Re-Housing Housing Navigation & Retention, Landlord Liaison, Coordinated Entry Assessment & Housing Navigation, Flexible Client-Based Financial Assistance

Operation of 12 emergency shelter apartments (23 bedrooms total) in Rutland County for adult individuals and families with children, including support for shelter staff (1.23 FTE) and essential services case management (0.82 FTE).

Support for 2.1 FTE in staff capacity providing assessment, housing navigation, and retention services to those experiencing and at risk of experiencing homelessness.

Support for 1.08 FTE in staff capacity providing landlord outreach and housing placement support.

Rapid Re-Housing Rental Assistance: \$37,600

Flexible Client-Based Financial Assistance: \$195,800 (*includes \$62,748 in one-time funding*)

HUD CoC funding: 0.93 FTE in staff capacity providing assessment and housing navigation services to those experiencing homelessness (*separate grant agreement*)

NewStory Center**\$385,069¹³**

Strategies: Emergency Shelter Operations & Essential Services, Motel Pool, Opioid Settlement Funding Activities, Flexible Client-based Financial Assistance, Rapid Re-Housing Housing Navigation & Retention,

Operation of three year-round emergency shelters with a capacity of 15 rooms for adult individuals and families with children fleeing violence, including support for essential services case management (2.25 FTE).

Opioid Settlement Funding (\$1,750.00) to support guests in emergency shelter with getting to substance use treatment and/or medical appointments, purchasing harm reduction supplies, and for training and professional development opportunities for staff.

Motel pool funds for overflow capacity to meet the full emergency shelter need for all persons fleeing domestic/sexual violence in the district.

Support for 0.18 FTE in staff capacity providing housing navigation and retention services to those experiencing homelessness.

Client-based Financial Assistance (for shelter diversion and rapid exit): \$1,750

*New funding (Opioid Settlement) to support transportation, purchase supplies and staff training and professional development opportunities.

¹³ Funding is provided as a subgrant through the Vermont Network Against Domestic and Sexual Violence.

Springfield (SDO) Housing Coalition

Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA)

\$84,017

Strategies: Homelessness Prevention Housing Navigation & Retention, Coordinated Entry Assessment & Housing Navigation

Support for 0.75 FTE in staff capacity providing assessment and housing navigation services to those experiencing and at risk of experiencing homelessness, as well as retention services to those at risk of experiencing homelessness.

Springfield Supported Housing Program

\$780,654

Strategies: Emergency Apartment Operations & Essential Services, Homelessness Prevention Housing Navigation & Retention, Coordinated Entry Assessment & Housing Navigation, Flexible Client-Based Financial Assistance

Operation of 13 emergency shelter apartments (17 bedrooms total) in the Springfield District for adult individuals and families with children, including support for shelter staff (0.5 FTE) and essential services case management (2 FTE).

Support for 4 FTE in staff capacity providing assessment and housing navigation services to those experiencing and at risk of experiencing homelessness, as well as retention services to those at risk of experiencing homelessness.

Flexible Client-Based Financial Assistance: \$78,660 (*includes \$24,008 in one-time funding*)

Windsor County Youth Services

\$7,500

Strategy: Emergency Shelter Operations

Operation of a year-round emergency shelter in Proctorsville with a capacity of 2 beds (out of 16 total) for unaccompanied youth and young adults.

Women's Freedom Center

\$135,479¹⁴

Strategies: Emergency Shelter Operations, Motel Pool

Operation of a year-round emergency shelter with a capacity of 3 rooms for adult individuals and families with children fleeing violence, including support for shelter staff (1.13 FTE).

Motel pool funds for overflow capacity to meet the full emergency shelter need for all persons fleeing domestic/sexual violence in the district.

*New funding supports new 3-room shelter project.

¹⁴ Funding is provided as a subgrant through the Vermont Network Against Domestic and Sexual Violence.

Upper Valley Coalition for Housing Solutions

Capstone Community Action

\$119,516

Strategies: Homelessness Prevention Housing Navigation & Retention, Coordinated Entry Housing Navigation

Support for 1.2 FTE (0.6 FTE in Bradford & 0.6 FTE in Randolph) in staff capacity providing housing navigation services to those experiencing and at risk of experiencing homelessness, as well as retention services to those at risk of experiencing homelessness.

Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA)

\$52,636

Strategies: Homelessness Prevention Housing Navigation & Retention, Coordinated Entry Assessment & Housing Navigation

Support for 0.5 FTE in staff capacity providing assessment and housing navigation services to those experiencing and at risk of experiencing homelessness, as well as retention services to those at risk of experiencing homelessness.

Upper Valley Haven

\$728,226

Strategies: Emergency Shelter Operations & Essential Services, Coordinated Entry Assessment & Housing Navigation, Flexible Client-Based Financial Assistance

Operation of two year-round emergency shelters in White River Junction with a capacity of 10 bedrooms (20 beds) for adult individuals (Hixon House) and 8 bedrooms (46 beds) for families with children (Byrne Family Shelter), including support for shelter staff (4.6 FTE) and essential services case management (2 FTE).

Support for 1 FTE in staff capacity providing housing navigation services to those experiencing and at risk of experiencing homelessness.

Flexible Client-Based Financial Assistance: \$102,150 (*includes \$32,736 in one-time funding*)

HUD CoC funding: 0.86 FTE in staff capacity providing assessment and housing navigation services to those experiencing homelessness (*separate grant agreement*)

Washington County Housing Coalition

Capstone Community Action

\$1,060,064

Strategies: Emergency Apartment Operations & Essential Services, Opioid Settlement Funding Activities, Homelessness Prevention Housing Navigation & Retention, Rapid Re-Housing Navigation & Retention, Coordinated Entry Housing Navigation, Flexible Client-Based Financial Assistance

Operation of 15 emergency shelter apartments (29 bedrooms total) in Washington County for families with children, including support for essential services case management (2 FTE); 11 of these apartments will be available beginning July 1, 2025, with 4 additional apartments coming online during the first quarter of SFY26.

Opioid Settlement Funding (\$4,000) to support guests in the emergency apartments with getting to substance use treatment and/or medical appointments and to purchase harm reduction supplies.

Support for 3.34 FTE in staff capacity providing housing navigation and retention services to those experiencing and at risk of experiencing homelessness.

Flexible Client-Based Financial Assistance: \$195,800 (*including 62,748 in one-time funding*)

HUD CoC funding: 1 FTE in staff capacity providing assessment and housing navigation services to those experiencing homelessness (*separate grant agreement*)

*New funding (Opioid Settlement) to support transportation and purchase supplies.

Circle

\$51,137¹⁵

Strategy: Emergency Shelter Operations & Essential Services

Operation of a year-round emergency shelter with a capacity of 6 rooms for adult individuals and families with children fleeing violence, including support for essential services case management (0.5 FTE).

Elevate Youth Services

\$679,463

Strategy: Emergency Shelter Operations & Essential Services

Operation of two year-round emergency shelters in Washington County with a capacity of 16 rooms for unaccompanied youth and young adults, including support for shelter staff (2 FTE) and essential services case management (2.81 FTE).

Flexible Client-Based Financial Assistance (for shelter diversion and rapid exit): \$5,000

*New funding supports increased shelter staffing associated with expanded shelter capacity.

¹⁵ Funding is provided as a subgrant through the Vermont Network Against Domestic and Sexual Violence.

Good Samaritan Haven**\$3,075,245**

Strategies: Emergency Shelter Operations & Essential Services, Opioid Settlement Funding Activities, Flexible Client-Based Financial Assistance

Operation of four year-round emergency shelters for adult individuals with a capacity of 17 beds in Barre City (105 North Seminary), 13 beds in Barre Town (580 South Barre), 31 beds in Berlin (The Welcome Center) and 17 beds in Montpelier (Turret House), scheduled to open later in SFY26, including support for shelter staff (32 FTE) and essential services case management (4.4 FTE).

Opioid Settlement Funding (\$123,033) to support guests in all four emergency shelters with getting to substance use treatment and/or medical appointments, purchasing harm reduction supplies, and for training and professional development opportunities for staff. Flexible Client-Based Financial Assistance (for shelter diversion and rapid exit): \$10,000

*New funding supports increased shelter staffing associated with expanded shelter capacity anticipated to come online in November.

