Recovery Partners of Vermont Funding Request for FY2024



Recovery Organizations: +\$1.85million base funding Recovery Residences: +\$1million base funding

We are the frontline service providers in the state 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 is our peer run recovery organizations that support those who are seeking recovery.

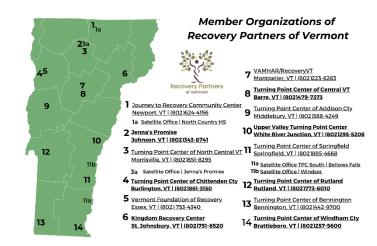
We meet everyone on their unique path to their own recovery.

Recovery Organizations & Residences offer the following Services:

- Recovery housing
- Recovery coaching in various setting (emergency departments, homeless shelters, police departments, EMT's, recovery organizations and various other community settings)
- Parents in recovery programming
- Employment Support
- Volunteer Opportunities
- 12 step and other recovery meetings
- Various alternative health workshops (Meditation, Reiki, Recovery Yoga, Acudetox, etc.)
- Work with drug courts, corrections, local mental health agencies

What will the funding be used for? Staff!

- We need to increase wages and benefits for existing staff and offer competitive wages and benefits to be able to hire new staff.
- Recovery is all about people helping people. We need to have consistent, quality staff in order to help people and communities with everything they need to support recovery for our fellow Vermonters.
- Our member recovery organizations serve 29,664 Vermonters each year (with duplicates).
- Our recovery organizations combined are the largest employer of people in recovery in the state of Vermont.
 - o 60 Full-time, 70 Part-time and 100 volunteers.



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Please support the Recovery Partners of Vermont

- Request is for \$1.85million base increase for Recovery Centers and \$1million base increase for Recovery Housing.
- RPV is also supporting the additional \$30k included in the House budget to support people in Recovery Housing by paying the first month's rent.
- Governor's budget level funded Recovery Centers at \$5,478,584 (dept ID 602913)
 - House budget increases base funding by \$1.85million for a total of \$7,328,584 for the state's 12
 Recovery Centers plus \$100,000 for Jenna's Promise.
- House budget includes \$1million in one-time funding for Recovery Housing and \$30k in one-time funding for first month's rent vouchers for Recovery Housing.

What are Recovery Centers?

Recovery Centers provide services to Vermont's 14 counties. Recovery Centers are local, self-directed, inclusive organizations that provide a dynamic set of peer-led services and support helping diverse people maintain alcohol-free and substance-free lifestyles.

These services and support include:

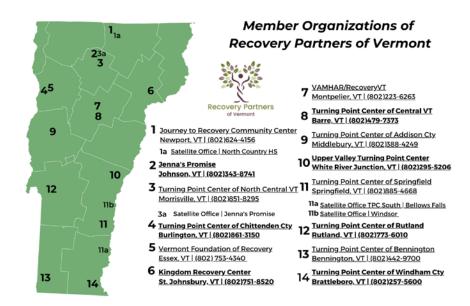
- sober recreation activities
- volunteer opportunities
- community education
- alternative health and wellness programs
- an array of art programs (writers for recovery, cooking and art classes, etc...)
- staff embedded in emergency departments, corrections, police, and fire departments
- street outreach workers

What is Recovery Housing?

Vermont Foundation of Recovery Vision: Our vision is that every Vermonter struggling with Substance Use Disorder has ready access to a full spectrum of recovery supports and services. VFOR envisions a future in which it will be able to connect individuals suffering from Substance Use Disorder with services which shepherd them from detoxification to inpatient treatment, to outpatient counseling, to sober living and employment, and ultimately, to stable sobriety and independent living as valued and productive members of their communities. We envision that these services will be available to anyone who needs them, and that they will be available locally and without delay.

In order to be accepted into a Recovery Residence, the person must make serious commitments to their own recovery.

The \$1 million in one-time funding is directed to the VT Foundation of Recovery for its 8 locations around the state. The need is for staff compensation, so base funding is really what is needed.



What is the difference between a Recovery Center and Recovery Residence (Housing)?

We used to talk about recovery residences as "sober houses" in the past. When someone is new to recovery it is critical that they live in a drug free environment as they begin their journey in recovery from alcohol and/or substance use disorder. During the day people new to recovery visit and take advantage of the recovery centers, many named Turning Points and then at night return to their recovery residence (Sober Houses).

What is the difference between Jenna's Promise and Recovery Housing?

Jenna's House is a center point for the community and will help to break down the stigma associated with substance use disorders. The main floor of the community center is a state-of-the-art events venue and will provide space for events for up to 150 people. The bottom floor houses the North Central Vermont Recovery Centers satellite facility, which includes a full gym and Mom's in Recovery Program. This building provides space for the benefit of the community through plays, musical events, and business or social functions. We also have a beautiful location for an indoor or outdoor wedding. Jenna's House sits on 2.9 acres of land, and the outside of the building will offer space for a playground and many outdoor recreational and social opportunities. The facility has a full kitchen equipped for catering that can supplement all events with meals.

Jenna's Promise also includes North Central Vermont Recovery Center -- a safe, welcoming, substance-free environment for individuals and families on their paths to lasting recovery from substance use disorder, as well as Jenna's Promise Rae of Hope Sober Home. Rae of Hope was created with the fundamental belief that people can recover from addiction and trauma with the support of a positive community. At Rae of Hope, we ask that residents arrive with desire and motivation to embark on a holistic journey towards wellness. Our mission is to minimize barriers to success while empowering residents to create a network of support. The home offers a trauma informed, structured housing approach, utilizing mental health/substance use treatment, education/vocation, and community connections to support client- centered recovery in addiction and psychological trauma. Rae of Hope is Vermont's first Level 3 Recovery Residence, certified by the Vermont Alliance for Recovery Residences.

Rae of Hope is not included in the \$1million in one-time funding included in the House Budget for Recovery Housing.