

GOOD SAMARITAN HAVEN

A place where people are served with dignity, compassion, and respect in their time of need.

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Good Samaritan Haven (Barre District)

Sec. B.1101 FISCAL YEAR 2018 ONE-TIME GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS BILL AS PASSED BY THE HOUSE AND SENATE H.518

(a) Department for Children and Families: The **sum of \$600,000 in general funds** is appropriated to the Department for Children and Families to be used to facilitate the development of **two seasonal warming shelters, one in the Rutland district office service area and one in the Barre district** office service area to be in place for the 2017-2018 heating season...

Shelter Capacity (77 total beds)

- **Existing Capacity (44 beds):** Good Samaritan Haven maintains its existing capacity including a thirty bed year-round shelter on Seminary Street in Barre. And a fourteen bed seasonal warming shelter at the Hedding United Methodist Church in Barre.
- **New Capacity (33 beds):** Good Samaritan Haven opened a twenty bed seasonal warming shelter at the Bethany Church in Montpelier; and is leasing three apartments from Washington County Mental Health with a thirteen bed capacity. An eight bed warming shelter at the Barre Congregational Church is still pending city approval.

Services Provided: (1) Intake and Assessment: Client intake and assessment are available twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. (2) Meals & Basic Needs: Dinner, showers, laundry, and other basic needs are provided to all guests. Transportation is provided between Barre and Montpelier daily. (3) Case Management & Support Services: Good Samaritan Haven employs two full-time Housing Navigators, a half-time Mental Health Clinician, and Peer Support staff. The support team helps guests stabilize their housing crisis, obtain mainstream benefits, and provide case management and referral services.

Population Served (11/1/17-02/14/2018)

- 138 guests - Adults over age 18
- Average of 60 guests each night across all facilities
- Population: 70 mental health; 44 addiction; 37 chronic health condition; 44 physical disability
- 36 domestic violence; 12 veterans
- 21 chronically homeless (more than one year with a disability)

\$122,000 in Leveraged Funding: Good Samaritan Haven is working with other community partners to leverage additional funding and in-kind contributions. The following funds have been secured: (1) \$52,500 for Mental Health Clinician (Washington County Mental Health and PATH grant funding). (2) \$10,000 for bathroom and laundry facility renovations (Montpelier Housing Authority and National Life Foundation). (3) \$59,500 for day and intake services at Another Way. (4) In-kind laundry service from Central Vermont Medical Center. (5) In-kind donations will be leveraged from the broader community for food, toiletries, and other basic needs.

More Rental Assistance and Supportive Services Needed to End Homelessness

- Housing Opportunity Grant Program is essential to provide shelter and rapid rehousing.
- Family Supportive Housing capacity needs to be doubled.
- Permanent supportive housing needs to be expanded.