Lamoille Community House**\$660,783**

Strategies: Emergency Shelter Operations & Essential Services

Operation of a year-round emergency shelter in Waterbury, anticipated to open later in SFY26, with a capacity of 10 rooms for families with children, including support for shelter staff (3.75 FTE) and essential services case management (5.28 FTE)

*New funding supports increased shelter staffing associated with expanded shelter capacity anticipated to come online in November.

Statewide or Multiple Regions

Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunity (CVOEO) \$52,627

Strategies: Homelessness Prevention

RentRight, an education program combining tenant information, financial capability and housing assistance, including program staff (.05 FTE)

Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunity (CVOEO) *16

Strategies: Rapid Re-Housing Rental Assistance

Administration of the HOME Family Housing Voucher project, a statewide Rapid Re-Housing project serving at least 200 households with children

Rapid Re-Housing Rental Assistance: \$4,017,535

Institute for Community Alliances \$314,617

Strategy: HMIS

HMIS system operation, administration, data entry, and oversight, plus licensing fees for HOP grantees

Vermont Housing & Conservation Board (*one-time funds*) *17

Strategies: Emergency Shelter

Acquisition and renovation of buildings to be used for emergency shelter across the state.

Vermont Network Against Domestic & Sexual Violence \$509,871

Strategies: HMIS, Flexible Client-Based Financial Assistance, Statewide DV/SV

Funding Administration, Statewide Training & Technical Assistance

Development and implementation of the HMIS-comparable system for victim service providers.

Training and technical assistance to the network of Housing Opportunity Grant

Program grantees.

Oversight of funding administration to a network of victim service providers around the state.

Flexible Client-Based Financial Assistance: \$98,400

Vermont State Housing Authority \$21,000

AHS Housing Inspections

¹⁶ Supported by \$4,703,182 in one-time funding provided in previous fiscal years, no additional funds awarded in SFY26.

¹⁷ Supported by \$12,131,494 in one-time funding provided in previous fiscal years, no additional funds awarded in SFY26.

Housing Opportunity Grant Program: Program Performance Measurement

Grantee's individual performance measures will be structured around one or more of the following indicators:

1) Preventing Homelessness

- The number of households at risk of homelessness assisted
- The percentage whose housing is stabilized within 28 days (target 70%)
- The average length of time from project entry until housing was stabilized
- The percentage of stabilized households who continue to be stably housed for at least 90 days (target 70%)

2) Providing Access to Emergency Shelter

- The number of nights that the emergency shelter is staffed, insured, and clear of safety violations

3) Connecting Homeless Households with Essential Services

- The percentage of homeless households in emergency shelter, transitional housing, or publicly-funded motels who meet with a case manager or equivalent within 3 days of referral (target 90%)

4) Increasing Income and Access to Mainstream Benefits for Homeless Households

- The number of homeless households receiving case management
- The percentage who subsequently attain employment OR are enrolled in an educational or training program, OR qualify for cash or non-cash benefits (e.g., Reach-Up, SSI, General Assistance, VA, 3SquaresVt, etc.) within 90 days of referral (target 70%)
- The percentage who subsequently are stabilized in transitional or permanent housing within 90 days (target: 70%)
- The percentage of homeless households who continue to be stably housed for at least 90 days (target 70%)

5) Rapidly Re-Housing Homeless Families and Individuals / Retention of Housing

- **For Emergency Shelter:** The percentage of households exiting shelter to stable permanent or transitional housing; and the average length of stay
- **For Transitional Housing:** The percentage of households exiting the project to permanent housing (target 70%); and the percentage of formerly homeless household who continue to be stably housed for at least 90 days (target 70%)

