

MEMORANDUM

TO: Rep. Helen Head, Chair; and Members of House Committee on General, Housing & Military Affairs

FROM: Gus Seelig, Executive Director

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RE: Follow-up to your questions on Supportive Housing

We have reviewed our portfolio of 11,600 homes and apartments around the state and can advise that in total, VHCB has funded 5,458 units of supportive housing of one type or another expending approximately \$52,682,000. This does not include family and general occupancy housing that is also providing assistance to disabled Vermonters. This represents about 1/3 of our total housing investment and over 40% of the units funded.

Supportive Housing Funded by VHCB

Type	Units	VHCB Funding
Supportive Housing for Vulnerable Populations	2132	\$ 17,492,576
SASH Units *	1826	\$ 27,390,000
Subtotal	3958	\$ 44,882,576
VCIL Home Access Program	1500	\$ 7,800,000
TOTALS	5458	\$ 52,682,576

*Conservative estimate of \$15,000 per unit

Purpose Built Affordable Housing

The Board has funded 2,132 apartments/beds of purpose built supportive housing for a variety of populations spending just over \$17 million. These have included shelters for battered women, shelters for the homeless, transitional housing, housing with services for people dealing with persistent and chronic mental health issues, runaway and at-risk youth, persons with developmental delays, persons exiting Corrections, and frail elders who need extensive care.

SASH & Elder Housing

VHCB has funded 1826 additional units of housing for elders which are now provided SASH services. Our investment in this is approximately \$27 million. SASH services are paid for through a Medicare waiver and an evaluation shows positive outcomes for participants and reduced utilization of health care as compared with elders without SASH services. The federal government has extended SASH for two years.

Accessibility and avoidance of nursing home

Home Access - VHCB has, for over 20 years, supported the Home Access Program administered by the Vermont Center for Independent Living. This program has provided ramps, bathroom and kitchen modifications at more than 1500 homes across the state. Folks in need of these services might either be completely home bound and dependent upon others or need to vacate their homes and live in a nursing home without these improvements. VHCB has invested \$7.8 million in these 1500 units.