



House Human Services Committee Testimony

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About ACCT

- 354 permanently affordable apartments
 - 68 formerly homeless households (~20%)
 - 70% very low or extremely low income
- 340 home sites in nine mobile home parks
- 75 shared equity single-family homes
- Service Coordination for ~300 residents



New Construction

- **Firehouse Apartments**, Bristol, VT
- The first permanently affordable family housing development in downtown Bristol
- Five apartments for “missing middle” workforce housing
- Four apartments for people experiencing homelessness
- Partnership with local housing & services agency and the Coordinated Entry system
- Rents from ~\$750 to \$1200 including all utilities—residents don’t have to worry about heat
- Wifi included—parents don’t have to worry about their kids’ ability to get online for classes or homework



Historic Preservation

- Mountain View Apartments
- Hancock, VT (pop. 359)
- 5 family apartments including four-bedroom homes
- HUD contract for rental assistance:
 - Serves Extremely Low Income (ELI) Households – our most vulnerable neighbors
 - Residents never have to worry about their rent exceeding 30% of their income

Environmental Justice

- McKnight Lane
- Waltham, VT (Pop. 446)
- 14 net-zero duplexes-all utilities included.
- Eight formerly homeless or at-risk households
- Eight retired folks or people with disabilities
- Five working families





Healthy Homes

- Nine mobile home parks with 340 sites for owner-occupied homes in five towns
- One in five housing units in Starksboro, pop. 1,756
- VHCB grants leverage other state and federal funds for Clean Water and Healthy Homes



Resident Services

- Community benefits from access to service coordination, social events, eviction prevention, and health programs.
- Funding for Family Support comes entirely from community-based fundraising and major gifts.



Capacity Support

- VHCB provides critical operating support to affordable housing providers.
- Capacity grants have been level-funded for three years, while need has increased and costs (especially labor costs) have skyrocketed.
- Thanks to the state recognizing the importance of ongoing services to support stable housing, we are hopeful that increased investment in VHCB will help us rise to this challenge.