

The background of the slide is a photograph of two houses. On the left is a two-story house with grey siding, white trim, and a white porch with columns. The number "114" is visible above the porch. On the right is a two-story house with red siding and a grey roof. A semi-transparent white box is overlaid on the center of the image, containing the title text.

# Vermont Affordable Housing Coalition Introduction and Legislative Priorities

# Overview



Introduction to the Vermont Affordable Housing Coalition



Overview of the Housing Crisis in Vermont



Opportunity to Address the Housing Crisis



VAHC Legislative Priorities

# Vermont Affordable Housing Coalition

**Vision Statement** We envision a future where everyone has a home in which to live with dignity and opportunity.



Education, Advocacy, Outreach

## Northwest

AARP Vermont  
Burlington Housing Authority  
Cathedral Square  
Champlain Housing Trust  
Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunity (CVOEO)  
Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission  
Community and Economic Development Office (CEDO)  
COTS  
Dismas of Vermont, Inc.  
Duncan-Wisniewski Architecture  
Evernorth  
Farrell Properties  
Housing Foundation, Inc. (HFI)  
Lamoille Housing Partnerships  
Main Street Landing

Northgate Residents' Ownership Corp. (NROC)  
Northwest Regional Planning Commission  
Pathways Vermont  
Samaritan House, Inc.  
Spectrum Youth and Family Services  
Summit Properties  
Vermont Energy Investment Corp. (VEIC)  
Vermont Housing Finance Agency (VHFA)  
Vermont Housing Managers Association (VHMA)  
Vermont Interfaith Action  
Vermont Low Income Advocacy Alliance (VLIAC)  
Winooski Housing Authority

## South

Bennington Housing Authority  
Brattleboro Housing Partnerships  
BROC Community Action  
GroundWorks  
Housing Trust of Rutland County  
Mascoma Bank  
NeighborWorks of Western Vermont  
Rutland Housing Authority  
Rutland Mental Health Services  
Rutland Regional Planning Commission  
Shires Housing

Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA)  
Springfield Supported Housing Program (SSHP)  
Twin Pines Housing Trust  
Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee Regional Commission  
Upper Valley Haven  
Vital Communities  
Windham & Windsor Housing Trust

## Northeast Kingdom

Northeast Kingdom Community Action (NEKCA)  
RuralEdge  
Town of Greensboro

## Central

Addison County Community Trust  
Addison County Regional Planning Commission  
Another Way, Inc.  
Barre Housing Authority  
Bread Loaf Corp.  
Central Vermont Habitat for Humanity  
Community of Vermont Elders (COVE)  
Downstreet Housing & Community Development  
Good Samaritan Haven  
Highgate Apartments  
HOPE Vermont  
John Graham Housing & Services  
Montpelier Housing Authority  
Randolph Area Community Development Corp. (RACDC)  
Vermont Center for

Independent Living (VCL)  
Vermont Coalition of Runaway & Homeless Youth Programs  
Vermont Coalition to End Homelessness (VCEH)  
Vermont Community Loan Fund  
Vermont Council on Rural Development (VCRD)  
Vermont Early Childhood Advocacy Alliance (VECAA)  
Vermont Housing & Conservation Board (VHCB)  
Vermont Network Against Domestic and Sexual Violence  
Vermont State Housing Authority  
Voices for Vermont's Children  
Washington County Mental Health Services  
Wells River Savings Bank

# Scale of Vermont's Housing Crisis

## Large and Growing Crisis

VHFA estimates that 40,000 units will be needed by 2030

Lowest rental vacancy rate in the US

Among the highest rental housing wages in the country: need to work 59 hours, or 1.5 jobs, to afford 1 bedroom (NLIHC)

*“So even people that have jobs, the rents are really have really gone up dramatically. So it's even hard for working people to actually afford an apartment, if they can even find an apartment.”*

