

COVID-19 Crisis Response for Housing & Homelessness

- Moratorium on evictions due to non-payment of rent
- Moratorium on foreclosures due to non-payment of mortgage
- Moratorium on property tax sales due to non-payment of property tax bill
- Moratorium on utility shut-offs due to non-payment from loss of income
- Disaster emergency rental housing assistance for low-income and vulnerable Vermonters who become cost-burdened as a result of loss of income
- Disaster emergency “back rent” assistance to prevent evictions due to non-payment of rent due to loss of income
- Provide access to legal services, foreclosure and eviction crisis counseling
- Disaster emergency funding for homeless and DV service providers and outreach workers
- Operating reserve for nonprofit affordable housing providers for loss of rental income due to resident loss of income
- Bricks and mortar dollars to VHCB to help stimulate job creation and retention through new construction and rehab
- Investment in Housing First to house the homeless, which will enable them to leave cramped homeless shelters
- Moratorium on affordable housing related loan payments to state agencies, including, for instance, ANR water and sewer loan payments from affordable housing providers and mobile home park co-ops
- Ensure access to healthcare, housing, food assistance and any other services provided in response to Coronavirus to everyone in need, regardless of income, immigration status, or insurance
- Make employers (50/fewer and nonprofits) eligible to be reimbursed for up to 14 emergency sick leave days provided to employees

Link to National Low Income Housing Coalition recommendations:

<https://nlihc.org/sites/default/files/Response-to-Corona.pdf>