

Please support our request for \$10.82M for implementation of the 3 Pilot Grant Projects, established by Act 186, to develop new and innovative housing options for this vulnerable population. Please also support the continued annual development of service supported housing for adults with I/DD. We will need help securing essential funding through loans and grants from state housing programs, as well as from the state funding for permanent Affordable Housing. The Act 186 pilots will provide homes for roughly 30 of our children, but according to the VT Developmental Disability Council's 2023 Housing Brief, the current need in our state is roughly **600 new units** - so our Pilot Grant Projects are truly just the beginning. Please help us create the crucial pipeline of funding for the development of stable, service-supported housing for adults with I/DD that will ensure safe homes for them, and friends to live with long after their parents are gone.

Please allow room in the budget for this critical need. Without it there is no path forward for our children who are unable to care for themselves. Thank you.

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