



Recovery Partners of Vermont

Recovery Partners of Vermont (RPV) support our member recovery organizations such that they can be world class establishments empowering individual Vermonters and their families who are in recovery from an alcohol and other substance use disorders. Recovery Organizations are local, self-directed, inclusive organizations that provide a dynamic set of peer-led services and support for helping people realize the power they have to break free from their addiction. Recovery looks different for every individual, and Recovery Organizations work with every individual to get them the support they need, offering healing and hope that lasts a lifetime.

RPV is asking the General Assembly to support the following appropriations in the FY25 Budget:

1. **\$1,500,000** for Community-Based Peer Recovery Coaching
2. **\$1,559,000** increase in base funding for Vermont's certified Recovery Residences
3. **\$325,000** Opioid Settlement Funds for Recovery Residences Scholarships

Community-Based Peer Coaching: **\$1,500,000 in one-time funds for 3 years**

RPV is proud to partner with the Department of Corrections to request \$1,500,000 in FY25 to expand the [Turning Point Center of Rutland's successful pilot](#) of community-based peer coaching statewide. This funding would support peer "Recovery Coaches" at every RPV site across the state, fostering continuity of care where individuals are able to access recovery services across institutional and jurisdictional boundaries. DOC and RPV propose to spend \$1.5M over the next 3 fiscal years for this program. A total FY25 appropriation of \$1,500,000 will fund:

- Core center project staffing: \$900,000
 - "Core center" – RPV Centers that have a correctional facility within their service area
 - 1.5 FTEs x6 centers @\$100,000 per FTE per year
- Auxiliary center support: \$350,000
 - "Auxiliary center" – RPV centers that do not serve communities with a correctional facility
 - 0.5 FTEs x7 centers @\$100,000 per FTE per year
- Recovery Partners of Vermont administrative support & staffing: \$100,000
 - 0.275 FTE per year (includes 10% fund management)
- DOC administrative staffing/new coordination facilitation duties: \$150,000
 - Covers annual cost for staff time + 0.25 FTE project manager + executive oversight

The Need: Overdose is the leading cause of death for people recently released from incarceration Nationwide. The immediate period following release from incarceration poses particular risk for overdose death. Research found increased community-based substance use treatment capacity was associated with decreases in both jail admissions and overdose deaths. We also know that getting into treatment is just the first step in someone's lifelong journey of recovering from an addiction. Treatment helps someone break free from their addiction in that moment, recovery helps that person break free from their addiction for life. **The Turning Center of Rutland's pilot shows that RPV members are uniquely suited to provide the tools and resources people need to live a sober, self-directed and fulfilling life.** Community-based peer coaching is a key element to the success of those resources.

Recovery Residences: +\$1,559,000 - \$1,884,000 in base funding

Recovery residences provide a homelike setting for individuals recovering from addictions by offering peer support, an environment built around Social Model principles, and assistance with support services and community resources. Recovery residences promote norms that reinforce healthy living skills and associated values, attitudes, and connection with self and community for sustaining recovery. Peer support offers credibility and accountability through lived experience and has been proven as an important bridge between treatment and successful long-term recovery. Recovery residences offer healing and hope that lasts a lifetime and not only helps someone get sober, but stay sober.

RPV and the Vermont Alliance for Recovery Residences (VTARR) request an additional \$1,559,000 – \$1,884,000 in the Fiscal Year 2025 State Budget to support Vermont’s 16 certified homes. This increase would bring base budgets for Recovery Residences to a total of \$3,040,000. *NOTE: The range provided depends on the result of the request below regarding recovery residence scholarships. Not all RPV members are recovery residences, but all RPV members support this request.*

Below is a list of currently certified Recovery Residences:

Vermont Foundation of Recovery (VFOR):

- Foundation House, Barre (women and women with children)
- Fort Essex 1 (men)
- Fort Essex 2 (men)
- Fort Essex 3 (women)
- Morrisville (women)
- Rutland (men)
- St. Albans (men)
- St. Johnsbury (men)

Jenna’s Promise:

- Johnson 1 center, Phase 1 House (women)
- Johnson 2 center, Phase 2 Coffee Shop (women)

Second Wind Foundation:

- Willow Grove, White River Junction (women and women with children)
- Jack’s House, White River Junction (men and men with children)

Below is a list of anticipated certified locations that will be operational in FY25:

1. VFOR Squire House, Bennington (women)
2. The Turning Point, Bennington (men)
3. Good Samaritan Haven, Barre (people experiencing homelessness)
4. VFOR Fort Essex 4 (women)

