



Permanent Supportive Housing Assistance

~ State Fiscal Year 2026 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, leverages Medicaid to expand permanent services that support 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. The Program is also explicitly intended to align with Vermont's existing PSH models and other housing programs in order to effectively utilize limited resources and make available an array of high-quality services for Vermonters with complex needs.

The Program leverages a Conflict-Free Case Management (CFCM) 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 Office of Economic Opportunity within the Department of Children and Families is providing this CFCM. Following this initial assessment, participants are enrolled into PSHA and receive intensive case-management provided by contracted service agencies.

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. We are issuing amendments to all contracts to continue services into SFY26.

PSHA Partner	SFY 2026 Staff Positions	SFY 2026 Total Caseload
Burlington Housing Authority	2 positions	28
Capstone Community Action	1 position	14
Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunity Franklin County	1 position	28
Chittenden County	1 position	
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.