

GOOD SAMARITAN HAVEN

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

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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.

Population Served (All facilities: 11/1/17-03/21/2018)

- 158 guests - Adults over age 18
- Average of 60 guests each night across all facilities
- Population: 78 mental health; 48 addiction; 22 physical disability; 10 developmental disability
- 27 chronically homeless TODAY (homeless more than one year with a disability)

The NeSt: Short-term housing with integrated mental health and social service support in Central Vermont.

- Good Samaritan Haven piloted three units of short-term, supportive housing with Washington County Mental Health to expand shelter capacity this winter.
- Capacity: 13 beds for homeless adults ages 18+
- Time Period: November 1, 2017 – November 1, 2018;
- Supportive Services: Mental health clinician, housing navigator, social service, and peer support for skill building.
- Funding: 70% State/Federal; 30% Private Sector; \$122,000 leveraged with state appropriation

The NeSt Outcomes:

- 19 people served; 1112 bed nights
- Average length of stay: 46 days
- 10 stably housed (52%)

Recommendations to Reduce and End Homelessness

- **Create Affordable Housing:** Increase number of homes affordable to Vermonters with extremely low incomes (less than 30% of area median income);
- **Coordinate Programming:** Align programs serving Vermonters who are homeless;
- **Expand Supportive Services:** Expand capacity of programs that provide permanent supportive housing including Washington County Mental Health; Pathways Vermont; Family Supportive Housing.