



# Housing First ends homelessness. It's that simple.

Vermont now has the nation's second-highest rate of persons experiencing homelessness. The 2023 Point-In-Time count identified 3,295 individuals experiencing homelessness in Vermont, including 214 individuals experiencing chronic homelessness.

## Pathways Vermont offers three possible Housing First proposals:

### STATEWIDE

An investment of **\$5.3 million** would enable Pathways Vermont to build on existing staff and system infrastructure to expand into the currently unserved counties of Lamoille, Caledonia, Orleans, Orange, Essex, Rutland, and Grand Isle. This funding would support **500 households**.

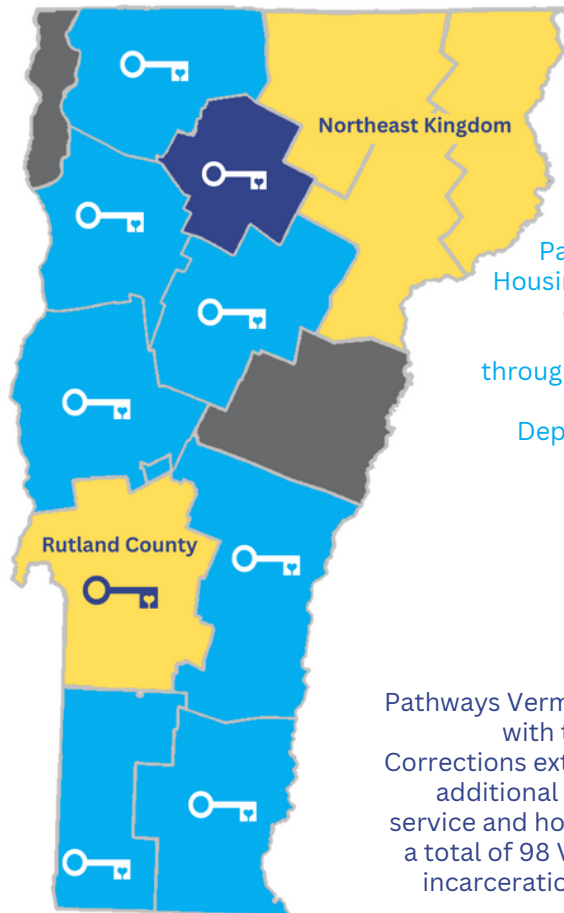
### NORTHEAST KINGDOM

An investment of **\$534,500** would enable Pathways Vermont to expand into the Northeast Kingdom counties of Caledonia, Orleans, and Essex. This funding would support **50 households**.

### RUTLAND COUNTY

An investment of **\$957,100** would enable Pathways Vermont to expand our partnership with the Department of Mental Health into Rutland County. This funding would support **85 households**.

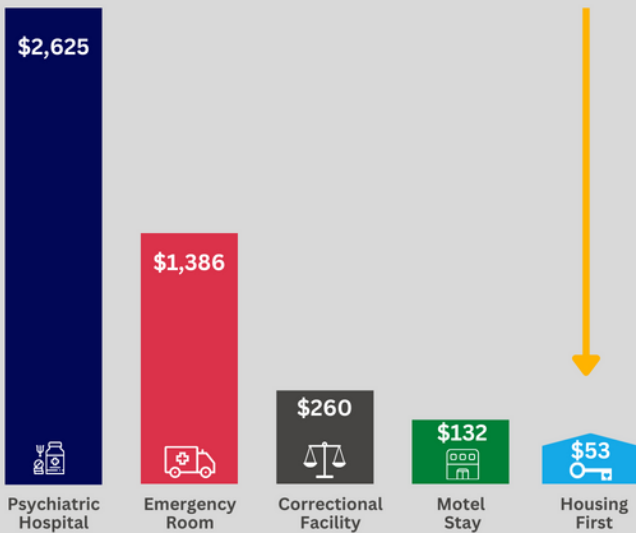
- Pathways Vermont, a Specialized Services Agency, has **ended the cycle of homelessness for 873 Vermonters** through its Housing First program. The program immediately ends homelessness by supporting individuals and families to locate independent apartments in the community.
- The counties on the map with the key designation are currently served by our experienced staff.
- Pathways staff meet clients in their homes to provide service coordination, peer support, psychiatry, nursing care, and financial management support.



**Both DMH & DOC**  
Pathways Vermont's Housing First program is operating in **seven Vermont counties** through our partnerships with both the Department of Mental Health and the Department of Corrections.

**DOC Only**  
Pathways Vermont's partnership with the Department of Corrections extends to these two additional counties, ensuring service and housing supports for a total of 98 Vermonters exiting incarceration in **nine Vermont counties**.

## Comparative Daily Cost



(map as of December 2023)

# A Direct Cost Comparison

The graphic to the right illustrates a direct comparison of the combined estimated service costs expended by 129 clients 6 months prior to entering the Housing First program and 6 months after entering the Housing First program.

Service cost estimates were derived using information from relevant agency reports.



## About Housing First: An evidence-based approach to ending chronic homelessness

Housing First programs quickly and successfully connect individuals and families experiencing homelessness to permanent housing **without preconditions and barriers to entry**, such as sobriety, treatment or service participation requirements. Supportive services are offered to maximize housing stability and prevent returns to homelessness.

### Core Principles of Housing First

- A right to housing without preconditions
- Choice and self determination
- Wellness-oriented
- Social inclusion and community integration
- Individualized and service recipient driven supports

### Who Does Housing First Serve?

The people served by the Housing First program have experienced long histories of homelessness, involvement with corrections, frequent contact with emergency services, and long periods of institutionalization.

### Core Characteristics of a Permanent Supportive Housing First Model



A multi-disciplinary team of professionals that provides wrap-around service.



There is a large and growing evidence base demonstrating that Housing First is the most effective solution to homelessness



The program components are informed by service recipient choice, peer support, and harm reduction.



The team is mobile, often meeting service recipients in their homes.

Pathways Vermont's  
Housing First Program

By The Numbers

\$53

Average daily cost of Housing First program

873

Vermonters ended their cycle of chronic homelessness

86%

All Time Housing Retention Rate for Housing First clients