



Turning Point Recovery Center
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Re: Recovery Organizations: +\$1.85 million base funding
Recovery Residencies: +\$1 million base funding

Dear Legislators,

We're the boots-on-the-ground providers, where people striving to get into recovery from an alcohol or other substance use disorder come for a safe, supportive and program-rich environment. When treatment sessions end, when residential treatment is over, it's our peer-run recovery organizations that support those that are walking the long road through recovery.

We meet EVERYONE where they are at , on their unique path to their recovery.

Our Centers offer the following services:

- Recovery housing around the state , our Center has a (7 bed Transitional Home)
- Recovery Coaching in various settings (Emergency Departments, Homeless Shelters, Police Departments, EMTs, Outreach)
- Family and Youth supports
- Employment support
- Volunteer opportunities
- 12 step and other recovery meetings supporting all pths
- Health and Wellness workshops, self care opportunities
- Collaboration with drug courts,DUI courts, corrections, local mental health agencies, community we
- Satellite supports to serve those in our surrounding communities

What will the funding be used for? **Staff!**



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- We need to increase wages and benefits (including on the job training) for existing staff and offer competitive wages and benefits to be able to recruit new staff.
- Retain our Certified Peer Professionals, whom we've invested valuable time and resources in training.
- We need to maintain and retain consistent, quality staff in order to continue serving our community.
- Vermont's Turning Point Recovery Centers serve 29,664 community members each year.
- Turning Point's combined are the largest employer of people in recovery in the state of Vermont (60 full time, 70 part time, 100 volunteers).

Again we are asking for
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Thank you for your time and consideration,

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