- **For Rapid Re-Housing:** The number and percentage of households enrolled who are in stable permanent housing; the average length of time from project entry until housing was stabilized; and the percentage of formerly homeless households who continue to be stably housed for at least 90 days (target 70%)
- **For Coordinated Entry:** The number of households re-housed in stable housing; the average length of time from project entry until housing was stabilized; and the percentage of households who have their housing stabilized within 28 days (target 70%)
- **For Financial Assistance:** The number of households assisted; and the percentage of households who exited to safe housing
- **For Youth Programs:** The percentage of youth exiting the project who have “safe exits” as defined by one of the following categories: Foster Care, Staying with Friends, Staying with Family, Independent Living, Educational Setting, Residential Project, Transitional Housing, or Medical/Psychiatric/Substance Use Disorder Treatment Setting (target 70%); and the percentage of youth with a safe exit who continue to remain stably housed for at least 90 days (target 70%)

6) For Landlord Liaison Projects:

- The number of property owners contacted
- The number of property owners who have signed an MOU or collaboration agreement
- The number of unique contacts with existing property owners (email, phone, face-to-face)
- The number of events/trainings offered to property owners
- Annual property owner survey results

System Performance Measurement

A critical aspect of achieving HOP objectives is a focus on viewing the local homeless response as a coordinated system of homeless assistance options rather than separate programs and funding sources that operate independently in a community. In alignment with unfolding federal and State expectations, the Office of Economic Opportunity is committed to working in partnership with the Vermont Coalition to End Homelessness and the Chittenden County Homeless Alliance to measure performance as a coordinated system. These include measures such as:

- The length of time individuals and families remain homeless;
- The extent to which individuals and families who leave homelessness experience additional episodes of homelessness;
- The thoroughness of grantees in reaching homeless individuals and families;
- The overall reduction in the number of homeless individuals and families;
- Jobs and income growth for homeless individuals and families;
- Success at reducing the number of individuals and families who become homeless;
- Successful housing placement to or retention in a permanent housing destination.

To view data on system performance measures, visit: [Vermont Local SPMs — Institute for Community Alliances \(icalliances.org\)](https://icalliances.org)

Appendix A

Shelter Household Capacity Funded by HOP (as of August 2025)

Year-Round:

County	SFY23 Capacity	SFY24 Capacity	SFY25 Capacity	SFY26 Capacity	Capacity Preserved & Created with Increased SFY26 Funding
Addison	63	62	62	62	0
Bennington	30	30	31	31	0
Caledonia	11	35	35	36 ¹⁸	1
Chittenden	180	155	169	190 ¹⁹	28
Franklin	25	21	40	40	8
Lamoille	7	28	28	31 ²⁰	3
Orleans	7	7	7	7	0
Rutland	13	18	25	37 ²¹	18
Washington	70	80	94	115 ²²	32
Windham	73	70	68	50 ²³	0
Windsor	27	36	43	46	6
Total	506	542	602	645	96

¹⁸ Includes 1 emergency apartment with NEKCA anticipated to come online in quarter 1

¹⁹ Includes 20 bed expansion at the COTS Waystation in Burlington, anticipated to come online in quarter 2; includes CVOEO's Foundations Family Shelter currently funded with one-time funds not included in this award summary (award summary will be updated when funding source for this project shifts during SFY26)

²⁰ Includes 2 emergency apartments with Lamoille Community House, anticipated to come online during quarter 1

²¹ Includes 3 emergency apartments with Homeless Prevention Center, anticipated to come online during quarter 1, and BROCC's 10-bed shelter in Rutland, anticipated to come online in quarter 2

²² Includes 4 emergency apartments with Capstone Community Action, anticipated to come online during quarter 1, and Good Samaritan Haven's 17-bed shelter in Montpelier, anticipated to come online in quarter 2

²³ Includes 1 emergency apartment with Interaction anticipated to come online in quarter 1

Seasonal:

County	SFY23 Capacity	SFY24 Capacity	SFY25 Capacity	SFY26 Capacity	Capacity Preserved & Created with Increased SFY26 Funding
Addison	0	0	0	0	0
Bennington	0	0	0	0	0
Caledonia	0	0	0	0	0
Chittenden	10	30	60	26	0
Franklin	0	0	0	0	0
Lamoille	12	0	0	0	0
Orleans	0	0	0	0	0
Rutland	0	0	0	0	0
Washington	10	15	20	10	10
Windham	0	0	0	6	0
Windsor	0	0	5	0	0
Total	32	45	85	42	10