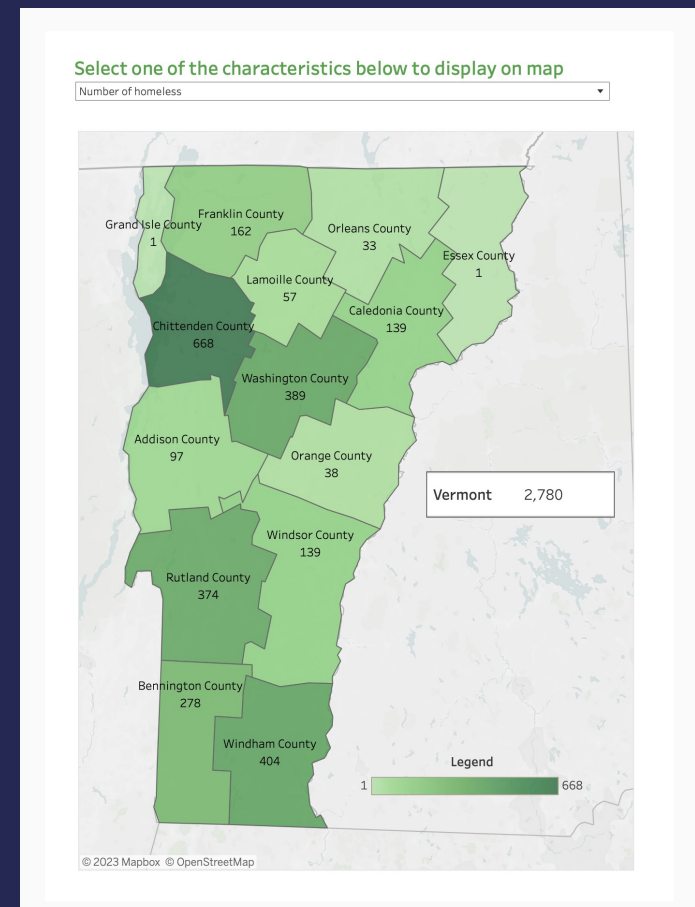
*Northeast Kingdom Healthcare  
Provider*

# Homelessness: A Solvable Crisis

>2,800 exited from homelessness since the onset of the pandemic

2,780 people experiencing homelessness (2022 Point-in-Time Count)

272 families with children, 13% overall



# Opportunity to Address the Crisis

- Evidence-based Models
- Pandemic Innovations
- Public Awareness of Crisis
- Political Will
- Infusion of Federal Resources



# Snapshot of Solutions

- **Housing for All Revenue Bond** \$37 million that leveraged \$198 million in additional investments to create 843 new apartments and homes
- **Vermont Emergency Rental Assistance Program** 16,496 helped to remain stably housed through the pandemic utilizing federal funds
- **Vermont FY22 allocations** \$43 million in funds to VHCB have leveraged \$276 million, helping to create 1,051 homes and apartments
- **Vermont Housing Improvement Program (VHIP)**. More than 329 households with low incomes have been able to access permanent housing





**Zephyr Place**  
72 perpetually affordable  
apartments  
Williston



**Cherry Street**  
9 rental units  
Former Caledonia  
County Jail  
St. Johnsbury



**Bellows Falls Garage**  
Windham & Windsor Trust  
27 rental units, 19 with  
subsidies



**Safford Commons**  
4 homeownership and 28  
rental units with 1 to 3  
bedrooms  
Woodstock



# We Can House All Vermonters

Large shortage of affordable housing to meet the needs of all Vermonters

Robust evidence that the overwhelming majority of people can be housed

Many solutions are already in place but not resourced adequately



# What We Need

Bring solutions to scale

Sustain and accelerate pipeline of development

Sustained investment to reverse the effects of decades of underinvestment and policies that limited housing development

Bridges to permanent housing for Vermonters who are unhoused



# VAHC 2023 Legislative Priorities

## Sustain Bridges from Homelessness to Housing

- Expand rental assistance programs

- Preserve and redesign GA Emergency Housing

## Bring Solutions to Scale

### Capital Investments in Affordable Housing

- Full statutory funding for Vermont Housing & Conservation Board

- \$175 million in capital investments

### Increased Funding for Supportive/Human Services

- Investments in manufactured home communities and farmworker housing

## Enabling, Equitable Policies and Protections

- Zoning reforms

- Tenant Protections

