



Fiscal Year 2025 Budget

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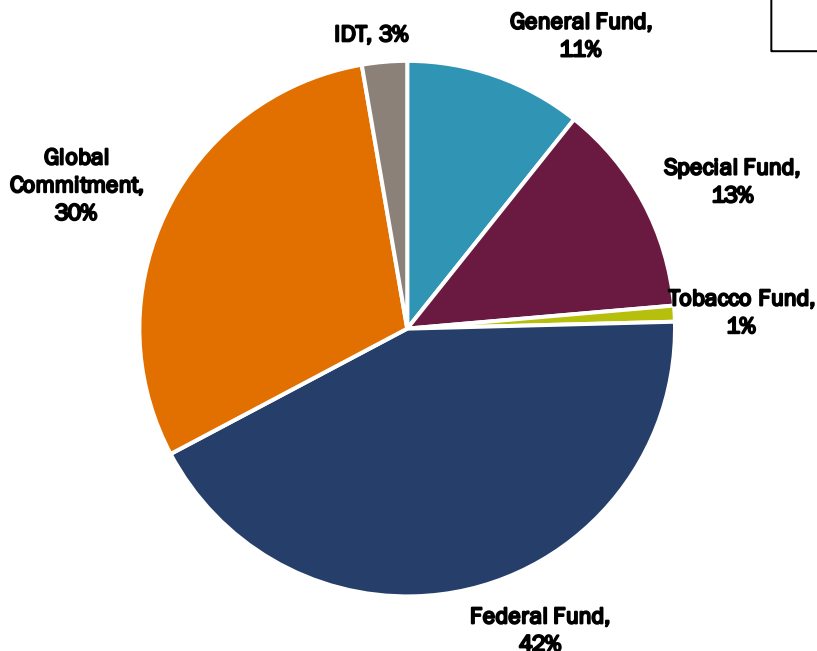
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**Agency of Human Services
Vermont Department of Health
FY 2025 Governor's Recommend Budget**

Mission: To protect and promote the best health for all Vermonters.

FY 2025 SUMMARY

- Current service budget is fully funded
- State dollar increase of 5%



General Fund	\$ 22,741,885
Special Fund	\$ 27,403,668
Tobacco Fund	\$ 2,038,835
Federal Fund	\$ 90,535,488
Global Commitment	\$ 63,747,141
IDT	\$ 5,766,866
Total	\$ 212,233,883

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Sec.B.311 – Administration and Support Appropriation – Highlights

1. Increase in funding for the Vermont Nursing Forgivable Loan Incentive Program
 - Program authorized by 18 V.S.A. § 34 and administered by VSAC
 - Provides interest-free forgivable loans to nursing students up to an annual maximum of \$16,280
 - Recipients must commit to working full-time in Vermont as a nurse for a minimum of one-year for each year of assistance received
 - Governor’s budget proposal adds \$288,594 in funding for this program bringing total available to approximately \$3.3M

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Sec.B.312 – Public Health – Highlights

1. Unused Prescription Drug Repository

- Global Commitment Investment appropriation of \$355,703
- Follows passage of bill in 2023 that allows the Agency of Human Services to adopt rules and contract to administer the program
- Health benefits: Get medication into the hands of those who need them
- Economic benefits: Reduce health care costs
- Environmental benefits: Reduce drug waste

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Sec.B.313 – Substance Use Programs – Highlights

1. Rate Increase for Residential Substance Use Disorder Treatment Providers
 - 38% rate increase effective January 1, 2024
 - Reallocation of funding appropriated in FY24 to enhance and support the residential treatment system to Global Commitment Program dollars

SUBSTANCE USE PROGRAMS SYSTEM OF CARE

Residential Treatment
135 total beds

ASAM Level 3.5/3.7 3 Facilities 125 Beds	ASAM Level 3.1 1 Facility 10 Beds
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Medications for Opioid Use Disorder
Est 12,000 clients/year

Hubs 8 Facilities 4,000 clients	Spokes >225 Prescribers 8,000 clients Led by the Blueprint for Health
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Outpatient/Intensive Outpatient

Youth OP/IOP 3 Locations 190 Clients	Adult OP/IOP 21 Towns 4200 Clients	LADC, MSW, LMHC, Psychologistt 3609 Licensed Professionals
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Intervention & Harm Reduction

Withdrawal management 4 Facilities	Public Inebriate 7 Facilities 19 Beds	Syringe Services Programs 8 Fixed Site Statewide Mobile Coverage 4,100 Served	IDRP 9 Locations 1200 People	Drug Court 4 Counties
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Recovery Supports

Recovery Coaches in the ED 14 Hospitals	Transitional & Recovery Housing 12 Facilities 70 Beds	Recovery Centers 12 Centers 17,527 People SFY22
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Prevention & Early Intervention

Prevention Messaging Campaigns 630,000 People	Education/training 2000 People Trained	Prevention Consultants 12 Regions	Regional and Community-Based Prevention Coalitions and Partners	School-Based Health 21 SU 9000 Students	VT Helplink Call Chat Text > 30,000 Contacts/year
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-  Peer-run Services
-  Community Organization
-  Preferred Providers
-  Private Providers
-  Communications


13 awareness and social marketing (behavior change) campaigns for various audiences to prevent alcohol, cannabis, stimulant and opioid use, misuse, and addiction and promote access to treatment, harm reduction, and recovery services

Programs as of 12/15/23

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Sec.B.313 – Substance Use Programs – Highlights (continued)

2. Base General Fund Increase for Substance Misuse Prevention

- Increases base general fund appropriation for substance misuse prevention by \$1.59M to \$3M
- Legislative intent established in 2022 that \$3M be directed to substance misuse prevention annually
- In FY24, appropriated as \$1.41M base, \$1.59 one-time
- For FY25, full \$3M is base

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Act 22 of 2023 One-time Opioid Abatement Special Fund Appropriations
Total Appropriation of \$8,196,000

1. Naloxone Expansion - \$1,980,000
2. Treatment Satellite Services - \$2,000,000
3. Outreach & Case Management - \$1,976,000
4. Syringe Services Programs Prevention & Response - \$400,000
5. Contingency Management - \$840,000
6. Telehealth Wound Care - \$100,000
7. Fentanyl and Xylazine Test Strips - \$200,000
8. Drug Testing Device Grants - \$700,000

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Proposed One-time FY25 Opioid Abatement Special Fund Appropriations
Total Available for Appropriation - \$4,903,962

1. Expanded Methadone Treatment Access - \$900,000
2. Managed Medical Response Partnership - \$300,000
3. Stabilization Bed Program - \$1,000,000
4. Vermonters for Criminal Justice Reform (VCJR) - \$150,000
5. Ongoing Support for Contingency Management - \$800,000
6. Recovery Housing Supports - \$325,000
7. Expansion of Student Assistance Professionals/School Based Services - \$1,428,962