

H.966 – Summary of Housing and Economic Development Provisions

Sec. 10a(b). – Economic Development Appropriations

(1) \$5m to Working Lands Enterprise Fund for grants to ag, food and forest, and wood products businesses for (A) demonstrated losses; and (B) developing new products or markets necessary due to changes in supply chain and relevant markets.

(2) \$5m to Community Loan Fund; \$2.5m each for woman-owned and minority-owned businesses that suffered a 50% loss in revenue March-December 2020 vs. 2019

(3) \$3m to ACCD for businesses that provide highway and bridge maintenance services to AOT or municipalities; 75% loss of revenue 2020 vs. 2019

(4) \$3m to Dept. Tourism and Marketing to provide marketing support to businesses that have suffered COVID-19 economic harm

(5) \$3m to ACCD for technical services to businesses

(6) \$1m to DHCD for grants to communities to purchase or lease equipment (masks, sanitizing stations, outdoor tables/chairs) for public safety and local business support; through Better Places Program in **Sec. 10c**.

(7) \$70.2m to ACCD, with DOT, to allocate for additional direct grants; allocation approved by JFC; businesses that suffered 50% revenue loss

(8) \$1.5m to ANR for grants to outdoor recreation businesses for public health adaptations; per program in **Sec. 10b**.

(9) \$5m to Southeastern Vermont Community Action, with partners, to provide meals to food insecure Vermonters through Vt. Restaurants and farms

(10) \$5m to Vermont Arts Council for grants to arts and cultural nonprofits that suffered 50% reduction in revenue 2020 vs. 2019 (excludes charitable donations)

(c) – Administration of funds; reporting

(d) – Prohibitions on multiple sources of funding

(e) – Confidential information

Sec. 10d – sets annual workers' compensation rate of contribution at 1.4%

Sec. 10e – \$20m; Front Line Employees Hazard Pay Grant Program

Sec. 11. Housing

(a)(1) - \$550k to Vt. Legal Aid for housing-related assistance to tenants and \$250k to DHCD for grants to organizations for counseling landlords

(2) – \$9m to VHCB for housing and facilities necessary to provide shelter and assistance for persons who are, or who are at risk of, homelessness or who have suffered economic harm due to COVID-19

(3) \$6m to VHFA to provide up to six months of assistance to mitigate risk of foreclosure

(4) \$30m to Vermont State Housing Authority for rental arrearage assistance and eviction protection.

(5) \$6.2m to DHCD for grants through nonprofit partners to landlords to renovate units to provide housing for persons with COVID-related need

Sec. 11a. AHS; Housing; Homeless Assistance

\$16,061,600 to DCF to fund programs and services that support safe, stable housing opportunities for Vermont households experiencing homelessness as a result of the COVID-19 and related administrative costs, such as:

- Expanding the Vermont Rental Subsidy program;
- Providing or arranging for housing navigation and case management services;
- Providing financial assistance to Vermont households who are living in motels to help them rapidly resolve their homelessness;
- Supplementing the General Assistance motel voucher program; and
- Capitalizing a housing risk pool for landlords.