



Permanent Supportive Housing Assistance

~ State Fiscal Year 2025 Awards Summary ~

The Vermont Medicaid Permanent Supportive Housing Assistance (PSHA) program aims to reduce the incidence and duration of homelessness in Vermont.

Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) is an evidence-based intervention that has been demonstrated to be effective in reducing homelessness, preventing emergency department use and hospitalization, and reducing overall healthcare costs for individuals with high needs.

PSHA, as authorized by Vermont's Global Commitment to Health 1115 Demonstration Waiver, is intended to leverage Medicaid to expand PSH services that help Vermonters with complex health and social needs to successfully transition into and maintain residency in permanent housing through intensive, person-centered services and case management as outlined below.

- **Pre-Tenancy Support Services** – Pre-tenancy support services are a set of services that assist Participants with finding and securing appropriate housing.
- **Tenancy Sustaining Services** – Tenancy sustaining services are a set of services that support Participants' ability to meet their obligations as tenants and maintain their tenancy.
- **Community Transition Assistance**– Community transition assistance aids Participants with funding the one-time services, goods, expenses, and modifications necessary for them to successfully move into housing and establish a basic household.

The Program leverages a Conflict-Free Case Management approach to ensure that the PSHA services provided for each Participant are grounded in an independent, "conflict-free," person-centered care plan that addresses the Participant's whole-person needs, as required by federal regulations. The Program is also explicitly intended to align with Vermont's existing PSH models and other housing programs in order to effectively leverage limited resources and make available an array of high-quality services for Vermonters with complex needs.

In fall 2024, Vermont’s Department for Children & Families (DCF), Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO) issued a Request for Proposals. OEO launched this project mid-way through State Fiscal Year 2025 (SFY25) in five communities throughout the state: Chittenden County, Franklin County, the Northeast Kingdom, Washington County, and Windham County, creating a statewide capacity to serve 106 individuals.

PSHA Partner	SFY 2025 Staff Positions	SFY 2025 Total Caseload
Burlington Housing Authority	2 positions	28
Capstone Community Action	1 position	14
Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunity Franklin County ----- Chittenden County -----	1 position 1 position	28
Groundworks Collaborative	2 positions	24
Northeast Kingdom Community Action (NEKCA)	1 position	12
TOTALS	8 Positions	106

Permanent Supportive Housing Assistance is administered by the Office of Economic Opportunity, Department for Children and Families.