



Low income housing supporting independence, creating opportunities.

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My name is Christine Hazzard, and I am the Executive Director of Brattleboro Housing Partnerships. Here in the southeastern corner of the state, we're partnering with Windham and Windsor Housing Trust, supported by the expertise of Cathedral Square, to pilot the Support And Services at Home (SASH) For All program based on the well-established, statewide, Traditional SASH Program. We are currently in the middle of the second year of the pilot project.

You may know the Traditional SASH Model, which supports Seniors and Adults with disabilities. The SASH For All model follows the SASH model by having a community health approach to homelessness prevention embedded in low-income housing by expanding the model to the broader community- including families and individuals.

This comprehensive and data-driven program offers a Wellness Nurse, a SASH Coordinator, and a mental health clinician with the support of a core group of local service agencies to help individuals and families define their own wellness goals or navigate crises to avoid homelessness. The team also focuses on the community health needs by using data to create a community health plan. The pilot program has already shown a reduction in Emergency Department Visits and lease terminations for participants.

Today, I request a 2025 budget request of \$300,000 to continue the SFA pilot program for a third year. I am happy to share that M&T Bank thought so highly of this innovative program that they have committed \$450,000 over three years as part of their highly competitive Amplify Fund grant. SASH For All will be able to draw down \$150,000 per year for three years, leaving a balance of \$300,000 for next year. By supporting year three, I am confident we can show more positive results and create a framework for replication around the state. Thank you for your consideration and your time.

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