Recovery Residences Scholarships: \$325,000 in Opioid Settlement Funds

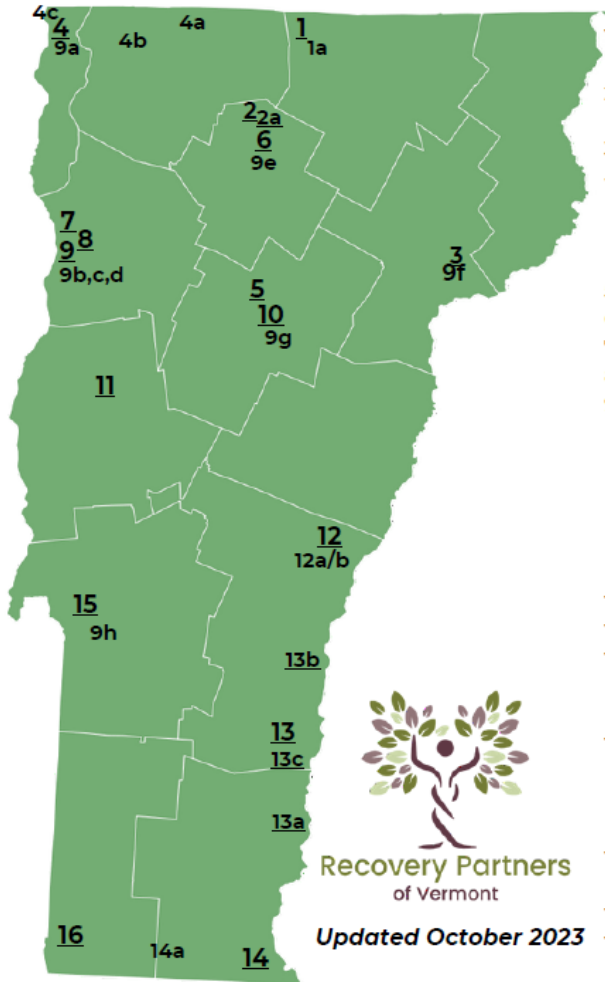
RPV and the VTARR respectfully ask the General Assembly to support and fully fund the Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee’s recommendation to appropriate \$325,000 in Opioid Settlement Funds to the **Recovery Residence Scholarship Program**. This funding will provide scholarship funding to each certified home based on need, and ensure that no one is denied the opportunity to live in a recovery residence due to a lack of funds.

Recovery Residences are effective and must be accessible to anyone who has made a personal commitment to recovery. Scholarship funding is intended to cover the initial entry expense to a residence while the individual finds employment and creates early stability for themselves. The journey to lifelong recovery is paved with hope and

concrete supports and services to help people realize their power to stay sober, and scholarship funding helps to create that hope with the concrete support of financial aid. Any individual committed to recovery and in financial need is eligible to receive scholarship support, and an individual in need may seek funding more than once. Increased scholarship support will help us meet the actual need we see across residences.

Thank you for your consideration. Addiction is a complex issue, but the solution is simple - provide the supports and services people need to stay in recovery. RPV sees the three appropriations outlined above as critical for helping to support Vermont's recovery organizations and the people they serve.

Member Organizations of Recovery Partners of Vermont



- 1 - Journey to Recovery Community Center | Newport | (802)624-4156
1a - Satellite Office | North Country High School
- 2 - Jenna's Promise | Johnson | (802)343-8741
2a - Recovery Residence- Rae of Hope
- 3 - Kingdom Recovery Center | St. Johnsbury | (802)751-8520
- 4 - Turning Point Franklin County | St. Albans | (802)782-8454
4a - Satellite Office | Richford
4b - Satellite Office | Enosburgh
4c - Satellite Office | Alburgh/Islands
- 5 - VAMHAR/RecoveryVT | Montpelier | (802)223-6263
- 6 - North Central Vermont Recovery Center | Morrisville | (802)851-8120
- 7 - Turning Point Center of Chittenden County | Burlington | (802)861-3150
- 8 - Vermont Alliance for Recovery Residences | Burlington | info@vtarr.org
- 9 - Vermont Foundation of Recovery | Essex | (802) 753-4340
9a - Recovery House - St. Albans
9b, c, d - Recovery House - Essex (3)
9e - Recovery Residence - Morrisville
9f - Recovery Residence - St. Johnsbury
9g - Recovery Residence - Barre
9h - Recovery Residence - Rutland
- 10 - Turning Point Center of Central Vermont | Barre | (802)479-7373
- 11 - Turning Point Center of Addison County | Middlebury | (802)388-4249
- 12 - Upper Valley Turning Point Center | White River Junction | (802)295-5206
12a - Recovery Residence - Willow Grove
12b - Recovery Residence - Jack's House
- 13 - Turning Point Center of Springfield | Springfield | (802)885-4668
13a - Satellite Office - TP South | Bellows Falls
13b - Satellite Office - TP North | Windsor
13c - Recovery Residence - Springfield
- 14 - Turning Point Center of Windham County | Brattleboro | (802)257-5600
14a - Satellite Office - Wilmington
- 15 - Turning Point Center of Rutland | Rutland | (802)773-6010
- 16 - Turning Point Recovery Center of Bennington | Bennington | (802) 442-9700

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