

ADVOCACY WORKS

INDIVIDUAL IMPACTS, STATEWIDE RESULTS

8,745 VERMONTERS

Helped in FY 2019 by the 15 Member Organizations of the Vermont Network. Together these organizations serve every square mile of our state.



PREVENTING FUTURE ABUSE



Survivors who work with advocates have lower risks of re-abuse, and are more connected to community supports.

98% SAFETY & WELLBEING

of survivors served by Member Organizations of the Vermont Network in FY 2019 reported that as a result of the advocacy they received, they knew more about their rights and options.



EARLIER ADVOCACY ↓ COSTS



Studies indicate that when advocates are present in the legal and medical proceedings following assault, victims fare better in both the short and long-term, experiencing less psychological distress, physical health struggles, sexual risk-taking behaviors, self-blame, guilt, and depression.



INVESTMENT

\$500,000
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The Vermont Network is requesting a \$500,000 General Fund appropriation to support the core services of the Vermont Network and its 15 Member Organizations. The Vermont Network and its Member Organizations serve thousands of Vermonters each year.



THE BREAKDOWN



- The last time the Vermont Network or its Member Organizations received an increase in state funds was 2008.
- Funds flow through the Vermont Center for Crime Victim Services to the Vermont Network and Member Organizations.
- The \$500,000 investment would include:
 - \$378,000 allocated to 14 Member Organizations of the Vermont Network through an established funding formula. The smallest Member Organization would receive \$12,000 and the largest program would receive \$36,000.
 - \$40,000 to the Pride Center of Vermont, a Member Organization of the Vermont Network that serves as the only statewide program to provide advocacy services to the LGBTQ community.
 - \$80,000 to the Vermont Network to coordinate, support and innovate the work of Member Organizations Statewide.



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