

As a higher income taxpayer who's taxes support many 'safety nets' here in VT, I feel strongly that the 'no strings attached' philosophy exercised here in VT creates more problems than it solves. EVERYONE can contribute to their community in return for getting free housing. Offering housing vouchers, hotel rooms or homeless pods without expecting these residents to contribute some time and some way in community service is wrong. Everyone can pick up roadside trash, or help remove graffiti from buildings, or help pick up litter and hand out food at a Shelter. Vermont is known nationally as the place to come if you are homeless and want a free hand out. I am all for a hand UP, but a lesson that nothing is free is a lesson well learned!

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